

Europe BY RAIL

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DAY 1 PARIS: SEINE RIVER CRUISE AND ILLUMINATION TOUR

Arrival at Paris International airport. Transfer from Airport to hotel. Check in at your comfortable hotel. You can take rest for some time. Paris is especially enchanting when the lights go on in the evening, Take Illuminations of Paris with Seine River Cruise tour to sample the city's magic firsthand. Start your evening with a lamp-lit cruise on the Seine River, then see more of Paris' brilliant city lights by taking a Paris illuminations tour around the capital. Your evening in Paris is then free for you to enjoy.

DAY 2 PARIS: CITY TOUR

After Breakfast proceed for the Paris city tour. Explore all the famous city landmarks like the Opera, Champs Elysees, Arch of Triumph, Eiffel tower, Louvre Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral and many more. Transportation is free with your Travel Pass. You need to purchase only entry tickets where applicable. Overnight at Paris. (Breakfast)

DAY 3 PARIS: DISNEYLAND/ VERSSAILS

Take your breakfast and begin your journey to Dreamland – Disneyland. Enjoy a full day out in the magical world of Disneyland Resort Paris. You can access 2 parks entrance: the park **Disneyland Paris** and the park **Walt Disney Studios**. Transportation to Disneyland is free with your travel pass. Overnight at Paris. (Breakfast)

VERSSAILS (OPTIONAL TOUR)

You can take optional tour to Verssails. Experience the grandeur of Versailles Palace and Gardens on a small group tour from Paris. If you visit Versailles on a Saturday or Sunday during April to October, you can see the famous fountain show in the gardens. The display is accompanied by music composed at the time of Louis XIV's court.

DAY 4 PARIS TO AMSTERDAM (3.19 HRS)-100 HIGHLIGHTS CRUISES/ RED LIGHT DISTRICT WALKING TOUR

After Breakfast transfer from Paris to Amsterdam by train which will take 3.19 Hrs to reach your destination. Arrival at Amsterdam station and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the best cruise through 17th Century Amsterdam. Holland's capital has 160 canals and 1000 bridges. You will have the opportunity to cruise for an hour through a number of Amsterdam's canals and along the city's most beautiful spots. You will, whilst gliding through the old Centre of the city, see elegant merchants' mansions, carillon-crowned churches and warehouses dating back to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. You will see historic residential buildings, including the famous Anne Frank's House, and on past the renowned boat houses before returning to Holland International where the tour ends. The windows on the launches slide open to facilitate better photography. Overnight in Amsterdam. (Breakfast)

RED LIGHT DISTRICT WALKING TOUR (OPTIONAL TOUR):

Take a walk on the wild side with a guided walking tour through Dark Amsterdam, the infamous Red Light District. Accompanied by a friendly and knowledgeable local, you'll tour the area in safety for an enlightening and illuminating experience! The tour takes you to the area that's synonymous with Amsterdam, the Wallen

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(Red Light District), passing monuments and entering narrow old streets such as the well-known Zeedijk

street. In the past it was one of the most dangerous streets in Amsterdam, where sailors could be found searching for local amusement. Nowadays, instead of the shady bars of yester year you'll find lively and welcoming Dutch pubs and restaurants. The walk includes a visit to the Prostitute Information Center, where you will be offered a free drink and can chat with a former prostitute who will explain the system and answer any questions you might have. Your safety is guaranteed during this excursion into Amsterdam's darker side, as a reliable and trustworthy guide will be accompanying you.

DAY 5 AMSTERDAM- KEUKENHOF GARDEN & TULIP FIELD TOUR (SEASONAL)/ MADURODAM-HOLLAND INMINIATURE / HISTORIC AMSTERDAM (BIKE TOUR)

After Breakfast proceed for the Keukenhof Garden & Tulip Field Tour. You won't believe the colorful display of tulips and other springtime bulbs in bloom at the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens!

The unforgettable seasonal display is created by more than seven million tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, spring bulbs and gorgeous trees. Keukenhof is one of Holland's top attractions and this hassle-free tour is the easiest way to get to these out-of-the-way gardens! Rest of the day free. Amidst the flowers there are exquisite pieces of sculpture and other works of art to admire. En route to Keukenhof you'll drive through the beautiful Dutch countryside, passing vibrant tulip fields along the way. Overnight in Amsterdam. (Breakfast)

DELFT, THE HAGUE AND MADURODAM HALF-DAY TRIP FROM AMSTERDAM (OPTIONAL TOUR)

