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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Prepare for the adventure of a lifetime as we make our way from Rome to London via some of Europe's finest cities. Swing from charming Italy and hop along cobble streets in Croatia to oh-so-pretty Budapest and more. Grab a cocktail and don't forget to find a feast in Europe. Here, the food comes alive so enjoy. Have you packed your bags yet?

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



Android/iPhone app
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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 Berlin
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide
- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Driving tour of Vienna
- + Visit Budva
- + Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide

MORE INCLUSIONS

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YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Rome
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Italy - EUR
- + Greece - EUR
- + Albania - ALL
- + Montenegro - EUR
- + Croatia - HRK
- + Slovenia - EUR
- + Hungary - HUF
- + Austria - EUR
- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Germany - EUR
- + Netherlands - EUR

Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP
LEADER



DRIVER

DAY 1 | ROME, ITALY

Be sure to grab an espresso this morning. Meet your group and get your bearings. Arrived early? 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.

DAY 2 | ROME TO CORFU, GREECE VIA OVERNIGHT FERRY

Jump on the ferry in Italy, wake up in Greece. Time to find some gyros.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 3 | CORFU

Home to a UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, a fortress, a castle and enough beaches to satisfy the biggest sun-worshipper, Corfu is base camp. Explore endless architecture, which owes much to Corfu's history.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 4 | CORFU

Offering a distinct and independent culture from the mainland (thanks to the culturally-rich history from past occupation) and home to thousands of olive trees, there's something for everyone in Corfu.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 5 | CORFU

Para-para-paradise. Had enough of it yet? Surely not. Count shades of blue and pinch yourself. Life doesn't get any better than this.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 6 | CORFU TO TIRANA, ALBANIA

Get your bearings on a driving tour of Tirana. Then, there's rainbow-coloured buildings for days. #nofilter.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Tirana with a local
guide

DAY 7 | TIRANA TO DUBROVNIK, CROATIA VIA BUDVA, MONTENEGRO

Press your nose to the window and soak up all the stunning views that race past the coach window as we head up Montenegro's coast on our way to the most famous walled city in Europe (stopping at Budva on the way). Later, we'll take a wander around Dubrovnik's tiny cobblestoned streets and explore a few hidden cafés and shops before grabbing dinner and checking out the glitzy nightlife.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide
- + Visit Budva

DAY 8 | DUBROVNIK

Yay! A free day in Dubrovnik! Spend some time checking out the residential homes further up in the Old Town for some awesome views, then enjoy a cold beer on the wall as the sun sets over the Adriatic. Alternatively, take to the turquoise water with a spot of optional sea kayaking around the city walls. This is the good life. There's also a Game of Thrones tour to get stuck into if that's your jam.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Sea kayaking around the Dubrovnik Walls
- + Game of Thrones tour

DAY 9 | DUBROVNIK TO ZADAR

Today we'll listen to the ocean play an instrument in Zadar. Yep, you read that right. The Sea Organ is a quirky art installation nested within the city's eclectic mix of Roman ruins and public art. More cool facts await you on an orientation tour with your brainy Trip Leader.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 10 | ZADAR TO LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Today we're off to Ljubljana (lyoob-lya-nah) aka the capital of Slovenia. See the city come alive on an optional food tour of Ljubljana. Then, tonight, go out on the town for a tea or vino with a side of live music and underground art installations.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Food tour of Ljubljana

DAY 11 | LJUBLJANA TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Today, a driving tour in Budapest will get you down and Danube (that being the river) with twin cities Buda and Pest. Check out Hero's Square, Parliament House, the National Palace, Fisherman's Bastion and the swanky Andrassy Avenue. Then it's time to meet the major food groups: goulash, cabbage rolls and dumplings.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 12 | BUDAPEST

A free day to take on a city with enough baroque, neoclassical and art nouveau architecture to keep you entertained for hours. Tonight, hang with the hipsters and drink local fruit brandy at one of the original ruin bars. Wanna go one step further? An optional dinner cruise on the Danube has your name on it.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Dinner cruise on the Danube River

DAY 13 | BUDAPEST TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Vienna is yours for the day. Get a sense of the vibe on a driving tour. Classical music fans, opt in for a night out to hear the works of Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Strauss at the Viennese Chamber Orchestra.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Vienna



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Tickets to the Viennese Chamber Orchestra

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DAY 14 | VIENNA TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

First, a visit to former concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau for a lesson in the resilience of humanity. Then, on to Prague. Get Insta-happy and seek out the John Lennon Wall, soak up some Czech history at the National or Communist Museum or get a taste of the quirky local culture at a marionette puppet opera (you gotta see it to believe it).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
+ Walking tour of Prague

DAY 15 | PRAGUE

Another free day for the win. Snap a selfie at Prague's own Eiffel Tower, visit a miniatures museum, eat roast pork from one of the street vendors lining Old Town Square and wash it all down with a beer. As in, a really good beer. Prague, we love you.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Local beer tasting

DAY 16 | PRAGUE TO BERLIN, GERMANY

Get acquainted with 800 year-old Dresden – a city virtually destroyed in WWII and then rebuilt – and check out the Frauenkirche before we make tracks to Berlin. Prep yourself for currywurst, absinthe and more hipsters per capita than anywhere else. We'll drive you around to see (what's left of) the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
+ Driving tour of Berlin

DAY 17 | BERLIN

Today, why not step out on an optional Third Reich walking tour for a local insight into what the city was like under Nazi rule during World War II? Kreuzberg is a hit for lunch. Afternoon suggestion? Have a picnic at the historic Tempelhof airport-turned-public park. Tonight: explore the city after dark on an optional alternative street art and nightlife tour.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Third Reich walking tour
- + Street art and nightlife tour of Berlin

DAY 18 | BERLIN 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 cheddar 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
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam

DAY 19 | 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. What better way to toast the final night of your Europe Inspired adventure than with a dinner cruise on the canal?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Canal dinner cruise



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 20 | 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 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!