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MEGA EUROPEAN



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Is this trip for you? MASSIVE. LIVELY. ICONIC

Mega. European. Says it all really doesn't it? Seriously though, this trip is really f**king big. We mean, like, 49 days big. 18 countries big. If you don't do things by halves, this is the one for you. From the old capitals of the west to the re-emerging Balkans and beyond, believe us when we say that the Mega European is FULL. Full of culture, full of food, full of weird, full of wonderful. And when it's done? You will be: wiser. free-er. complete-er. And you won't ever look at the world the same.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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Hi, and thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

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 Paris
- + Orientation tour of Bordeaux
- + Orientation tour of San Sebastián
- + Driving tour of Barcelona
- + Orientation tour of Nice
- + Visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower
- + Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
- + Orientation tour of Orvieto
- + Walking tour of Rome
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Vaporetto ride in Venice
- + Driving tour of Athens
- + Visit the cliffside monasteries of Meteora (entry not included)
- + Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide
- + Visit Budva
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide
- + Orientation tour of Mostar
- + Walking tour of Sarajevo with a local guide
- + Entrance to Plitvi?e Lakes National Park
- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + Walking tour of Kraków
- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Orientation tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Driving tour of Copenhagen
- + Orientation tour of Hamburg

MORE INCLUSIONS

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YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

London
United Kingdom

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Amsterdam
Netherlands

TRIP CURRENCIES

- + France - EUR
- + Spain - EUR
- + Monaco - EUR
- + Switzerland - CHF
- + Italy - EUR
- + Vatican City - EUR
- + Greece - EUR
- + Albania - ALL
- + Croatia - HRK
- + Montenegro - EUR
- + Bosnia and Herzegovina - BAM
- + Slovenia - EUR
- + Hungary - HUF
- + Poland - PLN
- + Czech Republic - CZK

- + Germany - EUR
 - + Denmark - DKK
 - + Netherlands - EUR
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YOUR ITINERARY



AWESOME
TRIP
LEADER

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

Get ready to leave the everyday behind and uncover extraordinary. Meet the gang in LDN-town, stock up on Pringles and pull out the AUX cord - we're hitting the road early for the City of Lights. The home of Coco Chanel, the Mona Lisa and the world's best pastries - Paris has earned its rep as the European capital for all things culture, fashion and drool-worthy food. Tick off all the showstoppers on a driving tour before tonight's group dinner. This is going to be one epic ride.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Paris

DAY 2 | PARIS

This is your day, your way. So, make every second count. Create a solid dent in your bucket list with a visit to the Louvre (book your tickets in advance!) and the Musée d'Orsay. Flash some plastic along the Champs Elysées. Discover the hidden gems down Paris's back-streets and alleyways. Walking not your thing? Give those calves a workout on an optional bike tour. Or soak up the Parisian vibes from the water while cruising the river Seine. Tonight, dress to impress for an optional cabaret show. Think: sparking lights, death-defining acrobatics, OTT costumes and the Cancan (of course).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Parisian cabaret show: from
€65

+ Seine river cruise: from €10

+ Bike tour of Paris: from €30

DAY 3 | PARIS TO BORDEAUX

Don't drink your vino out of a cask? You're gonna' love the next stop on our mega roadie. Bordeaux: where half the city is UNESCO World Heritage-listed and vineyards reign supreme. Get our bearings around this 1200-year-old city with our expert Trip Leader. Then enjoy free time to explore. Dinner tonight is up to you, but you're in France - anywhere is going to be delicious.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation tour of Bordeaux

DAY 4 | BORDEAUX

Less hectic than it's touristy big-brother and way cooler (in our opinion) - today is your day to explore Bordeaux, your way. Need some suggestions? Explore la Cité du Vin: a wine-themed museum, nough' said. Arrange a day trip to St Emilion. Hunt down a local patisserie for all your cream-filled, carb-loaded desires. Or buy some local cheese, a bottle of the good stuff from L'Intendant and picnic like a true Frenchman. Just make sure you leave room for desert - you're going to want to try a canelé (can-eh-lay). Trust us.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 5 | BORDEAUX TO SAN SEBASTIÁN, SPAIN

