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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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Ready for the time of your LIFE?
The countdown's on...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – from where to meet your Topdeck fam to what we suggest you bring.

Read them on the train, in the supermarket queue or on the loo – we don't mind, just look through them carefully so you know what to expect on your trip. We recommend you download this document so it's with you when you travel (and give a copy to your MVPs so they know what you're up to).

IMPORTANT: please refresh this doc as close to your departure as possible. This means you'll have the most up-to-date info available.

INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Driving tour of Paris
- Visit to Loire Valley
- Orientation tour of Bordeaux
- Wine tasting at Château du Taillan
- Orientation tour of Carcassonne
- Driving tour of Barcelona
- Walking tour of Monaco
- Venice bus tickets
- Walking tour of Venice
- Gondola ride down the Grand Canal
- Visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower
- Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
- Walking tour of Rome
- Rome metro tickets
- Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide
- Visit Budva
- Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide
- Dubrovnik metro tickets
- Driving tour of Budapest
- Danube dinner cruise
- Driving tour of Vienna
- Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- Walking tour of Prague
- Prague metro tickets
- Orientation tour of the restored city of Dresden
- Driving tour of Berlin
- Amsterdam metro tickets

YOUR ITINERARY

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

Ready to embrace the new and exotic? Go deeper. Meet the locals. Swim, fly, explore, embrace it all. The next 35 days are going to be life-changing. Guaranteed. Meet your trip mates in ol' Blighty, grab some snacks and hand around the AUX cord - we're hitting the road early to jump across the Channel. Or meet us in Paris later tonight. The home of Coco Chanel, the Mona Lisa and world's best pastries - Paris deserves its rep as the European capital for all things haute couture, culture and drool-worthy food. Get to know the City of Lights better with a driving tour before our first dinner with the gang.



MEALS:

- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Driving tour of Paris

DAY 2 | PARIS

Yep, you're finally here - so, this is your day to simply do you. Create a solid dent in your bucket list with a visit to the Louvre (book your tickets in advance!) and the Musée d'Orsay. Hunt down the best patisseries in town (ask your Trip Leader for recommendations). Get lost amongst the shelves of history at Shakespeare and Co. Bookshop. Flash some plastic along the Champs Élysées. Or inject some feel-good vibes at the I Love You Wall. Not a walker? Work those thighs on an optional bike tour. Or get an alternate view of the City of Love with a river cruise down the Seine. Tonight, go all-out with an optional evening at the cabaret. Think: bright lights, OTT costumes and death-defying acrobatics.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Parisian cabaret show: from €80
- Seine river cruise: from €10
- Bike tour of Paris: from €30

DAY 3 | PARIS TO BORDEAUX VIA LOIRE VALLEY

Don't drink your vino out of a cask? You're gonna' love our next stop. Glue your nose to the window and watch rows of centuries-old grapevines rush past as we make our way through the Loire Valley. First stop? The ultra-boujee Château de Chambord. Supposedly designed by Leonardo da Vinci himself - if you want, there's time to explore the 60 opulently decorated rooms, surrounding gardens (as big as inner-city Paris) and climb the mind-boggling double helix staircase. This place will have you feeling like French royalty (minus the ridiculous hairstyles). Later, we'll make tracks to Bordeaux and get the run around this 1200-year-old city with our expert Trip Leader. Then, the rest is up to you. Our suggestion? Buy some local cheese, a bottle of the good stuff 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



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Visit to Loire Valley
- Orientation tour of Bordeaux



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Visit Château de Chambord: from €10

DAY 4 | BORDEAUX TO CARCASSONNE

It's always wine o'clock at the Château du Taillan winery, mon ami. Get to know the owners, tour the rustic cellar and practise your best tasting face as you learn your A-B-Cabernet's of good wine. Then: we'll set our sights on Carcassonne. If you've ever played the board game, you'll know that the walled citadel of Carcassonne is as medieval as it gets. Get your bearings on a stroll with your Trip Leader - ticking off the Château Comtal, Basilica of Saints Nazarius and fortifications of the ancient city - before having the evening to explore. Make sure you try the hearty, mouth-watering dish this place is famous for: cassoulet. Like casserole - but better (and Frenchier).



