

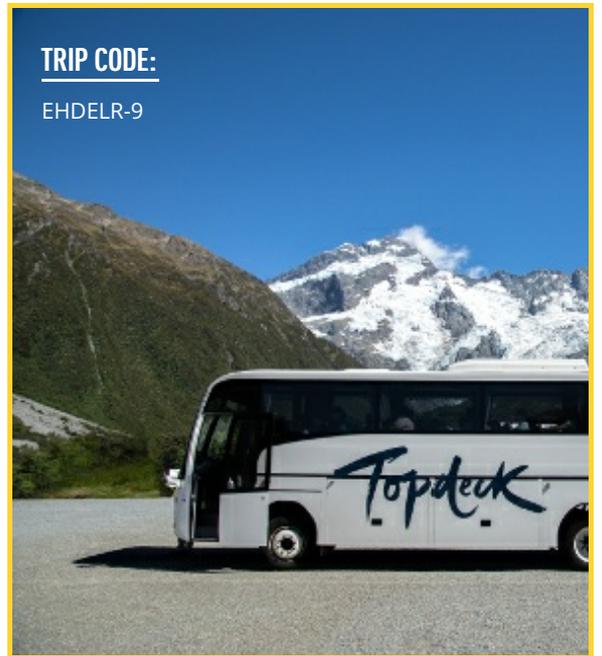
Topdeck

EUROPEAN EMPEROR



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EHDEL9



Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

The Roman Empire spread from its centre in Rome to conquer large swathes of the known world. Parts of France, Spain and Switzerland were all subject to the rule of Rome. Its influence even spread as far as England. Now you can enjoy the reverse journey, as we make our way from London to Rome via some of the finest cities, landscapes and countries that Western Europe has to offer.

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



Hotel



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)

- + Visit Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower
- + Visit Andorra
- + Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
- + Walking tour of Monaco
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Driving tour of Barcelona
- + Visit a traditional French perfumery
- + Gondola ride in Venice
- + Bordeaux winery experience
- + Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower
- + Walking tour of Verona
- + Walking tour of Rome

MORE INCLUSIONS

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YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

London
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Rome
Europe

Trip currencies

- + France - EUR
- + Andorra - EUR
- + Spain - EUR
- + Monaco - EUR
- + Switzerland - CHF
- + Italy - EUR
- + Vatican City - EUR

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**



DRIVER

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 BORDEAUX

Today we roll on to Bordeaux, where half the city is UNESCO World Heritage-listed and vineyards reign supreme. Take an optional stroll around Château de Chambord, the largest château in the Loire Valley, and learn why French Renaissance architecture is famous around the world.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit the Loire Valley



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Visit Château de Chambord

DAY 4 | BORDEAUX TO CARCASSONNE

Wake up and learn the A to Z of wine before we move on to Carcassonne. See why it's famous for its restored medieval fortress and the poetic sonnets written about it.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Bordeaux winery experience

DAY 5 | CARCASSONNE TO BARCELONA, SPAIN VIA ANDORRA

Roll through the Pyrenees today with a quick stop in Andorra. Then, say hey to Barcelona! Bienvenidos to the city of art nouveau, alluring accents and (most importantly) tapas. Tick off the likes of the Sagrada Família, the Columbus Monument and Las Ramblas on an included driving tour before we set you free into the buzzing city.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Andorra
- + Driving tour of Barcelona

DAY 6 | BARCELONA

What do you want to do today? Well, you could hit the side streets and alleyways of Las Ramblas, go boho in the Gracia neighborhood, go Gaudí at Parc Güell or give in to your inner football fanatic and kneel to the sporting gods at the Nou Camp. Barcelona's got plenty to keep you occupied! Tonight: shall we dance? Prepare for an optional flamenco show.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Flamenco show

DAY 7 | BARCELONA TO FRENCH RIVIERA, FRANCE

Get that selfie stick out as we roll on along the coast to rub shoulders with the rich and famous at the world's most lavish waterfront property, aka the French Riviera. Swap your patatas bravas for hearty French cooking and get ready for tomorrow's adventures. En route, we stop by a French perfumery. Ooh la la.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit a traditional French perfumery

DAY 8 | FRENCH RIVIERA INCLUDING MONACO VISIT

Hit the beach with the paparazzi posse, or go wild in the designer boutiques in Nice's Old Town. Later: roll with the jet set on a guided tour 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 9 | FRENCH RIVIERA TO SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

Home to the highest point in Europe, 72 waterfalls and one of the largest nature conservations in Switzerland, Lauterbrunnen is where we'll be spending the night. Upon arrival, chow down on an included dinner and hit the bar for a nightcap.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 10 | SWISS ALPS

Rise and shine, you've got some serious exploring to do. Take the option to hop on the revolving gondola to the top of Mt Titlis and test your pano photo skills. Then head back down in search of the world's best hot chocolate. #hardlife.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Scenic excursion to Mt Titlis

DAY 11 | SWISS ALPS TO VENICE, ITALY

Maketh haste to fair Verona, the place where Romeo and Juliet found love. Snap a selfie at Juliet's balcony and join throngs of lovers leaving notes on the wall (or avoid the crowds and just marvel at the ancient arena). Then: say ciao to Venice. Yep, you're really here!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Verona



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Get a personalised trip T-shirt or hoodie

DAY 12 | 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 gondola ride to get the full experience. 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



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 13 | VENICE TO FLORENCE

Today it's onwards to the renaissance romance of Florence. But first, take THAT shot at the Leaning Tower of Pisa before trucking on to the Tuscan hills outside Florence. Ready to eat, sleep, repeat in the foodie capital of the world?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower

DAY 14 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Time to give that bucket list a workout - we're off to Rome! Make like Caesar (the emperor, not the salad) and pass by the Pantheon, throw your two cents in the Trevi Fountain, sit on the Spanish Steps and visit ancient history's version of the Hunger Games set at the Colosseum. Tonight, you're in Disneyland for foodies. Have fun.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
- + Walking tour of Rome

DAY 15 | ROME

Create the ultimate Roman Holiday in one day with a whirlwind of Vespas, espresso, two-cheek kisses and pizza the way it's supposed to taste. Count your blessings on an optional tour of the Vatican City, then play 'I-spy' with two-and-a-half millennia worth of history. Want more? Then you could always shop till you drop on Via Condotti, head to Capitoline Hill for awesome views of the Roman Forum and Colosseum or just kick back in Piazza Navona for some dolce far niente (delicious idleness).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Guided tour Vatican City

Meals

Breakfasts are included every day in the hotel (except on the first morning). They are usually 'continental breakfasts', which are typical in most European countries. A typical breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yoghurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, cheese and a range of spreads, with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast in continental Europe, though on some occasions there may be some hot food available as well.

Included evening meals are in local restaurants or accommodation places, and are either two or three courses. In most cases table water is provided with the meals, and if you wish to purchase additional drinks you can do so at your own expense.

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!