Peer out the window as we roll through the vineyard-covered French Basque country into Spain. Unload the coach and get your bearings on an orientation tour. DW our in-the-know Trip Leader will point out the best pintxos places along the way. Then the rest is up to you. Join the crowds of beachgoers at La Concha. Jump on a ride at one the oldest theme parks in the world. Or take a cold beer up Urgull Hill for incredible views over the bay. Later, choose your pants wisely - if you're embarking on a pintxos-bar-crawl through Old Town tonight, you're gonna' need a LOT of room.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation tour of San Sebastián

DAY 6 | SAN SEBASTIÁN TO BARCELONA

Onwards to the capital of Catalonia. Bienvenidos to the city of art nouveau, sexy accents and (most importantly) tapas. Get a feel for Barça on a driving tour - ticking of the likes of Olympic Park, Plaza Espanya, the National Museum and Montjuïc Hill. Then: time to put those fat pants to the test at tonight's included dinner. Paella for one, please.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Barcelona

DAY 7 | BARCELONA

Time to do your own spontaneous-this-is-what-I-came-for thing, amigos. But if you need some suggestions, we've got your back. Park Güell and Sagrada Familia are straight-up must-sees. BUT don't think you can just stroll up in there - you're gonna' need to book tix online first. Then: explore the crazy that is Las Ramblas, head into the National Museum for an education in over a thousand years of art, or get lost amongst the maze of winding alleys in the Gothic Quarter. Lose yourself, find yourself, then grab a beer at Els Quatre Gats. Later, there's an optional show on the cards at the oldest flamenco tablaos in Barcelona.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Flamenco show in Barcelona:
from €15

DAY 8 | BARCELONA

There's no way you'd be able to fit everything in with just 24hrs - so, here's another day to do whatever YOU want. Thank us later. Organise a stadium tour of Camp Nou (home to one of the greatest teams in soccer history, just sayin'). Arm yourself with snacks, then head up el Turó de la Rovira for next level views over the city. Or take some time out from the adventuring and sangria-drinking with a swim at Barceloneta Beach. This is your last chance to work out what Ed Sheeran was on about, so hit the d-floor later with your trip mates - we're out of here in the morning.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 9 | BARCELONA TO FRENCH RIVIERA, FRANCE

Start practising your bonjours and s'il vous plaît's as we follow the Mediterranean coast to the glamorous French Riviera. After dumping your stuff and getting the run about town with our Trip Leader, the rest of the afternoon is up to you! 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



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation tour of Nice

DAY 10 | FRENCH RIVIERA INCLUDING MONACO

This morning, you do you. Sleep in. Laze on the beach. Go wild in the designer boutiques in Nice's Old Town. Try all the decorative pastries your elastic waistband can handle - then work them off with a walk up Castle Hill for all the views. Later: roll with the jet set on a walking tour of Monaco 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 SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

Rise and shine. Down your coffee. And wave au revoir to France - we'll be trading ritz and glitz for snowy peaks as we head to the mountains. Home to the 'Top of Europe', 72 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 12 | SWISS ALPS

Wake to the sounds of rushing waterfalls and Swiss-birds chirping (they're like normal birds - but better). You're finally here. So, don't waste a second. Hiking. Biking. Skydiving. Helicopter-ing. This place has it all. Prefer to stay grounded? Slip on the Birks and walk the valley floor. Or hop aboard the Jungfraubahn railway for an optional visit to the Jungfrau Mountain summit. Trust us, whatever you choose - you'll have views for days.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 13 | SWISS ALPS TO FLORENCE, ITALY VIA PISA

Buy that fondue set for mum and take one last wistful glance at the Alps - we're hitting the frog and toad after breakfast. First stop: Pisa. Think of a creative pose for THAT photo (please). Then, make your food baby sing as we roll into the capital of Tuscan cuisine. You've got free time to stroll along the Arno River and watch the sunset, before hunting down a local restaurant for dinner. Did someone say karaoke? If you're feeling it, join the gang in a battle of the classics at the bar later.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower

DAY 14 | FLORENCE

Florence has more stories than you can poke a stick at, more culture than a Fitzroy hipster, AND it gave the world gelato - praise be. 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, catch the epic sunset from Piazzale Michelangelo. Trust us, this is what you came for.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Florence with a local guide

