

# Topdeck

## WINTER WONDER



TRIP CODE:

EHWWLL-9

## Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

What could be better than experiencing all this fabulous continent has to offer during the magic of winter? Nothing, that's what. From the Eiffel Tower to the Colosseum, the towering Swiss Alps to the canals of Amsterdam, the sights and sounds of Europe will stay with you long after the snow melts.

### 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
- + Walking tour of Florence with local guide

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + English Channel ferry ticket
- + Driving tour of Paris
- + Walking tour of Verona
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Gondola ride in Venice
- + Walking tour of Salzburg
- + Dutch cheese & clogs demonstration
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Paris  
Europe

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

London  
Europe

## *Trip currencies*

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

# Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP  
LEADER**



**DRIVER**

## DAY 1 | LONDON, ENGLAND TO PARIS, FRANCE

Leave London for dust as we jump over the English Channel to France for a beauty smackdown. Brush up on your bonjours when you meet the rest of the group and wrap your lips around your first real French meal at our included dinner. See the City of Light at its best on a driving tour and play landmark bingo with the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe.



**MEALS:**

+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ English Channel ferry ticket  
+ Driving tour of Paris

## DAY 2 | PARIS

A free day in Paris to get involved with pastries, paintings and the Centre Pompidou. Bike along the Seine on an optional tour or just flâner (stroll) around and drink it in. Check out L'eclair de Genie in Le Marais (don't ask questions), get your obligatory Eiffel Tower #selfie then explore the world's largest grave at the Catacombs. Tonight, experience the razzle dazzle of a cabaret show or hop on a boat down the river to crank the romance dial to 11.



**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! The vistas out your window today are gorgeous. Unlike the Toblerone box, the Swiss Alps aren't all lined up perfectly, so we weave up through the breathtaking valleys and peaks to reach our destination.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner

## DAY 4 | SWISS ALPS

Wake up, eat hearty then go Stallone all over the Alps. Or just settle in with some Gluhwein. If you get a second wind, jump on the revolving gondola to the top of Mount Titlis and test your pano photo skills. Then head back down for some snow angels and hot chocolate.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

+ Scenic excursion to Mount Titlis

## DAY 5 | SWISS ALPS TO FLORENCE, ITALY

Yodel your way down the mountains and into the land of hearty Tuscan cuisine and the birthplace of gelato: Florence. Then, the evening is yours to stroll along the real-life watercolour of the Arno River, wishing you were a painter. Enjoy!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

## DAY 6 | FLORENCE TO 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. Pop in on the Pope on an optional tour of the Vatican City, then play I spy with two-and-a-half millennia worth of history. Shop 'til 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 Vatican City

## DAY 8 | ROME TO VENICE

Snap a selfie at Juliet's famous balcony in Verona and join throngs of lovers leaving notes on the wall (or avoid the crowds and just marvel at the ancient arena). Say ciao to Venice from across the lagoon as we check into our hotel and tuck into a yummy dinner together.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Verona

## DAY 9 | VENICE

100+ slowly sinking islands won't explore themselves. Get your bearings on this morning's walking tour before an action packed day. Soak up St Mark's Square and get ready for a quintessential gondola ride on the Grand Canal. Corny smooching not included. This afternoon, snoop the Doge's Palace, cross Rialto Bridge and shop for Carnevale masks. There's so much going on here. Did we mention it's beautiful?



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

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

## DAY 10 | VENICE TO SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Today, it's off to Mozart's birthplace: Salzburg. Enjoy a walking tour of his birthplace and then play I spy with Salzburg Castle overlooking the city. There's lots to explore here, so hop to it!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Salzburg

## DAY 11 | SALZBURG 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

## DAY 12 | HEIDELBERG TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Amster-DAM it's going to be a good day! Get your bearings on a walking tour of the vibrant capital and see the Dam Square, Royal Palace and National Monument. And that's just for starters.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

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

## DAY 13 | AMSTERDAM

Get on your bike and ride! Do as the locals do and join the 881,000 bicycles on an optional city bike tour to soak up the wintery canal vistas before retreating with hot chocolate, poffertjes and stroopwafels. Take on the city's 51 museums (must-dos: Van Gogh Museum and the Anne Frank House). Still thirsty for more? Check out the Heineken Experience for an interactive visit and tasting at the brewery. Top it off with a dinner cruise on the canal tonight with the gang.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam

## DAY 14 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

Today it's back on the ferry as we journey back to London. Start planning the next adventure. Facebook friends?



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + English Channel ferry ticket

## 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!**