

Topdeck

WESTERN CORNERS



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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Go west on this awesome adventure that crosses through some of Europe's most Pinterest-worthy sights. Practise your salsa in Spain? Sure thing. Frolic amidst the streets of France? No worries. Sample spaghetti in Italy? You got it. This wicked trip will ensure you get to experience the very best of Western Europe, Topdeck style.

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



Hostel Plus



Nights



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This is a sector trip.

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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)

- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Visit the Loire Valley
- + Bordeaux winery tour and tasting
- + Local guide in Florence

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + English Channel crossing
- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Wine tasting at Château du Taillan
- + Driving tour of Madrid
- + Walking tour of Valencia
- + Driving tour of Barcelona
- + Walking tour of Marseille
- + Walking tour of Florence with local guide
- + Walking tour of Rome

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Paris
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Rome
Europe

Trip currencies

- + France - EUR
- + Spain - EUR
- + Italy - EUR
- + Vatican City - EUR

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**



DRIVER

DAY 1 | LONDON, ENGLAND TO PARIS, FRANCE

We're hopping over the English Channel to brush up on our bonjours. Top Deckers, meet Paris! Tonight you'll treat the taste buds with your first French meal at our included dinner. Then it's off on a driving tour to see the City of Light at its best and play landmark bingo with the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ English Channel crossing
+ Driving tour of Paris

DAY 2 | 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 soak up the atmosphere. 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 (both optional). Ooh là là!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 3 | PARIS TO BORDEAUX

Today we roll on to the port city of Bordeaux, where half the city is UNESCO World Heritage listed and vineyards reign supreme. Stroll amid the royal residences of Château de Chambord, the largest château in the Loire Valley, and learn why the divine French Renaissance architecture is one of the most recognisable in the world.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Visit Château de Chambord

DAY 4 | BORDEAUX

Wander the picturesque streets on your free day here, with special stops at Cathédrale St-André, Musée des Beaux-Arts and the Jardin Public. After, embrace France's finest #cafélife and try some amazing wine. Obsv. You're in the world's most renowned wine-growing region after all.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 5 | BORDEAUX TO BILBAO, SPAIN

First stop: a visit to the family-run estate, Château du Taillan, one of the most attractive vineyards in the Gironde. Here, explore the unique underground cellars, which are now listed as a French National Heritage Site. Next up is Bilbao - famed for the titanium curved Guggenheim Museum that boasts an out-of-this-world collection of contemporary art.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Wine tasting at Château du Taillan

DAY 6 | BILBAO TO MADRID

Spain's crowning capital and a city known for its artistic pedigree, culinary wonders and vibin' nightlife, Madrid will offer just what you're looking for. Soak up the sights as we swing by El Retiro park, the Gran Vía and the Plaza de España on a driving tour. So. Much. To. See. Take in the beauty of the city's hidden gardens, ancient buildings, tucked-away cafés and gorgeous markets and refuel with a delicious included dinner.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Madrid

DAY 7 | MADRID

Morning, Madrid! Today, check out the Royal Palace, get cultured at the Prado Museum or just kick back in the botanical gardens. After the sun sets, delve into the buzzing nightlife in the areas of Malasaña and Chueca. Just be prepared to party 'til the break of dawn (and then stuff your face with churros at ridiculous o'clock).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 8 | MADRID TO VALENCIA

Onto Spain's third largest city, Valencia. A fabulous hybrid of past and present, this picturesque port town combines avant-garde buildings with modern facilities (hello, The City of Arts and Sciences Complex) and sparkling seaports. Take in some of the best bits on a walking tour.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Valencia

DAY 9 | VALENCIA TO BARCELONA

Bienvenidos to the city of art nouveau, alluring accents and most importantly, tapas. Today we hit Barcelona and get our bearings on a driving tour. Trust us, you'll leave a little bit of your heart behind when you see this beautiful city. Stroll the bustling Las Ramblas and indulge in a satisfying feast at our included dinner. Flamenco, anyone? Get those feet a' tapping at the optional show tonight.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Barcelona



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Flamenco show in Barcelona

DAY 10 | BARCELONA

Tick off the greats today. The Sagrada Família is so beautiful you will probably cry. Seriously. There's also the Gothic Quarter to check out and loads of tapas and sangria to hunt down. After a solid day of exploring, fire up for the notorious nightlife (note: people hit the clubs at midnight. Earliest. So, make sure you've had your beauty sleep).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 11 | BARCELONA TO MARSEILLE, FRANCE

Today we cross the border into France. Marseille's next on our list. With its boat-lined quayside, history and architecture, there's no wonder this is one of France's most visited cities. A melting pot of sceneries, get your bearings on a walking tour.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Marseille

DAY 12 | MARSEILLE

Your second day in Marseille is yours to spend at your leisure. Explore bustling La Canebière or dig into bouillabaisse, the hearty fish stew invented in Marseille. You could also check out the colourful markets, the Calanques, the Panier area and the Corniche. Be sure to catch the sunset over the Vieux Port.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 13 | MARSEILLE TO FLORENCE, ITALY

With over 1,800 restaurants and the world's best gelato (hands down), Florence is where all your Italian food dreams are made. After snapping the city's picturesque streets, dig into a hearty included dinner before rolling into bed with a full tummy.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner

DAY 14 | FLORENCE

Wakey wakey! Florence is ready and waiting. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city's greats this morning. Think: Ponte Vecchio, Florence Cathedral and a statue of that famous naked guy, David. Afterwards, there's free time to shop and eat Tuscan food to your heart's content.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Florence with local guide

DAY 15 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Today, we're Romeward bound. Prep Instagram for a walking tour of the must-sees in this sprawling, cosmopolitan city. After all, the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps and Pantheon aren't going to selfie themselves.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Rome

DAY 16 | ROME

If you're up for an early start, why not head out on an optional trip to the world's smallest country (and home of the pope) this morning? After that, our trip will come to a close. Noooo! Start planning the next adventure with your Facebook friends.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Guided tour of Vatican City

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!