

Topdecker

EUROPEAN PIONEER



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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Join us on a European getaway that lets you experience the continent's best countries in just over five adventure-crammed weeks. From bustling Barcelona in the west to the beautiful Balkans in the East, and from über cool Berlin in the north to the glitzy beaches of Greece in the south, this unforgettable trip will have you ticking off bucket list experiences, one group selfie at a time. Three. Two. One. Say, 'Topdecker'!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hostel Plus



Nights



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package.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Visit Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam
- + Walking tour of Monaco
- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + Driving tour of Tirana with local guide
- + Visit the cliffside monasteries of Meteora (entry not included)
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Driving tour of Athens
- + Driving tour of Barcelona
- + Driving tour of Vienna
- + Walking tour of Verona
- + Walking tour of Rome
- + Visit a traditional French perfumery
- + Driving tour of Belgrade
- + Walking tour of Sarajevo
- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Vaporetto ride in Venice
- + Visit Budva
- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide
- + Visit the Srebrenica Memorial
- + Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Walking tour of Florence with local guide

MORE INCLUSIONS

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YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Paris
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

- + France - EUR
- + Switzerland - CHF
- + Spain - EUR
- + Monaco - EUR
- + Italy - EUR
- + Vatican City - EUR
- + Greece - EUR
- + Albania - ALL
- + Montenegro - EUR
- + Croatia - HRK
- + Bosnia and Herzegovina - BAM
- + Serbia -
- + Hungary - HUF
- + Austria - EUR
- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Germany - EUR
- + Netherlands - EUR

Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP
LEADER

DAY 1 | LONDON, ENGLAND TO PARIS, FRANCE (OR JOIN IN PARIS)

All good things start with Paris. Meet the crew, grab some supplies and hit the road early in the morning as we jump across the English Channel. Pinch yourself and Instagram your first selfie before we kick off the trip with a driving tour and picnic next to the Eiffel Tower. Home to Coco Chanel, the Pompidou Centre and the Mona Lisa, Paris more than deserves its reputation as the European capital for all things culture, fashion and food. Now's your chance to find out why.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower

DAY 2 | PARIS

This morning: free time en Français. From the Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay to the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs Elysées, you'll be sure to make a solid dent in your bucket list. Later on, you can stretch those legs on an optional bike tour of Paris, or simply roam the streets on your own. End your day with an optional Seine River cruise or a #throwback bohemian cabaret show.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Traditional cabaret show
+ Seine river cruise
+ Bike tour of Paris

DAY 3 | PARIS

Grab your baguette and go. Run, don't walk. Another free day in Paris to soak up all those Frenchy vibes. Oui oui! Have you ticked off all the sights yet? If you haven't gone fromage crazy just yet, hit up as many local food markets as you can. You can thank us later.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 4 | PARIS TO SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

Trade in Parisian streets for snowy peaks. Home to the highest point in Europe, 72 waterfalls and one of the largest nature conservations in Switzerland, Lauterbrunnen is where we'll be spending the night. Upon arrival, chow down on fondue and hit the bar for a nightcap.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch
+ Dinner

DAY 5 | SWISS ALPS

Scenic hikes and jaw-dropping views are high on today's agenda. Go low key with a mountain walk or hop on board the Jungfraubahn railway for an optional visit to the Jungfrau Mountain summit. Expect fairytale villages en route and skydiving out of a helicopter upon arrival (if heights don't scare you). Another feast awaits your return, regardless of how you make your way back down.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Scenic excursion to Jungfrau ('The Top of Europe')
- + Skydiving
- + Scenic helicopter ride
- + Tickets for the Schilthorn cable car
- + Visit a Swiss watch shop

DAY 6 | SWISS ALPS TO AVIGNON, FRANCE

This afternoon we crack on to Avignon, home of the magnificent Palais des Papes (aka one of the largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings in Europe). Tonight: hit up a local bistro or gather with your Topdecker brethren for a makeshift picnic. Either way, be sure to pair your meal with some local Rhône Valley wine, one of France's finest reds.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch

