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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

Welcome to Amsterdam! Start your Europe Jewel adventure with a visit to a cheese farm and clog factory in the Dutch countryside. Next, enjoy free time in the lakeside town of Volendam. Then, head to Zaanse Schans, known for its historic windmills and wooden houses. Later, experience an Amsterdam canal cruise with a delicious, two-course dinner onboard.

Included:

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

Day 2: Amsterdam - Rhine Valley

 Breakfast, Dinner  Mercure Hotel Frankfurt Eschborn Helfmann Park

Continue on to the picturesque Rhine Valley in Germany. Visit a local wine merchant for an included tasting. You may even get to try eiswein (ice wine)! Next, board a riverboat and sail from Boppard to St Goar. With the highest concentration of medieval castles in all of Europe dotted along the riverbanks, this is a cruise to remember!

Included:

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

Day 3: Nuremberg - Prague

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Duo

This morning, visit the Bavarian city of Nuremberg which was painstakingly rebuilt after WWII. Later, arrive in Prague and embark on a walking tour with a local guide. This enchanting destination will keep your camera clicking! The quirky bars and cobbled lanes add to the city's charm. Taste authentic Czech cuisine at tonight's group dinner. Na zdraví!

Included:

- EJ - Visit Nuremberg, a historic Bavarian city
- EJ - See the best of Prague on a guided walking tour
- EJ - Taste authentic Czech cuisine

Day 4: Prague: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hotel Duo

Explore more of Prague on today's free day. This mesmerising city is described as the "jewel in the crown of Central Europe". Join the Prague+ optional excursion to discover the city's rich history, stunning architecture and the exquisite Prague Castle. Tonight, enjoy Czech culture with an optional dinner featuring traditional food, music and dancing!

Optionals:

Prague+

Day 5: Bratislava - Vienna

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

Head for the grandeur of Vienna, visiting Bratislava, Capital of Slovakia on the way. Spot its medieval castle and marvel at Socialist-era architecture. Next stop, Vienna, Austria! Enjoy a guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed city centre. After tonight's included dinner, choose to enjoy an orchestra performance. Experience classical music in a venue where Mozart himself once performed!

Included:

EJ - Visit Bratislava; capital of Slovakia

EJ - Enjoy a walking tour of Vienna

Optionals:

Vienna Classical Music Concert

Day 6: Vienna - Budapest

 Breakfast  ibis Styles Budapest Center

Bid farewell to Vienna and head to Budapest, Hungary's striking capital. Explore its mix of Baroque, Neoclassical, and Art Nouveau architecture on a locally-guided driving tour. Admire landmarks like St. Stephen's Basilica and the Houses of Parliament. After free time, opt for a memorable Danube dinner cruise for spectacular views of Budapest at night!

Included:

EJ - Embark on a driving tour of Budapest

Optionals:

Danube Dinner Cruise

Day 7: Lake Balaton - Maribor - Ljubljana

 Breakfast  B&B Hotel Ljubljana Park

Leave Budapest for Lake Balaton, Central Europe's largest lake, and a popular summer destination. Visit the charming city of Maribor before arriving in Ljubljana. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Slovenian capital. Admire its fairytale castle and impressive architecture. Then, opt for an excursion to explore further and taste traditional Slovenian food before returning to the hotel.

Included:

EJ - Visit Lake Balaton

EJ - Stop in Maribor

EJ - Discover the magic of Ljubljana with a local guide

Optionals:

An Evening in Ljubljana

Taste of Ljubljana

Day 8: Ljubljana - Postojna - Venice

 Breakfast  Hotel Venezia

Before departing Slovenia, visit the town of Postojna. Opt for an unmissable tour of the dazzling Postojna Cave! Next stop is Venice; a city immortalised in literature, film and art thanks to its timeless waterways and artistic masterpieces. Don't miss the An Evening in Venice optional excursion, featuring a gondola and water taxi cruise, plus a delicious local dinner!

Included:

EJ - Explore Venice

Optionals:

Postojna Cave

An Evening in Venice

Day 9: Florence - Tuscany

 Breakfast, Dinner  Antica Tabaccaia Resort

Leaving Venice is never easy, but Tuscany is calling! On arrival in Florence, admire panoramic views from Piazzale Michelangelo before embarking on a locally-guided tour. Learn all about this Renaissance city's fascinating history and landmarks. Watch a traditional leather-making demonstration before enjoying free time. Savour a traditional Italian meal before heading to the Tuscan countryside for an overnight stay.

Included:

EJ - Discover Florence with a local guide

EJ - Watch an Italian leather-making demonstration

EJ - Enjoy dinner in Florence

Day 10: **Pisa - Swiss Alps**

 Breakfast, Dinner

 Alpenrose Hotel and Gardens

Departing Tuscany, head for one of Europe's most famous buildings. Learn the story behind the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa and snap some photos! Then, journey through stunning Alpine scenery into Switzerland. Marvel at snow-capped mountain views before arriving in a charming Swiss village. Settle in for a two-night stay and enjoy an included dinner this evening.

Included:

EJ - See the Leaning Tower of Pisa

EJ - Enjoy a scenic Swiss Mountain Drive

Day 11: **Swiss Alps: Free Day**

 Breakfast

 Alpenrose Hotel and Gardens

The Swiss Alps are yours to explore today! The JungfrauJoch: Journey to the Top of Europe optional excursion is highly recommended! Visit the highest train station in Europe, play in the snow, visit the Sphinx Observatory, explore the ice palace, and admire the glacier views! This evening, opt for the Alpine Dinner Experience for a traditional Swiss meal.

Optionals:

JungfrauJoch: Journey to the Top of Europe

Alpine Dinner Experience

Day 12: **Swiss Alps - Paris**

 Breakfast, Dinner

 B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème

It's time for the city of lights and love: Paris! Arriving in the afternoon, embark on a riveting driving tour of the French capital. Get your cameras ready for the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe! Take note of places to visit on tomorrow's free day. After, sit down for a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

Included:

EJ - Embark on a driving tour of Paris

Day 13: **Paris: Free Day**

 Breakfast

 B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème

Enjoy a free day to embrace the magic of Paris! Choose to delve deeper with Paris+ and visit a famous macaron shop and perfume museum, snap breathtaking photos from the Galeries Lafayette terrace, and cruise the River Seine. Later, choose to stroll the romantic Montmartre neighbourhood and enjoy a Parisian dinner. Complete the night with an optional cabaret show!

Optionals:

Paris+

An Evening in Montmartre

Parisian Cabaret with drinks

Day 14: **Paris - Ghent - Amsterdam**

 Breakfast

Depart Paris, sit back and relax as the tour travels to today's first stop - the Belgian city of Ghent. Enjoy free time to explore the medieval city centre and grab a bite to eat. Afterwards, drive back to Amsterdam where the tour comes to an end. Be sure to exchange contact details with your fellow travellers before travelling onwards!

Included:

EJ - Visit Ghent



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