






# Ultimate Europe

## Tour Overview

 <b>Start Point</b> Amsterdam	 <b>End Point</b> Amsterdam	 <b>Meals</b> 25 Breakfasts   11 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 Amsterdam

 Dinner  Hampton by Hilton Amsterdam Schiphol

Welcome to your 26-day tour of Europe! The first stop is a local farm to see cheese and clog-making in action! Next, explore the quaint fishing village of Volendam, and Zaanse Schans, known for classic Dutch scenery. Later, return to Amsterdam and see the city's top sights on a canal cruise. Enjoy a two-course dinner as you cruise!

#### Included:

- EU - Enjoy a cheese and clogs demonstration
- EU - Visit Volendam
- EU - Visit Zaanse Schans
- EU - Experience a dinner cruise on the Amsterdam canals

### Day 2: Amsterdam: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hampton by Hilton Amsterdam Schiphol

Discover the many delights of Amsterdam on this free day! Wander through famous museums like the Van Gogh Museum or Rijksmuseum, or join the optional Dutch Breads & Views for panoramic city views and a guided beer tasting. Tonight, complete your day with the optional Diversely Dutch Dinner for a delicious three-course meal.

#### Optionals:

- Dutch Breads & Views
- Diversely Dutch Dinner

### Day 3: Amsterdam - Berlin

 Breakfast, Dinner  Vienna House By Wyndham Berlin

Admire the views as the coach travels through the Dutch and German countryside on the way to Berlin - Germany's capital city which is full of history and a rejuvenated spirit. Arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy views of Berlin during a walking and driving tour before dinner this evening, which will be at a lively beer hall.

#### Included:

- EU - Discover Berlin on a guided tour
- EU - Enjoy dinner in a German beer hall

### Day 4: Berlin: Free Day

 Breakfast  Vienna House By Wyndham Berlin

Enjoy a free day to explore Berlin! Joining the Berlin+ optional excursion is a great way to discover this vibrant German city with your tour leader. See the East Side Gallery, visit the Berlin Wall Memorial, explore the hidden sites of Hackescher Markt, taste currywurst and view the city from the iconic Berlin TV Tower!

#### Optionals:

- Berlin+

## Day 5: Berlin - Dresden - Prague

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Duo

Travel to the Czech Republic today, stopping in Dresden, a historic German town. After the WW2 bombing destroyed most of the city, Dresden was carefully restored to its former beauty. Later, arrive in Prague and embark on a locally-guided walking tour. See iconic sights including Charles Bridge and the Old Town Square. Tonight, try authentic Czech cuisine at a local restaurant.

### Included:

EU - Explore the streets of Dresden

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

EU - Taste authentic Czech cuisine

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## Day 6: Prague: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hotel Duo

Prague's fairytale magic is yours to discover today! Revisit some of the spots seen on yesterday's tour or join the Prague+ optional excursion. Enjoy a lunchtime river cruise, plus a guided tour of Prague Castle and the charming Mala Strana neighbourhood. Later, opt for the unforgettable Traditional Czech Folk Evening for a taste of local cuisine, music and culture.

### Optionals:

Prague+

Traditional Czech Folk Music & Dance Evening

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## Day 7: Bratislava - Vienna

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

Hit the road and visit Bratislava, Slovakia's capital. Enjoy an orientation tour of the old town and free time. Next, travel to Vienna, Austria! Embark on a locally-guided tour to see the UNESCO-listed city centre and Golden Mile. Enjoy dinner this evening in a historic wine cellar. After, choose to experience a classical concert in the Schönbrunn Palace Orangery!

### Included:

EU - Visit Bratislava; capital of Slovakia

EU - Enjoy a walking tour of Vienna

EU - Dine in a Viennese wine cellar

### Optionals:

Vienna Classical Music Concert

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## Day 8: Ljubljana - Venice

 Breakfast  Hotel Venezia

Wave farewell to Austria and travel onwards to Slovenia. Arrive in the capital city, Ljubljana, and join a local guide on a walking tour of this fairytale destination. Afterwards, cross the border into Italy and take in the stunning scenery en route to Venice, Italy's "floating city"! For a magical experience, join the "Venice by Night" optional excursion this evening!

### Included:

EU - Discover the magic of Ljubljana with a local guide

### Optionals:

Venice by Night

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## Day 9: Venice: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hotel Venezia

Discover the many highlights of Venice during this free day. Join the optional excursion to the islands of Murano and Burano to see how traditional Venetian lace is crafted and watch glass-blowing in action. Or, explore the canals and historic buildings along the waterside at your own pace. Why not complete your day in Venice with a classic gondola ride?

