

Best of Europe

Places Covered: London - Paris - Rome - Venice - Salzburg - Innsbruck - Lucerne - Interlaken - Frankfurt – Amsterdam

Duration: 18 Nights / 19 Days

Day 1: London

On arrival in London, you will be transferred to the hotel. In the afternoon proceed on a Half-day sightseeing tour of **Westminster Abbey, Changing of Guard** and the extended tour of **Tower of London**.

Overnight stay at London.



Day 2: London - Paris

After Breakfast, proceed to Waterloo Station (on your own) and enjoy the Eurostar Journey to reach Paris. On arrival transfer to the hotel (on your own). In the evening proceed for **Illuminations + Lido Show tour**.

Illuminations of Paris - An unmissable tour around the city of Paris where you will see and marvel at the fascinating illuminated buildings. Magical and magnificent by night, a drive through Paris with its beautiful illuminated buildings should not be missed by any visitor to the French capital. On this tour, you will be delighted by the illuminated views of the Champs-Elysees, Arc of Triumph, Eiffel Tower, Louvre Pyramid and many more. The tour ends at either the Opera or Pyramid Square.



Lido Show tour - A memorable evening spent at the Lido including half a bottle of champagne and a magical show full of soul. Enjoy an unforgettable evening at the world renowned Lido de Paris. You will be served half a bottle of champagne during the show and will be seized by the unique Parisian spirit.



Overnight stay at Paris.

Day 3: Paris

After Breakfast, proceed on a Half day city tour of Paris including visit to **Opera Square, Concorde Square, Champs-Elysees, Arch of Triumph, Eiffel Tower** (photo stop), **Invalides, Pont-Neuf, Bastille Square** & the **new Opera House, Notre-Dame, Saint Germain-des-Pres**. Rest of the day free at leisure.

Overnight stay at Paris.



Day 4 - 5: Paris - Milan - Rome

Day free at leisure to explore the city on your own. In the evening, proceed to Paris Bercy Train station (on your own) for an overnight train to Rome. On arrival transfer to the hotel (on your own).

Overnight stay at Rome.

Day 6: Rome

After Breakfast, proceed for a half-day city tour to Ancient Rome. Crossing the Quirinal Square, with the Presidential Palace, you arrive at Piazza Venezia at the heart of the city with its Monument to Victor Emanuel II, also called 'Vittoriano'. You walk up to Capitol Square, designed by Michelangelo, and take in the magnificent view over the Roman Forum and Palatine. Afterwards you stop in front of the Colosseum from which point you can see the Arches of Constantine and Tito and the Temple of Venus and Rome. Passing the Pyramid Cestia, you arrive at St. Paul's Outside the Walls which you visit to see the site where the Apostle of the People was buried. Rest of the day free at leisure to explore the city on your own.



Overnight stay at Rome.

Day 7: Rome - Venice

Morning proceed to Rome Railway Station (on your own). Board the train from Rome to Venice (approximate journey time is 4.30 hrs). On arrival transfer to hotel (on your own). In the evening, enjoy a romantic Gondola trip with songs and music.

Overnight stay at Venice.



Day 8: Venice

Morning free at leisure. In the afternoon proceed on a half-day tour of the three islands **Murano, Burano and Torcello**.

Overnight stay at Venice.



Day 9: Venice - Salzburg

Proceed to Venice Railway Station (on your own). Board your train to Salzburg, Change at Villach Station for the Euro City train to Salzburg (approx journey time is 6 hrs).

Overnight stay at Salzburg.

Day 10: Salzburg

Morning proceed on a half day Mozart City tour - Stroll through Mozart's Salzburg and take a closer look at the main sights of this picturesque city. See the Mozarteum School of Music, the Marionette Theatre, the County Theatre, the house where Mozart lived, Trinity Church, the County Legal Courts, Nonnberg Abbey, Hellbrunn Palace where you will have a short stop, the Villa of Frohnburg, the Neutor tunnel, the Festival Houses, the Horsepond, Getreidegasse, the Church of St. Blasius and Mozart Square. You will also receive a ticket for a funicular up to Hohensalzburg Fortress, which dates back to the 11th century and is the largest in Europe, from where you will be able to enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the city. Rest of the day free at leisure.

