






Europe Jewel Christmas & New Year

Tour Overview

 Start Point Amsterdam	 End Point Amsterdam	 Meals 13 Breakfasts 7 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully-guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Start of tour in Amsterdam



 Dinner  Hampton by Hilton Amsterdam Schiphol

This festive adventure begins in Amsterdam. Meet up with your tour leader before heading into the Dutch countryside to see how cheese and clogs are made. Then, visit the charming windmill village of Zaanse Schans and enjoy free time for lunch in Volendam. Next, it's back to Amsterdam for a canal cruise featuring a two-course welcome dinner onboard.

Included:

- EJXMASNY - Enjoy a cheese and clogs demonstration
- EJXMASNY - Visit Volendam
- EJXMASNY - Marvel at the scenery of Zaanse Schans
- EJXMASNY - Experience a dinner cruise on the Amsterdam canals

Day 2: Amsterdam - Rhine Valley

 Breakfast, Dinner  Mercure Hotel Frankfurt Eschborn Helfmann Park

Cross the border into Germany and travel to the beautiful Rhine Valley. Arrive and enjoy a wine tasting at Boppard before embarking on a riverboat cruise to St Goar. Enjoy the scenic views along the riverbank. Disembark and see how local steins and cuckoo clocks are made! Travel to tonight's accommodation and enjoy dinner with the group at the hotel.

Included:

- EJXMASNY - Indulge in a Rhine Valley wine tasting
- EJXMASNY - Cruise along the Rhine River

Day 3: Nuremberg - Prague (Christmas Eve)

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Duo

Today, travel to Prague via Nuremberg. The city was painstakingly rebuilt following WW2, with some buildings using the original stone. Later, arrive in Prague. This beautiful city boasts elaborate Baroque, Gothic, Art Nouveau and Cubist architecture, and is home to many quirky bars, cobbled lanes and courtyards. Tonight, enjoy a festive Christmas Eve dinner with your group!

Included:

- EJXMASNY - Visit Nuremberg, a historic Bavarian city
- EJXMASNY - Taste authentic Czech cuisine

Day 4: Prague (Christmas Day)

 Breakfast  Hotel Duo

Merry Christmas! Embark on a locally-guided walking tour of Prague's top sights including Old Town Square and Charles Bridge. The rest of Christmas day is free. Join the Prague+ optional excursion to tour Prague Castle, explore Mala Strana and cruise the Vltava River while enjoying a buffet lunch! Tonight, enjoy an optional Czech meal complete with folk music and dancing!

Included:

- EJXMASNY - See the best of Prague on a guided walking tour

Optionals:

Prague+

Day 5: Prague - Bratislava - Vienna

 Breakfast, Dinner  B&B HOTEL Wien-St. Marx

Today, head for the grandeur of Vienna, visiting Bratislava, Slovakia's charming capital, along the way. Arrive and enjoy a guided walking tour of Vienna's UNESCO-listed city centre. See sights like the Hofburg Palace and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Dinner tonight will be in a historical Viennese wine cellar! Afterwards, choose to enjoy an orchestra performance in the gorgeous Schönbrunn Palace Orangery.

Included:

EJXMASNY - Visit Bratislava; capital of Slovakia

EJXMASNY - Enjoy a walking tour of Vienna

EJXMASNY - Enjoy dinner in a Viennese wine cellar

Optionals:

Festive Vienna Classical Music Concert

Day 6: Vienna - Budapest

 Breakfast  ibis Styles Budapest Center

Wave goodbye to Vienna and travel to the striking Hungarian capital of Budapest. On arrival, get an overview of this historic city on a locally-guided driving tour. Start on the Buda side of the river and spot the spectacular Houses of Parliament. The rest of the day is free. Why not enjoy an optional dinner cruise along the Danube tonight?

Included:

EJXMASNY - Embark on a driving tour of Budapest

Optionals:

Danube Dinner Cruise

Day 7: Lake Balaton - Maribor - Ljubljana

 Breakfast  B&B Hotel Ljubljana Park

Leaving Budapest, travel to the beautiful Lake Balaton, the largest lake in central Europe! Next, stop in Maribor in Slovenia for an orientation tour and free time. Then it's on to the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this fairytale city. Afterwards, join the Taste of Ljubljana excursion to discover local wine and cuisine!