### Included:

EU - Experience Venice

### Optionals:

Venice Gondola Ride

Venice Lagoon Tour

## Day 10: **Venice - Rome**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Excel Roma Montemario

Today, swap the vibe of Venice for the richness of Rome! Enjoy a picturesque drive through the Italian countryside before arriving in the Italian capital. Join a local Roman guide to see the famous sights which make this city widely loved - including the Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps - before enjoying an included dinner with the group tonight.

### **Included:**

EU - Explore Rome with a local guide

EU - Enjoy a Roman dinner

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## Day 11: **Rome: Free Day**

 Breakfast  Excel Roma Montemario

Ancient history, exquisite culture and delicious food - Rome has it all! For the ultimate deep dive into Roman history, join today's optional excursions to the Colosseum and Roman Forum or Vatican City. Why not explore both on the Eternal Rome excursion? Bellissimo! These excursions are very popular and therefore must be booked prior to the start of the tour.

### **Optionals:**

Colosseum & Roman Forum Guided Tour

Vatican Museums Guided Tour

Eternal Rome

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## Day 12: **Rome: Free Day**

 Breakfast  Excel Roma Montemario

Enjoy another free day to explore Rome. Master the art of Italian cooking with today's optional hands-on class. Learn to make fresh fettuccine and tiramisu from scratch, and enjoy your creations with Prosecco and wine (or soft drinks). Alternatively, relax at a local café or go shopping. Experience the local nightlife or follow the Italian style of dolce far niente, or "sweet idleness", and take it easy tonight.

### **Optionals:**

Rome Cooking Class

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## Day 13: **Rome - Florence - Tuscany**

 Breakfast  Hotel Terme Pellegrini

After breakfast, continue to Florence - capital of Tuscany! Arrive in Florence and join a local guide for a fascinating city tour. Florence is home to incredible Renaissance art and architecture. After, visit a local leather shop for a demonstration. This evening, choose the Taste of Tuscany optional for a delicious local meal before heading to tonight's accommodation in Montecatini Terme.

### **Included:**

EU - Discover Florence with a local guide

EU - Watch an Italian leather-making demonstration

### **Optionals:**

Taste of Tuscany

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## Day 14: **Pisa - Eze - Monaco - Nice**

 Breakfast  Hotel du Pin Nice Port

France is calling! Before saying bonjour - stop at one of Italy's most iconic landmarks - the Leaning Tower of Pisa! Cross the border and visit the charming village of Eze for a perfume workshop before continuing to Monaco. Enjoy an orientation tour showcasing the principality's highlights including the Prince's Palace and Monte Carlo. Finally, arrive in Nice for the night.

### **Included:**

EU - See the Leaning Tower of Pisa

EU - Visit Eze Fragonard Perfumery

EU - Experience the glitz and glamour of Monaco

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## Day 15: **Nice: Free Day**

## Breakfast

## Hotel du Pin Nice Port

This morning, embark on an orientation tour with your tour leader and discover what makes Nice one of the French Riviera's most beloved cities. The rest of the day is free. For the ultimate exploration of this gorgeous city, join the Exquisite Nice optional excursion. This includes a guided tour of the Old Town, delicious local cuisine and breathtaking scenery!

### **Included:**

EU - Visit Nice

### **Optionals:**

Exquisite Nice

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## Day 16: **Arles - Barcelona**

### Breakfast, Dinner

### Sercotel Ciutat de Montcada

Hit the road to Barcelona! En route, visit the UNESCO-listed French town of Arles, famous for its historic buildings and connections to artists like Van Gogh. Next, travel to the captivating capital of Catalonia - Barcelona. Enjoy a driving tour to see highlights including La Sagrada Família and Las Ramblas. Afterwards, check into the hotel and enjoy a group dinner.

### **Included:**

EU - Visit Arles

EU - Embark on a driving tour of Barcelona

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## Day 17: **Barcelona: Free Day**

### Breakfast

### Sercotel Ciutat de Montcada

Today is for fiestas, tapas and all things Barcelona! Enjoy a free day to explore the streets of Barcelona and visit more of Gaudi's fantastical architectural creations such as Park Guell and Casa Batllo. Alternatively, escape the city and join the Montserrat optional experience. On the trip, travel to a majestic monastery in the mountains north of Barcelona!

### **Optionals:**

Montserrat

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## Day 18: **Barcelona: Free Day**

### Breakfast

### Sercotel Ciutat de Montcada

Hola! It's another free day to explore Barcelona in any way you wish. To explore more of the city, join the Highlights of Barcelona featuring the Sagrada Família optional excursion. Tonight, get a real taste of Spanish culture with the optional Flamenco show and dinner excursion. Watch as this passionate dance is performed with Spanish flair and energy!