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Wine tasting at Château du Taillan
- Orientation tour of Carcassonne

DAY 5 | CARCASSONNE TO BARCELONA, SPAIN VIA ANDORRA

We'll roll through the scenic Pyrenees mountain range today - with a quick stop in Andorra. Fun fact: this country is only about 40km drive from one side to the other. Onwards to the capital of Catalonia! Bienvenidos (welcome) to the city of art nouveau, sexy accents and mouth-watering tapas. Get a feel for Barça on a driving tour - ticking off the likes of Olympic Park, Plaça d'Espanya, the National Museum and Montjuïc Hill. Then: 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 6 | 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 craziness 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. Need some time out from all the adventuring? Head to Barceloneta Beach for a swim. 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 7 | BARCELONA TO FRENCH RIVIERA, FRANCE

Start practising your bonjours and s'il vous plaît's - they'll come in handy with the locals. Trust us. Today, we're following the Mediterranean coast to the glamorous French Riviera. Get the run about town with our in-the-know Trip Leader before having the rest of the afternoon to do 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, sit back and enjoy those relaxed coastal vibes. This is what you came for.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 8 | FRENCH RIVIERA INCLUDING MONACO

Free day = your chance to do exactly what you want. Laze on a sun lounger at Blue Beach. Go wild in the designer boutiques in Nice's Old Town. Or trek up Castle Hill for allll the views. The choice is yours. Later: we'll turn it up a notch with a visit to Monaco. Home of the Grand Prix and the Monte Carlo Casino, we'll see how the 1% live on a walking tour (hint: it involves Ferraris and bathing in caviar). Then, ogle at the superyachts and their perfectly manicured owners along the waterfront. Or hit the tables and make it rain (or not).



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Monaco

DAY 9 | FRENCH RIVIERA TO SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

If the Swiss Alps had a Tinder bio it would read: fun-filled outdoor enthusiast - looking for a fellow adrenaline junkie to share adventures with. Swiping right? Hell yes. Warm up those vocal cords, we'll be busting out some bangers on the ride through Provence into the mountains. Cue the fairytale villages of your imagination - the oh-so-quiet Engelberg will be our base for the next two nights. Later, we'll get stuck into a group dinner before heading to the hotel bar or relaxing in the fresh Alpine air.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner

DAY 10 | SWISS ALPS

This is your day. So, enjoy it your way. Hiking. Biking. Thrill-seeking. It's all here. You could take the revolving gondola to the top of Mt Titlis for all the epic views (without the effort). Or slip on your Birks and head into town in search of the world's best hot chocolate and cheese fondue - unless you're lactose intolerant (obvs). Whatever you choose, you're going to have views for days. After grabbing dinner, sit back and enjoy the moment or hit the town with the gang. This is livin'.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Scenic excursion to Mt Titlis: from CHF 92 (summer only)

DAY 11 | SWISS ALPS TO VENICE, ITALY

Buy that mini-fondue set for mum and wave goodbye to the Alps - we're heading to that famous sinking city today. After checking in at the hotel, it's time to see what all the fuss is about. Acquaint yourself with the who's who of Venice's usual suspects on a walking tour - ticking off the likes of St Mark's Square, Doge's Palace and Accademia Bridge. And then - this beautifully romantic city is yours for the taking. Our suggestion? Enjoy a spritz overlooking one of Venice's fuchsia-pink sunsets. Or hunt down a hidden gem for a delicious carb-laden Italian meal. What are you going to try first? Order two.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Venice bus tickets
- Walking tour of Venice



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 12 | VENICE

Time to see what all the fuss is about. Centuries-old architecture. Inventive cuisine. And a bucket-load of culture. Venice is just begging to be explored. After an included gondola ride along the Grand Canal, you've got the whole day to do just that. Need suggestions? Insider tip: spend some time seeking out the out-of-this-world Libreria Acqua Alta bookshop or head off the tourist trail with a trip to Giudecca Island. Or forget all the above and hunt down the perfect gelato. Go wandering. Chat to the locals. Get lost in the maze of canals and piazzas. Watch the sun go down with the gang. That's what makes the memories.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Gondola ride down the Grand Canal

