

Topdeck

WINTER PATHWAY



TRIP CODE:

EHWXRL-9

Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

What's better than pizza, gelato and gondola rides? Nothing, that's what. This winter trip takes in some awesome highlights of Europe so get ready! Start your adventure in Italy, before making your way through Austria, Germany, Slovenia, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic and Netherlands. Don't miss out on chocolate, waffles and beer while you're here.

WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hotel



Nights



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This is a sector trip.

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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
- + Stay in World Heritage
- + listed Ceský Krumlov
- + Stay in the scenic Austrian Alps
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Walking tour of Rome
- + Walking tour of Verona
- + Walking tour of Venice
- + Gondola ride in Venice
- + Walking tour of Munich
- + Visit Lake Bled
- + Walking tour of Ljubljana
- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + Walking tour of Kraków
- + Guided tour of former concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau
- + Walking tour of Český Krumlov
- + 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
- + English Channel crossing

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Rome
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Italy - EUR
- + Vatican City - EUR
- + Austria - EUR
- + Germany - EUR
- + Slovenia - EUR
- + Hungary - HUF
- + Poland - PLN
- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Netherlands - EUR

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**



DRIVER

DAY 1 | ROME

Our epic trip begins this afternoon in Rome. Meet up with your Trip Leader and new travel pals for a brief welcome meeting before going on a walking tour of Rome's most famous sites. The Colosseum, the Spanish Steps, the Roman Forum and the Trevi Fountain. They're all here. Fire up your Instagram for these must-sees. Yep, it's as epic as you thought here.



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Rome

DAY 2 | ROME INCLUDING VATICAN CITY VISIT

Rome is where the heart is. Visit the world's smallest country aka Vatican City (optional), hang with the locals, or eat as much pizza and gelato as you can possibly handle. Question is, how many gelato flavours can you try during your time here? Challenge accepted! Let's go.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Guided tour of Vatican City

DAY 3 | ROME TO VENICE

First, visit Juliet's balcony in Verona to join the lovers leaving notes on the wall. Then: Venice. Home to the Grand Canal, pretty Venetian masks and over 400 bridges. Get ready to say 'wow' like 100 times.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Verona

DAY 4 | VENICE

Burn off some of those calories by exploring the city on foot this morning. Then cue singing men in water limos taking you down a labyrinth of canals. That's right, you're heading out on a gondola ride with the crew! This afternoon is all yours to do whatever you like. Don't miss the Doge's Palace, cross the 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 5 | VENICE TO AUSTRIAN ALPS, AUSTRIA

Mountains, skiing and beer = we're on our way to Austria. Time to get your Schwarzenegger impression perfected! Keep an eye out of the coach window today as we drive through the stunning mountain landscape. A home cooked meal tonight will prep you for the exciting, snowy adventure ahead.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Tobogganing in Austria

DAY 6 | AUSTRIAN ALPS

Red Bull was born here. So channel your inner adrenalin junkie and have a go at skiing or snowboarding (optional). Whether you're a beginner or a pro, there's slopes for all levels. You'll get the hang of it soon enough! Prefer the après ski action? You won't be short of options that's for sure. Snowsports not your thing? Just take in the storybook landscape with a mug of hot chocolate to warm you up. Either way, you're winning at life.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Skiing
+ Snowboarding

DAY 7 | AUSTRIAN ALPS

Survived the après ski and wanna go again? Well you're in luck. There's more optional skiing and snowboarding on the cards today if you want it. Rather rest up and take it easy? Go for it. That's what ski chalets are for.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Skiing
+ Snowboarding

DAY 8 | AUSTRIAN ALPS TO MUNICH, GERMANY

There's an early start for extra snow time this morning before heading to Munich for a walking tour. Get to know the city where beer is king. Tonight is all you.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Munich

