

Topdeck

EUROPEAN ODYSSEY



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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Europe is home to some of the world's greatest sights and experiences. On this European adventure you will see all of the highlights and loads of hidden treasures. Climb the Eiffel Tower, explore Rome, witness history at the Berlin Wall and breathe in the crisp, cool air of the Alps. Make memories and friends that will last a lifetime, on a journey that you won't want to end.

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)

- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Visit Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam
- + Visit Orvieto
- + Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Tuscan wine tasting and al fresco dinner
- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Gondola ride in Venice
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Walking tour of Rome

MORE INCLUSIONS

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YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Paris
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

France
Europe

Trip currencies

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

Your Itinerary



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 SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

Trade in Parisian streets for snowy peaks. The gorgeous Alpine wonderland of Engelberg is where we'll be spending the night. Upon arrival, chow down on fondue and hit the bar for a nightcap.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner

DAY 4 | 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 5 | SWISS ALPS TO FLORENCE, ITALY

Hand back the skis and yodel your way down the mountains into the land of the long boot. Stop for THAT photo at Pisa, then make your food baby sing as we roll into the land of hearty Tuscan cuisine and birthplace of gelato: Florence. Whip around Santa Maria del Fiore before tucking into amore on a plate. The evening is yours to stroll along the the Arno River and watch the sunset. #Bliss



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower

DAY 6 | FLORENCE

Florence has more stories than Bilbo Baggins, more culture than a London hipster and it gave the world gelato. Get schooled on the Medici family, stroll the Ponte Vecchio and get an in-depth tour of the city with a local guide. We've also got a wine tasting and al fresco dinner on the cards tonight. Sorted.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
- + Tuscan wine tasting and al fresco dinner

DAY 7 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Southward and downward with a pit stop at the hilltop town of Orvieto to see the grand cathedral and dig into a wild boar panini. Make like Caesar (the emperor, not the salad) and work up a 'colossus' hunger as you 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:

- + Visit Orvieto
- + Walking tour of Rome

DAY 8 | 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. Play 'I-spy' with two-and-a-half millennia worth of history. 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

DAY 9 | ROME TO VENICE INCLUDING VATICAN CITY VISIT

Today, count your blessings on an optional tour of the Vatican City.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Guided tour of the Vatican City
- + Get a personalised trip T-shirt or hoodie

DAY 10 | 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

DAY 11 | VENICE TO AUSTRIAN ALPS, AUSTRIA

Prepare yourself – there's gonna be some amazing scenery playing outside the coach windows today as we make our way to the Austrian Alps. So much more than schnitzel, strudel and The Sound of Music, this thrill-seekers' paradise should have been sponsored by GoPro. Today's optionals? We're glad you asked. Take your pick from canyoning, tandem paragliding, skydiving and a bike tour.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Canyoning
+ Tandem paragliding
+ Skydiving
+ Bike tour

DAY 12 | AUSTRIAN ALPS TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

First, a visit to former concentration camp Mauthausen. Then, we're off to postcard-perfect Prague. Get acquainted with this awesome place on a walking tour before having dinner as a group.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit former concentration camp
Mauthausen
+ Walking tour of Prague

DAY 13 | PRAGUE

Your day, your way. Channel your inner bohemian and seek out the John Lennon memorial wall, then soak up some more 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). Want more? 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 drink beer. Good beer.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Local beer tasting

DAY 14 | 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. Dinner's on us tonight.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 15 | 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 16 | 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 17 | 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 drinks cruise on the canal?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Canal dinner cruise



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 18 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

All good things must come to an end. Today, we say goodbye. Time to start planning your next adventure. Facebook friends, anyone?



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!