DAY 13 | VENICE TO FLORENCE, VIA PISA

Onwards! We're rolling on to the capital of Tuscan cuisine and birthplace of gelato. But first: Pisa. If you're gonna' take THAT photo, think of something unique. Please. Before dinner tonight, take a stroll along the Arno River at sunset for those this-is-what-I-came-for-vibes. Then: did someone say karaoke? If you're up for it, join the gang in a battle of the classics at a local bar. Or hunt down a gelateria for a scoop (or two) of the good stuff. What'll it be? Salted caramel? Lavender? White chocolate? Cinnamon? Must. Try. Them. ALL.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower

DAY 14 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Florence has more story lines than Game of Thrones, more culture than a Fitzroy hipster, AND it gave the world David. Delve deeper into this incredible city on a walking tour with a local guide. Later, la bella Roma is calling our name. Once we arrive, prepare yourself for a walking tour to end all walking tours. 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. We'll pass by the Pantheon, throw our two cents in the Trevi Fountain, (won't) sit on the Spanish Steps and wind things up under the shadow of the mighty Colosseum. Epic doesn't even cut it. Tonight, you're in Disneyland for foodies - go get it.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
- Walking tour of Rome
- Rome metro tickets

DAY 15 | ROME

You've read Eat. Pray. Love. (or been made to watch the movie) - now, it's time to make like Julia Roberts and put this city to the test. You have 48 hours of freedom to explore. Count your blessings on an optional tour of Vatican City, then play 'I-spy' with two-and-a-half millennia worth of history. Head up Capitoline Hill for awesome views. Grab a bite at Lost Food Factory (arguably one of the best sandwich spots in town). Or do as the locals do and indulge in a little dolce far niente (delicious idleness) at a local cafe or piazza. Tonight, shake out those fat pants for round two. Ask your Trip Leader where to find the best cacio e pepe - trust us, you won't be disappointed.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Guided tour of Vatican City:
from €45

DAY 16 | ROME

Vespas. Espresso. Two-cheek kisses. Aggressive hand gestures. And pizza the way it's supposed to taste. Here's another free day we prepared earlier. Don't just skim the surface, experience every moment to the fullest. History buffs should arrange a day trip to Pompeii. Or head to the Knights of Malta Keyhole to see an alternative view of the city. Battle the lunchtime rush for a slice at Pizzarium Bonci. Shop till you drop on Via Condotti. Take some time to relax with a picnic at Villa Borghese Park. Thought you'd tried all the gelato flavours? Head to Fatamorgana - and think again.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 17 | ROME TO CORFU, GREECE VIA OVERNIGHT FERRY

Truth bomb alert: you've got a bit of a travel day today. We'll head from Rome to Ancona (where we'll swap the coach for a ferry). On board you'll have a twin room with an ensuite for the ride. Plus you've got your awesome AF trip mates to keep you entertained. So, make the most of the down time - you're going to need it. And when you wake up? You're in Greece - heck, yes!



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 18 | CORFU

Home to a UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town, a medieval fortress and more sun-bleached beaches than you can shake a snorkel at - welcome to Corfu! Thanks to its former Byzantine and Venetian occupiers, this place has a distinct and unique culture from mainland Greece. You're gonna' love it. Once we dock, enjoy some free time to frolic in the aquamarine water or order a cold beachside bevvie. Dinner tonight is sorted so sit back and enjoy the view.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner

DAY 19 | CORFU

Swim. Souvlaki. Siesta. Swim again. Today is 100% up to you. Have you checked out the Old Town yet? Wander the narrow streets in search a local haunt serving up loukoumades (Greek donuts) or the best frozen yogurt you've ever had. Sugar rush? Head up to the fortress for panoramic views over the town. Tonight, dinner is up to you. Find a local tavern and get stuck into some mouth-watering Corfiot cuisine. Unique and delicious - you can't go wrong.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 20 | CORFU