DAY 15 | 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 a vegetarian, sorry). Then: la bella Roma awaits. Strap on your Nikes, fill up your water bottle and pack your anti-chafing cream - today's walking tour is one for the books. 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, throw our two cents in the Trevi Fountain, (don't) sit on the Spanish Steps and wind things up under the shadow of the mighty Colosseum. Epic doesn't even cut it. Then, you're in Disneyland for foodies so our dinner tonight is guaranteed to be good.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Rome
- + Rome metro tickets
- + Orientation tour of Orvieto

DAY 16 | ROME

You've got 24 hours to live out all your Lizzie McGuire Movie fantasies. Get out there and do your own, spontaneous, this-is-what-you-came-for thing. But if you need some local tips, we've got your back. Hike up Capitoline Hill for awesome views of the Roman Forum and Colosseum. 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. Hunt down the Mouth of Truth. Or simply do as the locals do and indulge in a little dolce far niente (delicious idleness) at a local cafe. Tonight, shake out those fat pants for round two.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Guided tour of Vatican City:
from €45

DAY 17 | ROME TO VENICE

No lies - we have a long drive today. Now is the 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 later in Venice - home to over 400 bridges and birthplace of Vivaldi. Acquaint yourself with the 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
- + Walking tour of Venice



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Get a personalised trip T-shirt
or hoodies: from €21

DAY 18 | 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 trip 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 down the Grand
Canal: from €20

DAY 19 | VENICE TO ATHENS, GREECE VIA OVERNIGHT FERRY

Truth bomb alert: you've got a bit of a drive from Venice to Ancona today (where we'll swap the coach for a ferry). BUT once we're on board you're gonna' have a twin room with an ensuite for the ride. Plus you've got your awesome AF trip mates to keep you entertained. And when you wake up? You're in Greece - heck, yes!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 20 | ATHENS

Spartans, assemble. We'll dock at Patras and roll on to the ancient capital of Athens. Tick off your ancient (and not-so-ancient) must-sees today on a driving tour. The Museum of the City of Athens. Hotel Grand Bretagne. National Garden. Hadrian's Arch. Temple of Olympian Zeus. Panathinaiko Stadium. The Unknown Soldier's Tomb. The Acropolis. We'll see it all. Tonight, brace yourself for the best souvlaki outside Olympus at dinner tonight.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Athens

DAY 21 | ATHENS TO MYKONOS

This morning's an early one - but it's going to be oh' so worth it! If Athens invented democracy, Mykonos pioneered the beach party that followed. Take a wander to the windmills, check out the white-washed shop fronts of Old Town and make a mental note of all the beachfront cocktail bars to check out later. Then: tonight's plans are up to you! Ever heard of Paradise Beach? It's where Europe goes to party. 'Nough said.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 22 | MYKONOS

Sore head this morning? DW we've got the cure - a free day lazing on Mykonos' sun-soaked beaches. If you're up for it, why not arrange a trip to Delos Island to check out the birthplace of the sun god Apollo. Or head to Giora's Wood Medieval Bakery for pastries that legit melt in your mouth. You've got 48 hours on paradise - make the most of it!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 23 | MYKONOS

Swim. Souvlaki. Siesta. Swim again. Today is 100% up to you. Have you checked out Paradise Beach by day? Take the short hike from Platis Gialos along the south coast of the island. The views are worth the sweaty back. Trust us. Then cool down with a dip or hire a paddleboard. This is your last night here, so gather the gang for gyros and bíras on the beachfront.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 24 | MYKONOS TO ATHENS

Whip out your camera and snap one last pic - we'll be back in Athens before you know it! You've got free time this afternoon to do your own thing. Our suggestion? Check out the Byzantine churches in Plaka or hit up the flea markets in Monastiraki. After stuffing your face with yet another souvlaki for dinner, head to Lukumades for a second fill of Greek donuts. Mmm donuts.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 25 | ATHENS TO METEORA

Suffer from acrophobia? Better keep your eyes closed for this one. Today we're leaving Athens behind to visit the monasteries of Meteora - perched high atop the nail-biting cliffs of Thessaly. If you're interested, pay the entrance for the Grand or Varlaam Monasteries and explore a little deeper (pssst wear a long skirt, ladies). Or just stop and enjoy the moment. The view from up here is pretty epic. Tonight, enjoy a bit of 'me-time' after a hectic first half of the trip.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 26 | METEORA TO TIRANA, ALBANIA