Take a fascinating afternoon tour to see Holland in a Nutshell at Madurodam, shop for a famous blue pottery at Delft and go for a drive through the former capital, The Hague. Your scenic guided tour starts with a visit to the picturesque town of Delft to tour DelftsePauw, one of the famous Delft blue potteries. The blue-and-white pottery became famous as a 17th-century duplicate of Chinese porcelain. From Delft you will continue your journey to The Hague, former capital of the Netherlands, passing such famous sites as the Houses of Parliament, Peace Palace and the Binnenhof. Next you will visit the famous miniature town of Madurodam, Holland in a Nutshell. The canal houses of Amsterdam, the Alkmaar cheese market and parts of the Delta Works are all replicated in minute detail on a 1:25 scale. Windmills turn, ships sail through the harbor and trains travel across the city on the world's largest miniature railway. On the way back to Amsterdam you will pass the seaside resort of Scheveningen, with its beautiful beaches. Overnight in Amsterdam.

AMSTERDAM- HISTORIC AMSTERDAM (BIKE TOUR)(OPTIONAL TOUR)

After breakfast explore Amsterdam like the Dutch do, by bike! An experienced guide will lead you through the city's finest places in a fun, interesting and also healthy way. If time allows you might enjoy a drink in one of the oldest bars of Historic Amsterdam (not included in the price). This tour will also be done in small groups. Overnight at Amsterdam. (Breakfast)

DAY 6 AMSTERDAM- COLOGNE (2.38 HRS.)- COLOGNE CATHEDRAL & PANORAMA CRUISE

After Breakfast transfer from Amsterdam to Cologne by train which will take 2.38 Hrs. Arrive Cologne Station and transfer to Hotel. Visit Cologne Cathedral and then Take a Panorama Cruise Tour. A boat trip on the Rhine is an absolute must do, as much as the Cologne Cathedral and the "Kös" b r. bord d joy m z g or m v w of y. Overnight in Cologne. (Breakfast)

DAY 7 COLOGNE - MUNICH (4.23 HRS.)- HOP ON AND HOP OFF TOUR

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Today after breakfast transfer from Cologne to Munich by train. Enjoy Munich in open air double decker buses. Discover the highlights of our city with our comprehensive Hop on Hop off tour. Discover sights such as the Pinakotheken art museums, the world famous Hofbrauhaus, the National Theater with the Royal Palace, Marienplatz and the Viktualien market with its colorful outdoor stalls. Overnight in Munich.

DAY 8 MUNICH –NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE DAY TOUR

After breakfast begin for the whole day tour to Neuschwanstein Castle. Traveling by rail on small group guided tour from Munich, you'll tour the ethereal Neuschwanstein Castle, be taken to the best vantage points; the lake, the postcard-perfect aerial view of the equally beautiful Hohenschwangau Castle and to the waterfall gorge. Entrance fees to the Neuschwanstein Castle are not included. A supplement of 9 euros (per person) is payable direct. The journey to Neuschwanstein takes approximately 2 hours by train. Germany's rail system is world renowned and this journey to the Alps is no exception. Offering spectacular views, trains are clean, comfortable and equipped with washrooms and snack bars. Feel free to walk around and chat to your fellow travellers as well as your guide, who can answer any questions about Munich and Bavaria. Overnight in Munich. (Breakfast)

DAY 9 MUNICH- SALZBURG (1:30 HRS) HOP ON HOP OFF TOUR

After breakfast transfer from Munich to Salzburg by train which will take 1:30 Hrs. Arrive at Salzburg Station and transfer to Hotel. With your Salzburg Card, you'll enjoy free admission to over 30 museums & you'll also enjoy discounts at numerous other sights. The free brochure 'Salzburg Guide' (received with the card at exchange of your voucher), is the ideal complement to your Salzburg Card; it includes numerous color photos and provides details on all the sights, as well as advice for sights you won't want to miss. Offering the best value for money, the Salzburg Card is the perfect way to get around and see the sites. Overnight in Salzburg. (Breakfast)

DAY 10 SALZBURG -THE ORIGINAL SOUND OF MUSIC TOUR & SALT MINES DAY TRIP

Take your breakfast. Start the morning with a tour through the Bavarian mountains and visit the 450-year old Salt Mines before spending the afternoon discovering the film locations of the Sound of Music. The perfect choice if your time in Salzburg is limited.

Bavarian Mountains and Salt Mines

On leaving Salzburg the journey takes us along the King's Lake River to the picturesque Alpenstrasse. Upon arrival at the mines slip into traditional miners' clothes and enter the mines to hear historical and legendary tales of the fascinating underground world. Using the same slides as hundreds of miners before, descend to the grottos, the magical world beneath the surface of the earth. You end your adventure with a raft sail across the famous salt lake, accompanied by eerie, mystical sounds.