### **Optionals:**

Highlights of Barcelona featuring the Sagrada Família

Barcelona Flamenco Show & Dinner

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## Day 19: **Barcelona - Sète - Pont du Gard - Avignon**

### Breakfast, Dinner

### Hôtel Ibis Avignon Centre Pont de l'Europe

Say adios to Barcelona and travel back to France. Stop in Sète on the coast and the famous Pont du Gard, a 2,000-year-old aqueduct built by Ancient Rome. Next, head to Avignon; a city known affectionately as the "City of Popes". Embark on an orientation tour to see top sights including the Papal Palace. Enjoy a group dinner tonight.

### **Included:**

EU - Visit Sète

EU - See the Pont du Gard

EU - Enjoy an orientation tour of Avignon

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## Day 20: **Avignon - Geneva - Swiss Alps**

### Breakfast, Dinner

### Hotel Merkur

Travel towards the magnificent Swiss Alps making a stop in Geneva on the way. Enjoy free time for lunch with stunning lakeside views. Then, drive through scenic mountains where incredible views abound - admire forests, alpine lakes and rugged mountains! Arrive in a Swiss mountain village, check into the hotel and look forward to a hearty Swiss dinner.


### **Included:**


EU - Visit Geneva

EU - Enjoy a scenic Swiss Mountain Drive

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## Day 21: **Swiss Alps: Free Day**

 Breakfast

 Hotel Merkur

Ready for a snow day? Join the highly recommended Jungfrauoch optional excursion, where year-round snow, fun and unforgettable Swiss mountain adventures await! Enjoy a trip to the highest train station in Europe and have your cameras ready for breathtaking scenery from every angle. This evening, opt for the Alpine Dinner Experience for a traditional Swiss meal.


### **Optionals:**

Jungfrauoch: Journey to the Top of Europe

Alpine Dinner Experience

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## Day 22: **Vaduz - Munich - Bavaria**

 Breakfast, Dinner

 DORMERO Hotel Bretten

This morning, head towards Germany. Along the way, stopover in a brand new country - Liechtenstein! Visit Vaduz, the capital city. See Vaduz Castle, the official residence of the Prince of Liechtenstein, overlooking the city. Next, continue to Munich. Arrive and set off on an orientation tour. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a historic Bavarian restaurant with a three-course meal!

### **Included:**

EU - Stop in Vaduz, Liechtenstein

EU - Embark on a Munich orientation tour

EU - Enjoy dinner in a historic Bavarian restaurant

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## Day 23: **Bavaria - Rhine Valley**

 Breakfast, Dinner

 Wyndam Garden Koblenz

Germany's beautiful Rhine valley awaits! Arrive and jump aboard a riverboat for a sightseeing cruise along the Rhine River. Take in stunning views of vineyards, lofty cliffs, medieval towns and Gothic castles! Back on dry land, visit a local wine merchant for a German wine tasting. Enjoy an included dinner with the group tonight.

### **Included:**

EU - Cruise along the Rhine River

EU - Indulge in a Rhine Valley wine tasting

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## Day 24: **Luxembourg - Paris**

 Breakfast, Dinner

 B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème

Auf Wiedersehen Germany - travel once more to France! Travel towards Paris, enjoying a stop in Luxembourg along the way. Arrive in Paris and say bonjour to the "City of Lights"! Enjoy a driving tour of the famous French capital spotting legendary landmarks like the Eiffel Tower and Arc du Triomphe. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious French dinner in the city.

### **Included:**

EU - Visit Luxembourg City

EU - Embark on a driving tour of Paris

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## Day 25: **Paris: Free Day**

 Breakfast

 B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème

Make the most of a free day in this beautiful city! Join the Paris je t'aime tour to discover the city in-depth - cruise the River Seine, explore the iconic Galeries Lafayette, and more! Tonight, choose to discover the romantic streets of Montmartre with your tour leader and finish the night off with an optional cabaret show! Magnifique!

### **Optionals:**

Paris je t'aime

An Evening in Montmartre

Parisian Cabaret with drinks

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## Day 26: **Paris - Ghent - Amsterdam**

## Breakfast

Enjoy the last few views of the French countryside as the tour travels back to Amsterdam. Along the way, tick the tour's final country off your bucket list! Visit the medieval city of Ghent in Belgium, enjoy an orientation tour and free time. Finally, arrive back in Amsterdam, where this ultimate European adventure comes to an end!

### **Included:**

EU - Visit Ghent

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