

# Europe Delights 16 Days Tour

---

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 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 – 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 - 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 – 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 – 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](http://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)