

Best of Europe!

21 Nights – 22 Days

Summer 2013

FRANCE - SWITZERLAND - ITALY - VATICAN CITY - GREECE -
SLOVENIA - AUSTRIA - SLOVAKIA - CZECH REPUBLIC -
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Tour Highlights:

- **Paris:** Guided coach tour of Paris with Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe & les Champs Elysees. Cruise down the River Seine.
- **Switzerland:** Jungfrauoch and walk on a glacier. Enjoy the spectacular scenery on mountain pass crossing into Italy.
- **Pisa:** Photo opportunity to see the leaning tower.
- **Florence:** Local guided walking tour of Florence. See the Duomo, Piazza della Signoria with Michelangelo's David, Ponte Vecchio and Santa Croce Basilica.

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- **Rome:** Local guided walking tour of the city, where you can see the Coliseum, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and the Pantheon.
- **Vatican City:** Sightseeing excursion from Rome.
- **Pompeii:** Visit the famous site where Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79AD.
- **Brindisi Ferry:** Overnight ferry cruise from Brindisi to Corfu.
- **Corfu:** 3 full days of exploring and relaxing on the famous Greek island.
- **Adriatic Coast Cruise:** Sail up the Adriatic coast from Corfu into Venice.
- **Venice:** Local guided tour seeing the Rialto Bridge, St Mark's Square, the Bridge of Sighs and the Doges' Palace. Gondola ride down Venice's famous canals. Visit the Murano Island to see famous glass-blowing or to the Lido Island to watch traditional lace making.
- **Ljubljana:** Local guided city tour of the Baroque town.
- **Vienna:** Enjoy a local guided city tour of Vienna; see Hofburg's Palace & St Stephan's Cathedral.
- **Budapest:** Guided coach tour: amazing views from Gellert Hill, Elizabeth Bridge, Heroes Square, Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion area.
- **Bratislava:** We have a local guided city tour. See the Old Town Hall, Primatial Palace & St Martin's Cathedral.
- **Prague:** Local guided tour where we see the Old Town Square, Charles Bridge and St Nicholas' Church.
- **Munich:** Enjoy a German meal in a traditional beer hall in Munich.
- **Rhine Valley:** Take a scenic boat cruise from St Goar to Boppard (included). Enjoy a stroll down the Rhine.
- **Volendam:** Typical Dutch fishing village.
- **Zaanse Schans:** 17th century windmill village with wooden shoe making and cheese tasting.
- **Amsterdam:** Guided walking tour of the Red Light District. You can also see Amsterdam's many canals, the Anne Frank House, Dam Square and the van Gogh Museum.
- **Bruges:** Visit the ancient medieval city.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive Paris

Arrive in Paris, 'The City of Lights and Love'. On your first evening, explore the city from the comfort of the coach on a guided coach tour, where you will be shown the sights of the city, with the help from your tour leader. Afterwards indulge in the Parisian nightlife surrounding the Moulin Rouge and local bars on your own! **(Overnight 3* hotel) (Dinner)**

Day 2: Paris

After Breakfast Cruise up the Seine River to the Eiffel Tower, see world famous artworks at the Louvre, head to Montmatre to see the Sacre Coeur. The diversity of Paris means that you can admire famous artworks, visit historical landmarks, indulge in the finest French cuisine, check out the latest fashions, cover yourself in perfume or simply just relax in a café, all in one day. **(Overnight 3* hotel) (Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 3: Paris - Switzerland

Depart Paris and continue to the Swiss Alps where we stay in a typical mountain village in the heart of the Jungfrau region. One of the most-visited places in the Alps, it is also a World Heritage Site. **(Overnight 3* hotel)(Breakfast, dinner)**

Day 4: Jungfrau, Swiss Alps

After Breakfast a great day to visit Jungfrauoch where you can have a snow fight, even in the middle of summer, on top of the 4000m high glacier. **(Overnight 3* hotel)(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 5: Swiss Alps - Pisa - Florence

Today we visit one of the most famous sites in the world for a photo-stop, the leaning tower of Pisa! Spend the evening in the heart of Florence, where the evening meal includes the best that Italian cuisine can offer. A great night to 'show your moves' at the 70's styled local disco. **(Overnight hotel) (Breakfast, dinner)**

Day 6: Florence - Rome

We start the day with a local guided city tour of Florence. We then continue to Rome for an afternoon tour where we show you everything; a local guided walking tour combining ancient wonders with Renaissance master pieces. See the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Roman Forum and the Colosseum. **(Overnight hotel) (Breakfast, dinner)**

Day 7: Rome and Vatican City

Today explore the ancient cities of Rome and the Vatican City, the smallest country in the world. The Vatican City is a UNESCO World Heritage Site; the only site to encompass a whole country, and it issues its own passports!**(Overnight resort bungalow)(Breakfast)**