Original Sound of Music Tour

Highlights of the Original Sound of Music Tour, recommended by Maria von Trapp, include a tour of Mirabell Gardens, where Maria and the children danced to 'Do-Re-Mi', and the opportunity to view the wedding church at Mondsee. In between film locations you can relax and listen to the famous songs and lyrics from the film, including 'Edelweiss', 'Sixteen Going on Seventeen' and of course the glorious title song 'The Sound of Music'. The tour also takes in the historical and architectural landmarks in the city of Salzburg, as well as a part of the picturesque lake district. Overnight in Salzburg. (Breakfast)

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DAY 11 SALZBURG – INNSBRUCK (1.49 HRS) – SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL WORLD / COMBITICKET ALPENZOO (CABLECAR + ENTRANCE TO ZOO)

After Breakfast transfer from Salzburg to Innsbruck. Enjoy a unique visit to the amazing and sparkling world of Crystals, created for you by Swarovski! After re-opening in December 2007 the Swarovski Crystal World is more breathtaking than ever. This tour will take you to explore the fantastic and sparkling world of Swarovski. Aboard a fast and comfortable coach from central Innsbruck (30 m u s' drive), you will be taken to the world famous Swarovski Crystal World, situated in Wattens. The water spouting Giant (a remarkable huge face sculptured on top of a rock) will amaze you with his sparkling eyes! Inside the Giant, a whole crystal world awaits you: the Chambers of Wonders containing the Planet of Crystals, the Crystal Dome, the Crystal Theatre, the Ice passage and the Floating Poem. They all witness the level of artistic perfection reached by Swarovski and their images will be etched on your mind forever. Overnight in Innsbruck. (Breakfast)

COMBITICKET ALPENZOO (CABLE CAR + ENTRANCE TO ZOO) (OPTIONAL TOUR)

If the time permits you can take Combiticket Alpenzoo tour. Enjoy a wonderful visit of the Alpenzoo on this cable car journey. Take the convenient cable car from Innsbruck to the Alpenzoo and enjoy a visit of Europe's highest situated zoo (750 m). It is located above the roofs of the capital of Tyrol, with a fantastic view of the surrounding mountains. More than 2000 animals of 150 kinds invite you to an eventful visit into the Alps' world of animals. The exceptional about this alpine zoo is the presentation of alpine life forms in historical times and today. The Alpenzoo is the only one of its kind worldwide which presents such a huge collection of animals of the European Alps.

DAY 12 INNSBRUCK- ZURICH (3.26 HRS) – RHINE FALLS

After breakfast transfer from Innsbruck to Zurich by train which will take 3:26 hrs. Arrive at Zurich station and transfer to your hotel. Relax for some time. And then take your tour to Rhine Falls - Europe's largest water fall (150 meters wide, 23 meters high)! Relax for some time and then take your tour to Rhine Falls - Europe's largest water fall (150 meters wide, 23 meters high)! It is only 23 meters high but has an impressive width of 150 meters and an average of 25'000 cubic feet of water per second (700m³/sec). Overnight in Zurich. (Breakfast)

DAY 13 ZURICH- LUCERNE (1:00 HRS) – A WALK AROUND LUCERNE

After breakfast transfer from Zurich to Lucerne by train which will take 1:00 Hr. Arrive at Lucerne station and transfer to Hotel. Lucerne was the only city in Europe to boast four bridges. The Hof Bridge, constructed around 1250 (demolished 1834), and the Chapel Bridge, built around 1300, formed part of the city fortifications. The Spreuer Bridge served to connect the lower parts of the city.

Nowadays the less attractive Reuss Bridge is the oldest river crossing and contributed considerably to the city's development. It was not until the 19th and 20th centuries that five more bridges were added. However, Lucerne is also a city of palaces, churches and squares. You will learn some funny, interesting and true facts about Lucerne's history, churches, bridges, lanes, squares, towers and of course about Lucerne's trademark, the Chapel Bridge with the Water Tower. Overnight in Lucerne. (Breakfast)

DAY 14 LUCERNE – MT. TITLIS

After breakfast enjoy a spectacular trip to **Mount Titlis**– at 3020 m/10000 ft. From Lucerne the train takes you to the mountain monestry village Engelberg where you board a gondola which takes you up to the Trübsee. You continue your trip by another gondola to Stand and finally the first revolving Titlis Rotair cable car takes you up to Mount Titlis. For a spectacular, close-up insight into a glacier, visit the glacier cave and ride the IceFlyer chairlift. After the descent to Engelberg we board our coach and return to Lucerne - tour ends in Lucerne at approx. 4 pm. Overnight in Lucerne. (Breakfast)

