

## 22 Day Europe Explorer Tour with Flights 2020

London - Paris - Toulouse - French Riviera - Avignon - Monaco - Andorra -  
Barcelona - Tuscany - Pisa - Florence - Vatican City - Rome - Siena - Venice -  
Swiss Alps - Black Forest - Rhine Valley - Bruges - Amsterdam

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From **\$4,999** ✈️ pp twin share

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Roundtrip international flights from Australia included

Modern hotel accommodation with daily breakfast

2020 & 2021 departure dates available

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## Description

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### Visit 8 iconic countries & discover the best of Europe!

Your journey begins in London, one of the world's most visited cities, famous for its landmarks such as the Houses of Parliament and the iconic Big Ben clock tower. We will then make our way to Paris to visit some of the city's most treasured landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe. Travel through Toulouse' beautiful medieval towns and stop for wine tasting. Next you are off to Barcelona, this city is an incredibly rewarding destination to explore on foot, filled with intriguing boutiques and winding walkways in the old town. Then, we return to France to visit Avignon, French Riviera, and Nice. The next stop is Italy, you'll visit Pisa, Florence, Tuscany, Rome, Siena & Venice, immerse yourself in a mix of ancient ruins, awe-inspiring art, and vibrant streets, and so much more!

Crossing the border into Switzerland, we drive on to the Swiss Alps. Enjoy the magical views of this popular alpine region. Visit the Black Forest region with



its stunning fairytale-like scenery. Leaving the Black Forest behind travel onwards to Amsterdam, stopping in the Rhine Valley region for a wine tasting. On arrival in Amsterdam enjoy dinner aboard a canal cruise boat. Enjoy a city exploration and continue on to Bruges - a popular medieval city with cobblestone streets, historic old churches and lofty towers. After spending a night in London, you will fly home with full of beautiful memories in Europe.

## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### Australia ✈ London

Today depart from Australia for London!

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some customers may be required to depart on day 2, to arrive on day 2.

Meals included: inflight

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### Day 2

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#### London

Welcome to London! Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. Your tour begins tomorrow!

Accommodation: Ibis Greenwich or similar, London

Meals included: none

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### Day 3

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#### London 🚗 Paris

Starting today bright & early, make your own way to the tour start-point by 6:30 AM. We leave London behind us at 7 AM and make our way to Paris, crossing the English Channel and arriving in the 'City of Lights' in the afternoon. We'll take you on a driving tour of the French capital; get your cameras ready - you'll be seeing some of the city's most treasured landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe! After the driving tour, we'll enjoy dinner at a restaurant in the Latin Quarter, an eclectic, bohemian and historic neighbourhood. We'll then travel back to the hotel on Paris' world-famous metro system, ready to explore the city further on our free day tomorrow.

Accommodation: Ibis la Defense or similar, Paris

Meals included: dinner

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## Day 4

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### Paris

Paris is yours to explore on your free day! Optional excursions include a River Seine cruise - the perfect way to see some of the city's main sights. You can also opt for a trip up Montparnasse. Towering high above Paris, it offers sweeping views of the City of Lights. Make your way to the Eiffel Tower to see the spectacular hourly light show. There's even an optional cabaret show in the evening! Alternatively, head to the Eiffel Tower, visit the world-famous Louvre Museum, stroll around the streets of La Marias, wander down the Champs Elysees, or head to famous monuments like Notre Dame Cathedral, see Oscar Wilde's gravestone at Père Lachaise Cemetery or venture underground into the infamous catacombs.

Accommodation: Ibis la Defense or similar, Paris

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 5

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### Paris Toulouse

Today we travel from Paris to Toulouse with wine tasting in a small medieval town along the way. Drive past rolling crop fields, forests, pastoral landscapes and pretty towns. The wine tasting will showcase some of the region's robust red wines. Then it's onto Toulouse, the fourth largest city in France. Situated along the Compostela Pilgrimage route, it's known for incredible Renaissance buildings. It's also home to a beautiful 17th-century canal and more. Dinner is included this evening - be sure to try something local.

Accommodation: Ibis Toulouse Gare Matabiau or similar, Toulouse

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

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## Day 6

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### Toulouse Andorra Barcelona

Au revoir Toulouse! Today we head south, crossing the border into Andorra from the North. Grab lunch and then travel onward to Barcelona. Next stop is the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's Catalonia region. Barcelona is renowned for its art and architecture, such as the fantastical Sagrada Família church and other modernist landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudí. Our driving tour will introduce you to a few of the city's top visitor attractions.