What happens when you paint a former communist capital in vivid colours? According to Tirana's artist-turned-mayor-turned-TED speaker Edi Rama, people start paying taxes and crime rates plummet. True story. Say hello to our local guide when we tick off the main sights on a driving tour. Then: make sure you check out the crazy number of old bunkers here. Later, we'll quiz each other's newfound historical knowledge at dinner tonight.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide

DAY 27 | TIRANA TO DUBROVNIK, CROATIA VIA BUDVA, MONTENEGRO

Press your nose to the window and soak up all the stunning views racing past the coach window as we make our way to the most famous walled city in Europe. But first: a quick stop in Budva - the 'Miami of Montenegro'. Three countries in one day? Only with us. This afternoon, we'll take a wander around Dubrovnik's tiny cobblestoned streets with a local guide - before tucking into dinner at a local haunt.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 28 | DUBROVNIK

Don't be fooled. Dubrovnik is so much more than snapping a selfie on some steps. Although, you can totally get your fill of GOT with an optional Cersei-themed tour today. Rather take to the water? Sign up to a sea kayaking excursion - swim stops at the island of Lokrum included. Get your fix of awesome views with a stroll along the ancient city walls or take the cable car up Mt Sr?. Then tonight: hit the d-floor at Revelin nightclub. Did we mention it's in a 16th-century fortress?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Sea kayaking around the ancient City Walls of Dubrovnik: from HRK 230
- + Game of Thrones tour in Dubrovnik: from €15

DAY 29 | DUBROVNIK

Shake the confetti from your hair - you've got another full day of exploring to do. Didn't get round to ticking everything off your bucket list? Now's your chance. If you're feeling up to it - make the climb to Lovrijenac for the best views over Dubrovnik Old Town. Or take your towel, SPF and shake off that hangover at Banje Beach. Later, you can head to Buža Bar for relaxed cliffside bevies at sunset. Or find a local wine bar to sample Croatia's delicious grape-juice. Have you tried peka yet? Go. Now.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 30 | DUBROVNIK TO SARAJEVO, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA VIA MOSTAR

Shake off the crowds of Dubrovnik in up-and-coming Sarajevo - a city that's shaking off its tragic past. But first: a quick stop in Mostar to see THAT bridge (and the Red Bull-style-bridge-jumpers). Our Trip Leader will give us the lay of the land as we drive into Sarajevo. Then: you've got some free time before dinner to explore. Our suggestion? Head to Bascarsija - an Ottoman-influenced 15th century bazaar and cultural heart of the city.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation tour of Mostar

DAY 31 | SARAJEVO

You wanted the freedom to discover the unknown. So, this is your chance to explore one of Europe's most underrated cities. But DW, our guide will give us some local insight with a walk around the Sarajevo Museum, Gazi Husrev-Beg's Bezistan, the Latin Bridge and Sebilj Fountain. Then: it's your turn to hit the streets. Check out the Sarajevo Roses - resin-filled memorials to the Siege of Sarajevo. Marvel at Vije'nica's amazing stained-glass ceiling. Head to Sevdah Art House and tuck into Bosnian coffee and pastries as you learn about the history of traditional Sevdah music (it's folksy). Or hike up to Yellow Bastion Hill for the best views over the city. Later, find a local restaurant and fill up on ? evapi, washed down with a glass of bambus (wine + coke - don't knock it until you try it).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Sarajevo with a local guide

DAY 32 | SARAJEVO TO PLITVICE, CROATIA

Say sayonara to Sarajevo after breakfast, we're headed to the little slice of paradise known as Plitvice. Unless you've been living under an Instagram-less rock, you might recognise this place for its #wanderlust National Park - which we're going to explore tomorrow. At the accommodation, we'll enjoy some free time for R&R. You're gonna' need it. Trust us.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 33 | PLITVICE, CROATIA TO LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Made up of 16 lakes connected by streams and waterfalls and surrounded by 300 square kilometres of national park, Plitvice Lakes didn't make it onto the UNESCO World Heritage list for nothing. Have the whole morning to explore this maze of natural serenity. Then: onwards to Slovenia's capital of Ljubljana. Try pronouncing it, go on we dare you. After a quick stroll around the Old Town, you're free to explore the underground art installations and live music scene on your own.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Entrance to Plitvice Lakes National Park

