# **European Experience**

# Trip Map





Day 1 | London - Paris



For now, London bids you safe travels as you continue south through the Kent countryside to Dover and then on by ferry to Calais. Next stop is Paris, another capital that doesn't hold back and doesn't expect you to either. Take a walk through its grand past, dynamic present and exciting future, from the maze of streets that once nurtured great artists in Montmartre to the Eiffel Tower.

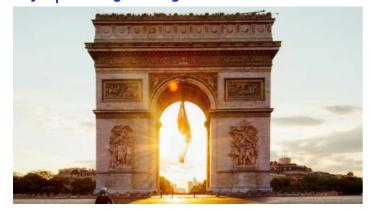
**Hotel:** Ibis Paris Alesia Montparnasse 14th Hotel / Hampton By Hilton Paris Clichy

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Seine Cruise and Paris Illuminations -** Experience the world-famous 'City of Lights' as Paris transforms in the evening. Enjoy a leisurely cruise along the River Seine, taking in views of iconic Parisian sights such as Grand Palais and the Eiffel Tower. Later, kick back for a relaxing drive through this picturesque city that will show off the best Paris has to offer.

**Adult: 47.00 EUR** 

Day 2 | Paris Sightseeing and Free Time



Audrey Hepburn described it best when she said: 'Paris is always a good idea.' We're sure you'll agree. Hit its grand boulevards on a city sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. See the Arc de Triomphe and Champs Élysées then spend the rest of the day discovering the city on your terms. Don't resist the urge to tread in the footsteps of Picasso and Dalí and visit Montmartre this afternoon, exploring its maze of streets and Artist's Square. There's time to shop for artwork and savour some local specialties before considering a real highlight this evening – an optional dinner and cabaret performance.

Meals: Breakfast

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#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Montmartre Village and Artists' Square - Dominated by the soaring Sacre Coeur Basilica, Montmartre is a must-visit destination in Paris. Join a Local Specialist to explore the winding streets, unusual galleries and world-famous Artist's Square - once home to the works of Toulouse Lautrec and Picasso. With time to browse, barter for original art and taste local cuisine, this tour uncovers the true joy of the Montmartre lifestyle.

**Adult: 47.00 EUR** 

**Montparnasse and Latin Quarter -** Led by a Local Specialist, you'll see the 'City of Lights' from a new perspective on the Panoramic Observation Deck. Later, you'll visit the Latin Quarter to stroll through the medieval maze of cobblestone alleyways, with sidewalks bistros, boutiques and hidden squares to explore.

Adult: 44.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

**Moulin Rouge Cabaret and Dinner -** No tour of Paris is complete until you've enjoyed dinner and cabaret at the world-famous Moulin Rouge! The original Parisian cabaret, immortalized in film by Baz Luhrmann, boasts 60 dancers and entertainers, with more than 1000 costumes to admire as you take in the spectacular show. With wine and champagne included, you'll toast to an unforgettable

## evening in Paris.

**Adult: 192.00 EUR** 

La Nouvelle Eve Cabaret and Dinner - Nestled in the heart of Montmartre, Nouvelle Eve has been spotlighted by 'Emily in Paris' and has hosted events for high-fashion icons like Dolce & Gabbana, Christian Louboutin and Vivienne Westwood. An icon of Parisian elegance for 125 years, this chic revue theatre is your ticket to an unforgettable night. An a la carte meal and dazzling cabaret will bring the French Cancan to life before your eyes. Performances run from April 20 to October 26.

**Adult: 163.00 EUR** 

Day 3 | Paris - Lucerne Region



Journey through the idyllic French countryside before arriving in Lake Lucerne. You'll want to put the 'heart' of Switzerland in your pocket and take its history, culture and epic landscapes with you.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Ibis Kriens

Day 4 | Lucerne orientation and free time



Turn the page to a land of fairy-tale landscapes and medieval history. You have a full day to see the sights and explore Lucerne, starting with a morning orientation including the Chapel Bridge and the Jesuit Church. No visit to Lucerne is complete without a visit to the Lion Monument, built to commemorate the brave Swiss Guards who died defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution. You may be tempted to do some souvenir shopping, but an Optional Experience into the mountains will be hard to resist. Ascend Mount Pilatus by a cog-wheel railway then embark on a scenic lake cruise

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Kriens SwissEver Zug

Mount Pilatus And Lake Cruise - Embrace the great outdoors as we travel to Mount Pilatus, ascending to the towering summit by a thrilling cog-wheel train. Soak in the spectacular views and breathe in pure air, marvelling at the magic of the Swiss scenery. Then, we'll descend by cable-car before taking a scenic lake cruise. It doesn't get much better than this!