You've got another 24hrs to soak up as much of this island paradise as you can. So what'll it be? For €2.50, a local fisherman will boat you over to the tiny island of Pontikonisi (aka Mouse Island). Enjoy the serenity, visit the church and pull up a pew at the cafe. Or go west and hit up Palaiokastritsa for beaches so remote they're almost private. This is your last night here, so gather the gang for gyros and sunset bíras on the beachfront. These are the take-your-breath-away moments you've been waiting for.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 21 | CORFU 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. Once we roll into Albania's unique capital, say hello to our local guide before we tick off the main sights on a driving tour. Then: make sure you check out the crazy number of old bunkers here. Tonight, we'll quiz each other's newfound historical knowledge at dinner.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide

DAY 22 | 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. Later: gather the gang and hit the d-floor at a nightclub in a 16th-century fortress. Sick.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 23 | 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?. 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



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 24 | DUBROVNIK TO ZADAR

Ready for something a bit...quirky? It's called the Sea Organ. And we'll check out this unique art installation - along with the Zadar's eclectic mix of Roman ruins and public art on a whip around town with our Trip Leader. Bearings established, the rest of the day is yours for the taking. Explore the Old Town, check out the city walls or sit back with a cold beverage at the Garden Lounge. 100% up to you.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 25 | ZADAR TO LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Today we're plugging Ljubljana into the GPS. Try pronouncing it, we dare you. After a quick stroll around the Old Town, head out and explore! The castle has been waiting for you since Celtic times - so don't keep it hanging any longer. Or see the city come alive on an optional food tour. Tonight, hit the town for a vino with a side of live music or dance the night away with the locals at Autonomous.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Food tour of Ljubljana: from €30

DAY 26 | LJUBLJANA TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Our Ljubljana love affair was short but oh-so-sweet. Up next? The twin cities of Buda and Pest. See why they call this place the City of Bridges, as we're chauffeured past the Chain Bridge, Castle District, Gellert Hotel, Heroes' Square and House of Terror on a driving tour. SD cards full and tummies grumbling, it's time to 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 27 | BUDAPEST

You wanted freedom to explore - here it is. Check out the Central Market Hall. Explore the Jewish Quarter. Play pinball at the Flippermúzeum. Get a harrowing education at the House of Terrors. Hunt down the Anonymous Statue. Soak in the therapeutic waters of the Széchenyi Thermal Baths. Head to Buda Castle and check out all the views from Fisherman's Bastion. Get stuck into some local fare: goulash, chicken paprikash, langos, dobos cake. Hopefully you like paprika, they're kinda obsessed with it here. Tonight, hang with the hipsters and drink pálinka (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 28 | BUDAPEST TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Wave goodbye to Budapest, we're heading to Austria. Ten points if you can guess what Vienna is famous for. Musicians. Grand coffee houses. And strudel (duh!). Prepare to have your heart captured as we drive by the likes of the Opera House, Hofburg Palace, Museum Quarter and Ringstrasse. We'll have a poke around Princess Sissi's opulent gardens at the Schönbrunn Palace - with enough time to check out her extravagant decorating too, if you fancy it. Then: the afternoon is yours. Explore the Museum Quarter in depth. Head to Cafe Central for the most boujee afternoon tea you've ever had. Or enjoy the sweet sounds of Mozart and Bach played by the Viennese Chamber Orchestra at an optional concert. Look at you, so cultured.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Driving tour of Vienna



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Tickets to the Sound of Vienna Orchestra: from €40
- Tickets to the Sound of Vienna Orchestra (dinner included): from €62

DAY 29 | VIENNA TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC VIA MAUTHAUSEN

Onwards to the spire-filled skyline and mysterious streets of Prague! But first: a visit to former concentration camp Mauthausen for a lesson in the resilience of humanity. Dump your bag at the hotel, before getting better acquainted with this picture-perfect city (complete with quirky clock tower) on a walking tour. Your expert Trip Leader will point out all the must-dos for tomorrow as we go. After dinner, you can hit the town to try some local Czech beer or sample a cocktail at The Alchemist. An old-school venue, with a 1950's vibe. 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:

- Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- Walking tour of Prague
- Prague metro tickets

