

Topdeck

ESSENTIAL EUROPE



TRIP CODE:

EHWELL-9



Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

This European escape is like a pretty little package, all wrapped up in a bow. Think: a collection of fascinating cultures, plus some of the finest landscapes and most fabulous cities on the continent. From the vibrancy of Amsterdam to the ancient wonders of Rome, the traditional beer halls of Munich and everything else in between. Our Essential Europe truly is the best of the best.

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)

- + Walking tour of Munich
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam
- + Walking tour of Lucerne
- + Walking tour of Rome
- + Driving tour of Paris and gourmet picnic by the Eiffel Tower
- + Gondola ride in Venice
- + Walking tour of Florence with local guide
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam

MORE INCLUSIONS

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YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

London
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Netherlands - EUR
- + Germany - EUR
- + Italy - EUR
- + Vatican City - EUR
- + Switzerland - CHF
- + France - EUR

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**



DRIVER

DAY 1 | LONDON, ENGLAND TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Meet with the crew and hit the road to Amsterdam. DAM it's going to be a good day! 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.



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Amsterdam

DAY 2 | 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.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner
- + Optional Activity:
- + Bike tour of Amsterdam



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Canal dinner cruise

DAY 3 | AMSTERDAM TO HEIDELBERG, GERMANY

Picture the definition of pretty and you've got Heidelberg. Have a one day romantic affair with the city that will capture your heart with its charm. We're talking hilltop castle ruins, cobblestone quarters and a fairytale 18th century bridge crossing the River Neckar. Feast German style before taste-testing steins from the local beer houses.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 4 | HEIDELBERG TO MUNICH

It's time to get to know the city where beer is officially considered a food. Your Trip Leader will clue you up on the Bavarian capital on a walking tour. Then: slide on your lederhosen and have a royal Happy Hour experience (none of that craft beer nonsense here) at the 428-year-old Hofbräuhaus. Did you know that the recipes here were passed down from Wilhelm V, the Duke of Bavaria? You do now!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Munich

DAY 5 | MUNICH TO VENICE, ITALY

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:

+ Gondola ride
+ Walking tour of Venice



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Get a personalised trip T-shirt or hoodie

DAY 6 | VENICE TO ROME

Time to give that bucket list a workout! 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:

+ Walking tour of Rome

DAY 7 | ROME INCLUDING VATICAN CITY VISIT

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 of the Vatican City

DAY 8 | ROME TO FLORENCE

Make your food baby sing as we roll into the land of hearty Tuscan cuisine and the birthplace of gelato: Florence. Set off on a walking tour with a local guide and make the most of your time here before tucking into amore on a plate. Shop, eat, shop, eat, explore then eat again.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Florence with a local guide

DAY 9 | FLORENCE TO LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND

Prepare for more #epicviews as we head to the lakeside town Lucerne. Check out the famous Lion Monument, Chapel Bridge, Glacier Gardens and Hofkirche on a guided tour. The way you spend the night is totally up to you.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Lucerne

DAY 10 | LUCERNE TO PARIS, FRANCE

Pinch yourself and Instagram your first selfie in Paris. That's right, you've made it! Home to Coco Chanel, the Eiffel Tower and the Mona Lisa, Paris has more than earned its reputation as the European capital for all things culture, fashion and food. Get ready.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 11 | PARIS

This morning: free time. 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 cabaret show. Don't forget we've got a gourmet picnic by THAT famous tower tonight too.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 12 | PARIS TO LONDON, ENGLAND

Pack some macarons, or just, you know, keep travelling forever.



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!