Accommodation: Ibis Meridiana or similar, Barcelona

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

## Day 7

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### Barcelona

Today is yours to spend as you like! Stroll Las Ramblas and take a peek at Gaudi's unfinished masterpiece: the glorious La Sagrada Familia. You could also go shopping, eat tapas (which the city is famous for), relax on the beach or head into one of the city's many parks. With its distinctive Catalan ambience, Barcelona is an incredibly rewarding city to explore on foot, filled with hidden cantinas, intriguing boutiques and winding walkways – particularly in the old town. Seek out the food markets too – the perfect place to introduce yourself to the distinctive taste of Catalan cuisine!

Accommodation: Ibis Meridiana or similar, Barcelona

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 8

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### Barcelona Pont du Gard Avignon

Adiós Barcelona! Today we travel to Avignon! Enjoy a stopover at the centuries-old Pont du Gard. The ancient Roman aqueduct bridge was built in the first century AD to carry water over 50 kilometres to the Roman colony of Nemausus. Situated in the heart of picturesque Provence, Avignon used to be the centre of the Roman Catholic world. This has left it with impressive architecture, of which the Palais des Papes is the most iconic. Enjoy an orientation tour around town. See the Palais, the ancient town walls, Notre-Dame des Doms and Pont d'Avignon.

Accommodation: Ibis Budget Avignon or similar, Avignon

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 9

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### Avignon French Riviera Nice

Departing Avignon we head along the French Riviera towards Nice. Drive along the seaside road, stopping over in towns such as Cannes, Antibes, Saint-Tropez, and Frejus. Explore Monaco in the afternoon. Discover top attractions like the Prince's Palace, Oceanography Museum, Cathedral of Monaco and the Casino de Monte-Carlo. The evening is yours to relax or enjoy as you wish.

Accommodation: Ibis Styles Nice Aéroport Arenas or similar, French Riviera

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 10

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### Pisa Florence Tuscany

Travelling back inland, we head for nearby Italy. Have your cameras ready as we visit the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa! Next up is Florence. Here, we'll learn about the city's history and see landmarks dating back to the Renaissance and even the Roman times on a guided walking tour of the city. Snap photos of Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio, the Basilica of Santa Croce, the Florence Baptistry and Michelangelo's famous statue of David – a replica of which stands in the Palazzo della Signoria (the original can be seen in the nearby Accademia Gallery.) After exploring, we make for the hills of Tuscany, arriving at the ancient Tuscan spa town of Montecatini Terme where we'll spend the night.

Accommodation: Hotel Massimo d'Azeglio or similar, Tuscany

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 11

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### Tuscany Rome

We make our way to the country's capital, Rome. You'll be taken on a walking tour of the city, which will introduce you to the incredible history of this unique city, which reigned supreme as the focal point of the Roman Empire. Highlights today include the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, the Roman Forum and of course the Colosseum. On the way to our accommodation for the evening, you can start to plan what to do with your free day tomorrow - Vatican City is unmissable!

Accommodation: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

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## Day 12

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### Rome

Rome boasts ancient ruins, historical landmarks, religious buildings and a buzzing atmosphere like no other. The Colosseum is spectacular, offering fabulous views of the city, and an unbelievable feeling of drifting backwards in time, to when gladiators, chariots and lions dominated the arena. Later this afternoon you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of an optional excursion to visit the Vatican City - the smallest country in the world! Inside the walls, you can visit the Sistine Chapel and see for yourself the famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo, as well as numerous other famous art pieces dotted around the buildings.

Accommodation: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome

Meals included: breakfast

## Day 13

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### Siena Venice

Our first stop is the Tuscan town of Siena - famous for its cuisine, wine, art, museums, medieval cityscape and the Palio, a horse race held twice a year. Explore this town before we continue on our journey. In the early evening, we arrive in Venice, a city immortalised in literature, film and art for centuries! Its timeless waterways and artistic masterpieces (more per square kilometre than anywhere else on earth) make it truly unique – Venice is sure to capture your heart and imagination. There is no shortage of incredible food and culture either! You have the evening free to relax at the hotel or opt to join your tour leader on a twilight water taxi cruise along the Venetian canals.

