



TRIP CODE:

EEFELL-8

Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Relish a festive escape this Christmas with a brilliant getaway in Europe. Starting and ending in London, this trip makes its way through the wintry wonderlands of Germany, France and Netherlands. Shop in quaint Christmas markets, explore German castles and see Europe at its snowy best - one magical Instagram post at a time.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hostel Plus



Nights



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This is a principal
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)

- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam
- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Visit former concentration camp Dachau
- + Experience the Christmas markets in Cologne

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + English Channel ferry ticket
- + Walking tour of Cologne
- + Experience the Christmas markets in Cologne
- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Walking tour of Munich
- + Dinner in Munich's famed Hofbräuhaus
- + Visit former concentration camp Dachau
- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Dutch cheese & clogs demonstration
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Cologne
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Germany - EUR
- + France - EUR
- + Switzerland - CHF
- + Netherlands - EUR

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**

DAY 1 | LONDON, ENGLAND TO COLOGNE, GERMANY

Meet your Trip Leader and cross the English Channel into Christmas market cheer. Fairy lights, Glühwein and a giant ice cream cone atop a shopping centre - what's not to love about this place?! You have four giant markets to choose from and the one in front of Cologne Cathedral attracts more than two million visitors per year. Prost to new friends over a welcome dinner then head out to see the largest Christmas tree in the Rhineland shine bright like a diamond.



MEALS:

- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + English Channel ferry ticket
- + Walking tour of Cologne
- + Experience the Christmas markets in Cologne

DAY 2 | COLOGNE

Take yourself to church - climb the 509 spiralling, stone steps for 360-degree views at the UNESCO World Heritage listed Kölner Dom. There's also 30+ museums to check out and one of them is dedicated to chocolate. Enjoy that sweet history then sort out dinner at the markets. Indulge in gingerbread, apple strudel and pork knuckle. Head to the Alter Markt for wooden market stalls and live bands playing all the festive favourites.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Experience the Christmas markets in Cologne

DAY 3 | COLOGNE TO PARIS, FRANCE

Big expectations? Paris won't disappoint. So much more than baguettes and berets, tonight's dinner will prep your tastebuds while a city lights driving tour will make your jaw drop. Yep, it's really that beautiful here.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Paris

DAY 4 | PARIS

A free day in Paris to get involved with pastries, paintings and the Centre Pompidou. Bike along the Seine on an optional tour or just flâner (stroll) around and drink it in. Check out L'eclair de Genie in Le Marais (don't ask questions), get your obligatory Eiffel Tower #selfie then explore the world's largest grave at the Catacombs. Tonight, experience the razzle dazzle of a cabaret show or hop on a boat down the river to crank the romance dial to 11.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Traditional cabaret show in Paris
- + Seine River cruise
- + Bike tour of Paris

DAY 5 | PARIS TO SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

Tear yourself away from that baguette - fondue awaits! The vistas out your window today are gorgeous. Unlike the Toblerone box, the Swiss Alps aren't all lined up perfectly, so we weave up through the breathtaking valleys and peaks to reach our destination. Grab your forks and prepare to cover everything in cheese at dinner tonight.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 6 | SWISS ALPS

Hop on board the optional excursion to Jungfrau ('The Top of Europe'), which takes you to the highest train station in Europe. The view is so beautiful it'll probably make you cry. Seriously. Want more adventure? Up the adrenaline by skydiving out of a helicopter, then head back down to earth for some snow angels and hot chocolate.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Scenic excursion to Jungfrau ('The Top of Europe')
- + Scenic helicopter ride in the Swiss Alps
- + Skydiving in the Swiss Alps
- + Schilthorn cable car ride

DAY 7 | SWISS ALPS TO MUNICH, GERMANY

Leave the Alpine temperatures behind and warm up in Munich. It's time to get to know the city. Why not slide on your Lederhosen and get amongst it at the 426-year-old Hofbräuhaus - the recipes here were passed down from Wilhelm V, the Duke of Bavaria. Prost!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Munich
- + Dinner in Munich's famed Hofbräuhaus

DAY 8 | MUNICH

This morning, pause and reflect with a sobering visit to the first Nazi concentration camp, Dachau. After a short journey back to Munich the day is yours. Climb the Frauenkirche tower, watch the Glockenspiel rattle off its Bavarian show tune in Marienplatz or jump on an electric bike tour to check out the city. Burn off that bratwurst by climbing the 92-metre, 17th century St Peter's Church tower. #views guaranteed.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit former concentration camp Dachau



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Segway or electric bike tour of Munich

DAY 9 | MUNICH TO BERLIN

Berlin, we're coming for ya. We'll drive you around to see the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building. Take notes of where you want to come back and visit on your free day here tomorrow.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Berlin

DAY 10 | BERLIN

Join the optional Third Reich walking tour for an insight into what the city was like under Nazi rule during WWII, go on a museum crawl or head to the zoo. More culture awaits on Museum Island, with creative types and memorable meals available in the Prenzlauer Berg and Kreuzberg neighbourhoods. Tonight, no curfew at clubs = get ready for a night to remember.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Third Reich walking tour
- + Berlin Alternative Tour & Nightlife tour

DAY 11 | BERLIN TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Amster-DAM it's going to be a good day! Start dreaming of cheese and clogs as we roll through tulip and windmill dotted fields to Amsterdam. Get your bearings on a walking tour of the vibrant capital and see the Dam Square, Royal Palace and National Monument. End the night with a cone of hot chips with mayo. Mmm.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 12 | AMSTERDAM

Get on your bike and ride! Do as the locals do and join the 881,000 bicycles on an optional city bike tour to soak up the wintery canal vistas before retreating with hot chocolate, poffertjes and stroopwafels. Take on the city's 51 museums (must-dos: Van Gogh Museum and the Anne Frank House). Still thirsty for more? Check out the Heineken Experience for an interactive visit and tasting at the brewery. Top it off with a dinner cruise on the canal.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 13 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

Today it's back on the ferry as we journey back to London. Start planning the next adventure. Facebook friends?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + English Channel ferry ticket

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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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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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!