

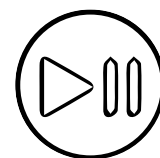


TOPDECKER, meet Australasia (TD)

Is this trip for you? IN-DEPTH. DIVERSE. CLASSIC.

Q: how do I see the best bits of Europe in under a month - with enough time to get under the skin of each culture-filled, carb-laden and life-affirming destination. A: this, right here. From foodie capitals Berlin and Florence, to the mind-blowing Alps (Swiss AND Austrian) and the show-pleasers Paris, Rome and Amsterdam thrown in the mix - you've got two nights in nearly every destination, plus all the inclusions you actually want. It's time to getaway.

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

- Driving tour of Paris
- Walking tour of Monaco
- Visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower
- Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
- Walking tour of Rome
- Rome Metro tickets
- Orvieto Orientation tour
- Venice bus tickets
- Venice shuttle train tickets
- Vaporetto ride
- Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- Walking tour of Prague
- Prague Metro tickets
- Orientation tour of the restored city of Dresden
- Driving tour of Berlin

YOUR ITINERARY

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

Ready to discover the unknown, find your people and experience the new and exotic? We thought so. Meet the crew in LDN (or later in Paris) – we're hitting the road early for our drive across the Channel. The home of Louis Vuitton, ol' Mona and world's BEST desserts – Paris has earned its rep as the European capital for all things fashion, culture and food. Tick off all the showstoppers on a driving tour before tonight's dinner together. This is gonna' be good.



MEALS:

- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Driving tour of Paris

DAY 2 | PARIS

There's more here than over-priced handbags and unoriginal poses under the Eiffel Tower. Trust us. Spend your free day ticking off those bucket list items AND exploring the backstreets. Hunt down the best patisseries in town (ask your Trip Leader for recommendations). Get lost amongst the shelves of history at Shakespeare and Co. Bookshop. Or inject some feel-good vibes at the I Love You Wall. Not a walker? Work the calves on an optional bike tour. Or get an alternate view of the City of Lights with a river cruise. Tonight, go all-out with an evening at the cabaret. Think: sparkling lights, glittering costumes and death-defying acrobats!



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Parisian cabaret show: from €65
- Seine river cruise: from €10
- Bike tour of Paris: from €30

DAY 3 | PARIS TO SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

No lies, this is a long drive. BUT you've got banging tunes and scenic views to keep you occupied – not to mention your sick AF trip mates. Home to the 'Top of Europe', rushing waterfalls and one of the largest nature conservations in Switzerland – tonight we're bunking down in the lush valley of Lauterbrunnen. After dinner, sit back in the fresh Alpine air with a cold beverage. Yep, this is what we came for.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner

DAY 4 | SWISS ALPS

If the Swiss Alps had a Tinder bio it would read: fun-filled outdoor enthusiast – looking for a fellow adrenaline junkie to share adventures with. Swiping right? Hell yes. Hiking. Mountain biking. Skydiving. Helicopter-ing. This place has it all. More of a thrill-dodger? Slip on the Birks and go chasing waterfalls (TLC were wrong). Or hop aboard the Jungfraubahn railway for an optional visit to the Jungfrau Mountain summit. Whatever you choose – you'll have jaw-dropping views for days.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Scenic excursion to Jungfrau ('The Top of Europe'): from 161.80 - 189.60 CHF
- Skydiving in the Swiss Alps: from 390 CHF (plus €50 deposit)
- Scenic helicopter ride: from CHF 195 (plus €20 deposit)

DAY 5 | SWISS ALPS TO FRENCH RIVIERA, FRANCE

Start practising your bonjours and s'il vous plaît's: the sun-soaked coast of the French Riviera is seductively calling our name. The oh-so-stylish "Coast of Blue" is the adult playground for the rich and famous. After getting the run about town with our Trip Leader, you've got the afternoon off to do whatever you want. Indulge in a bit of celeb spotting. Head to the beach for a dip. Or find a local haunt for some seriously good seafood. Tonight, it's happy hour with the gang (happiness guaranteed, discounted cocktails are not).



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 6 | FRENCH RIVIERA INCLUDING MONACO VISIT

Free day = your chance to do exactly what you want. Laze on a sun lounger at Blue Beach. Go wild in the designer boutiques in Nice's Old Town. Or trek up Castle Hill for allll the views. The choice is yours. Later: we'll turn it up a notch with a visit to Monaco. Home of the Grand Prix and the Monte Carlo Casino, we'll see how the 1% live on a walking tour (hint: it involves Ferraris and bathing in caviar). Then, ogle at the superyachts and their perfectly manicured owners along the waterfront. Or hit the tables and make it rain (or not).