DAY 7 | AVIGNON TO BARCELONA, SPAIN

On our way to Barcelona, we'll check out the Pont du Gard – a 2000-year-old Roman engineered aqueduct. When we get to the Catalonian capital, we'll take you on a driving tour to see the likes of Montjuïc (where the 1992 Olympics were held) and Gaudi's yet to be finished Sagrada Família. Later: let loose at an optional flamenco show.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Pont du Gard
- + Driving tour of Barcelona



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Flamenco show

DAY 8 | BARCELONA

Who needs the snooze button when you've got a whole day in a city packed to the rafters with art nouveau, alluring accents and (most importantly) tapas? Hit the side streets and alleyways of Las Ramblas, go boho in the Gracia neighborhood, go Gaudí at Parc Güell or give in to your inner football fanatic and kneel to the sporting gods at the Nou Camp.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 9 | BARCELONA TO FRENCH RIVIERA, FRANCE

Get that selfie stick out! We're rolling north along the coast to rub shoulders with the rich and famous at the world's most lavish waterfront property: the French Riviera. Oh, and by the way – we'll be making a pit stop at a traditional French perfumery en route. Later, swap your patatas bravas for hearty French cooking and get ready for tomorrow's adventures.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit a traditional French perfumery

DAY 10 | FRENCH RIVIERA

Hit the beach with the paparazzi posse, or go wild in the designer boutiques in Nice's Old Town. Later: roll with the jet set on a guided tour and see how the 1% live (hint: it involves Ferraris and bathing in caviar). Feeling lucky? Hit the tables at the Monte Carlo Casino and make it rain (or not).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Monaco

DAY 11 | FRENCH RIVIERA TO VENICE, ITALY

Maketh haste to fair Verona, the place where Romeo and Juliet found love. Snap a selfie at Juliet's balcony and join throngs of lovers leaving notes on the wall (or avoid the crowds and just marvel at the ancient arena). Then: say ciao to Venice from across the lagoon as we check into our campsite, have an Eat Pray Love-worthy relationship with an irresistible Italian (meal) and get pumped for living out our own version of The Italian Job tomorrow.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Verona



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Get a personalised trip T-shirt or hoodie

DAY 12 | VENICE

You know it as The Floating City, but this place is actually sinking (slowly). Today we'll check out a who's who of Venice's usual suspects on a guided walking tour (ticking off the likes of St Mark's Square and Accademia Bridge), then jump on a vaporetto to explore the Grand Canal. If that's not enough, you can also hop on an optional gondola ride. Throw away your map in the afternoon and try to find the world's most epic little bookshop, Libreria Acqua Alta, or just go on a mission to find the perfect gelato.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Venice
+ Vaporetto ride



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Gondola ride

DAY 13 | VENICE TO FLORENCE

Stop for THAT photo at Pisa, then make your food baby sing as we roll into the land of hearty Tuscan cuisine and birthplace of gelato: Florence. Whip around Santa Maria del Fiore before tucking into amore on a plate. The evening is yours to stroll along the the Arno River and watch the sunset. #Bliss



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
+ Visit Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower

DAY 14 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Today, it's onwards to Rome. Time to give that bucket list a workout! Make like Caesar (the emperor, not the salad) and work up a 'colossus' hunger as you pass by the Pantheon, throw your two cents in the Trevi Fountain, sit on the Spanish Steps and visit ancient history's version of the Hunger Games set at the Colosseum. Tonight, you're in Disneyland for foodies. Have fun.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Rome

