

EUROPE EXPLORER TOUR



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Europe Explorer Tour with Flights

Duration: 20 days

Departs: 2023 & 2024 select dates

Stay: 18 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour, with flights from Australia

Booking code: EUREX20M

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20 Days Europe Explorer Coach Tour with Flights

About the holiday

Explore the famous highlights of Europe on this exciting and hassle-free tour. Travel through France, Spain, Switzerland and more!

Embark on classic European excursions and see the glittering lights of Paris, stroll through the streets of Rome and treat your taste buds to Italian delights in Tuscany.

Soak up the sun along the French Riviera and see Gaudi's magnificent Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. Marvel at the views in the Swiss Alps and Germany's fairytale-like Black Forest. Cruise along the Rhine River, Amsterdam's canals and Venice's waterways. Exploring Europe has never been more fun-filled or unforgettable.

Don't keep your European travel dreams on hold. Experience Europe this year!

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 local tips & guided sightseeing
- 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 March to October

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for available travel dates.

Let us know if you'd like to upgrade your flights!

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



Escorted Tour Includes:

Flights

- Return airfares to Amsterdam - choose Economy or Business Class flights
- Fly from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth (request other cities)

Accommodation

- 18 nights in twin share hotel rooms with private en-suite facilities
- *Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement for 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, WiFi 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:

- Visit Ghent, one of Belgium's oldest cities
- Enjoy a driving tour of Paris
- Taste local French wine in Toulouse
- Explore Toulouse with a local guide
- Visit Andorra, one of Europe's smallest countries
- Embark on a driving tour of Barcelona city
- Visit Sète in the South of France
- Visit the Pont du Gard, an ancient roman aqueduct
- Enjoy an orientation tour of Avignon
- Enjoy a scenic drive along the French Riviera
- Visit Nice, a gorgeous French coastal city
- Enjoy a perfume workshop in Eze
- Experience the glitz and glamour of Monaco
- See the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Explore Florence, the "Jewel of the Renaissance"
- Explore Rome with a local guide
- Visit the Tuscan town of Siena
- Explore the heart of Venice on an orientation tour
- Admire the views on a scenic Swiss mountain drive
- Enjoy a picturesque drive through the Black Forest region
- Sail along the Rhine River
- Enjoy a Rhine Valley wine tasting
- Cruise through the canals in Amsterdam

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Australia

Depart Australia for your overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Arrive - Amsterdam

Arrive Amsterdam and please catch a taxi to your hotel. Amsterdam is the Netherlands' capital, known for its artistic heritage, elaborate canal system and narrow houses with gabled facades, legacies of the city's 17th-century Golden Age.

Its Museum District houses the Van Gogh Museum, works by Rembrandt and Vermeer at the Rijksmuseum, and modern art at the Stedelijk. Cycling is key to the city's character, and there are numerous bike paths.

Day 3: Amsterdam - Ghent - Paris

Welcome to the beginning of an epic tour through Europe! Meet your tour leader and group at the Amsterdam hotel in the morning. Once everyone arrives, it's time to set off! Today's first stop is Ghent in Belgium. You'll have free time to explore this charming city and grab some lunch. This evening, the tour arrives in Paris and tonight you can look forward to a spellbinding driving tour of the "City of Lights"! After you have seen the sights, it's time to sit down for the first group dinner of the tour before turning in for the night.

Day 4: Paris: Free Day

Paris is yours to explore on your free day. Today's top optional excursion is the Paris+ Tour. This includes plenty of sightseeing as well as a macaron tasting at Ladurée, a guided tour of renowned parfumerie Fragonard Musée du Parfum and a River Seine cruise. The excursion continues with a trip up Montparnasse. Towering high above Paris, it offers sweeping views of the "City of Lights". End it off with free time to explore the Latin Quarter. This evening, enjoy an optional cabaret show or see the iconic Moulin Rouge on an optional evening in Montmartr,e complete with a three-course French dinner!

Day 5: 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 6: 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. The driving tour will introduce you to a few of the city's top visitor attractions.

Day 7: Barcelona: Free Day

Today is yours to spend as you like. To see Barcelona's top highlights, join the Highlights of Barcelona featuring the Sagrada Família optional excursion.

Take a peek at Gaudi's unfinished masterpiece: the glorious La Sagrada Familia and discover the picturesque Palau Güell. Then, visit Barcelona's most famous food market, La Boqueria, before embarking on a tour of the historic *Barrio Gótico* (Gothic Quarter). Alternatively, wander around the city at your own pace, go shopping or relax on the beach! This evening, why not see a Flamenco Show? This optional includes a buffet dinner and unlimited drinks!

Day 8: Barcelona - Sete - Pont du Gard - Avignon

Adiós Barcelona! Today, travel to Avignon. En route, stopover in Sète, a port town in the South of France known for its canals. Take an orientation walk with your tour leader and enjoy free time for lunch here. Next stop is 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. Afterwards, head onwards to Avignon. Situated in the heart of picturesque Provence, Avignon used to be the centre of the Roman Catholic world. Enjoy an orientation tour around town. See the impressive Palais des Papes, the ancient town walls, Notre-Dame des Doms and Pont d'Avignon.

