

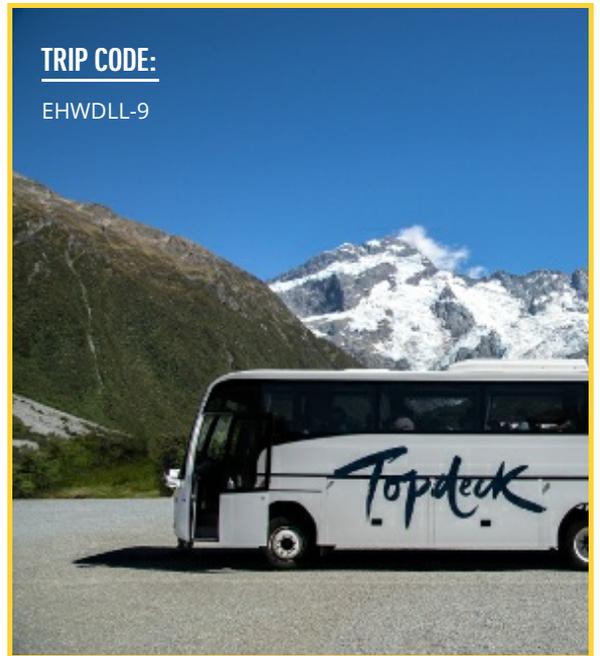
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DISCOVER WINTER



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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Fancy a journey through cities steeped in history, dripping in romanticism and dotted with jaw-dropping sites? Yeah, we thought so. Take in the splendour of Paris, the ancient majesty of Rome or the party atmosphere of Amsterdam on this never-to-be-forgotten discovery of Europe. Add to that the wonders of Eastern Europe including Ljubljana, Budapest, and Prague, and you're bound to experience enough holiday magic to brighten any dreary winter's day.

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
- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + Dinner at Hofbräuhaus, Berlin
- + Walking tour of Florence with local guide

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + English Channel crossing
- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Local guide in Florence
- + Walking tour of Rome
- + Walking tour of Verona
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Gondola ride in Venice
- + Visit Lake Bled
- + Walking tour of Ljubljana
- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + Driving tour of Vienna
- + Visit Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna
- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

London
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

- + France - EUR
- + Switzerland - CHF
- + Vatican City - EUR
- + Slovenia - EUR
- + Hungary - HUF
- + Austria - EUR
- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Germany - EUR
- + Netherlands - EUR

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**



DRIVER

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

Let's do this! Meet the crew in London, hop over the Channel and get a load of Paris by night on a driving tour. Seeing the Eiffel Tower all lit up after dark is definitely one for the bucket list! We'll raise a toast to the start of our trip with an included dinner tonight. This is gonna be epic...



MEALS:

- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + English Channel crossing
- + Driving tour of Paris

DAY 2 | PARIS

You've got a free day to go wild on the streets of Paris! Best make the most of it. Saddle up for an optional bike tour, take a closer look at the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe or simply kick back and load up on fancy pastries/cheese/snails (delete as appropriate). Tonight, we've got two optionals for you to choose from: go all-out glitzy on a trip to the cabaret or get nautical on a Seine river cruise.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 3 | PARIS TO SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

Tear yourself away from that baguette – fondue awaits! Try not to fall asleep on the coach as we weave our way up to our hotel in the Swiss Alps. We don't want you to miss out on the amazing views!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 4 | SWISS ALPS

Wakey wakey! The slopes are calling. Why not take the option to jump on the revolving gondola to the top of Mt Titlis? It's a great chance to test out your pano photo skills. Not your thing? Well, you could always settle in with some Glühwein and get snuggly. And if all else fails? Snow angels!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Scenic excursion to Mt Titlis

DAY 5 | SWISS ALPS TO FLORENCE, ITALY

Say hello to the land of Tuscan cuisine and the birthplace of gelato. Yep, we're talking about you, Florence! Tonight, feel free to tuck into carbs galore at dinner. Pizza, pasta, bread basket... we're coming for you.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 6 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Today we'll go for the double with walking tours of arty Florence and the almighty Rome. Long story short? Today you'll learn enough about history to smash all future pub quizzes. Result! After ticking off the likes of the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain and the Colosseum (yes, THE Colosseum), you'll be free to follow your tummy to the nearest trattoria. Oh Rome, we love you.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Local guide in Florence
- + Walking tour of Rome