DAY 15 | ROME

Create the ultimate Roman Holiday in one day with a whirlwind of Vespas, espresso, two-cheek kisses and pizza the way it's supposed to taste. Count your blessings on an optional tour of the Vatican City, then play 'I-spy' with two-and-a-half millennia worth of history. Want more? Then you could always shop till you drop on Via Condotti, head to Capitoline Hill for awesome views of the Roman Forum and Colosseum or just kick back in Piazza Navona for some dolce far niente (delicious idleness).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Guided tour of the Vatican City

DAY 16 | ROME TO ATHENS, GREECE

Play connect the dots with the stars or let the swell rock you to sleep as we ferry our way from from bella Italia to Greece. Restaurants, bars, and cosy cabin rooms will keep you comfortable.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 17 | ATHENS

It doesn't get feta than this! Orient yourself as you wander around ticking off the likes of the Greek Parliament, Syntagma Square and the Acropolis. Whatever you do, take the day to get lost – you're free until dinner.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 18 | ATHENS TO MYKONOS

Today we hop on a ferry over to Mykonos (aka 'that island with the cute windmills'). Epic beaches, sinfully good local restaurants and a bustling nightlife. What's not to love?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 19 | MYKONOS

Free day in para-para-paradise. Loving it? We hope so! Soak up those rays and dive into 50 shades of blue.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 20 | MYKONOS

You could totally get used to Mykonos' dreamy backdrop of chalky villages, sky blue churches and laze-worthy beaches. Another free day to spend exactly how you please.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 21 | MYKONOS TO ATHENS

Today it's back on the ferry to Athens for a second dose of ancient vibes. Make sure your camera's charged today – we're taking you on a driving tour.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Athens

DAY 22 | ATHENS TO METEORA

Leave your fear of heights in Athens. We're driving to Meteora, perched on the nail biting cliffs of Thessaly (Google it). Later, round off the day with good friends, good food and some FaceTiming.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit the cliffside monasteries of Meteora (entry not included)

DAY 23 | METEORA TO TIRANA, ALBANIA

Next stop, Tirana! Your Trip Leader will clue you up on everything you need to know about this former hardline communist state. Add a splash of colour to your Insta story today as you take a wander around.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide

DAY 24 | TIRANA TO DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Press your nose to the window and soak up all the stunning views that race past the coach window as we head up Montenegro's coast on our way to the most famous walled city in Europe (stopping at Budva on the way). Later, we'll take a wander around Dubrovnik's tiny cobblestoned streets and explore a few hidden cafés and shops before grabbing dinner and checking out the glitzy nightlife.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Budva
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide

DAY 25 | DUBROVNIK

Yay! A free day in Dubrovnik! Spend some time checking out the residential homes further up in the Old Town for some awesome views, then relish a cold beer on the wall as the sun sets over the Adriatic. Alternatively, take to the turquoise water with a spot of optional sea kayaking around the city walls. This is the good life.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Sea kayaking around the Dubrovnik Walls
- + Game of Thrones tour

DAY 26 | DUBROVNIK TO SARAJEVO, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Roll out of Dubrovnik and into Sarajevo, a city that's still shaking off its tragic past – but first, there's just enough time for a pit stop in historic Mostar. When we reach Sarajevo, we'll show you the sights on a guided tour and round off the day with some delicious local food.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Sarajevo

DAY 27 | SARAJEVO BELGRADE, SERBIA

Gritty but charming Belgrade is up next. Honour the victims of the 1995 genocide at the haunting Srebrenica Genocide Memorial, a sobering reminder of the greatest atrocity on European soil since the Second World War.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Belgrade
- + Visit the Srebrenica Memorial

DAY 28 | BELGRADE TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Hungary for more? Budapest is up next! A driving tour will get you down and Danube (that being the river) with twin cities Buda and Pest. Check out Hero's Square, Parliament House, the National Palace, Fisherman's Bastion and the swanky Andrassy Avenue. Then it's time to meet the major food groups: goulash, cabbage rolls and dumplings.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 29 | BUDAPEST

