

East Western Europe Splendors 16 Days

Visit: France, Luxembourg, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands and Belgium

TOUR CODE: 16EWT

Wednesday: USA – Paris

Take your transatlantic flight to Paris.

Thursday : Paris – Versailles – Paris (60km/38miles)

Today we will enjoy the sightsee tour include the Arc de Triomphe, drive along the Champs Elysees to the Place de la Concorde, where the royal and many aristocracy members were guillotined there during the Revolution. Then drive up to the Hotel des Invalides, where the Tombeau de Napoleon 1 er is also located. Later, we will photo stop at the Eiffel Tower, and a relaxing scenic Seine Cruise featuring such highlights as Notre Dame Cathedral and Pont Alexandre III . After, drive takes us to visit the glorious Palace of Versailles, built as a hunting lodge by Louis XIII, then developed to majority and taking on full royal power by Louis XIV, it remained the residence of the royal family since 1722 until the Revolution of 1789. Then transfer to hotel for overnight after dinner. Overnight in Paris or nearby (if clients interested in visiting the splendid Paris or Seine Cruise after dinner, our tour guide would be pleased to arrange it for you)

(Chateau de Versailles, River Seine cruise)

Friday: Paris

Our morning visit is one of the world's greatest art museum –The Louvre, enjoy the sight of Venus de Milo, Winged Victory of Samothrace (also called Nike of Samothrace) and the most famous work by Leonardo da Vinci – Mona Lisa. After, coach transfers us to Place d' Italie for lunch, after lunch the tour leader will take the group enjoy a ride with the Paris underground metro. Group free at leisure and shopping near Opera.

After dinner, meet with tour leader and coach and transfer to Hotel.

(BB; Le Louver Museum)

Saturday : Paris – Reims – Luxembourg (420km/263miles)

This morning we will take our journey along the beautiful countryside of France to Reims, the capital of Champagne, and old province of France made word famous by its Champagne sparkling wine. Reims played a very important role in French history, as it was the place where the kings of France were crowned since the 11th century. Thus the Cathedral of Reims became the most important heritage here. Later, we will drive ahead to Luxembourg, the only remaining Grand Duchy. On our arrival, enjoy the orientation at the Place de Constitution, the canyon in the city and Pont Adophe. Overnight at Luxembourg or nearby city.

(BB)

Sunday : Luxembourg – Trier – Koblenz – Frankfurt (400km/223miles)

Today our first visit is Trier, the German's oldest city has been named as " Second Rome " since Constantine the great has administrated in here for 10 years. The best know known from our orientation is the Porta Nigra, the best-preserved roman city gate north of Alps, also the birthplace of the influential philosopher Karl Marx, the Karl Mars Haus is situated in the house where he was born. After we will drive to Koblenz, the confluence of the Rhine and the Mosel. We will have lunch time in this famous scenic place, and why not take the cruise along the Rhine, to spend your precious moment with your family and friends? After drive will takes us to Frankfurt am with stop over in Rudesheim. On our arrival in Frankfurt, enjoy our orientation Romer platz.

(BB; Karl Marx House; River Rhine Cruise)

Monday : Frankfurt – Prague (530 km/331miles)

This morning we head east to the capital of Czech Republic, Prague, one of the liveliest cultural cities in Europe since the Velvet Revolution. (overnight in Prague)

(BB)

Tuesday : Prague – Bratislava (330 km/206miles)

Our morning sightseeing tour highlights are St. Vitus Cathedral; beautiful gardens Na Valech and Rajska Zahrada; Golden Lane; Charles Bridge and the Old Town Square with its Astronomical Clock. In the afternoon spend time at the Wenceslas Square, there are a lot of theatres, cinemas, restaurants, shops, stores and banks around. The St. Wenceslas Statue and the National Museum are nearby. We drive to the capital of Bratislava, Slovakia. In 1992 Czechoslovakia's Parliament voted to split the country into the Czech Republic and Slovakia. (overnight in Bratislava)

(BB; Golden Lane)

Wednesday : Bratislava - Budapest (200 km/ 125miles)

After breakfast, driving to Budapest, sightseeing Budapest is the "Paris of Eastern Europe". The City is separated into two cities. Hilly Buda is situated in the West, flat pest lies to the East. Here you visit the Fisherman's Bastion, Mattias Church, Elizabeth Bridge and Heroes Square. (overnight in Budapest)