DAY 9 | MUNICH TO LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Give one last prost to Munich before we get to Ljubljana. Travel back to the Middle Ages with a visit to the Ljubljana Castle and Old Town. Tonight, the evening is all yours. Hit up Metelkova Mesto for a tea or vino with a side of live music and underground art installations. You'll be fitting in with the locals in no time.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Lake Bled
+ Walking tour of Ljubljana

DAY 10 | LJUBLJANA TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Get a feel for Budapest on a driving tour taking in some of the big names: Andrassy Avenue, Heroes' Square and Fisherman's Bastion. Haven't heard of ruin bars yet? You'll get to know them soon enough. Feel free to hit the town tonight for some signature European nightlife with a hipster twist.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 11 | BUDAPEST

Free day to explore this amazing place. Opt to visit the Széchenyi thermal baths today if you feel like a bit of a pamper. Relax and then get right back out there. We told you Budapest was a good time, right?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Dinner cruise on the Danube river

DAY 12 | BUDAPEST TO KRAKOW, POLAND

Kraków's up next on our Winter Pathway. Check out the largest medieval town square in Europe and loads more on a walking tour with your Topdeck family. Then, why not brush up on history at Wawel Castle or enjoy the views on the bank of the Wisla?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Kraków

DAY 13 | KRAKOW

Your day, your choice. Our top tip? Be sure to check out Kazimierz, the Old Jewish quarter. Labyrinthine streets, markets, bars and cafés – this is where the cool kids hang out. For more great places to visit in Kraków, ask your Trip Leader for the insider info.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 14 | KRAKOW TO CESKÝ KRUMLOV, CZECH REPUBLIC

This morning we'll visit the former concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. Take time to reflect before arriving into fairytale Český Krumlov. The entire place is UNESCO World Heritage-listed so prepare to be wowed. Be sure to visit the castle while you're here. After a stroll around town to get your bearings with the crew, embrace the wintry vibe while you tuck into a traditional Czech meal for dinner tonight.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Guided tour of former
concentration camp Auschwitz-
Birkenau
+ Walking tour of Český Krumlov

DAY 15 | CESKÝ KRUMLOV TO PRAGUE

Prague is all about the charm. Fuel up on trdelník (pastry deliciousness) before a walking tour among grand spires and cobblestone streets. Suss out the castle, cross medieval Charles Bridge and watch 'Death' toll the hour on an astronomical clock that's over 600 years old. Yes, really! After dinner, the night is yours. Get cosy in a café with hot chocolate or go find out why Prague is famous for its nightlife.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Prague

DAY 16 | PRAGUE

You've got a whole free day to tick off everything you didn't get the chance to do yesterday. A trip to Prague wouldn't be complete without a visit to the John Lennon Wall. Want more history? You could always stop by the National Museum 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 The Museum of Miniatures, eat roast pork from one of the street vendors lining Old Town Square and drink beer. Really. Good. Beer.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Local beer tasting in Prague

DAY 17 | PRAGUE TO BERLIN, GERMANY

Get to know Dresden – a city virtually destroyed in WWII and then rebuilt. Then: Berlin, we're coming for ya. We'll drive you around to see the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building before knuckling down with some pork at Hofbräuhaus.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 18 | BERLIN

Almost too many choices on this free day! Do culture, do food, do history. 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. More culture awaits on Museum Island, with creative types and yummy meals on offer in the Prenzlauer Berg and Kreuzberg neighbourhoods. Tonight, no curfew at clubs = get ready for a night to remember.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 19 | BERLIN TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Amster-DAM it's going to be a good day! Get your bearings on a walking tour of the vibrant capital this evening and see the Dam Square, Royal Palace and National Monument. End the night with a cone of hot chips with mayo. Mmm.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Amsterdam

DAY 20 | AMSTERDAM

Get on your bike and ride! Take on the optional city bike tour to soak up the wintery canal views before warming up in a café with a hot chocolate 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 with your Topdeck family. Quick, take all of the selfies!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 21 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

The trip's over! Too soon to lock in a reunion? Never!



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.

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!