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TRIP ITINERARY

MARCH ON ROME 2010 - 2011

**9 days, 4 countries
London to Rome!**

This magnificent continent has some of the world's greatest locations – no trip to Europe would be complete without taking in the splendour of Paris and the ancient majesty of Rome. With the services of our experienced Topdeck crew, travelling on a modern, European coach, and with a host of like-minded travelling companions take an unforgettable ride from London to Rome via stunning Switzerland!

DAY 1 LONDON TO PARIS, FRANCE

Depart with us early this morning from London and wave goodbye to the white cliffs of Dover as we cross the English Channel by ferry, giving us a chance to change currency and grab any final supplies. Alternatively, meet us at our destination- Paris! The capital of France is a city of lights and love, fashion and food, creativity and culture – in short, one of the greatest cities in the world! After dinner, take it all in on our City Lights tour, where our expert Topdeck road crew will share with you the sights and sounds of the world's favourite urban destination. (D)

DAY 2 PARIS

At Topdeck we believe in giving you as much free time as possible to explore the places we take you to - starting today! A free day to take in this magnificent city, from the breathtaking collections of the Louvre, the glorious Notre Dame cathedral, the stunning Arc de Triomphe or the boutiques of the Champs d'Elysees- just keep those credit cards on a leash! Round off a memorable day with a delicious included dinner, followed by the opportunity to take in a quintessentially Parisian cabaret show, or hop a boat cruise down the famous waters of the River Seine! (B, D)

DAY 3 PARIS TO SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

Today we make our way in to Switzerland, a country so scenic it makes picture postcards spring to life. Our base in the village of Lauterbrunnen is set in a deep valley, flanked by towering cliffs from which waterfalls tumble, framed by the snowy peaks of Europe's great mountain range, the Alps! After a delicious dinner we can always head to the bar for a nightcap! (B, D)

DAY 4 SWISS ALPS

Today there is an option to ride the historic Jungfrau railway to the highest station in the continent, and visit the summit of the Jungfrau Mountain. At over 12000ft high, this truly deserves its nickname, the 'Roof of Europe'! Not to mention... mountains of snow! The rest of the day is yours to explore this most picturesque corner of the world. (B, D)

DAY 5 SWISS ALPS TO FLORENCE, ITALY

We depart Switzerland heading southwards in to Italy, where we have ample time to take in the countryside, culture, and cuisine of this fantastic country! First stop is the city of Pisa, Middle Ages powerhouse and home to the instantly recognisable 'Leaning Tower'. After taking some time to get our obligatory photographs, we head to fabulous Florence. An included dinner tonight gives us our first chance to taste the dishes that have made Italian cookery so famous! (B, D)

DAY 6 FLORENCE

This glorious city is arguably one of the most important in the world, as it was from here that the great Renaissance movement flowered and spread to the rest of Europe. Learn about this and so much more on our fantastic city tour this morning, taken by a local Florentine guide. We can see the magnificent Duomo, or cathedral, cross the beautiful Ponte Vecchio bridge, and immerse ourselves in the legacy of legends such as Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, in a city that is home to around one third of the world's great art treasures. If this proves a bit overwhelming, then we can always shop 'til we drop at a local leatherworks, or unwind with a nice glass of Chianti and delicious Florentine steak! (B)

DAY 7 FLORENCE TO ROME

We take time out of our short drive day to visit the unique hilltop city of Orvieto, before heading to the capital city of Italy, Rome. Nicknamed the 'Eternal City', this is the historic centre of the great Roman Empire, and our walking tour this afternoon with our Topdeck Trip Leader takes in over 2000 years worth of history and a stunning array of sights. These range from the relatively recent, like the opulent Trevi Fountain and the towering Victor Emmanuel II Monument; to the truly ancient, such as the wondrous Pantheon and the awe-inspiring Colosseum. It is a city where the ancient and modern intermingle, and undoubtedly one the world's great destinations! (B, D)

DAY 8 ROME

As if the sights of the previous days weren't enough, this morning there is an option to take a guided tour of Vatican City, the world's smallest state and home of the Catholic religion. An experienced guide can show us the treasures of the Vatican Museums, the world famous Sistine Chapel with its ceiling frescoes by Michelangelo, and inside the world's largest church, the incredible St Peter's Basilica. The day is then ours to explore the splendour of Rome! You could take a tour of the Colosseum or ancient Roman Forums, tread the Spanish Steps, shop 'til you drop on the exclusive Via Condotti...or enjoy a steaming cappuccino or espresso in one of the many typical Italian coffee houses! (B)

DAY 9 ROME

We bid farewell to our travelling companions after breakfast this morning. (B)

IMPORTANT NOTES

- To be fully prepared, download the following documentation from www.topdecktravel.co.uk and go to the relevant Itinerary Page of your trip:
 - * Pre-departure information
 - * Optional Activities
- Luggage Allowance - 1 Backpack plus a day pack. Maximum weight of backpack must not exceed 20kgs. Size must not exceed 70cmx45cmx25cm. Due to the strict weight regulations for coaches in Europe, passengers whose luggage exceeds 20kgs will be asked to offload the excess on departure morning. Storage facilities are available at the departure point in London.
- This is a suggested itinerary and should be used as a guide only. The day to day itinerary may vary depending on the availability of sights and products. Admission fees are not included in the trip cost.
- Please check your visa requirements.
- Check in time on departure day is between 6 – 6.30am
- This itinerary is only valid if you are travelling before 1 April 2011.