**European Experience – 11 Nights**

*The pricing listed below for ‘Optionals’ are a guideline only and subject to change.*

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**Day 1: LONDON - AMSTERDAM**

Sit back, relax and take in the sights as you begin your journey to one of Europe's friendliest city's, Amsterdam. Catch a glimpse of the famous White Cliffs of Dover when you board your ferry to Calais, then drive through the landscapes of Belgium and the Netherlands keeping a keen eye out for the characteristic Dutch windmills which extend their massive sails in what seems to be a warm embrace.

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.

**Hotel - Corendon Village**

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:**

Amsterdam Discovery And Canal Cruise

Absolutely the best way to see Amsterdam's wonderful sights! A private cruise by glass-roofed boat travels the historic canal ring, showing imposing warehouses, stately merchant homes, houseboats and bridges. Then, on foot with our Local Specialist, explore the heart of the city, including the not-to-be-missed coffeehouses and shop-windows of the Red Light District.

**Adult Price:** €39.00 (approximate)

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**Day 2: AMSTERDAM – COLOGNE - RHINELAND**

Your first stop today is the main cultural centre of the Rhineland and home to the impressive Cologne Cathedral which looms high above the city's skyline. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe and one of the country’s most-visited landmarks. Suitably inspired by its spires, you'll board a lazy river cruise down the Rhine past terraced vineyards and fairy-tale castles.

**Hotel - Achat Premium Walldorf Reilingen**

**Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

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**Day 3: RHINELAND - INNSBRUCK**

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.

**Hotel - Bon Alpina**

**Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:**

Traditional Tyrolean Evening

You'll enjoy a lively evening of traditional entertainment, as singers, dancers, and musicians dressed in national costume provide a colourful show of folklore and fun. Includes two drinks.

**Adult Price:** €45.00 (approximate)
**Day 4: INNSBRUCK - VENICE**

Journey through alpine landscapes crossing the Brenner Pass into Italy. Venice 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 to see them craft the most exquisite works of art. There’s even time for an optional Gondola and Grand Canal cruise - grand palazzi, churches and ornate bridges line your journey.

Hotel - Palladio
Included Meals - Breakfast

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:**
Gondolas and the Grand Canal
Join us for a scenic cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal. You’ll admire the magnificent palazzi, as well as catching a glimpse of the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Later on, you’ll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice’s dreamy, narrow waterways.
Adult Price: €70.00 (approximate)

**Day 5: VENICE - ROME**

Cross the Veneto plain into Tuscany, travelling through Umbria to Lazio and eventually the Eternal City. 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 as you continue to explore Italy. 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 piazze. 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.

Hotel - Raganelli/Ergife Palace
Included Meals - Breakfast

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:**
Piazzas and Fountains of Rome
Starting with a lovely drive and continuing on foot, you’ll discover hidden backstreets, piazzas and fountains of the ‘Eternal City’ with a Local Specialist. Along the way, you’ll marvel at the timeless Pantheon, the best-preserved Roman temple in the world. Many additional highlights are revealed on this relaxed tour that also offers free time in a gorgeous Baroque square with street artists, trattorias and gelaterias!
Adult Price: €33.00 (approximate)

**Day 6: 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'. Skip the long queues and choose an Optional Experience to the Vatican Museums. Continue your tour across the Tiber to the Colosseum and other ancient sites, following in the footsteps of Julius Caesar and Pontius Pilate. The rest of the day is yours to explore Rome your way. Become an antiquities hunter for the day on an Optional Experience to the Ancient Ostia ruins then consider an optional local dinner followed by a scenic tour of the city by night.

Included Meals - Breakfast
**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:**

**Explore Ostia Antica**
Join us on a journey along the Mediterranean coast and visit the excavations of Ancient Ostia, the former harbour of Rome. These ruins offer perhaps a more complete picture of Roman urban life than either Rome or Pompeii. See the remains of the baths, theatre, apartment houses, drinking room, mosaics and wall paintings at this beautiful site, mirrored by cypress trees and umbrella pines.

Adult Price: €42.00 (approximate)

**Roman Evening with Dinner**
This easy-going evening in Rome begins with a beautiful drive to see amazing city sights. We arrive at one of our favourite restaurants, where you'll enjoy a warm welcome and delicious dinner of local cuisine with drinks and music.

Adult Price: €62.00 (approximate)

**Inside the Vatican and Colosseum**
We skip the lines at the Vatican Museums for this tour that shows not just remarkable works of art collected and commissioned over the history of the Papacy, but also Michelangelo’s amazing ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Later we hear fascinating tales of gladiatorial combat and more on our visit to the Colosseum, again with time-saving VIP entrance.