DAY 34 | LJUBLJANA INCLUDING LAKE BLEED

The Ljubljana Castle has been waiting for you since Celtic times - so don't keep it waiting any longer. Later, we'll jump aboard the coach for a family outing to Lake Bled. You've heard of this one, surely. Take a stroll around the glistening blue lake. Go for a refreshing dip. Or hire a boat across to the island and ring the wishing bell. You wished for more wishes, didn't you? Back in L-Town, gear up for round two of hip bars and restaurants.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 35 | LJUBLJANA TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Our Ljubljana love affair was short but oh-so-sweet. Up next? The twin cities of Buda and Pest. We'll be chauffeured past the Chain Bridge, Castle District, Gellert Hotel, Heroes' Square and House of Terror on a driving tour of the city. Then: go one step further with an included dinner cruise down the Danube - Buda Castle and House of Parliament look even better lit up like Christmas. Trust us.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Budapest

+ Danube dinner cruise

DAY 36 | BUDAPEST

A free day to experience everything this firecracker of a city has to offer. Check out the Central Market Hall. Explore the Jewish Quarter. Play pinball at the Flippermúzeum. Hunt down the Anonymous Statue. Soak in the therapeutic waters of the Széchenyi Thermal Baths. Tonight, hang with the hipsters and drink local fruit brandy at one of the original ruin bars. Maybe even sample a pickled carrot or two (random? yep, but they're a thing).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 37 | BUDAPEST TO KRAKÓW, POLAND

Legend has it a dragon had to be defeated in order for Kraków to be built. And you thought your local council was tough! Get acquainted with Poland's beating heart on a walking tour - complete with an introduction to the city's resident dragon. Then? Take Fleetwood's advice and go your own way. Top up your history knowledge at Wawel Castle, explore the hip cafes and boutiques in the Jewish Quarter, head to Schindler's Museum (prepare to queue) or find a local haunt and tuck into a piled-high plate of pierogi.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Kraków

DAY 38 | KRAKÓW

It's your day to delve deeper - need some suggestions? Head to Hamsa in the heart of the Jewish Quarter for some 'Hummus and Happiness', shop for the 'Gold of the Baltic' in the UNESCO-listed Cloth Hall. Or do as the locals do and head to Okr?glak for some drool-worthy street food - Zapiekanki is a must! Then: it's time to refine your vodka-palette on an optional tasting tour. Learn the history behind Polish vodka and sample a few uniquely-flavoured varieties as you go. Refuse to drink it without Red Bull? There's plenty of local haunts to pull into for a tasting of the local beer instead. And if things get out of hand, Przystanek is a 24hr pierogi place - just sayin'.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Vodka tasting: from PLN 149

DAY 39 | KRAKÓW TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Onwards to the spire-filled skyline and mysterious streets of Prague! 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 a delish dinner with the gang. Later, head to the best bar in the city: The Alchemist. An old-school venue, with bloody delicious cocktails. Hint: if you want the full experience, ask for the 'choose your fate' - we'll see you in the morning.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Prague

+ Prague metro tickets

DAY 40 | PRAGUE

Another day done completely your way. Trust us, there's plenty to Czech out (ha!). Seek out the John Lennon wall. Soak up some history at the Communist Museum. Take the funicular up Petrin Hill for all the views. Check out what the Dancing House is all about. Or grab a delish roast pork roll at one of the street vendors lining Old Town Square. Fancy yourself as a bit of a beer connoisseur? Don't miss the beer tasting optional this afternoon. 11 different Czech beers + tapas = good times all around.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

+ Local beer tasting in Prague:
from 800 CZK

DAY 41 | PRAGUE TO BERLIN, GERMANY VIA DRESDEN

From one beer capital to the next. Get acquainted with 800 year-old Dresden - a city virtually destroyed in WWII and then rebuilt - before we make tracks to Berlin. 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, Museum Island, the Holocaust Museum and Alexanderplatz. Then: tonight dinner is on us. Prost!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 42 | BERLIN