Day 9: Avignon - French Riviera - Nice

A real highlight of the tour and trips to France is on the itinerary today. Departing Avignon, head along the French Riviera towards Nice. On the way, enjoy a scenic drive along the seaside road. Embark on an orientation tour of Nice and enjoy some free time for lunch. Later, visit one of the most glamorous destinations in the world! Explore Monaco with your tour leader later in the afternoon. Discover top attractions like the Prince's Palace, Oceanography Museum, Cathedral of Monaco and the Casino de Monte-Carlo. Head back to Nice where the evening is yours to relax or enjoy as you wish.

Day 10: 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 11: Tuscany - Rome

It's time for the group to make its way to the country's capital, Rome. Arrive and embark on a guided walking tour for an introduction to the incredible history of this unique city, which once reigned supreme as the focal point of the Roman Empire.

Highlights today include the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Enjoy an included dinner with the group tonight.

Day 12: Rome: Free Day

Rome boasts ancient ruins, historical landmarks, religious buildings and a buzzing atmosphere. Today, choose to join the optional excursion to visit Vatican City - seat of the Pope and the smallest country in the world! Inside the walls, explore the museums, visit the Sistine Chapel and admire the famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo, and marvel at the numerous art pieces dotted around the buildings. This afternoon, explore Rome at your own pace. A visit to the Colosseum is highly recommended; offering fabulous views of the city and an unbelievable feeling of drifting backwards in time to when gladiators, chariots and lions dominated the arena.

Day 13: 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 14: Venice

Get to know Venice during an orientation tour led by your tour leader, followed by free time to explore this unforgettable city at your leisure. Want a classic Venetian experience? Add the optional gondola ride to your to-do list today. Explore more of the city on an optional 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. For a sample of the city's culinary delights, join the optional Venice food tour. Stroll through the city, see the top attractions and sample delicious local dishes as you go. Why not enjoy all three optional excursions to experience the best that Venice has to offer?

Day 15: 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. Enjoy dinner with the group at the hotel this evening and get some rest tonight before tomorrow's free day which is sure to be filled with adventures in the Alps!

Day 16: Swiss Alps: Free Day

Explore the splendour of the Swiss Alps today! There is so much to see and do. Choose to join the ever-popular “Jungfraujoeh: Journey to the Top of Europe” excursion which takes travellers to the highest train station in Europe and offers countless adventures at the top. Take in the year-round snowy vistas, including glaciers and dramatic mountaintops, visit the Ice Palace and take tons of photos! Return to lower altitudes where you can enjoy an optional Swiss fondue dinner.

Day 17: Swiss Alps - Black Forest

Bid farewell to the magnificent Alps as more scenic adventures await. Depart the Interlaken region, travel to Germany and enjoy a journey through the spellbinding Black Forest. This scenic drive complete with quaint towns and beautiful natural scenery is unlike anything you've encountered before! Enjoy a photo stop at Lake Titisee before visiting Triberg with free time for lunch. Next, snap a photo of the world's largest cuckoo clock before arriving in Freudenstadt and enjoy free time to explore the town's beautiful market square. The hotel in the Black Forest region awaits at the end of today's scenic Black Forest drive and dinner is included this evening.

Day 18: 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 enjoy a ride aboard a cruise vessel to Boppard. The scenery along the river is something truly amazing. Keep an eye out for the vineyards, impressive castles and towers, and thick groves of the forest along the riverbanks. Afterwards, treat your taste buds to a Rhine Valley wine tasting experience and enjoy famous Rhine Valley wines like Riesling and Gewürztraminer. Next, travel onwards to the bustling city of Amsterdam. Enjoy an included group dinner and the rest of the night is free to explore Amsterdam as you wish.

Day 19: Amsterdam: Free Day

Start today with a cruise along the iconic canals of Amsterdam. This is a great way to get to know the city! The rest of the day is free to further explore Amsterdam. Marvel at the artworks in the city's famous museums, hire a bicycle, visit the cafes or simply stroll along the canals and see what the next corner brings! 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. An excursion to the MOCO Museum & House of Bols is also available. Finally, choose to enjoy a farewell dinner with the group tonight.

Day 20: Depart Amsterdam.

The tour comes to an end this morning. Enjoy one last breakfast with the Europe Explorer group before you make your own way to the airport by taxi or shuttle bus. We hope to welcome you to Europe again soon!

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.

Safe travel requirements:

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

Negative PCR or Antigen Tests

This helps to ensure the safety of travellers and staff, travellers may be asked to produce a negative PCR test or negative Antigen test in order to embark on the escorted tour, regardless of vaccination status.

Self-monitor for Covid-19 symptoms

Travellers are asked 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 will be required to sign a Responsible Traveller Pledge (committing to the safety and wellbeing of yourself and fellow travellers).

Face masks and sanitising

It's recommended that travellers 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. Travel tip: Plastic bags are good for storing used face masks.

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 may be necessary on both rail and coach tours.

Check the current requirements

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. The tour operator will defer to local health authorities for best practices in their region.

It's your responsibility to check with your home country's policies, as well destinations that you will be visiting, on testing, travel requirements and the latest travel advisories. It's important that you confirm your eligibility to travel prior to booking and departure.

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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. 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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