A free day to take on a city with enough baroque, neoclassical and art nouveau architecture to keep you entertained for hours. Tonight, hang with the hipsters and drink local fruit brandy at one of the original ruin bars. Wanna go one step further? An optional dinner cruise on the Danube has your name on it.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Dinner cruise on the Danube River

DAY 30 | BUDAPEST TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Prepare your retinas – there's gonna be some amazing scenery playing outside the coach windows today as we make our way to Vienna. Don't forget to wave hello to the President as we go past the Hofburg Palace! Vienna is famous for three things: musicians, grand coffee houses and, of course, apple strudel. Classical music fans, opt in for a night out to hear the works of Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Strauss at the Viennese Chamber Orchestra.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Vienna



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Tickets to the Viennese Chamber Orchestra
- + Tickets to the Viennese Chamber Orchestra (dinner included)

DAY 31 | VIENNA TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

First, a visit to former concentration camp Mauthausen for a lesson in the resilience of humanity. Then, on to Prague. Get Insta-happy and seek out the John Lennon Wall, soak up some Czech history at the National or Communist Museum or get a taste of the quirky local culture at a marionette puppet opera (you gotta see it to believe it).



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + Walking tour of Prague

DAY 32 | PRAGUE

Another free day for the win. Snap a selfie at Prague's own Eiffel Tower, visit a miniatures museum, eat roast pork from one of the street vendors lining Old Town Square and wash it all down with a beer. As in, a really good beer. Prague, we love you.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Local beer tasting

DAY 33 | PRAGUE TO BERLIN, GERMANY

Get acquainted with 800 year-old Dresden – a city virtually destroyed in WWII and then rebuilt – and check out the Frauenkirche before we make tracks to Berlin. Prep yourself for currywurst, absinthe and more hipsters per capita than anywhere else. We'll drive you around to see (what's left of) the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Driving tour of Berlin

DAY 34 | BERLIN

Today, why not step out on an optional Third Reich walking tour for a local insight into what the city was like under Nazi rule during World War II? Kreuzberg is a hit for lunch. Afternoon suggestion? Have a picnic at the historic Tempelhof airport-turned-public park. Tonight: explore the city after dark on an optional alternative street art and nightlife tour.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Third Reich walking tour
- + Street art and nightlife tour

DAY 35 | BERLIN TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Start dreaming of cheese, clogs and cheeky café stops as we roll through tulip and windmill dotted fields to Amsterdam. DAM, it's going to be a good day! Learn how cheddar and clogs are made, then get your bearings on a walking tour of the vibrant capital. We're talking the Dam Square, the Royal Palace and the National Monument, so get your cameras at the ready. For the perfect end to the perfect day, give in to temptation and grab a cone of hot chips with mayo. Mmm.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast






INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Dutch cheese and clogs demonstration
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam

DAY 36 | AMSTERDAM

Join 881,000 bikes and get your cycle on with an optional bike tour of Amsterdam's iconic canals, bridges and parks. Culture fiends, delve deeper with a visit to the Anne Frank House or the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum. Still thirsty for more? Check out the Heineken Experience and indulge in a spot of beer tasting. What better way to toast the final night of your Europe Inspired adventure than with a dinner cruise on the canal?

 MEALS:	 INCLUDED TODAY:	 OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
+ Breakfast + Dinner	+ Canal dinner cruise	+ Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 37 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

After all the Amster-damage has been done, it's time to hit the road back to ol' Blighty. Soak up all the happy group vibes you can possibly handle – this is your last coach ride with the gang. #sadface.

 MEALS:
+ Breakfast

Meals

Breakfasts are included every day (except on the first morning). Included meals will be a combination of those prepared by Topdeck On-Site Chefs, local restaurants and places in which we stay.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book, or make note of this in the Topdeck app when you check in (refer below). However, please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs, particularly in Eastern Europe. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu

Topdeck Travel App

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick

together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

OTHER INFORMATION



THAT'S IT!