Adult Price: €84.00 (approximate)

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**Day 7: ROME - FLORENCE**

Life mimics art in the idyllic Umbrian and Tuscan landscapes you've seen in countless films, photographs and works of art. Experience it yourself as your journey heads north to the Renaissance city of Florence. Soak up every detail as you 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.

Hotel - Novotel Firenze Nord
Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:**

**Florence's Renaissance Treasures**
This trip is all about exploring the jewel in Florence's crown: its Renaissance heritage. You'll visit the Santa Croce church, burial place of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. You’ll also see the Duomo and experience first-hand its spectacular design. Signoria Square, the political centre of Florence and the original setting of Michelangelo's David, will also be visited.

Adult Price: €37.00 (approximate)

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**Day 8: FLORENCE – LUCERNE REGION**

There's no better backdrop than the Apennines as you wind your way north to Milan and the Swiss border. Press your nose to the window, drinking in the beauty of the St. Gotthard Pass in the Swiss Alps, then continue to Lake Lucerne. You'll want to put the 'heart' of Switzerland in your pocket and take its history, culture and epic landscapes with you, but for now be contented with an Optional Experience that will see you dive into Swiss folklore and food - fondue anyone?

Hotel - Ibis Kriens/Stans Süd
Included Meals - Breakfast
OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:
Swiss Folklore Evening and 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. Occasionally, this optional may be offered as a Lunch for CHF68.00 (approximate).
Adult Price: FR99.00 (approximate)

Day 9: 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.

Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:
Mount Pilatus and Lake Cruise
We'll ascend by cog-wheel train to Mount Pilatus’ summit, where you’ll have time to explore, admire the views and breathe the pure air. Then, we’ll descent by cable-car to enjoy a scenic lake cruise. On certain departures this Optional may be operated in reverse.
Adult Price: Fr.112.00 (approximate)

Swiss Countryside and Carriages
A chance to get to know the Swiss, you’ll meet local farmers and enjoy a delightful countryside tour in horse-drawn carriages. Soak up the stunning scenery as we trot around a typical rural community, en-route to a farm where you’ll savour local drinks and snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Adult Price: Fr.67.00 (approximate)

Day 10: LUCERNE REGION - PARIS

It doesn’t get more idyllic than the French countryside and you’ll soak it all up as you continue through the vineyards of celebrated wine regions before arriving in Paris. The 'City of Lights' shines brightly this evening and it will sparkle even more should you choose to join an Optional Experience to cruise down the Seine, seeing the glittering skyline from the water.

Hotel - Mercure Ivry Quai de Seine
Included Meals - Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:
Seine Cruise and Paris Illuminations
Paris at night is a city transformed. Enjoy this superb 'City of Light' on a leisurely cruise along the River Seine. Afterwards, as we drive through this amazing city, we’ll stop at some vantage points for you to capture the fascinating sights on camera. In summer, this trip may take place before sunset.
Adult Price: €38.00 (approximate)
### Day 11: 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 Dali 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.

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE/S:**

**Montmartre Village and Artists' Square**

Dominated by the soaring Sacre Coeur Basilica, you’ll join your Local Specialist to explore Montmartre’s winding streets, unusual galleries and world-famous Artist’s Square - once home to the works of Toulouse Lautrec and Picasso. You’ll have time to browse, barter for original art and taste local cuisine, for a real flavour of Montmartre life.

Adult Price: €37.00 (approximate)

**Moulin Rouge Cabaret and Dinner**

Enjoy dinner and cabaret, including wine and champagne, at the world-famous Moulin Rouge – the original Paris cabaret. Immortalized by the award-winning film of the same name, this Parisian institution features 60 dancers and entertainers and over 1000 costumes!

Adult Price: €165.00 (approximate)

**Nouvelle Eve Cabaret and Dinner**

One of the oldest and most elegant revue theatres in Paris, Nouvelle Eve is a hidden gem, where you’ll meet the Director and two of the cast members before enjoying a four-course dinner with wine. You will then experience unparalleled Parisian entertainment – including the world-famous Can-Can.

Adult Price: €139.00 (approximate)

**Montparnasse and Latin Quarter**

Take the fastest elevator in Europe to the Panoramic Observation Deck for unbeatable views of the Eiffel Tower and all of the city’s iconic monuments. The highest rooftop terrace in Paris offers a breath-taking 360-degree view, with all of Paris at your feet! Then we’ll take a stroll through the delightful Latin Quarter, a medieval maze of winding cobblestone alleyways where you’ll have free time to enjoy the sidewalk bistros, boutiques and hidden squares.

Adult Price: €38.00 (approximate)

### Day 12: PARIS - LONDON

Head north across the World War I battlefields of the Somme to Calais, then catch your ferry back to Dover and continue towards London, where your epic European journey comes to an end.

**Included Meals** - Breakfast