(BB; Fisherman's Bastion; Mattias Church; Donau River Cruise)

Thursday : Budapest - Vienna (250 km/ 156miles)

After breakfast, driving to the capital of Austria, Vienna, sightseeing Empress Maria Theresa's favorite palace at Schonbrunn, former summer residence of the Imperial family and considered one of the most beautiful baroque palaces in Europe. Stadtpark the popular Johann Strauss monument, the Parliament, World famous Opera House, Monument to the Soviet soldier and impressive baroque Church of St. Charles Borromeo. A stroll along the Kartnerstrasse with its glamorous boutiques brings us to St. Stephen's Cathedral (Vienna is the musical capital of the world, you may check with your tour guide to arrange a concert of Classical music for you). (overnight in Vienna). (BB; Schonbrunn Palace)

Friday : Vienna – Salzburg – Innsbruck (480 km/300miles)

After breakfast, we pass the Abbey of Melk on the river Danube as we drive to Salzburg. Here you sightseeing on foot, Mozart's birthplace and some of the places associated with the film "The Sound of Music". Leaving Salzburg heading to Innsbruck, (overnight in Innsbruck). (BB; Mozart's House)

Saturday : Innsbruck – Mt Titlis – Lucerne (300 km/188miles)

After breakfast, driving to Switzerland, Later we will arrive Engelberg experience the world's first revolving cable car that takes (approx. 45 mins.) you to the top of Switzerland's highest vantage point with a breathing 360 degree view. Lunch at Mt Titlis. In the afternoon visit the medieval town Lucerne, walk on the wooden Kapell Bridge, the lovely lake Lucerne and see the Lion Monument, enjoy the free time to shop for Swiss watches and other Swiss specialities. (overnight in Lucerne). (BB)

Sunday : Lucerne – Zurich – Rhein Falls – Titisee - Frankfurt (450 km/281miles)

After breakfast, leaving Lucerne to Zurich is largest city and the financial centre of the Switzerland. enjoy a short orientation tour in Zurich then drive to visiting Rhine Falls is the largest waterfall at Schaffhausen, driving through the fairytale Black Forest to where the cuckoo-clock was first invented by Titisee. Lunch at Titisee, and taste their most famous Black Forest cake for your dessert. We will arrive to Frankfurt in the evening. (BB)

Monday : Frankfurt – Bonn – Cologne – Amsterdam (500 km/313miles)

Today we will drive ahead to Bonn, the capital of " West Germany" from the year 1949 to 1990, enjoy our orientation to the historic Town Hall, Ludwig Van Beethoven Haus. After drive takes us to Cologne, visit the Cologne Cathedral, the most famous heritage in this city, and may be the shopping area will be another attraction to you? After lunch, we will proceed to Amsterdam. Overnight in Amsterdam or nearby city. (BB)

Tuesday : Amsterdam – Zaanse Schans – Amsterdam (50 km)

Today we enjoy our morning sightseeing tour to a countryside excursion to the village of Zaanse Schans, where we visit the Wooden Shoes Factory, Cheese Farm and stop for photos at the typical windmills which was one of the most important and historic architecture since The Netherlands started to established their country. After drive takes us back to the city centre, to visit the famous diamond factory which has been in a high technique since the 16th century. Then it's the time for you to leisure or perhaps take a Canal Cruise will be a good idea to spend your evening before dinner. Overnight in Amsterdam or nearby city (Visit Keukenhof from mid March to mid May, info : www.keukenhof.com) (BB; Amsterdam Canal Cruise; Keukenhof)

Wednesday : Amsterdam – Brussels – Paris (500 km/313miles)

Our day begins with a drive to Brussels, the Belgian capital, before we arrive, stop for a photo at the Atomium, monument of the first World Fair after the WW II, took place in Brussels in 1958. Then drive to the city centre, enjoy an orientation at the beautiful Grand' Place and the Mannenken Pis. Later, we drive to the most splendid city – Paris. Overnight in Paris or nearby (BB)

Thursday :Paris-USA After morning breakfast, take your transatlantic flight back to USA. (BB)