Included:

EJXMASNY - Visit Lake Balaton


EJXMASNY - Stop in Maribor

EJXMASNY - Discover the magic of Ljubljana with a local guide

Optionals:

Taste of Ljubljana

Day 8: Ljubljana - Postojna - Venice

 Breakfast  Hotel Venezia

Wave goodbye to Slovenia with the option to explore Postojna Cave first, before heading into Venice, Italy. This floating city is famous for its canals, gondolas and artistic masterpieces! This evening, enjoy free time to explore or join the Evening in Venice optional excursion. This is your chance to enjoy a classic Venetian experience - a gondola ride and water taxi trip along the canals!

Included:

EJXMASNY - Explore Venice

Optionals:

Postojna Cave

An Evening in Venice

Day 9: Florence - Tuscany

 Breakfast, Dinner  Antica Tabaccaia Resort

Travel towards Florence and admire the rolling hills, vineyards and countryside vistas along the way. Arrive and enjoy a panoramic view of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo. Next, enjoy a locally-guided walking tour of this Renaissance city followed by an Italian leather-making demonstration. Tonight, indulge in a Tuscan dinner at a local restaurant. Tonight's hotel is in the Tuscan countryside.

Included:

EJXMASNY - Discover Florence with a local guide

EJXMASNY - Watch an Italian leather-making demonstration

EJXMASNY - Enjoy dinner in Florence

Day 10: Pisa - Swiss Alps (New Year's Eve)

 **Breakfast, Dinner**  **Alpenrose Hotel and Gardens**

En route to the Swiss Alps, make a stop at one of the world's most famous buildings - the Leaning Tower of Pisa! Afterwards, cross the border into Switzerland. Enjoy a scenic mountain drive before arriving in the Swiss Alpine town which will be home for two nights. Tonight, celebrate New Year's Eve surrounded by the beauty of the Swiss Alps.

Included:

EJXMASNY - See the Leaning Tower of Pisa

EJXMASNY - Enjoy a scenic Swiss Mountain Drive

Day 11: Swiss Alps: Free Day

 **Breakfast**  **Alpenrose Hotel and Gardens**

Happy New Year! Make the most of New Year's Day and enjoy the splendour of the Alps! Today's optional excursion is one of our most popular. Journey to Jungfrauoch, the highest train station in Europe, and surround yourself with spectacular snow-capped peaks and white winter snow! Tonight, choose to warm up with a delicious Alpine Dinner Experience.

Optionals:

Jungfrauoch: Journey to the Top of Europe

Alpine Dinner Experience

Day 12: Swiss Alps - Paris

 **Breakfast, Dinner**  **B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème**

Travel through the gorgeous French countryside and arrive in Paris this afternoon. Head off on a driving tour of the "City of Lights". The city's most famous landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe are on the itinerary! Following the driving tour is a group dinner of delicious French cuisine at a restaurant in the city.

Included:

EJXMASNY - Embark on a driving tour of Paris

Day 13: Paris: Free Day

 **Breakfast**  **B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème**

Explore Paris at your leisure today! Consider joining the Paris+ optional excursion featuring visits to a macaron shop and parfumerie, a Seine River lunch cruise, and a trip to the lively Latin Quarter. As evening falls, experience charming Montmartre village, home to the Moulin Rouge, on an optional tour or enjoy a late-night Parisian cabaret. C'est la vie!

Optionals:

Paris+

An Evening in Montmartre

Parisian Cabaret with drinks

Day 14: Paris - Ghent - Amsterdam

 **Breakfast**

This festive two-week tour comes to an end today with one last stop along the way! Travel to Ghent in Belgium. Enjoy a lunch stop and free time to explore the charming medieval city centre. Afterwards, journey to Amsterdam where the tour will conclude. Before saying farewell, be sure to swap contact details with your new travel friends!

Included:

EJXMASNY - Visit Ghent



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