

Europe Delights 11 Days tour

Visit: France, Italy, Vatican and Monaco

TOUR CODE: 11WET

Wednesday: USA – Paris

Take your transatlantic flight to Paris.

Thursday : Paris – Versailles – Paris (60 km / 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 Tombean 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 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 lunch the tour leader will take the group to the city center group free at leisure and shopping near Opera. After dinner, meet with tour leader and coach and transfer to Hotel. Overnight in Paris or nearby (BB; Le Louver Museum)

Saturday : Paris – Lucerne (650 km)

After boarding the luxury coach in Paris, sit back and enjoy a scenic journey across classic French countryside en route to mountainous Switzerland. You'll pass through Basel, which is located at the point where the Swiss, French and German borders meet, before arriving at the picturesque lakeside city of Lucerne, nestled at the foot of the snowcapped Swiss Alps. Hotel: 3* in or outside Lucerne (BB)

Sunday : Lucerne– Milan - Venice (400 km)

In the morning you'll get to see Lucerne's famous landmarks and take some pictures before you are heading south from Lucerne through spectacular Switzerland and into northern Italy. Where your first stop will be Milan, fashion capital of the world. Your orientation tour will introduce you to the city's iconic sights, including the vast Gothic cathedral (Duomo) and La Scala opera house. You'll also see the planet's oldest shopping mall, the 19th-century Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, where you can wander among the boutique shops and take lunch in one of the refined cafes. After some free time, you'll head to another vintage Italian city: Venice. Hotel: 3* outside Venice Island(BB)

Monday : Venice – Rome (550 km)

Spend the morning in the company of a knowledgeable local guide as you explore Venice, the most magical of cities. Begin with a waterbus ride to San Marco Island, a memorable crossing of the lagoon that gives you a real taste of the city's charm as you approach the dreamy spires and distinctive waterside buildings. Once on the island you'll be led around some of Venice's best-known locations, beginning in the Piazza with the Basilica di San Marco, a stunning piece of Byzantine architecture.

You'll also see the legendary Bridge of Sighs, which appears on many a postcard or picture of Venice and connects the old prison to the interrogation rooms in the Doge's Palace.

Afterwards you'll have a chance to see some traditional Venetian craftwork at close quarters with a demonstration by Murano glassblowers; their exquisite creations make excellent souvenirs. Of course, the ultimate Venice activity is to ride through the warren of waterways on a gondola, and for most people this optional excursion is a must. Step aboard, relax and enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience. If you're hungry after an action-packed morning you can choose to fill up with an optional delicious homemade Italian spaghetti meal, before enjoying more free time in this sublime city. Transfer to Rome in the afternoon. Hotel: 3* in or outside Rome (BB)

Tuesday : Rome – Vatican – Arrezzo (280 km)

Your day in Rome starts with a visit to the smallest country in the world, The Vatican City, which lies at the heart of the Italian capital. Here you'll marvel at St Peter's Basilica, home to Pope Francis and arguably the most significant site in Christianity. The exquisitely beautiful Basilica has been present here for almost 1,700 years and contains a bewildering collection of paintings, frescoes and design crafted by some of humanity's most famous artists, which you can explore.

Next you'll see the famous Trevi Fountain, the lavish Baroque showpiece where people flock to throw coins into the water – an action which is said to ensure that you'll return to the city again one day. After lunch, take a step even further back in time as you visit Italy's unrivalled Roman relics. An optional guided tour of the Coliseum, built in AD 72, is highly recommended. History comes to life as you imagine yourself witnessing gladiatorial combat inside the spectacular amphitheatre, or alternatively you can walk at your leisure around the outside to admire the facade of this ancient wonder.

After the Colosseum, get up close to the nearby Arch of Constantine, which dates back to the fourth century AD, then spend some further free time enjoying Rome, sampling the rich and creamy delights of "gelato" Italian ice cream. Followed by some free time you'll visit Basilique Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri near Piazza della Repubblica or going to Mitsukoshi Department store to get some souvenirs before transferring to Florence in the late evening. Hotel: 3* in or outside Arrezzo (**BB**; Colosseum)

Wednesday : Arrezzo – Pisa - Genoa (250 km)

Your voyage of cultural discovery continues as you get to know Florence, the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance and home to some fabulous architecture and fine art. Begin the day by taking in a wonderful panoramic overview of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo, which boasts glorious vistas over the red roofs, Arno river and ancient city walls out towards the surrounding countryside.

Next you can see a demonstration of the traditional craft of leather working at close quarters in a local workshop, and you'll also have the opportunity to purchase some of the high-quality leather items for which the city is famous. From here you'll enjoy a guided walk around Florence's many highlights, including the Ponte Vecchio over the Arno, the Piazza del Duomo and Campanile Tower.

You'll pass the Uffizi Gallery, which contains one of the most notable art collections in Florence. You'll have free time to see the city further, to shop or to watch the world go by from a streetside cafe, before travelling on to your next destination, Pisa. Here you are free to wander, but be sure to have your camera ready to get a shot of the iconic Leaning Tower, the famous bell tower in the 'Square of Miracles', which also contains the centuries-old cathedral and baptistry. Hotel: 3* in or outside Genoa (**BB**)

Thursday : Genoa – Monaco – Nice – Cannes – Avignon (450 km)

A breathtaking drive along one of Europe's most famous stretches of Mediterranean coastline awaits as you say arrivederci to Italy and head for Monaco. This small principality, enclaved in France, contains some big attractions and high rollers: look out for the famous Monte-Carlo casino as you cruise into town.

A walking sightseeing tour here takes you to the grand Prince's Palace, where you'll have some free time to soak up the refined atmosphere, before continuing on to view the 1920s Courthouse, the cliffside Oceanographic Museum, and the cathedral, where Grace Kelly is buried. We then travel a little further to visit the famous Fragonard Perfume Factory. Here you'll be taken on a fascinating guided tour around this working factory. Next it's Nice, where you'll stop for lunch to sample some excellent local cuisine and warm-hearted hospitality.

Your journey continues to Cannes, where many a movie star has enjoyed the sweet smell of success. Be sure to take the opportunity to snap some photos of the Palais des Festival, home to the city's annual international film festival, before transferring to Avignon Nord. Hotel: 3* in or outside Avignon (**BB**)

Friday : Avignon – Paris (700 km)

Take a well-earned rest today as you sit back and enjoy great views of the changing rural charms of the French countryside on the journey north to Paris, where the Green Line tour finishes.

For some guests it will be time to say a fond farewell to new friends upon arrival back in the capital, while others may choose to extend their European adventure with another night in the capital and then continue on with the Red Line tour the following day. Hotel: 3* in or outside Paris (optional). (**BB**)

Saturday: Paris-USA

Take your transatlantic flight back to USA. (**BB**)