

Topdeck

EUROPE EXPRESS



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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

#Topdecker, meet Europe. Take in all the major highlights this fabulous continent has to offer (as well as some tucked-away gems), and discover why countries like France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany and the Netherlands are featured on everyone's Pinterest boards. The perfect trip for those who are big on ambition but short on time, the Europe Express will have you ticking off bucket list items faster than you can say 'group selfie'. Let's go!

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)

- + Walking tour of Munich
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Visit former concentration camp Dachau
- + Vaporetto ride in Venice
- + Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Stay in the scenic Rhine Valley castle region

MORE INCLUSIONS

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- + Orientation tour of Amsterdam

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Paris
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

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

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**

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, Interlaken 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 Jungfraubahn 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
+ White Water Rafting on River Lütschine

DAY 5 | SWISS ALPS TO VENICE, ITALY

Hand back the skis and yodel your way down the mountains into the land of the long boot. Then: say ciao to Venice! After checking into our accommodation, we'll 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



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Get a personalised trip T-shirt or hoodie

DAY 6 | 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 7 | VENICE TO MUNICH, GERMANY

First today: a sobering visit to former concentration camp Dachau. Then: it's time to get to know the city where beer is officially considered a food. Your Trip Leader will clue you up on the Bavarian capital on a walking tour. Then: slide on your lederhosen and have a royal Happy Hour experience (none of that craft beer nonsense here) at the 428-year-old Hofbräuhaus. Did you know that the recipes here were passed down from Wilhelm V, the Duke of Bavaria? You do now!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit former concentration camp Dachau
- + Walking tour of Munich

DAY 8 | MUNICH TO RHINE VALLEY

Medieval castles, vineyards and the mighty Rhine River are all up next – so make sure to breathe in as we weave our way through narrow cobblestone streets and tunnels on our way there. Besides its obvious appeal (fairytale views over the Rhine, anyone?), half of Germany's wine comes from here. Shame not to try some...



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Stay in the scenic Rhine Valley castle region



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Rhine Valley river cruise

DAY 9 | RHINE VALLEY TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Start dreaming of cheese, clogs and cheeky café stops as we roll through tulip and windmill dotted fields to Amsterdam. DAM it's going to be a good day! Learn how cheese and clogs are made, then get your bearings on a walking tour of the vibrant capital. We're talking the Dam Square, the Royal Palace and the National Monument, so get your cameras at the ready. For the perfect end to the perfect day, give in to temptation and grab a cone of hot chips with mayo. Mmm.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Dutch cheese and clogs demonstration
- + Orientation tour of Amsterdam

DAY 10 | AMSTERDAM

Join 881,000 bikes and get your cycle on with an optional bike tour of Amsterdam's iconic canals, bridges and parks. Culture fiends, delve deeper with a visit to the Anne Frank House or the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum. Still thirsty for more? Check out the Heineken Experience and indulge in a spot of beer tasting.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 11 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

After all the Amster-damage has been done, it's time to hit the road back to ol' Blighty. Soak up all the happy group vibes you can possibly handle – this is your last coach ride with the gang. #sadface.



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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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!