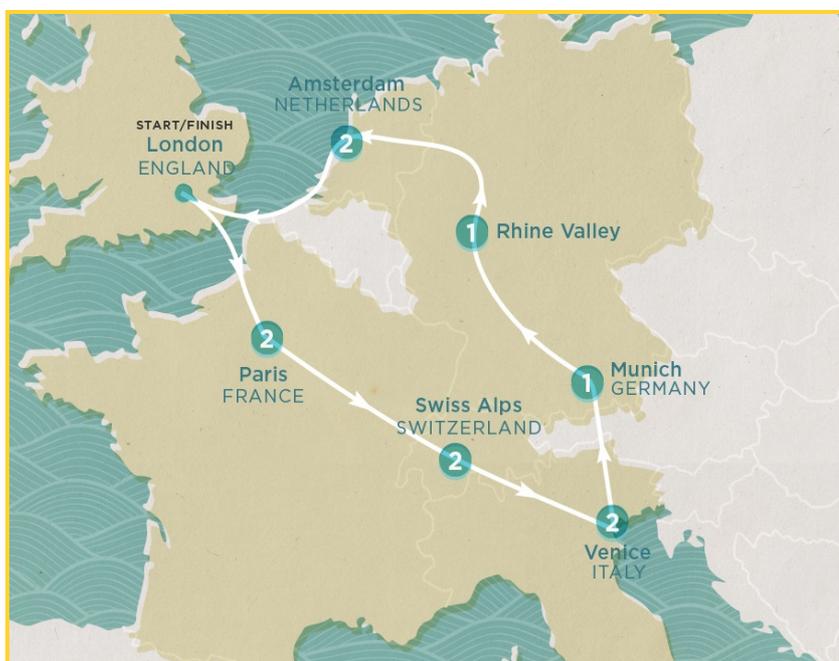


Topdeck

WINTER EXPRESS



TRIP CODE:

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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

With so much to see and do, one of the best things about travelling Europe in winter is the serious lack of crowds. Enjoy Europe 'all to yourself' as you flit between France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany and Netherlands, where elegant capitals are blanketed in snow and festive cheer is as common as hand-knitted scarves.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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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)

- + Vaporetto ride on the Grand Canal, Venice
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam
- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Stay in the scenic Rhine Valley castle region

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + English Channel ferry ticket
- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Vaporetto ride in Venice
- + Walking tour of Munich
- + Stay in the scenic Rhine Valley castle region
- + Dutch cheese & clogs demonstration
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Canal dinner cruise in 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



DAY 1 | LONDON, ENGLAND TO PARIS, FRANCE

Leave London for dust as we jump over the English Channel to France for a beauty smackdown. Brush up on your bonjours when you meet the rest of the group and wrap your lips around your first real French meal at our included dinner. See the City of Light at its best on a driving tour and play landmark bingo with the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe.



MEALS:

- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + English Channel ferry ticket
- + 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 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 3 | 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 4 | SWISS ALPS

Ski, sled, snow angel, or park yourself indoors to enjoy the views (from the warmth). Craving more altitude? Head to the 'Top of Europe', aka Jungfrau, on an optional adventure and test your pano skills. The view from up here is so beautiful, you'll probably cry. Seriously. With so much to get involved with today, the question is, where to start?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Scenic excursion to Jungfrau ('The Top of Europe')
- + Night sledding in the Swiss Alps
- + Skiing in the Swiss Alps
- + Skydiving in the Swiss Alps
- + Scenic helicopter ride in the Swiss Alps

DAY 5 | SWISS ALPS TO VENICE, ITALY

Bella Italia today as we roll into Venice. Get ready to get lost in its maze-like alleyways as you ogle the romantic canals. Inside tip: the best local haunts will always be found off the beaten track.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 6 | VENICE

100+ slowly sinking islands won't explore themselves. Get your bearings on this morning's walking tour before an action packed day. Soak up St Mark's Square and opt in for a quintessential gondola ride on the Grand Canal (optional activity). Corny smooching not included. This afternoon, snoop the Doge's Palace, cross Rialto Bridge and shop for Carnevale masks. There's so much going on here. Did we mention it's beautiful?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Vaporetto ride in Venice



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Gondola ride in Venice

DAY 7 | VENICE TO MUNICH, GERMANY

Time to leave Venice behind. *cries*. But it's all good because we're off to the epic 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



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Munich

DAY 8 | MUNICH TO RHINE VALLEY

Medieval castles, vineyards and the mighty Rhine river are all up next today. Breathe in as we weave our way through narrow cobblestone streets and tunnels. Besides its obvious appeals (hello, fairytale views over the Rhine) 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

DAY 9 | RHINE VALLEY 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 10 | 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 11 | 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

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!