






Europe Explorer

Tour Overview

 Start Point Amsterdam	 End Point Amsterdam	 Meals 17 Breakfasts 7 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully-guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam - Ghent - Paris

 Dinner  B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème

Welcome to this epic tour through Europe! Meet your tour leader and group in Amsterdam this morning before heading to Ghent in Belgium. Explore this charming city and grab some lunch. This evening, arrive in Paris and embark on a spellbinding driving tour of the "City of Lights"! Later, sit down for a group dinner in the heart of Paris.

Included:

EX - Visit Ghent

EX - Embark on a driving tour of Paris

Day 2: Paris: Free Day

 Breakfast  B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème

Enjoy a free day in Paris or join the Paris je t'aime optional tour! Taste macarons at Ladurée, explore Galeries Lafayette, cruise the Seine, and soak up the atmosphere of the vibrant Latin Quarter. Tonight, choose an optional Montmartre evening with a classic three-course French dinner and opt for a dazzling late-night cabaret show!

Optionals:

Paris je t'aime

An Evening in Montmartre

Parisian Cabaret with drinks

Day 3: Paris - Toulouse

 Breakfast, Dinner  B&B HOTEL Toulouse Centre Canal

Today, travel to Toulouse with a wine tasting, showcasing the region's red wines, in a small medieval town along the way! Drive past forests, pastoral landscapes and pretty towns. Then, it's onto Toulouse for a guided tour. Toulouse is renowned for exquisite Renaissance buildings and a 17th-century canal. Dinner is included this evening - be sure to try something local!

Included:

EX - Wine tasting in Cahors

EX - Explore Toulouse with a local guide

Day 4: Toulouse - Andorra - Barcelona

 Breakfast, Dinner  Sercotel Ciutat de Montcada



Au revoir Toulouse! Cross the border into Andorra. Grab lunch in this tiny country before travelling onward to Barcelona, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's Catalonia region. Barcelona is renowned for its art and architecture, such as the fantastical Sagrada Família designed by Antoni Gaudí. Discover some of the city's top visitor attractions on a driving tour!

Included:

EX - Visit Andorra

EX - Embark on a driving tour of Barcelona

Day 5: **Barcelona: Free Day**

 Breakfast  Sercotel Ciutat de Montcada



Today is free to spend as you like! To see Barcelona's top highlights, join the Highlights of Barcelona featuring the Sagrada Família optional excursion. Admire Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece, discover the picturesque Palau Güell, visit La Boqueria, and tour the historic Barrio Gótico (Gothic Quarter). This evening, why not see a Flamenco Show? This optional includes a delicious dinner!

Optionals:

Highlights of Barcelona featuring the Sagrada Família

Barcelona Flamenco Show & Dinner

Day 6: **Barcelona - Sète - Pont du Gard - Avignon**

 Breakfast  Hôtel Ibis Avignon Centre Pont de l'Europe

Adiós Barcelona! Stop in Sète, a canal-lined port city, for an orientation walk and free time. Next stop is the centuries-old Pont du Gard, a 1st-century Roman aqueduct! Afterwards, head to Avignon, situated in picturesque Provence. This evening, join an optional outing to see the Palais des Papes and gardens, followed by a delicious three-course Provençal dinner.

Included:

EX - Visit Sète

EX - See the Pont du Gard

EX - Enjoy an orientation tour of Avignon

Optionals:

An Evening in Avignon

Day 7: **Avignon - Monaco - Nice**

 Breakfast  Hotel du Pin Nice Port

The French Riviera awaits! Head to one of the most glamorous destinations in the world - Monaco! Discover the Prince's Palace and the Casino de Monte-Carlo. Later, visit Eze for a workshop at the Fragonard perfume factory! Finally, embark on an orientation tour of Nice. See the city's stunning sights like the Promenade des Anglais and Vieux Nice.

Included:

EX - Enjoy a scenic drive along the French Riviera

EX - Experience the glitz and glamour of Monaco

EX - Visit Eze Fragonard Perfumery

EX - Visit Nice

Day 8: **French Riviera - Pisa - Florence - Southern Tuscany**

 Breakfast  Antica Tabaccaia Resort

It's time for a slice of Italy! First, visit the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, then explore Florence on an orientation tour and see Renaissance landmarks such as the Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Tuscany is next, where you'll spend the night, but first opt for the Taste of Tuscany optional for a local feast!

Included:

EX - See the Leaning Tower of Pisa

EX - Discover Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance

Optionals:

Taste of Tuscany

Day 9: **Southern Tuscany - Rome**


 Breakfast, Dinner  Excel Roma Montemario


Today, travel to Italy's capital, Rome. Embark on a guided walking tour and discover the incredible history of this ancient city, which once reigned supreme as the focal point of the Roman Empire. Highlights include the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Enjoy dinner with the group tonight.

