






# Europe Escape

## Tour Overview

 <b>Start Point</b> Rome	 <b>End Point</b> Rome	 <b>Meals</b> 11 Breakfasts   6 Dinners	 <b>Transport</b> Air-conditioned Coach	 <b>Tour Type</b> Fully Guided Tour
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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Start of tour in Rome - Venice

#### Hotel Venezia

Meet your tour leader and group before journeying from Rome to Venice. Arrive in Italy's floating city and look forward to a free evening to explore. Why not explore Venice the traditional way - from the canals? Join the An Evening in Venice optional excursion to see Venice from a new perspective with a water taxi and gondola ride!

#### Included:

EE - Explore Venice

#### Optionals:

An Evening in Venice

### Day 2: Innsbruck - Munich - Bavaria

#### Breakfast, Dinner Mercure Munich Neuperlach Sued

Arrivederci for now, Italy! Enjoy scenic views through the Brenner Pass to Innsbruck, Austria. Explore this charming town set against an incredible mountain backdrop, and visit the Swarovski store before continuing to Munich. Discover Bavaria's capital on an orientation tour. Then, savour a three-course German dinner in a historic restaurant.

#### Included:

EE - Enjoy a scenic drive along Brenner Pass

EE - Visit Innsbruck

EE - Embark on a Munich orientation tour

EE - Enjoy dinner in a historic Bavarian restaurant

### Day 3: Bavaria - Rhine Valley

#### Breakfast, Dinner Wyndam Garden Koblenz

Travel towards the majestic Rhine Valley. Upon arrival, set sail on a riverboat and cruise towards tonight's accommodation. This picturesque region boasts Europe's most concentrated stretch of castles! After, visit a local wine merchant for an included wine tasting. If available, try eiswein, a dessert wine made from grapes harvested in freezing temperatures. Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight.

#### Included:

EE - Cruise along the Rhine River

EE - Indulge in a Rhine Valley wine tasting

### Day 4: Rhine Valley - Amsterdam

#### Breakfast, Dinner Hampton by Hilton Amsterdam Schiphol

Continue to the Netherlands this morning. In the Dutch countryside, discover three Dutch icons - cheese, clogs and windmills! Snap photos at Riekmolen windmill and learn how Dutch cheese and clogs are made. Later, arrive in Amsterdam and enjoy a twilight canal cruise with an audio guide. End the day with dinner at a local restaurant and free time to explore.

#### Included:

EE - Visit the iconic Riekmolen windmill

EE - Enjoy a cheese and clogs demonstration

## Day 5: **Amsterdam - Ghent - Paris**

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

Bid vaarwel to the Netherlands and travel to Ghent, a charming Belgian city known for its medieval architecture and cobbled streets. Sample a Belgian waffle or pick up some delicious local chocolate before continuing to Paris. Arrive in the City of Lights and enjoy a driving tour of iconic Parisian landmarks before a delicious French dinner.



### **Included:**

EE - Visit Ghent

EE - Embark on a driving tour of Paris

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## Day 6: **Paris: Free Day**

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

Enjoy a full free day in Paris! Explore at your own pace or join the Paris Like Locals excursion for a macaron tasting, parfumerie visit, Latin Quarter stroll and more. In the evening, experience the charm of Montmartre, home to the Moulin Rouge, or opt to enjoy a classic Parisian cabaret show.

### **Optionals:**

Paris Like Locals

Parisian Cabaret with drinks

An Evening in Montmartre

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## Day 7: **Paris - Burgundy - Swiss Alps**

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

Say "au revoir" to Paris and head to Burgundy, a famous French wine region. Stop in Beaune to explore the historic Hospices de Beaune or sample local wine. After free time for lunch, journey through stunning scenery into the Swiss Alps. Settle in for two nights surrounded by mountain views and enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight.

### **Included:**

EE - Visit Beaune in Burgundy

EE - Enjoy a scenic Swiss Mountain Drive

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## Day 8: **Swiss Alps: Free Day**

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

Today offers a free day in the breathtaking Swiss Alps! Choose to join the unmissable Jungfrauoch excursion and travel to Europe's highest train station. Experience year-round snow, epic views, and an ice palace carved into a glacier! Alternatively, explore local villages on your own. This evening, opt for the Alpine Dinner Experience to end the day in true Swiss style.

### **Optionals:**

Jungfrauoch: Journey to the Top of Europe

Alpine Dinner Experience

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## Day 9: **Swiss Alps - Lake Como - Tuscany**

 **Breakfast**       **Hotel Terme Pellegrini**

Take in final Alpine views before heading to Italy. Stop at the luxurious Lake Como to admire its crystal-clear waters and surrounding mountains during lunchtime. Then, continue to Montecatini Terme, a charming Tuscan spa town. This evening, opt for the Evening in Montecatini excursion. Enjoy a funicular ride featuring fantastic views and indulge in a traditional Tuscan dinner.

### **Included:**

EE - Visit the picturesque Lake Como


### **Optionals:**

An Evening in Montecatini

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## Day 10: Tuscany - Pisa - Florence - Rome

 Breakfast, Dinner

 Best Western Blu Hotel Roma

Begin the day with a visit to the legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa for some memorable photos. Then, explore Florence on a walking tour with a local guide, followed by a visit to a leather and gold shop. Enjoy free time or join an optional, family-style Tuscan lunch before returning to Rome. Enjoy an included dinner tonight.

### Included:

EE - See the Leaning Tower of Pisa


EE - Discover Florence with a local guide


### Optionals:

Taste of Tuscany

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## Day 11: Rome: Free Day

 Breakfast

 Best Western Blu Hotel Roma

Explore the "Eternal City" to your heart's content today! Join optional guided tours of the Colosseum and Roman Forum or the Vatican museums! Why not do both for a fascinating insight into Rome's artistic and ancient heritage? In the evening, opt to explore Trastevere and savour a delicious Roman dinner in this charming neighbourhood.

### Optionals:

Colosseum & Roman Forum Guided Tour


Vatican Museums Guided Tour

Eternal Rome

An Evening in Trastevere

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## Day 12: End of tour in Rome

 Breakfast

Your 12-day Europe Escape adventure comes to an end after breakfast this morning. Be sure to exchange details with your fellow travellers! A great way to stay in touch and to constantly relive the memories of the adventure with each other is to join your tour's Facebook group. Expat Explore wishes you a safe journey onwards!

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