

# Europe Delights 16 Days Tour

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Visit: France, Italy, Vatican, Monaco, Luxembourg, Germany, Netherlands and Belgium

**TOUR CODE: 16WET**

## **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 Tombean de Napoleon 1 er is also located. Later, we will feature the ascent of 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 – Lucerne (650 km/406miles)**

Today we will drive ahead from Paris to Switzerland, During our drive to Switzerland, we will travel through France and Germany, prior to driving through Basel, Switzerland. We will arrive in Lucerne in the early evening and overnight in Lucerne or in a city nearby. (BB)

## **Sunday : Lucerne – Milan – Verona - Venice (400 km/250miles)**

After breakfast, drive to the world's famous fashion city – Milan. We enjoy the orientation tour including Sforza Castle, further the gothic Duomo, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and the "La Scala" opera house. After enjoy the gorgeous architecture, drive takes us to Verona, a city full of historical building, and romance.....We will enjoy the orientation on foot, including the Roman amphitheatre – Verona Arena, passing the most relaxing small streets, we will visit the setting of the story of Romeo and Juliet, the short passageway leading to the balcony is covered with slips of paper carrying their graffiti. Then we are transfer to Venice, the "city of canals". We stay and overnight in Mestre or a city nearby. (BB)

## **Monday : Venice – Rome (550 km/343miles)**

After breakfast, waterbus will take us along the canals past many marvellous architectures and churches, to San Marco Square. here we will see the Basilica di San Marco, one the best known example of Byzantine architecture, also we will see The Bridge of Sighs, connects the old prison to the interrogation rooms in the Doge's Palace. Then after witnessing a demonstration of Murano glass-blowing. Perhaps a gondola ride to the Grand Canal would be hard to resist. In the afternoon, transfer to Rome or nearby city for overnight (BB)

## **Tuesday : Rome – Vatican - Florence (280 km/175miles)**

After breakfast, we will be transfer to a tiny sovereign state, heading to the largest Church in the smallest country in the world, St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican, built as a great basilica by Emperor Constantine in AD 324 after he officially recognized Christianity, rebuilt construction started in the year 1506 and was completed in 1615, the basilica in itself is an artwork composed of many artistic elements by many famous architects and artists included. After lunch, we will enjoy our sightseeing includes The Colosseum, built in the year AD72 for the gladiatorial combat against each other or animal to the death; The Arch of Constantine, The Pantheon, which was originally built as a temple to all gods, but has been a Christian church since the 7<sup>th</sup> century. Then why not make a wish at the Trevi Fountain like the film " Three coins in the Fountain ", and enjoy the relaxing tour at Spanish Square. Later, transfer to Florence or nearby for overnight. (BB; Colosseum)

**Wednesday : Florence – Pisa - Genoa (550 km/343miles)**

After breakfast, we visit around Florence, the city is often considered the birthplace of the Italy Renaissance, and famous for fine art and architecture. After enjoy the panoramic view from Piazzale Michelangelo, a sightseeing tour on foot features the Ponte Vecchio over the Arno River, Duomo and Campanile Tower (by Giotto), and also Uffizi Gallery , one of the finest art galleries in the world. After the sightseeing, why not find your favourite leather goods in your leisure time, as the Italy famous leather industry was originally built in here. Later, drive will take us to Pisa, enjoy an orientation on foot and photo at the Leaning Tower,. Also the site of the beautiful Duomo (the Cathedral) and the Baptistery. After, transfer to Genoa or a city nearby for overnight (BB)

**Thursday : Genoa – Monaco – Nice – Cannes – Avignon (450 km/281miles)**

This morning we will take our journey along the Mediterranean Sea to Monaco, enjoy the breathtaking scenery and visit a small country with big attraction, with visiting the grand palace and famous casino in Monte-Carlo. Then a brief stop at Nice for short orientation. Later we drive to Cannes with passing by a famous perfume town, also include a visit to the Fragonard Perfume Factory. After the fragrant trip, we will Cannes, which has given out the most prestigious film award here, stop for a photo at the Palais des Festival and enjoy a relaxing near the beach. Tonight we stay in Avignon or a city nearby for overnight (BB)

**Friday : Avignon – Paris (700 km/437miles)**

Our day begins with a drive direction to Paris, enjoying the drive across the beautiful scenery and go into Italy. At night we arrive Paris and stay overnight there or nearby (BB)

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 – 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 – The Hague – Amsterdam**

Today we enjoy our morning sightseeing tour to The Hague, show us the Peace Palace where the International Court of Justice is located, Peace Palace was built between the year 1907 to 1913. Next we're off on 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 (from mid-March to mid-May instead of The Hague, we will go to Keukenhof)

(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.

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