Overnight stay at Salzburg.



Day 11: Salzburg - Innsbruck

Proceed to Salzburg Station (on your own). Board the train from Salzburg to Innsbruck (approx. 2 hours journey). On arrival in Innsbruck, transfer to your hotel (on your own). In the afternoon, proceed to Swarovski Crystal Museum Tour (Unescorted).

Overnight stay at Innsbruck.



Day 12: Innsbruck - Zurich - Lucerne

Proceed to Innsbruck train station (on your own). Board your train for Lucerne, change at Zurich station for continuing to Lucerne.

Overnight stay at Lucerne.

Day 13: Lucerne

Today, travel by train to Engelberg (approx. 1 hrs), which is just an hour away. Experience the world's first revolving cable car that takes (approx. 45 mins.) you to the top of Switzerland's highest vantage point with a breathtaking 360-degree view. Spend some time in the snow with your snow disc. In the evening you return to Luzern (approx. 2 hrs). **Or** Take a train to Alpnachstad (approx. ½ hrs). Travel up the Pilatus (2'132

m/7'000 ft) by boarding the steepest cogwheel railway in the world (From May/June to the end of September. In wintertime take the bus from Luzern to Kriens (approx. 10 mins.) and continue with the panoramic gondola from Kriens to the Pilatus).

Overnight stay at Lucerne.



Day 14: Lucerne - Interlaken

Rail trip by Brünig Express from Lucerne to Interlaken (panoramic seats in 1st class only). Rest of the day free at leisure.

Overnight stay at Interlaken.

Day 15: Interlaken

After breakfast, you board the train to Kleine Scheidegg via Lauterbrunnen (approx. 1.5 hrs). The famous Jungfrau railway takes you to the highest station in Europe (approx. 1 hrs). A day of fun and excitement is awaiting you in the captivating snow peaks of Jungfrauoch– Top of Europe (3'454 m/11'333 ft). Visit the Ice Cave with its ice formations or else explore the snow on the glacier. You find a range of international restaurants on the Jungfrauoch. Return to Interlaken (approx. 2.5 hrs) by train with an optional stopover in Grindelwald.

Overnight stay at Interlaken.



Day 16: Interlaken - Frankfurt

Proceed to Interlaken train station (on your own). Board your train to Frankfurt (approx journey time is 5.30 hrs). In the afternoon, proceed to half day Frankfurt city tour.

Overnight stay at Frankfurt.



Day 17: Frankfurt - Amsterdam

Proceed to Frankfurt Railway station (on your own). Board your train to Amsterdam Central Station. On arrival transfer to hotel (on your own).

Overnight stay at Amsterdam.

Day 18: Amsterdam

After Breakfast, proceed on a Half Day Panoramic City Tour of Amsterdam. You will be taken from the historical city centre, with its reminders of a glorious past, through 19th century quarters to modern day Amsterdam. A photo stop will be made at one of the remaining windmills. Also the diamond factory will be visited, which commemorates Amsterdam's wealthy past. Rest of the day free to leisure.



Overnight stay at Amsterdam.

Day 19: Amsterdam

Depart to Amsterdam Airport (on your own) for your onward flight or else continue your stay in Amsterdam.

Hotels

3 Star:

Paris: Caravella or Relais De Lafayette or similar hotels;

Rome: Impero or Giada or similar hotels;

Venice: Scandinavia or Tre Achi or similar hotels;

Salzburg: Hofwrit Hotel or Hotel Ausperg Villa or similar hotels;

Innsbruck: Tourotel or Golden Krone or similar hotels;

Lucerne: Drei Konige or similar hotels;

Interlaken: Merkur or Park Mattenhof or similar hotels;

Amsterdam: Museum Square or Tulip Inn West or similar hotels;

Frankfurt: Excelsior or similar hotels;

4 Star and 5 Star Options also available