

EUROPE GRAND TOUR



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19 Days Europe Grand Tour with Flights

Duration: 19 days

Departs: 2023 & 2024

Stay: 17 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour, with flights from Australia

Booking code: EURET19M

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About the holiday

If you've been wanting to explore the famous highlights of Europe, this tour could be exactly what you're looking for!

For starters, you'll cover an impressive eight countries, from France to Andorra, Spain, Monaco, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands.

Peek at Gaudi's unfinished masterpiece: La Sagrada Familia. Soak up the sunlight (and the glamour) of the French Riviera. Experience double-cheek kisses, gelato and espresso in Tuscany and Venice. Smell the fresh air of the Swiss Alps and sit down in Paris for French beef bourguignon.

Don't wait for another year. This is it! Dream, explore and live Europe!

Why you'll love this tour...

- This comprehensive tour ticks the boxes for included highlights & free time
- Travel with a tour leader to get the best insight and tips, plus enjoy guided tours in Paris, Barcelona, Monaco, Avignon, Florence, Rome, Venice & more.
- Delve into history and greet the colourful European culture from one exciting capital to another, while exploring popular sites and gems off the beaten track.
- Enjoy 2-night stays in Paris, Barcelona, Rome, Venice, Swiss Alps & Amsterdam.
- Flights are included from Australia, or ask us about doing the tour on its own.

Travel dates:

Departs Australia

2023 & 2024 - Select dates from April to August

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for travel at other times of the year.

Ask about our special Early Bird options

Call our office on 1300 168 910 for current rates & travel deals.



Escorted Tour Includes:

Flights

- Return economy airfares to Paris & from Amsterdam
- Fly from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

Accommodation

- 17 nights in twin share hotel rooms with private en-suite facilities
- Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room

Meals

- 17 breakfasts, 7 dinners
- Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

Transport

- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
- Any public transport used as part of the tour days (excludes free days)

Extras

- Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip
- All taxes and fees included

Package excludes:

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Package is subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

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Top Experiences on Tour:

- Head out on a driving tour of Paris
- Wine tasting in the South of France
- Driving tour of Barcelona city
- Discover idyllic Avignon on an orientation tour
- Explore Monaco with your tour leader
- Orientation tour of Florence
- Leather demo in a local leather shop
- Walking tour of Rome with a local guide
- Visit the Tuscan town of Siena
- Orientation tour to the heart of Venice
- Glimpse the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Enjoy a scenic mountain drive to Switzerland
- Scenic driving tour through the Black Forest
- Cruise down the Rhine River
- Wine tasting experience in the Rhine Valley
- Canal cruise in Amsterdam

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Australia

Depart Australia for your overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Arrive - Paris

Arrive 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, Notre Dame 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!

Day 3: Paris: Free Day

Paris is yours to explore today! 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.

Day 4: 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.

Day 5: 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.

Day 6: Barcelona: Free Day

Today is yours to spend as you like! Stroll Las Ramblas and take a peek at Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece: the glorious La Sagrada Família. 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!

Day 7: 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.

Day 8: 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.

Day 9: 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.

Day 10: 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 - the Vatican City is unmissable!

Day 11: Rome: Free Day

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.

Day 12: 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 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.

Day 13: 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!

Day 14: 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!

Day 15: Swiss Alps: Free Day

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.

Day 16: 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.

Day 17: Black Forest - Rhine Valley - Amsterdam

Leaving 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.

Day 18: Amsterdam: Free Day

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.

Day 19: Depart Amsterdam.

After breakfast, bid farewell to Amsterdam and make your way to the airport for flights home to Australia.

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

New Safety Measures

The wellbeing and safety of our passengers and staff is always a priority, especially as we adjust to a new world for travellers. My Travel Experience is committed to ensuring your peace of mind with customer-friendly booking practices and enhanced health and safety standards on our trips.

We work closely with tour operators that have received the Safe Travels stamp by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), which enables travellers to recognise companies around the world that have adopted health and hygiene global standardised protocols.

Travel requirements for this tour:

The tour operator is implementing a number of enhanced health and safety protocols on their trips. These additional precautions have been introduced to help prevent the transmission of Covid-19 and to help ensure that travellers and the tour team are as safe and protected as possible while on tour.

Negative PCR or Antigen Tests

Travellers, regardless of their vaccination status, may be asked to produce a negative PCR test or negative Antigen test in order to embark on escorted tours.