You've got 48hrs here. Make the most of it. Our advice? Opt in for a historic walking tour that's actually interesting. You'll get a local insight into what the city was like under Nazi rule and tick off the likes of the Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie and Brandenburg Gate. Plus, all the insider tips on how to spend the rest of your free day. Or put those elastic waistbands to the ultimate test on a locally-led food tour. We're talking kebabs, pastries, more currywurst, pierogi and local beers (of course). Regroup with the gang later to see whether this city's nightlife really lives up to the hype.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 43 | BERLIN

Didn't tick everything off? We've got your back - here's another free day we prepared earlier. 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 - who knows what you might find? Tonight, seek out Burgermeister. This place used to be a public toilet (ew) but now serves up the best burgers in Berlin (yum). You know you wanna try it....



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 44 | BERLIN TO COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Thinking of relocating? Today we're going to find out why Copenhagen keeps popping up among the Top 5 Most Liveable Cities in the World. After a short ferry ride, we'll tick off the likes of Tivoli Gardens, City Hall, Nyhavn and the National Museum of Denmark on a driving tour. Take a stroll along the waterfront, hear the REAL story of the Little Mermaid (her statue is here) and hum Under the Sea while you hunt down a not-too-'spennie restaurant for dinner.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Copenhagen

DAY 45 | COPENHAGEN

When in doubt, do as the locals do - hire a bike and explore this chilled-out Scandi city on two wheels. Spend some time wandering the waterfront in Nyhavn. Tuck into a smorgasbord of Nordic cuisine. Take a dip in the clean canals (clothing optional). Discover the city's thriving craft beer scene. Or spend the day at one of the many museums. Tivoli Gardens is not only the 2nd oldest theme park in the world, it's also the most beautiful (according to us). Time it right, and you can take in the sunset from the top of the giant chair swing. Cue: goose bumps. For dinner tonight, head to Gasoline Grill - the definition of 'don't judge a book by its cover'.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 46 | COPENHAGEN TO HAMBURG, GERMANY

With more bridges than Venice and Amsterdam combined, no skyscrapers (shook) and the first zoo with no enclosures, Hamburg is one of the hippest cities in Europe. Trust us. Get past the kinda' grey first impression and you'll uncover a city teeming with fascinating culture, a strong beer hall scene and more quirky cafes than you can order a matcha latte at. Take a stroll with your expert Trip Leader to tick off St Nikolai Church, Rathaus, Chilehaus and Miniatur Wunderland. Then: head to Sternschanze for a night out with the gang. Seriously, The Beatles started here so it's bound to be good.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation tour of Hamburg

DAY 47 | HAMBURG TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Ok, nobody panic - the adventure is coming to a close. But we're not done yet! Set the course for Amsterdam and use your free time to check out the likes of the Dam Square, the Royal Palace and the National Monument. This place is a foodie's haven so you'll have no issues finding somewhere to quench your munchies. Give into temptation and grab a cone of hot chips with mayo. Mmm. Later, there's an option to experience a show in the Red Light district. Or for a more local experience - head to a canal-side brewery.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Red Light District show: from
€30

DAY 48 | AMSTERDAM

You can't be serious - 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 if you're wanting a more local vibe, head to Hannekes Boom for waterfront views, good food and all-round good vibes. Top tip: head to Brouwerij 't Microbrewery - a bar inside a windmill serving up craft beers and cheese-laden tapas. Just make sure you're back in time to toast the final night of our MEGA European adventure at tonight's group dinner.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam: from €14

DAY 49 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND (OR FINISH IN AMSTERDAM)

49 days. 20 countries. Countless thrills, spills and good times. One f*cking huge adventure. You embraced it all and shared the ride with a bunch of strangers who are now like family. But it's time to hit the road back to ol' Blighty. Reunion trip next year?



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.

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).

TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing better.

PLEASE NOTE: The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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PASSENGER SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

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.

RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

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

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers 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. 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 could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn'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 again.

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 of 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 (trust us).

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 holiday AND have 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 hotel 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!

OTHER INFORMATION

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.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance.

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 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.

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.

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!