Adult: 118.00 CHF

\* On certain departures this optional experience may be operated in reverse.

**Swiss Countryside & Carriages -** Travel through the rolling green hills of Switzerland in style, as you meet local farmers and enjoy a delightful countryside tour in horse-drawn carriages. Soak up the stunning scenery as we trot around a rural community, en route to a working farm where you'll savour local refreshments and uncover the charms of country life.

**Adult: 77.00 CHF** 

\* Children must be accompanied by an adult.

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

**Swiss Folklore Evening with Dinner -** Tonight we'll enjoy a tasty Swiss meal, including the famous Swiss cheese fondue, in a typical restaurant. While enjoying dinner, you can also join in a lively folklore show which includes yodelling, flag-throwing and Alpine horn-blowing. Two drinks are also included.

Adult: 110.00 CHF

**Swiss Dinner by the Lake -** Tonight, we'll enjoy a delicious Swiss meal that includes the famous Swiss cheese fondue in a typical local restaurant. Its lakeside location and well-placed terrace will ensure a relaxing evening enjoying the hearty Swiss menu. Two drinks are included.

**Adult: 103.00 EUR** 

Day 5 | Lucerne - Florence



Your journey heads south to the city of Florence - home to various masterpieces of Renaissance architecture and outstanding fine arts. Enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers tonight as you prepare to soak up the beauty of the city, surrounded by Tuscan hills, that has remained unchanged throughout the centuries.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Miro

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Pisa and The Arno Valley -** Visit the historical city of Pisa and with our Local Expert enjoy a guided visit of Piazza dei Miracoli, one of Italy's most impressive squares. Visit the Cathedral to discover its treasures, see the largest baptistery in Italy and of course, admire the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa. You'll also have plenty of free time to shop and explore on your own.

**Adult: 53.00 EUR** 

Day 6 | Florence - Rome



Enjoy your day in Florence before heading to Rome. Admire the city skyline from Piazzale Michelangelo. There's time to explore Piazza della Signoria, the Duomo and Giotto's Bell Tower or shop for the bespoke Italian leather goods and fine gold jewellery for which Florence is justifiably famous. You could choose instead to join an Optional Experience revealing the Renaissance heritage of a city which attracted artists, physicists, astronomers and philosophers like Michelangelo, Machiavelli and Galileo. Next, travel to Rome. If Rome was a person, she would be confident, alluring and complex. You'll get to know her, and her quirks, over the next two days. You'll find reminders of an ancient world, a holy empire and the Renaissance around every turn. You could choose to join a Local Specialist for an optional guided stroll through Rome's piazzas. Linger in your favourite square, or perhaps enjoy a scoop or three of the local gelato and soak up the effervescent energy of a city that knows how to enjoy life.

**Meals:** Breakfast

Hotel: Raganelli Hotel Rome / Ergife Palace

Hotel Rome

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Piazzas and Fountains -** Discover the most charming areas of the city as you explore quintessential Italian piazzas and fountains with a Local Specialist. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets COSTSAVER 16

and beautiful squares in Rome's historic centre, stopping to marvel at highlights such as the Trevi Fountain and hidden corners of the Eternal City.

**Adult: 44.00 EUR** 

Florence's Renaissance Treasures - This tour is all about exploring the jewel in Florence's crown: its Renaissance heritage. Alongside your Local Specialist, you'll wander the enchanting streets of the city and soak in must-visit sights including Ponte Vecchio, Mercato del Porcellino and Piazza della Signoria. Take in the Duomo, Florence's spectacularly designed cathedral, before topping off the day with an Italian treat – gelato!