Self-monitor for Covid-19 symptoms

Travellers are requested to self-monitor daily before the tour for any COVID-19 related symptoms. Travellers may be required to complete a Covid-19 Acknowledgement of Risk (sent by our customer service team) before departing for the tour, and each traveller may be required to sign a Responsible Traveller Pledge (committing to the safety and wellbeing of yourself and fellow travellers). We advise all travellers to check their home country's rules and regulations regarding the quarantine period upon return from your tour as well as any requirements they may have before you travel.

Face masks and sanitising

Each traveller will be required to bring their own mask and wear it at all (required) times. We ask that our travellers familiarise themselves with the best way to use, clean and store face masks (especially if they are reusable). Travellers should bring their own face masks for use throughout the journey as well as spares. Always remember to practice good hygiene and wash or sanitise your hands frequently.

Adequate Travel Insurance

All tour travellers are required to show proof of adequate travel insurance before embarking on tour. Your policy of insurance is required to cover you and your party against the cost of cancellation by you; the cost of assistance (including repatriation - medical and non-medical) in the event of accident or illness; loss of baggage and money; protection against any Covid-related claims and other expenses.

Please Note: If you cannot provide the tour team with proof of adequate travel insurance prior to the start of your tour, you will not be permitted to embark on day one.

Safety Measures for Social Distancing on Tour

In line with precautions from various government authorities, such as the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), social distancing and face masks will be necessary on both rail and coach tours.

Carrying out responsible social distancing while on the coach and train, during city tours, on visits to landmarks, museums and more, is recommended to help ensure the safety of yourself, the other travellers in your group and our travel crew. This extends to the use of face masks on board the coach and train and where necessary when visiting different destinations.

What if someone gets sick on tour?

All travellers are required to inform their tour leader if they are feeling unwell. Your tour leader will then direct you to a medical practitioner, it is strongly advised that travellers then take all the reasonable steps to ensure the traveller(s) meet all the requirements as laid out by their travel insurance provider.

Travel Crew are Trained and Here to Help

The travel crew, which includes your tour leaders and drivers, have previously been trained for important health and hygiene needs while on tour. In addition to this, the crew will have received additional, in-depth health and hygiene training prior to embarking on any future tours. This training is in line with guidelines set out by public health authorities.

The team is regularly reviewing government tourism and travel updates and ensuring that tours run in accordance with the prevailing public health advice, and recommendations by the World Health Organisation, the Centres for Disease Control, the European Centre for Disease Control, and the Public Health Agency of Canada. We are hoping to make this adjustment to the "new normal" of travel as stress-free as possible!

These guidelines are subject to change as the global situation evolves. The enforcement of certain measures (i.e. social distancing and mask-wearing) will vary in different regions. We will defer to local health authorities for best practices in their region. Check with your home country's policies on testing and the latest travel advisories. It's your responsibility to ensure you are eligible to travel.

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My Travel Experience offers personalised service and unlike other online booking companies, we are not a one-size-fits-all travel agency. Our experienced travel consultants can design an itinerary or provide a quote for wherever you want to travel and include whatever travel services that you want to pre-book.

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MY TRAVEL EXPERIENCE BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please read the following information prior to making your reservation

Our full set of terms and conditions can be [viewed and downloaded on our website](#), or supplied on request from our office. We highly recommend you read My Travel Experience booking conditions prior to making your holiday reservations. This is the contract under which both parties enter, therefore we request that you only make a booking if you agree with these conditions.

This is a summary in brief for our customers:

1. Upon making a reservation with My Travel Experience you will receive a booking form, which needs to be filled out and signed to confirm that you agree to the terms and conditions.
2. Your booking will then be confirmed to you in writing and you will be required to pay a deposit to hold your reservation.
3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
4. Between 21-90 days prior to departure you will be asked to make the balance payment for your trip (the exact due date for your travel supplier will be advised at the time of booking).
5. 10 days prior to departure you will be sent your travel documents electronically via email.

My Travel Experience operates a Client Trust bank account. This means that we do not hold your money. We pay the ultimate travel providers (Suppliers) of your travel services the funds for your holiday. The Suppliers include airlines, tour operators, cruise lines, transport companies, hotels etc. We are required to pay the Suppliers deposits and final payments to secure your booking and in some instances these items are non-refundable.

If you wish to cancel you must notify us of your cancellation in writing. We will then write to the Suppliers to cancel your booking and request a refund (if applicable) for any elements of your holiday that are refundable. You will need to make an insurance claim for any travel arrangements that are non-refundable. If you have any issues during the refund or cancellation process, you have 30 days to contact our office in writing to lodge a complaint so an immediate resolution can be found for you.

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