Included:

EX - Explore Rome with a local guide

Day 10: **Rome: Free Day**

 Breakfast

 Excel Roma Montemario

Explore Rome your way or join optional excursions! Tour the once gladiator-filled Colosseum and Roman Forum, visit the Vatican City's spellbinding museums, or do both on the Eternal Rome excursion. These popular experiences must be booked before the tour begins - don't miss the chance to dive into ancient history and awe-inspiring art!


Optionals:

Colosseum & Roman Forum Guided Tour

Vatican Museums Guided Tour

Eternal Rome

Day 11: **Siena - Venice**

 Breakfast

 Hotel Venezia

Today's first stop is the Tuscan town of Siena - famous for its cuisine, art, and medieval cityscape. In the early evening, arrive in Venice, a city long celebrated in literature, film and art! The timeless waterways make the "Floating City" truly unique. Enjoy a free evening, or opt for a twilight water taxi cruise along the Venetian canals.


Included:

EX - Visit Siena

Optionals:

Venice by Night

Day 12: **Venice: Free Day**

 Breakfast

 Hotel Venezia

Enjoy a free day to do Venice your way. Want a classic Venetian experience? Add the optional gondola ride to your to-do list! Or, join an optional trip to Murano and Burano. These islands are famous for their glass-blowing and lace-making crafts respectively, and rows of beautiful multi-coloured houses. Enjoy both excursions to experience the best of Venice!

Included:

EX - Experience Venice

Optionals:

Venice Gondola Ride

Venice Lagoon Tour

Day 13: **Venice - Lucerne - Swiss Alps**

 Breakfast, Dinner

 Alpenrose Hotel and Gardens

Crossing the border into Switzerland, enjoy a stop in Lucerne. Embark on an orientation tour and enjoy free time to explore this enchanting Swiss city. Then, admire the alpine views as the coach climbs higher into the mountains to the Jungfrau region. This region is one of the most popular alpine destinations! Enjoy dinner with the group at the hotel.

Included:

EX - Visit Lucerne

EX - Enjoy a scenic Swiss Mountain Drive

Day 14: **Swiss Alps: Free Day**

 Breakfast

 Alpenrose Hotel and Gardens

Explore the splendour of the Swiss Alps today! Choose to join the ever-popular "Jungfrauoch: Journey to the Top of Europe" excursion which takes travellers to the highest train station in Europe. Take in the year-round snowy vistas, including glaciers and dramatic mountaintops, and visit the Ice Palace! Return to lower altitudes and enjoy an optional Alpine Dinner Experience tonight.

Optionals:

Jungfrauoch: Journey to the Top of Europe

Alpine Dinner Experience

Day 15: **Swiss Alps - Black Forest**



Breakfast, Dinner



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Bid farewell to the magnificent Alps as more scenic adventures await! Travel to Germany and journey through the majestic Black Forest. Stop at Lake Titisee before visiting Triberg with free time for lunch. Next, snap a photo of the world's largest cuckoo clock before arriving in Freudenstadt and exploring the town's beautiful market square. Dinner is included this evening.

Included:

EX - Take a picturesque drive through the Black Forest

EX - Enjoy a photo stop at Lake Titisee

EX - Visit Triberg

EX - See the world's largest cuckoo clock

EX - Explore Freudenstadt

Day 16: **Black Forest - Rhine Valley - Amsterdam**



Breakfast



Hampton by Hilton Amsterdam Schiphol

Travel into the heart of the Rhine Valley. Stop in Saint Goar and cruise to Boppard. Keep an eye out for vineyards, castles and towers, and thick forest groves along the riverbanks. Afterwards, treat your taste buds to a Rhine Valley wine tasting. Next, travel to bustling Amsterdam and settle into your hotel for the night.

Included:

EX - Cruise along the Rhine River

EX - Indulge in a Rhine Valley wine tasting

Day 17: **Amsterdam: Free Day**



Breakfast, Dinner



Hampton by Hilton Amsterdam Schiphol

Start today with a cruise along the iconic canals of Amsterdam. The rest of the day is free. Opt for a Dutch countryside tour. This excursion explores the fishing village Volendam, the famous windmill neighbourhood of Zaanse Schans and a local cheese farm and clog factory. Tonight, enjoy an included dinner with the group.

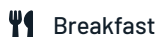
Included:

EX - Cruise the canals of Amsterdam

Optionals:

Dutch Countryside Tour

Day 18: **End of tour in Amsterdam**



Breakfast

After 18 incredible days in Europe, the tour comes to an end this morning. Enjoy one last breakfast in Amsterdam before everyone continues with their journeys. Now is the time to swap details with your travel friends before everyone heads home. We hope to welcome you to Europe again soon!



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