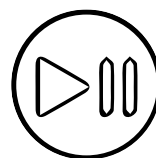




TOPDECKER, meet Australasia (TD)

Forget dashing through Europe on a whistlestop tour - on this laid-back adventure, you'll have plenty of time to get your bearings and soak up the sights. And did we mention you'll tick off the likes of buzzing London, romantic Paris, the towering Swiss Alps and historic Rome along the way? Sounds like a plan to us. Let's go!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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Nights



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Meals

Thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

Ready for the time of your LIFE?
The countdown's on...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – from where to meet your Topdeck fam to what we suggest you bring.

Read them on the train, in the supermarket queue or on the loo – we don't mind, just look through them carefully so you know what to expect on your trip. We recommend you download this document so it's with you when you travel (and give a copy to your MVPs so they know what you're up to).

IMPORTANT: please refresh this doc as close to your departure as possible. This means you'll have the most up-to-date info available.

INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Walking and food tour of London
- Hop-on-hop-off sightseeing tour of London
- Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower
- Local guide in Florence
- Walking tour of Rome
- Walking tour of Venice
- Vaporetto ride in Venice
- Walking tour of Munich
- Walking tour of Cologne
- Walking tour of Amsterdam

YOUR ITINERARY



AWESOME
TRIP
LEADER



DRIVER

DAY 1 | LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

You're in London, baby! Practise your finest cockney accent and say hello to your new 'china plates' (that's 'mates' to you and me). We'll kick things off with a walking tour of some of the capital's hidden gems – stopping off at some jolly marvellous eateries along the way. Get excited – there's a whole lot more awesomeness to look forward to in the days to come!



MEALS:

- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking and food tour of London

DAY 2 | LONDON

Rise and shine, Topdeckers – today we'll be rolling through London in style. How, you ask? Why, on a classic hop-on-hop-off sightseeing expedish, of course. How simply spiffing! Later, take some time to do the city your way. Pub, anyone?



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Hop-on-hop-off sightseeing tour of London

DAY 3 | LONDON TO PARIS, FRANCE

Bonjour, Paris! Who's up for a driving tour AND a gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower? Don't forget to make your friends back home jealous with pics of the delicious food (cue multiple uses of the smirky face emoji).



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 4 | PARIS

It's your first free day in the City of Love, so hop to it! If you're in the mood for an optional extra-Frenchy cabaret show, bike tour or river cruise, let us know - we'll sort it out for you.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 5 | PARIS

Another laissez-faire day to spend doing as you please. Browse through bookshops in Le Marais, sip on espresso in a chic café, or hit the Champs-Élysées and shop till you drop. Or, just eat macaroons till you swoon. Either way, you can't lose.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 6 | PARIS TO SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

Out of the land of brie and on to the land of fondue! Brace yourselves, because the Swiss Alps pack enough amazing scenery to leave you permanently slack-jawed. Trust us – beautiful doesn't even cover it!



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

DAY 7 | SWISS ALPS

Hold onto your footwear – today we've got optionals to knock your socks off! Choose from skydiving, a helicopter ride, a trip down the river or a jaunt to the top of the Jungfrau mountain. Just wow.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Scenic excursion to Jungfrau ('The Top of Europe')
- Skydiving in the Swiss Alps
- Helicopter ride in the Swiss Alps

DAY 8 | SWISS ALPS TO FLORENCE, ITALY

Florence has more stories than Bilbo Baggins, more culture than a Shoreditch hipster, over 1,800 restaurants, and it gave the world gelato. What are you waiting for? Get exploring!



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

DAY 9 | FLORENCE

Get schooled on the Medici family and stroll the Ponte Vecchio (the only bridge not bombed in WWII) on an in-depth tour with a local guide. Then: the city is yours to roam as you please. There's even a spot of optional wine tasting on the agenda if you're keen. We'll cheers to that!



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Local guide in Florence



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Wine tasting in Florence

DAY 10 | FLORENCE

You've got one more day to spend gorging on pizza, pasta and all things stuffed with carbs. Sounds like a challenge to us.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 11 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Today we'll charge into Rome - prepare for the walking tour to end all walking tours! Pass by the Pantheon, throw your two cents in the Trevi Fountain, sit on the Spanish Steps and visit the mighty Colosseum, where gladiators once risked life and limb.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Rome

DAY 12 | ROME INCLUDING VATICAN CITY VISIT

Want more? How about an optional tour of the Vatican? Rise and shine early and we'll whisk you away to the home of the Pope, jaw-dropping artworks and fine-looking architecture.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Guided tour of Vatican City

DAY 13 | ROME

One more day in Rome? Don't mind if we do! What you do today is up to you, but we recommend heading to Capitoline Hill for some awesome views of the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Feeling lazy? Just kick back in Piazza Navona. We won't judge.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 14 | ROME TO VENICE

You know it as The Floating City, but Venice is actually sinking (slowly). Today we'll check out a who's who of the city's usual suspects (including St Mark's Square and Accademia Bridge) on a guided walking tour.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Venice



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Get a personalised trip T-shirt or hoodie