DAY 30 | PRAGUE

That's right folks - it's your day, your way. So get out there and do your own spontaneous this-is-what-I-came-for thing. Check out the John Lennon wall. Soak up some history at the Communist Museum. Take the funicular up Petrin Hill for allll the views. Or grab a delish roast pork roll at one of the street vendors lining Old Town Square. Fancy yourself as a bit of a hops connoisseur? Don't miss the beer tasting optional this afternoon. Czech beers + tapas = good times guaranteed.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Local beer tasting in Prague: from 800 CZK

DAY 31 | PRAGUE TO BERLIN, GERMANY VIA DRESDEN

Next up? A country where beer is officially considered an essential food group (right next to sausage and sauerkraut). Helloooo Germany! We'll get acquainted with 800 year-old Dresden on the way. Then: 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, the Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie and Brandenburg Gate. After dinner, it's time to see whether this city's nightlife really lives up to the hype. Prost!



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 32 | BERLIN

You've got 24hrs of free time here - don't muck around. Our advice? Opt in for a local walking tour that's, you know - not boring. Or put that elastic waistband to the test on the ultimate Berlin food tour. Rather explore solo? 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. Tonight, seek out Burgermeister. This place used to be a public toilet (ew) but now serves up the best burgers in Berlin. You know you wanna' try it...



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 33 | BERLIN TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Ok, nobody panic - the adventure is coming to a close. But we're sure as hell not done yet! We've got our eye on the one-and-only Amsterdam. Once we arrive, hit the cobblestones and explore 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 settle in for dinner. 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 vibe - head to Proeflokaal Arendsnest for a selection of over 100 Dutch beers.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Amsterdam metro tickets



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Red Light District show: from €30

DAY 34 | AMSTERDAM

This is our last full day. FFS don't hang about. 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 just get lost amongst backstreets of this city's diverse districts - each one's got a unique vibe and plenty to explore. Hint: head to Hannekes Boom for waterfront views, good food and all-round great vibes. Just make sure you're back in time to toast the final night of our Euro getaway at tonight's included dinner. What. A. Trip.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Bike tour of Amsterdam: from €14

DAY 35 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

And just like that, it's over. 35 days. 17 countries. And alllll the mems. After breakfast, we'll make tracks back to London Town. Blast the Trip Song one last time - who's up for a reunion trip next year?



MEALS:

- Breakfast

OTHER INFORMATION

TOPDECK APP

Feeling appy? Download the Topdeck app and get PUMPED for the adventure ahead. Best bit is: from 45 days before departure you'll be able to chat with your soon-to-be tripmates.

Plus, get your itinerary at your fingertips – so you know where you'll be going and what you'll be doing on each day of your trip. Nice!

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YOUR SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

We love a good night out – experiencing the nightlife and entertainment places have to offer is a big part of travelling. But alongside the fun it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety.

When you're out late, 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 so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. Make sure you have your 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.

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Customers 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 immediately. 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 do you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if they are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you don'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.

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 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 (fact!)

TRAVEL SINCE COVID-19

Travel looks a bit different since COVID-19. That's why we've put some new procedures in place to help keep you safe on the road.

What remains the same? Your Topdeck trip will be run hygienically, responsibly, and with your safety at the forefront of everything we do. End of.

Here's the info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/travel-safely>

RESPECT ON THE ROAD

RESPECTING FELLOW TRAVELLERS

Our trips are for everyone. We're a family – and we want every Topdecker to have an incredible time.

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

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 adventure AND 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 room 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!

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.

Head to our FAQ for more info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/faqs-0>

Got more Qs? Chat with our Customer Service team: <https://www.topdeck.travel/about-us/contact>

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's 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. Check out our handy interactive map showing global visa requirements:

<https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/latest-border-restrictions>

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.

TIPPING

Basically: it's not necessary.

Your Trip Leader and Driver don't expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. Meaning? More dollar to spend on optional activities (and a souvenir for your nan).

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!).

Off to Japan? Your luggage must be no bigger than 160cm in total (height x width x length). So maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

Psst: this is a packing list for Topdeck trips in general. Obv you'd look silly splashing around the Greek islands in a snowsuit.

- 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 warm jacket + 1 rainproof jacket

- Underwear and socks + swimwear
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Hat and sunscreen
- Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- Adaptor plug
- Reusable water bottle
- Snow gear



THAT'S IT!