Accommodation: Elite Residence Hotel or similar, Venice

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 14

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### Venice

Start your stay in Venice with an orientation tour led by your tour leader, after which you have free time to explore this unforgettable city at your leisure. Every visit to Venice should include a gondola ride, which your tour leader can organise for you, as well as a trip further out into the lagoon to visit Murano and Burano. These islands are famous for their glass-blowing and lace-making crafts respectively, and rows of beautiful multi-coloured houses. Alternatively, you can simply relax and soak up the sun on the sandy beaches at Jesolo or Lido. There's also St Mark's Square, The Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to see – and any number of culinary delights to sample too!

Accommodation: Elite Residence Hotel or similar, Venice

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 15

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### Venice Swiss Alps

Crossing the border into Switzerland, we drive on to the Swiss Alps, climbing higher into the mountains to our accommodation in a typical Swiss mountain village in the Jungfrau region. One of the most popular alpine destinations, it's a great introduction to the magic of the mountains – and makes for a memorable drive too. Dinner is at your hotel and afterwards relax, drink, chat with your fellow explorers and grab an early night as tomorrow you can join us on our most popular optional excursion – the Jungfrauoch, the Top of Europe!

Accommodation: Alpenrose Hotel & Gardens or similar, Swiss Alps

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

## Day 16

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### Swiss Alps

The splendour of the Alps is yours today – don't miss the chance to join our optional excursion up to Jungfrauoch, also known as the top of Europe! The trip to Europe's highest train station is a real highlight; you might find yourself pressed up against the windows as the picture-perfect Swiss countryside rolls beneath you. Look out for quaint villages nestled in the valleys beneath snow-capped peaks and tumbling mountain waterfalls. Once we've reached the top, enjoy the year-round snow and breath-taking views of the surrounding glaciers and craggy mountaintops. Once you've had a chance to explore and capture as many photos as possible, it's back down to lower altitudes for the rest of the afternoon.

Accommodation: Alpenrose Hotel & Gardens or similar, Swiss Alps

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 17

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### Swiss Alps Black Forest

Departing the Interlaken region, we make our way to Germany through the spellbinding Black Forest. This scenic drive is unlike anything you've encountered before. The beautiful forest scenery seems to be from fairytales. Tall pine trees, ambling brooks and rivers, and low-lying hills. Stopover at a few of the small towns along the way, including Freiburg, where we'll have lunch. Our hotel in the Black Forest region awaits at the end of our travels for the day, and dinner is included this evening.

Accommodation: Rheinlust or similar, Black Forest

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

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## Day 18

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### Black Forest Rhine Valley Amsterdam

Leaving the Black Forest behind, travel into the heart of the world-renowned Rhine Valley. Stop in Saint Goar and hitch a ride aboard a cruise vessel to Boppard. The scenery along the river is something truly amazing. Vineyards, impressive castles and towers, and thick groves of the forest. Once back on dry land, pop in at a winery for a tasting of famous Rhine Valley wines like Riesling and Gewürztraminer. Next, travel onwards to the bustling city of Amsterdam. Enjoy dinner aboard a canal cruise boat and our hotel is situated in the Amsterdam area.

Accommodation: Hampton by Hilton Schipol Airport or similar, Amsterdam

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

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## Day 19

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### Amsterdam

The day is yours to further explore Amsterdam. Marvel at the sheer volume of artwork available, hire a bicycle to explore the city further, visit the cafes, or simply stroll along and see what the next corner brings. Amsterdam is a rewarding city for those who seek out its best bits. Alternatively, opt for a Dutch countryside tour with your tour leader. This excursion will take you to a nearby fishing village, Volendam, the famous historic windmill neighbourhood of Zaanse Schans, and a local cheese farm and clog factory.

Accommodation: Hampton by Hilton Schipol Airport or similar, Amsterdam

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 20

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### Bruges London

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Amsterdam and make our way back to London via the Belgian city of Bruges. Famous for its beer, waffles, chocolate and moules et frites, this is definitely a good place to be if you've brought your appetite. An extremely popular medieval city with no shortage of cobblestone streets, historic old churches and lofty towers, this is a great city to explore and a good spot to pick up any last-minute souvenirs. Once you've had a look around, it's back to the coach for the final leg of our journey back to London. On arrival at the tour end-point, make your own way back to the hotel and enjoy some relaxation time!

