



TRIP CODE:

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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Starting in Paris, this round trip has it all: awesome cities, picturesque villages as many carb loaded foods as your body has room for! Throw in plenty of extra time to spend getting to know each destination, and you've got yourself a European adventure that's so laid back, it's almost horizontal. Let's go!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hotel



Nights



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This is a principal
package.

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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)

- + Gondola ride in Venice
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam
- + Visit former concentration camp Dachau
- + Visit the picturesque villages of the Cinque Terre
- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Local guide in Florence
- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower
- + Train Day Pass to Cinque Terre
- + Local guide in Florence
- + Walking tour of Rome
- + Visit former concentration camp Dachau
- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Walking tour of Hamburg
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Dutch cheese and clogs demonstration

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Paris
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Europe
Europe

Trip currencies

- + France - EUR
- + Italy - EUR
- + Vatican City - EUR
- + Germany - EUR
- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Netherlands - EUR

Your Itinerary



DAY 1 | PARIS, FRANCE

Bonjour, Paris! We'll kick things off in style with a driving tour AND a gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower. Cue multiple uses of the smirky face emoji. Topdeckers: 1, other tourists: 0.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower

DAY 2 | PARIS

It's your first free day in the City of Love, so hop to it! If you're in the mood for an optional extra-Frenchy cabaret show, bike tour or river cruise, let us know – we'll sort it out for you.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Traditional cabaret show
+ Seine river cruise
+ Bike tour of Paris

DAY 3 | PARIS

Another laissez-faire day to spend pleasing yourself. Browse through bookshops in Le Marais, sip on espresso in a chic café, or hit the Champs-Élysées and shop till you drop. Or, just eat macaroons till you swoon. Either way, you can't lose.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 4 | PARIS TO LYON

Time to say hey to the foodie capital of France! Take a wander around the medieval Old Town on a walking tour, then hit up a traditional bouchon (that's 'tavern' to you and me) to see what all the fuss is about.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 5 | LYON TO CINQUE TERRE, ITALY

The five cliffside villages of Cinque Terre didn't end up on the World Heritage list for nothing, you know. Each mini-town has a vibe of its own – and they're all completely void of corporate development and full of quirks.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner

DAY 6 | CINQUE TERRE

Another day in Cinque Terre to sample la dolce vita. Whatever you do, don't forget to make the most of those views! Tonight: sip on a glass of red and watch the sun go down. Ahhhh.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Train Day Pass to Cinque Terre

DAY 7 | CINQUE TERRE TO FLORENCE

Florence has more stories than Bilbo Baggins, more culture than a Shoreditch hipster, over 1,800 restaurants, and it gave the world gelato. What are you waiting for? Get exploring!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 8 | FLORENCE

Get schooled on the Medici family and stroll the Ponte Vecchio (the only bridge not bombed in WWII) on an in-depth tour with a local guide. Then, the city is yours to roam as you please.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Local guide in Florence

DAY 9 | FLORENCE

You've got one more day to spend gorging on pizza, pasta and all things stuffed with carbs. Sounds like a challenge to us. And... go!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 10 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Prepare for the walking tour to end all walking tours! Pass by the Pantheon, throw your two cents in the Trevi Fountain, sit on the Spanish Steps and visit the mighty Colosseum, where gladiators once risked life and limb.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Rome

DAY 11 | ROME INCLUDING VATICAN CITY VISIT

Want more? How about an optional tour of the Vatican? Rise and shine early and we'll whisk you away to the home of the Pope, jaw-dropping artworks and fine-looking architecture.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Guided tour of Vatican City

DAY 12 | ROME

Another day, another amazing optional activity! We're bringing out the big guns with a day trip to the archaeological Mecca that is Pompeii.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Guided tour of historic Pompeii

DAY 13 | ROME TO VENICE

You know it as the floating city, but Venice is actually sinking (slowly). Spend the day exploring and falling in love with this romantic place. Today we'll jump on a vaporetto and explore the Grand Canal in style.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 14 | VENICE

DAY 15 | VENICE TO MUNICH, GERMANY

Onwards to Munich, the city where beer is officially considered a food. After a walking tour, slide on your lederhosen and get ready for a royal Happy Hour experience at the 429-year-old Hofbräuhaus (the recipes here were passed down from Wilhelm V, the Duke of Bavaria).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 16 | MUNICH

Did you know? Munich is basically the friendliest city there ever was. No, really. 'Munich likes you' is the city motto. Thanks Munich! Anyone for an optional segway tour through the city's welcoming streets? That'll be a yes!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Segway tour of Munich

DAY 17 | MUNICH TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

First up: a visit to Dachau concentration camp for a lesson in the resilience of humanity. Then: on to Prague. We'll kick off our stay here with a walking tour, checking off towering spires, cobbled streets and the historic Charles Bridge as we go.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit former concentration camp

Dachau

+ Walking tour of Prague

DAY 18 | PRAGUE

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). Oh – and don't forget to try some roast pork from one of the street vendors lining Old Town Square. We'll round things off with an optional local beer tasting session. Cheers!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Local beer tasting in Prague

DAY 19 | PRAGUE TO BERLIN, GERMANY

We'll make a pit stop at 800 year-old Dresden before we move on to Berlin. Prep yourself for currywurst 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 20 | BERLIN

Awww yeah – you've got a free day to soak up Berlin's awesome vibes. Join the optional Third Reich walking tour for an insight into what the city was like under Nazi rule during WWII, go on a museum crawl or head to the zoo.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Third Reich walking tour of Berlin

DAY 21 | BERLIN

We've got a free day in Berlin today to do whatever you like. Our hot tip? Pay a visit to Tempelhofer Feld. An old airport that's now an awesome public park, this place provides an escape from the city. It's worth the trip, trust us.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 22 | BERLIN TO HAMBURG

Hamburg is next! Packing more bridges than Venice and Amsterdam combined, plus the first zoo with no enclosures, Hamburg is one of the hippest cities in Europe. And if that weren't enough, Hamburg is also home to 3 km of funfair AND Europe's biggest Japanese garden. Nice.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Hamburg

DAY 23 | HAMBURG TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Welcome to the most liberal city in Europe! Get your bearings on a walking tour of the vibrant capital and see the Dam Square, Royal Palace and National Monument. Then: learn how gouda and clogs are made before exploring all that this notoriously liberal city has to offer.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Dutch cheese and clogs demonstration

DAY 24 | AMSTERDAM

Explore this crazy city and make it your own today. Wanna roll in style? An optional bike tour's got your name on it! Culture fiends, delve deeper with a visit to the Anne Frank House, Van Gogh Museum or Rijksmuseum.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 25 | AMSTERDAM

On our last day in the 'Dam, there's a farewell canal dinner cruise to get emosh over. *Don't cry*



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 26 | AMSTERDAM TO PARIS

Hang up your clogs – it's back to Paris today. You've got one more coach ride with the crew before we vamoose, so swap those numbers!



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

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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!