DAY 15 LUCERNE – INTERLAKEN (0:30 HRS) SCHILTHORN-TRUMMELBACH FALLS

After breakfast transfer from Lucerne to Interlaken by train which will take 0:30 Hrs. Arrive at Interlaken station and transfer to your hotel. Explore Schilthorn and Trummelbach falls from Interlaken. Overnight in Interlaken. (Breakfast)

Schilthorn: It takes you just 32 minutes by Cable car to reach the summit of the 2970 m high Schilthorn. Enjoy the beautiful view of Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau (UNESCO World Heritage) and on more than 200 other summits. Have a rich breakfast or a delicious meal at the world's first revolving restaurant Piz Gloria and follow the tracks of James Bond: in the Touristorama you can see extracts of the 007 Movie "On Her Majesty's Secret Service", which was filmed at the Schilthorn. Or simply enjoy the spectacular view from big terrace! **Trummelbach:** You can also visit Trummelbach Falls along with Schilthorn by yourself. Enjoy breathtaking view of 10 glacier waterfalls flowing INSIDE a mountain. Lit up, reach by stairs &/or elevator. Thundering might of nature on display!

DAY 16 INTERLAKEN – JUNGFRAUJOCH

After Breakfast take a tour to the highest railway station in Europe 'Top of Europe' and a view of Europe's longest glacier. Enjoy the incredible world of eternal snow and ice. Visit the Ice Palace, experience the breathtaking panorama view from the Sphinx Observation Terrace overlooking the Aletsch Glacier (Europe's longest glacier) and the snow-capped peaks of the neighboring countries. An unforgettable alpine tour to the majestic world of the Jungfrauoch - the Top of Europe at 3'454 m /11'333 ft. Overnight in Interlaken. (Breakfast)

DAY 17 INTERLAKEN – VENICE (6:40 HRS) WALK AROUND

After Breakfast transfer from Interlaken to Venice by train which will take 6:40 Hrs. You need to change trains at Spiez & Milan to reach Venice. Arrive Venice Station and transfer to Hotel. Take rest and then walk around to explore Venice by your own. Overnight in Venice. (Breakfast)

DAY 18 VENICE - HALF DAY MURANO, BURANO & TORCELLO

Take your Breakfast and explore the famous islands of the Venice lagoon - Murano, Burano and Torcello - on a half-day excursion. You'll see a glass blowing display on Murano, shop for lace on Burano and visit Venice's first church on the tranquil island of Torcello. This morning or afternoon tour is a great introduction to the magical islands of the Venetian lagoon. Rest of the day will be free. Overnight in Venice. (Breakfast)

DAY 19 VENICE – FLORENCE (2:08 HRS) THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA

After breakfast transfer from Venice to Florence by train which will take 2:08 hrs. Expand your stay in Florence with an afternoon visit to the Leaning Tower of Pisa, one of Italy's most popular attractions. Enjoy your half-day visit to the famous Renaissance city of Pisa. After a panoramic drive through the Tuscan countryside, you'll drive along the embankment lining the River Arno into Pisa.

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Your visit begins with a guided visit of Piazza dei Miracoli, home to the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa (exterior visit). This masterpiece of Romanesque art is surrounded by the equally beautiful baptistery (exterior visit) and cathedral (visit inside). You will then have free time to explore Pisa on your own. Or perhaps you would like to take a guided walk to Piazza dei Cavalieri with your tour escort, where you will see Scuola Normale, one of the most famous universities in the world. Founded by Napoleon in 1810, the university has been educating students and carrying out research for nearly two centuries. Overnight in Florence. (Breakfast)

DAY 20 FLORENCE – ROME (1:31HRS) TIME ELEVATOR ROMA 3 D MOVIE & STIMULATION RIDE

After breakfast transfer from Florence to Rome by train which will take 1:31 Hrs. Arrive at Rome station and transfer to hotel. Begin your tour to Florence. Time Elevator Rome combines education and entertainment in such a unique way that you will not see Rome the same again. This is an amazing multi-sensory attraction where you'll Voyage through 3000 years of Roman history, from Romulus and Remus up to the present day in just 45 minutes. Overnight in Rome. (Breakfast)

DAY 21 ROME – HOP ON & HOP OFF TOUR

Explore Rome at your own pace on an extensive hop-on hop-off itinerary through the heart of Rome. The buses are open top which allows you to enjoy full 360 degree panoramic views as you travel along your route. You have the choice of a 24 or 48 hours ticket with which to make use of the 17 stops in the most beautiful, cultural and evocative areas of the Eternal city. The tour operates 365 days per year. Overnight in Rome. (Breakfast)

DAY 22 BACK TO INDIA

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