Accommodation: Ibis Greenwich or similar, London

Meals included: breakfast

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## Day 21

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### London ✈ Australia

Check out from your hotel and head over to the airport for your flight back home today!

Meals included: breakfast and inflight

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## Day 22

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### Australia

Arrive home today!

Meals included: inflight only

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- Return Economy Class Airfare from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- International flights with Etihad, Singapore Airlines, Silk Air, Lufthansa, Qatar Airways, Royal Brunei and Emirates (subject to availability).
- Meals as indicated: 17 breakfasts and 7 dinners
- 19 nights of hotel accommodation in twin share rooms with private en-suite facilities
- Modern air-conditioned coach transportation
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excluding free days)
- English-speaking tour guides
- Guided sight-seeing tours
- All taxes and fees
- Incredible experiences as mentioned on the itinerary
  - Driving tour of Paris
  - Wine-tasting in the South of France
  - Driving tour of Barcelona
  - Canal cruise in Amsterdam
  - Wine-tasting in the Rhine Valley
  - Scenic drive through the Black Forest
  - Mountain drive to Switzerland
  - Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa
  - Discover Venice, Siena & Rome!

### Accommodation

London - Ibis Greenwich or similar  
Paris - Ibis la Defense or similar  
Toulouse - Ibis Toulouse Gare Matabiau or similar  
Barcelona - Ibis Meridiana or similar  
Avignon - Ibis Budget Avignon or similar  
French Riviera - Ibis Styles Nice Aéroport Arenas or similar  
Tuscany - Hotel Massimo d'Azeglio or similar  
Rome - Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar  
Venice - Elite Residence Hotel or similar  
Swiss Alps - Alpenrose Hotel & Gardens or similar  
Black Forest - Rheinlust or similar  
Amsterdam - Hampton by Hilton Schipol Airport or similar

### Group Size

Maximum of 49 people.

### Start point

## **Outside Hotel Novotel at Greenwich station**

173-185 Greenwich High Road, London, SE10 8JA

06:30 hrs

## **Hotel lobby, Holiday Inn Express, Greenwich**

85 Bugsby Way, Greenwich, London, SE10 0GD

07:00 hrs

## **End point**

### **Greenwich station**

173-185 Greenwich High Road, London, SE10 8JA

18:30 hrs – 21:30 hrs

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## **Exclusions**

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Personal Expenses
- Airport transfers
- Transfer from hotel to tour start & endpoint in London
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours/entrance fees
- Travel Insurance (strongly recommended)
- Visa(s)/Visa fee

## **Optional Activities**

These are available at an additional cost. Please contact us to add optional activities to your booking.

- Paris City Tour: EUR 50
- River Seine Cruise: EUR 12
- Paris Cabaret Show: EUR 70-85
- An Evening in Montmartre: EUR 40
- Flamenco Show & Dinner: EUR 75
- Tuscan Optional Dinner: EUR 22
- Castel Gandolfo Visit: EUR 70
- Vatican City Tour: EUR 50
- Roman Food Tour: EUR 60
- Venice By Night: EUR 30
- Murano, Burano & Venetian Lagoon: EUR 30
- Venice Gondola Ride: EUR 20
- Swiss Dinner: EUR 25
- Train to Jungfrauoch: EUR 175
- Dutch Countryside Tour: EUR 40

- MOCO Museum & House of Bols: EUR 20
- Farewell Dinner: EUR 30

## Child Policy

No child discounts apply. A full-priced voucher must be purchased for all children travelling. The minimum age limit for children is 10 years old. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

## Shared Room Supplement

Instead of a single supplement, we can arrange a shared room supplement for \$330 per person. You will enjoy your own room in London before and after the tour but during the tour you will be matched with another solo traveller of the same gender. If we're unable to match you with another traveller, you will be booked in for a single room. Please send in an inquiry at [info@traveldream.com.au](mailto:info@traveldream.com.au) or call us on 1300 350 263.

## Single Room Supplement

If you're looking to travel solo and reserve a single room for your entire holiday, the additional supplement is \$2150. Please send in an inquiry at [info@traveldream.com.au](mailto:info@traveldream.com.au) or call us on 1300 350 263.

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