Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

From Paris to Venice, this trip is the perfect European getaway. Try all of the food in Paris, explore the pretty streets of Florence and fall in love with Tuscany and Venice. Sound good? Yeah we thought so.

WORTH NOTING...
A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

12 Nights
Hostel Plus
Android/iPhone app download info
This is a sector trip.
Hi, and thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck!

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)
+ Visit a traditional perfumery in the French Riviera
+ Italian feast in Tuscany
+ Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower
+ Local guide in Florence
+ Vaporetto ride in Venice

MORE INCLUSIONS
+ Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower
+ Walking tour of Monaco
+ Visit a traditional French perfumery
+ Visit Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower
+ Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
+ Walking tour of Rome
+ Walking tour of Verona
+ Walking tour of Venice
+ Vaporetto ride

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:
Paris
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:
Venice
Europe

Trip currencies
+ France - EUR
+ Switzerland - CHF
+ Monaco - EUR
+ Italy - EUR
Your Itinerary

DAY 1 | LONDON, ENGLAND TO PARIS, FRANCE

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 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, Grindelwald 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 4 | 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 Jungfraubahnen 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

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
+ Scenic excursion to Jungfrau (‘The Top of Europe’)
+ Skydiving
+ Scenic helicopter ride
DAY 5 | SWISS ALPS TO FRENCH RIVIERA, FRANCE

Trade in your gruezi for bonjour as we follow in Napoleon’s footsteps down to the glamorous French Riviera. Try your hand at celeb spotting as you explore the world’s most lavish waterfront property.

MEALS:
+ Breakfast

DAY 6 | FRENCH RIVIERA INCLUDING MONACO VISIT

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:  INCLUDED TODAY:
+ Breakfast  + Walking tour of Monaco

DAY 7 | FRENCH RIVIERA TO FLORENCE, ITALY

Today it’s up and onwards to the renaissance romance of Florence. But first, a visit to a traditional French perfumery. Take THAT shot at the Leaning Tower of Pisa before trucking on to the Tuscan hills. Ready to eat, sleep, repeat in the foodie capital of the world?

MEALS:  INCLUDED TODAY:
+ Breakfast  + Visit a traditional French perfumery
+ Dinner  + Visit Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower

DAY 8 | FLORENCE

Florence has more stories than Bilbo Baggins, more culture than a Shoreditch hipster, over 1,800 restaurants AND it gave the world gelato. Get schooled on the Medici family, stroll the Ponte Vecchio (the only bridge not bombed in WWII) and get an in-depth tour of the city with a local guide.

MEALS:  INCLUDED TODAY:
+ Breakfast  + Walking tour of Florence with a local guide

DAY 9 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Today’s first stop? Beautiful Orvieto, the home of one ah-mazing Gothic cathedral. Then: time to give that bucket list a workout – we’re off to Rome! 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:  INCLUDED TODAY:
+ Breakfast  + Walking tour of Rome
+ Dinner
DAY 10 | ROME INCLUDING VATICAN CITY VISIT

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 11 | ROME TO VENICE

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

Today we say goodbye, we’re outta here after breakfast. Get planning that next adventure ASAP!

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

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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**GET IT FOR ANDROID**

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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.

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

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**THAT'S IT!**