**Adult: 46.00 EUR** 

Day 7 | Rome Sightseeing and Free Time



You could spend a lifetime exploring Rome and just scratch the surface, but with your Local Specialist on hand you'll dive right into the city's heart and soul. Head to Vatican City to watch the pigeons and people tread on holy ground, then visit St. Peter's Basilica and see Michelangelo's priceless 'Pietà'. The rest of your day is free to explore the City, this evening why not consider an optional dinner at one of the local restaurants.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Raganelli Hotel Rome / Ergife Palace

Hotel Rome

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Roman Evening with Dinner - Take your tour to the next level as you embrace the Italian way of living la dolce vita, with a light-hearted evening out in the mesmerising city of Rome. Relax and savour delectable Italian dishes such as the iconic Spaghetti Carbonara and Roman-Style Pizza as you enjoy the delights of Roman music in one of our favourite restaurants in the city.

**Adult: 71.00 EUR** 

### Day 8 | Rome - Venice



Journey on to Venice, which bewitches in all her Byzantine glory, softening even the hardest of hearts with her opulence. Highlights include a cruise on a private launch to St. Mark's Square and views of the magnificent St. Mark's Basilica and Doge's Palace. The talents of master craftsmen are the star of the show later as you visit their glassblowing workshop, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. There's even time for an optional Gondola and Grand Canal cruise – grand palazzi, churches and ornate bridges line your journey.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hotel San Giuliano

#### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Gondolas & the Grand Canal - Join us for a breath-taking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal, enjoying privileged views of impressive sights such as the Ca' D'Oro, the Rialto Bridge and St Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways, discovering the irresistible charm of the worldfamous canals.

**Adult: 84.00 EUR** 

Day 9 | Venice - Innsbruck



Today you continue along the Inn Valley to the Austrian Tyrol and its capital, Innsbruck, where you can 'ooh and aah' at the impressive ski jump and view the famed Golden Roof, constructed from 2,657 copper tiles. Admire the fascinating crystal installations and browse for precious gifts and souvenirs at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Store. This evening, an Optional Experience could see you enjoy a lively evening of entertainment during a traditional Tyrolean evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Bon Alpina

#### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Traditional Tyrolean Evening -** Immerse yourself in local culture with a lively evening of traditional Tyrolean entertainment in Innsbruck. Singers, dancers and musicians dressed in national costume will dazzle you with a colourful show of folklore and fun, as you enjoy two included drinks and take in the spectacular show.

**Adult: 57.00 EUR** 

\* This evening optional experience may not be available on every departure.

Day 10 | Innsbruck - Munich - Rhineland



Your first stop today is Munich where you can admire the Glockenspiel in the Marienplatz and the Hofbräuhaus. Continue onto the main cultural centre of the Rhineland.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Achat Hotel Bad Durkheim

Day 11 | Rhineland - Cologne - Amsterdam



Suitably inspired by its spires, you'll board a lazy river cruise down the Rhine past terraced vineyards and fairy-tale castles. Your experience of a lifetime ends in the free-thinking capital of the Netherlands. Immerse yourself in Amsterdam's gezelligheid as you soak up the buzz of the city's canals, gabled houses and festive squares. There's no better way to see the capital than from its waterways, so choose an Optional Experience in a glass-topped boat winding through Amsterdam's historic canal ring.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Schiphol

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Amsterdam Discovery Canal Cruise - Your travel dreams are about to become a reality as you enjoy a private cruise down the iconic canals of Amsterdam with a Local Specialist, marvelling at the wondrous sights. Travelling by glass-roofed boat along the historic canal ring, you'll discover imposing warehouses, stately merchant homes, houseboats and picturesque bridges from an idyllic vantage point.

**Adult: 38.00 EUR** 

**Taste of Amsterdam & Holland -** Experience the picturesque countryside of Holland and the charming atmosphere of vibrant Amsterdam on an immersive tour led by our Local Specialist. Visit a centuries-old farm to taste traditionally made Gouda cheese and see how local artisans create handcrafted wooden shoes. Next, visit a working Windmill with a tour by the Miller himself!

**Adult: 44.00 EUR** 

Day 12 | Depart Amsterdam



Say farewell to your Travel Director and travelling companions at the end of an amazing holiday.

Meals: Breakfast