DAY 15 | VENICE

Today we'll jump on a vaporetto and explore the Grand Canal in style. Want even more waterways action? You can also take an optional gondola ride and be serenaded by your very own gondolier. Cheesy photos encouraged.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Vaporetto ride in Venice



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Gondola ride in Venice

DAY 16 | VENICE TO MUNICH, GERMANY

Onwards to Munich, the city where beer is officially considered a food. Why not slide on your lederhosen for a royal Happy Hour experience at the 429-year-old Hofbräuhaus? The recipes here were passed down from Wilhelm V – the Duke of Bavaria, no less.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Munich

DAY 17 | MUNICH

Did you know? Munich is basically the friendliest city there ever was. No, really. 'Munich likes you' is the city motto. Thanks Munich! Anyone for an optional segway tour through the city's welcoming streets? That'll be a yes!



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Bike tour of Munich

DAY 18 | MUNICH TO COLOGNE

Ready to go Gothic? Cologne's got the goods. Take a look around on a walking tour, then climb the 509 spiralling stone steps for 360-degree views at the UNESCO World Heritage listed Kölner Dom. There are also over 30 museums to check out – and one of them is dedicated to chocolate. Just sayin'!



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Cologne

DAY 19 | COLOGNE TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Welcome to Amsterdam! First things first: get your bearings on a walking tour and swing by the Dam Square, Royal Palace and National Monument. Then it's time to explore all that this notoriously liberal city has to offer! Why not take a picnic to Vondelpark? Or hit up the various cafes scattered across the city.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Amsterdam

DAY 20 | AMSTERDAM

Explore this crazy city and make it your own today. Wanna roll in style? An optional bike tour's got your name on it! Culture fiends, delve deeper with a visit to the Anne Frank House (make sure you book this one in advance!), Van Gogh Museum or Rijksmuseum.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 21 | AMSTERDAM

On our last day in the 'Dam, there's a farewell canal dinner cruise to get emosh over. *Don't cry*



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner

DAY 22 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON

Hang up your clogs – it's back to London today. You've got one more coach ride with the crew before we vamoose, so swap those numbers!



MEALS:

- Breakfast

MEALS

Your included meals are detailed in the 'Included Essentials' section of this document.

Breakfasts (usually continental breakfasts) are included every day, except on the first morning of your trip. A typical continental breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yogurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, and cheese – with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast in continental Europe, though on some occasions some hot food may be available.

Included meals will be provided at local restaurants and the accommodations in which we stay. In most cases, table water is provided with meals. If you wish to purchase additional drinks, you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements, we'll make every effort to cater to your needs – as long as you advise your travel

agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book. You can also make a note of dietary requirements in the Topdeck app when you check-in.

PLEASE NOTE: Although we'll do everything in our power to cater to your needs, we cannot guarantee this will be possible in every restaurant we visit. We also cannot cater to tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

OTHER INFORMATION

TOPDECK APP

Feeling appy? Download the Topdeck app and get PUMPED for the adventure ahead. Best bit is: from 45 days before departure you'll be able to chat with your soon-to-be tripmates.

Plus, get your itinerary at your fingertips – so you know where you'll be going and what you'll be doing on each day of your trip. Nice!

Links:

Apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/topdeck/id994727866>

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.FlexiTechSolutions.TopDeck&hl=en>



YOUR SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

We love a good night out – experiencing the nightlife and entertainment places have to offer is a big part of travelling. But alongside the fun it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety.

When you're out late, 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 so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. Make sure you have your 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.

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Customers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana – even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip immediately. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

REMEMBER: if you are found in possession of drugs, not only do you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if they are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you don't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!

- Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home too – so they're sure to know some tried- and- tested ways to beat the blues
- Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (fact!)

TRAVEL SINCE COVID-19

Travel looks a bit different since COVID-19. That's why we've put some new procedures in place to help keep you safe on the road.

What remains the same? Your Topdeck trip will be run hygienically, responsibly, and with your safety at the forefront of everything we do. End of.

Here's the info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/travel-safely>

RESPECT ON THE ROAD

RESPECTING FELLOW TRAVELLERS

Our trips are for everyone. We're a family – and we want every Topdecker to have an incredible time.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow tripmates . The golden rules? Respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation, and treat others how you'd wish to be treated. Easy!

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome adventure AND a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your room towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets, and book tours and activities run by local guides
- Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

Head to our FAQ for more info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/faqs-0>

Got more Qs? Chat with our Customer Service team: <https://www.topdeck.travel/about-us/contact>

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling. Check out our handy interactive map showing global visa requirements:

<https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/latest-border-restrictions>

PLEASE NOTE: some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

TIPPING

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save travelling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it! (As long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is.)

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- 4 shirts/T-shirts
- 2 sweaters/jumpers
- Smart casual evening wear
- 1 rainproof jacket
- 1 warm jacket

Underwear and socks

Swimwear

Snow gear

Towel

Toiletries

Hat and sunscreen

Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)

Insect repellent

Conversion plug

Reusable water bottle



THAT'S IT!