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Monaco

DAY 7 | FRENCH RIVIERA TO FLORENCE, ITALY VIA PISA

Bolt to the beach for one last swim – we'll wave au revoir to France after breakfast. First stop: Pisa. If you're gonna' take THAT photo, think of something unique. Please. Then, make your food baby sing as we roll into the capital of Tuscan cuisine and birthplace of gelato. After dinner tonight, take a stroll along the Arno River and watch the sunset. Did someone say karaoke? If you're up for it, join the gang in a battle of the classics at the bar later. Or hunt down a gelateria for a scoop (or two) of the good stuff – what'll it be? Salted caramel? Lavender? White chocolate? Cinnamon? Must. Try. Them. ALL.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower

DAY 8 | FLORENCE

Florence has more stories than you can poke a stick at, more culture than a Melbourne hipster, AND it gave the world David (putting dad bods to shame since 1504). We'll get the lay of the land on an in-depth walking tour with a local guide. Then: take your new-found knowledge and hit the streets solo. Uffizi Gallery. Ponte Vecchio. Piazza della Signoria. The Duomo. You can't see it all, but you sure as hell can try! Tonight, take a picnic up to Piazzale Michelangelo – the sunset is redic. Then, indulge in a centuries-old tradition at Babae restaurant: the only place in Florence with a functioning 'wine window'. We're sold.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Florence with a local guide

DAY 9 | FLORENCE TO ROME VIA ORVIETO

Onwards! First: a pit stop at the hilltop town of Orvieto – to see the grand cathedral and dig into a wild boar panini (unless you're vegan, soz). Then: la bella Roma awaits. Strap in for one EPIC walking tour. We're talking a solid few hours of non-stop sights, off-the-tourist-trail hidden gems and a run-down of almost 3000 years of history. Pass by the Pantheon, (don't) sit on the Spanish Steps, check out the mighty Colosseum and throw your two cents in the Trevi Fountain. Then, you're in carb-loaded Disneyland for foodies so our dinner tonight is gonna' be good.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Rome
- Rome Metro tickets
- Orvieto Orientation tour

DAY 10 | ROME

You've watched (or been made to watch) Eat. Pray. Love. Now, it's time to make like Julia and put this city to the test. You have 48 hours of freedom to explore. Count your blessings on an optional tour of Vatican City, then play 'I-spy' with two-and-a-half millennia worth of history. Head up Capitoline Hill for awesome views. Grab a bite at Lost Food Factory (arguably one of the best sandwich spots in town). Or do as the locals do and indulge in a little dolce far niente (delicious idleness) at a local cafe or piazza. Tonight, shake out those fat pants for round two.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Guided tour of Vatican City: from €45

DAY 11 | ROME

Vespas. Espresso. Two-cheek kisses. Aggressive hand gestures. And pizza the way it's supposed to taste. Here's another free day we prepared earlier. Head to the Knights of Matla Keyhole to see an alternative view of the city. Battle the lunchtime rush for a slice at Pizzarium Bonci. Shop till you drop on Via Condotti. Or stop and take it all in with a picnic at Villa Borghese Park. Thought you'd tried all the gelato flavours? Head to Fatamorgana – and think again.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 12 | ROME TO VENICE

The drive to Venice is your chance to share snaps with your new mates, catch up on some zzzzs and text the 'rents (trust us, you'll be too busy later). We'll park up in the birthplace of Vivaldi later this afternoon. Acquaint yourself with the who's who of Venice's usual suspects on a walking tour - ticking off the likes of St Mark's Square, Doge's Palace and Accademia Bridge. Then, this beautifully romantic city is yours for the taking.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Venice bus tickets
- Venice shuttle train tickets



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Get a personalised trip T-shirt or hoodie: from €21
- Walking tour of Venice

DAY 13 | VENICE

You know it as The Floating City, but this place is actually sinking (slowly). So, make like Dora and get exploring! Need some suggestions? Float past the famous Rialto Bridge on an optional gondola ride. Spend your time seeking out the epic Libreria Acqua Alta bookshop. Or forget all the above and hunt down the perfect gelato. It's your day after all. Later, score a cheap meal at Osteria Al Portego or enjoy a spritz overlooking one of Venice's fuchsia-pink sunsets.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Vaporetto ride



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Gondola ride: from €20

DAY 14 | VENICE TO AUSTRIAN ALPS, AUSTRIA

Order one last coffee in poor Italian (hey, you tried!) and prepare yourself for some I-N-C-R-E-D-I-B-L-E scenery as we make our way to the Austrian Alps. So much more than schnitzel, strudel and The Sound of Music, this thrill-seekers' paradise should have been sponsored by GoPro. Then: take your pick from canyoning, tandem paragliding, skydiving and mountain biking optional activities. Or just kick back and enjoy serenity. Swap stories of today's thrills (and spills) at dinner. Who wins pic of the day?