Day 8: Pompeii to Brindisi

After Breakfast tour of the ruined city of Pompeii. Today you experience one of the true highlights of this tour when you see the destruction caused by Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD in the old Roman city. Situated near modern day Naples and only rediscovered in 1599, this World Heritage site is one of the most popular tourist attractions of Italy. After lunch we continue to Brindisi for our overnight ferry to Corfu, Greece. **(Overnight twin room)(Breakfast)**

Day 9 - 11: Corfu, Greece

Three full days to experience true Greek hospitality. For the next few days you get to relax in paradise, the famous Greek island of Corfu. There is so much to do whilst at Corfu. The coastline spans 217 kilometres so you can simply enjoy the beautiful beaches, or you can truly make this an unforgettable experience by taking part in the many activities the island has to offer. Join Costas for a boat cruise to mainland Greece, rent a quad bike and leave a trail or party it up at Elvis' Island Bar just a short distance from our hotel. After spending the day on the hot sandy beach, enjoy a cocktail in the hotel's bar. **(Overnight 3* hotel) (Breakfast, Local dinner)**

Day 12: Adriatic Coast to Venice

Board our cruise boat and sail, overnight, down the Adriatic coast to Venice. **(Overnight twin room) (Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 13: Venice – Join the Passengers of Eastern Europe !!!!

Arrive in Venice for a morning local guided tour of the city, famous for water, romance and beauty. **(Overnight hotel) (Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 14: Venice - Ljubljana - Vienna

Today we have a busy day, after departing Italy we head to Austria, spending time in Slovenia en route. Upon arriving in Ljubljana you will shown wonderful sights of the city on a walking tour. In the afternoon we continue on to Vienna where you check into your hotel and proceed to explore the city on another walking tour. **(Overnight 3* hotel)(Breakfast, dinner)**

Day 15: Vienna - Budapest

Today we head east towards one of the most beautiful cities in Europe - Budapest, Hungary. With numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites to behold, we start our experience with a driving tour, and leave you with a free afternoon to explore Budapest at your leisure. A walk down the famous Danube River is the perfect finish to a perfect day. **(Overnight 3* hotel)(Breakfast,Dinner)**

Day 16: Budapest - Bratislava - Prague

Continuing on our journey of Eastern Europe, we head north towards Slovakia with our destination being Bratislava. Once again the Danube River is a major feature of this city. Boasting amazing architecture, history and natural landscapes, the warmth of the people will capture your heart immediately. Historically known for building VW cars, the manufacture of furniture, and musical instruments; if you listen closely, Bratislava has many interesting tales to tell. After our stop we

continue to Prague where we have a walking tour to learn about this amazing city. **(Overnight hotel) (Breakfast, dinner)**

Day 17: Prague free day

Prague has been described as the "Jewel in the Crown" of central Europe and now that you have some free time, why not find out why. It is situated on the Vltava River with one of its most spectacular sights being the Charles Bridge. The bridge joins the 'old town' and the 'new town'. Prague's dramatic history is reflected in the beauty of the architecture of churches, opera houses and concert halls and a mention has to be made of Prague's Castle. If you need another reason to visit the Czech Republic then maybe it is worth remembering that it is the home of the "green fairy"... That's right, the Czech Republic is where Absinthe has its origins. **(Overnight hotel) (Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 18: Munich

Arrive in Munich and enjoy a fun afternoon at one of the famous beer halls. Munich has a lot to offer visitors, but the first thing you think of when you hear the word 'Munich' is obviously beer. Munich is home to Oktoberfest where 5 million people get together to enjoy a mutual love for the fine art of drinking beer. While we're here, we may as well see what the fuss is about. Feel free to take our tour leader up on a stein challenge. **(Overnight hotel) (Breakfast, dinner)**

Day 19: Rhine Valley

This morning we continue into Germany, where your Rhine Valley experience awaits: Enjoy a drink as the Rhine River boat takes you to your hotel in the heart of Rhine Valley. Sights along the way include the most concentrated stretch of castles in Europe, vineyards, cliffs and medieval German towns. After a tasty German dinner, why not take a relaxing stroll along the river, enjoy the hospitality of the locals, and take time out to recharge. **(Overnight hotel)(Breakfast, dinner)**

Day 20: Volendam, Amsterdam

We continue on to the Netherlands and visit the famous village of Volendam and then continue to the windmill village of Zaanse Schans, famous for the making of wooden shoes, or "klompe". We finish our countryside tour with a cheese farm visit. Of course, the artwork is edible and the Dutch won't let you leave before you realise there is more to cheese than cheddar. After dinner we make our way to the city for an evening walking tour of the world famous Amsterdam "Red Light District" You will have the opportunity to see the canals, Dam Square and then, paint the town red as the locals do! **(Overnight 3* hotel) (Breakfast, dinner)**

Day 21: Amsterdam free day

Free time to explore Amsterdam. See canals, Anne Frank's House, Dam Square, van Gogh Museum. **(Overnight 3* hotel)(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 22: Amsterdam - Brussels – Onward Destination

After breakfast it's back to your home town, stopping en route for a short visit to the ancient city of Bruges, Transfer to Amsterdam/Brussels Airport! **(Breakfast)**