DAY 7 | ROME INCLUDING VATICAN CITY VISIT

Anyone for an optional guided tour of the Vatican City this morning? Rise bright and early and we'll sort it out for you, Sistine Chapel and all. Then: Rome is yours for the day. Get out there and fill up that camera roll before it's too late!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Guided tour of the Vatican City

DAY 8 | ROME TO VENICE

Go all sappy over Juliet's balcony in Verona before we say ciao to Venice. And what a beauty the Floating City is! Seriously – you may have seen Venice a million times before on Instagram, but nothing compares to actually being here. Tonight, dinner is on us.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Verona

DAY 9 | VENICE

We'll head out on a walking tour of the city's greats (think: the Doge's Palace, Rialto Bridge and St Mark's Square) before cranking up the Venetian vibes with a classic gondola ride on the Grand Canal. And later? You do you! Carnevale mask, anyone?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 10 | VENICE TO LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

We'll make a very beautiful pit stop at the 100% Insta-worthy Lake Bled on our way to Ljubljana today. Then: get ready to warp back to the Middle Ages on a walking tour of Ljubljana Castle and Old Town. Awesome!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Lake Bled
- + Walking tour of Ljubljana

DAY 11 | LJUBLJANA TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Feeling 'Hungary'? You soon will be! We'll roll into Budapest just in time for a wander to the Citadella, where the views are next level. Then: time to indulge in some delicious local fare. Expect plenty of paprika!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 12 | BUDAPEST

Yes! You've got a free day to do whatever you fancy. Grab a little 'me time' and indulge in a spa treatment at the Gellért Baths, soak up some history at the House of Terror Museum or hang with the hipsters at one of the city's iconic ruin bars. Fruit brandies all round!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Dinner cruise on the Danube river in Budapest

DAY 13 | BUDAPEST TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Next stop: the City of Dreams, aka Vienna. Famous for its Baroque architecture, musical heritage and the wonder that is the apple strudel (YUM), it's safe to say that there's a lot to see here. You've got one day to take it all in, so get moving!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Vienna
- + Visit Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Tickets to the Sound of Vienna Orchestra
- + Tickets to the Sound of Vienna Orchestra (dinner included)

DAY 14 | VIENNA TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

First on the agenda: a sobering visit to Mauthausen, a former concentration camp complex during WWII. Then: hit up a street vendor and stock up on trdelník before a walking tour through the fairytale city of Prague.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + Walking tour of Prague

DAY 15 | PRAGUE

What's it gonna be today – clock-watching in the Old Town Square, a wander through the Castle District or selfie time with the statues on Charles Bridge? Whatever you choose, make sure you have some time left to swing by the John Lennon Wall for that photo.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Local beer tasting in Prague

DAY 16 | PRAGUE TO BERLIN, GERMANY

See ya later, Prague – time to move on to Berlin, where a driving tour awaits. We'll tick off the likes of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and the Brandenburg Gate before tucking into an epic meal at the Hofbräuhaus. Prost!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 17 | BERLIN

Today is all about you. Kick back with the locals in Kreuzberg, take a close-up look at some of the city's monuments or make a beeline for the nearest currywurst stall. Tonight, get ready to go grungy on an optional street art and nightlife tour.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 18 | BERLIN TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam, we're ready for you! After an orientation tour, you'll be sufficiently clued up to get out there and do the Dam Square, the Royal Palace and the National Monument your way. Then: a cone of hot chips and mayo is calling your name...



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Amsterdam

DAY 19 | AMSTERDAM

Take in the wintry canal views on an optional bike ride, then cosy up with a healthy dose of hot chocolate, poffertjes and stroopwafels (Google them). Tonight, prepare to get emotional as we round off the trip with a farewell dinner cruise. Stifle those sobs!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 20 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

Today it's back on the ferry to London. It's not goodbye, it's see you later. *cries*



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + English Channel crossing

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.

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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!