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Canyoning: from €65 (plus €15 deposit)
- Tandem paragliding: from €144 (plus €24 deposit)
- Skydiving: from €259 (plus €40 deposit)
- Mountain bike hire: from €20

DAY 15 | AUSTRIAN ALPS TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC VIA MAUTHAUSEN

Onwards to the spire-filled skyline and mysterious streets of Prague! But first: a sobering visit to former concentration camp Mauthausen. Learn all about the atrocities that occurred here during WWII before we make tracks to the Republic of Czech (say: check). Our Trip Leader will get us acquainted with this picture-perfect city – complete with quirky clock tower – and point out all the must-dos for our free day tomorrow. Tonight? Tuck into dinner with the gang before we hit the best cocktail bar in the city. Hint: if you want the full experience, we recommend 'choose your fate' off the menu – see you in the morning.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- Walking tour of Prague
- Prague Metro tickets

DAY 16 | PRAGUE

That's right folks – it's your day, your way. So get out there and do your own spontaneous this-is-what-I-came-for thing. Check out the John Lennon wall. Soak up some history at the Communist Museum. Take the funicular up Petrin Hill for allll the views. Or grab a delish roast pork roll at one of the street vendors lining Old Town Square. Fancy yourself as a bit of a hops connoisseur? Don't miss the beer tasting optional this afternoon. Czech beers + tapas = good times guaranteed.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Local beer tasting in Prague: from 800 CZK

DAY 17 | PRAGUE TO BERLIN, GERMANY VIA DRESDEN

Next up? A country where beer is officially considered an essential food group (right next to sausage and sauerkraut). Helloooo Germany! We'll get acquainted with 800 year-old Dresden on the way. Then: Prep yourself for currywurst and more hipsters per capita than anywhere else. We'll drive you around to see the main sights including (what's left of) the Berlin Wall, the Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie and Brandenburg Gate. After dinner, it's time to see whether this city's nightlife really lives up to the hype. Prost!



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation tour of the restored city of Dresden
- Driving tour of Berlin

DAY 18 | BERLIN

You've got 24hrs of free time here - don't muck around. Our advice? Opt in for a local walking tour that's, you know - not boring. Or put that elastic waistband to the test on the ultimate Berlin food tour. Rather explore solo? Head to the Mauerpark markets for stalls filled with stuff you didn't know you needed. Explore Museum Island. Take a ride in a Trabi and see why it's Germany's best-loved car. Or turn off Google maps and simply get lost in the unknown. Tonight, seek out Burgermeister. This place used to be a public toilet (ew) but now serves up the best burgers in Berlin. You know you wanna' try it...



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Third Reich walking tour: from €12
- Berlin food tour: from €35

DAY 19 | BERLIN TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Ok, nobody panic – we've only got two days left. But the adventure sure as hell isn't over yet! We've got our eye on Amsterdam next. Once we arrive, it's time to hit the cobblestones and explore. Check out the likes of the Dam Square, the Royal Palace and the National Monument. This place is a foodie's wet dream – so you'll have no trouble finding somewhere to settle in for dinner. Then there's an option to experience a show in the Red Light district. Or for a more local vibe – head to Proeflokaal Arendsnest for a selection of over 100 Dutch beers.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Red Light District show: from €30

DAY 20 | AMSTERDAM

This is our last full day. FFS don't hang about – join the locals and get on your bike! Check out Amsterdam's iconic canals, bridges and parks on an optional bike tour. History buffs should pay a visit to the Anne Frank House (don't forget to book in advance!). And for the culture fiends – the Van Gogh Museum and Rijksmuseum. Or just get lost amongst backstreets of the different districts – each one's got a unique vibe and plenty to explore. Just make sure you're back in time to toast the final night of our Euro getaway at tonight's included dinner.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Bike tour of Amsterdam: from €14

DAY 21 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

After all the Amster-damage has been done, it's time to hit the road. Blast the Trip Song one last time and swap Insta handles – you'll need them to organise next year's reunion trip!



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!