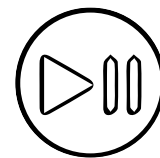




TOPDECKER, meet Europe (TD)

(Previously called: Roman Road) TRIP VIBE = the perfect mix of group activities and all-important YOU time. You've got 10 days, some awesome AF inclusions, free time to explore the cities you've been dreaming about, and a bunch of people just as stoked to be here as you are. Tick off the crowd-pleasers. Explore the Alps. Relax on the coast. Uncover the history. And dig into 5-countries-worth of drool-worthy food. This? This is your road to one life-changing adventure.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Play & Pause



Nights



Download app



Meals

Thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

Ready for the time of your LIFE?
The countdown's on...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – from where to meet your Topdeck fam to what we suggest you bring.

Read them on the train, in the supermarket queue or on the loo – we don't mind, just look through them carefully so you know what to expect on your trip. We recommend you download this document so it's with you when you travel (and give a copy to your MVPs so they know what you're up to).

IMPORTANT: please refresh this doc as close to your departure as possible. This means you'll have the most up-to-date info available.

INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Walking tour of Florence with local guide
- Walking tour of Venice with Trip Leader
- Paris highlights drive

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Rome
Italy

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

TRIP CURRENCIES

- Italy - EUR
- Vatican City - EUR
- Switzerland - CHF
- France - EUR
- England - GBP

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 | ROME, ITALY

Ready to leave the everyday behind and uncover extraordinary? That's lucky: this 10-day trip is ALL about that. We'll rendezvous in bella Roma – the home of pizza, piazzas and pizzazz. First: say ciao to the small bunch of trip mates sharing the adventure. Then, we'll get our first taste of some drool-worthy Italian dishes at tonight's included dinner. You wore your fat pants, right?



MEALS:

- Dinner

DAY 2 | ROME

You've got 24 hours to live out all your Eat. Pray. Love. fantasies. Get out there and do your own, spontaneous, this-is-what-you-came-for thing. But if you need some local tips, we've got your back. Count your blessings on an optional tour of Vatican City. Hike up Capitoline Hill for awesome views of the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Head to the Knights of Malta Keyhole to see an alternative view of the city. Battle the lunchtime rush for a slice at Pizzarium Bonci. Hunt down the Mouth of Truth. Or simply do as the locals do and indulge in a little dolce far niente (delicious idleness) at a local cafe. You're in Disneyland for foodies, so finding dinner tonight is gonna to be a breeze. Thought you'd tried all the gelato flavours? Head to Fatamorgana – and think again.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Locally guided tour of Vatican City: from €45

DAY 3 | ROME TO FLORENCE

Prepare to make your food baby sing as we roll into Florence. This place has more stories than you can poke a stick at, more culture than a Fitzroy hipster AND it gave the world gelato – praise be. We'll get the lay of the land on an in-depth walking tour with a local guide. Then: take your new-found knowledge and hit the streets solo. Uffizi Gallery. Ponte Vecchio. Piazza della Signoria. The Duomo. You can't see it all, but you sure as hell can try! And tonight? Settle into a cosy bar and sip on an OG Negroni. Or head back to the hotel for some R&R. You do you.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Florence with local guide

DAY 4 | FLORENCE TO VENICE

You've got this morning to explore – make it count. Get to the Galleria dell'Accademia early to make eyes at David. Or head to the top of the Duomo for allll the views (get your tix in advance!). Later, we're off to Venice. You know it as the Floating City, but this place is actually sinking (slowly). Check out the usual suspects on a walking tour with our Trip Leader – ticking off the likes of St Mark's Square, Doge's Palace and Accademia Bridge. Dinner tonight is on you, but your Trip Leader has the low-down on where to go. What delicious carb-laden Italian meal are you going to try first? Order two.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Venice with Trip Leader



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Get a personalised trip T-shirt or hoodie: from €21

DAY 5 | VENICE

Time to see what all the fuss is about. Centuries-old architecture. Inventive cuisine. And a bucket-load of culture. Venice is just begging to be explored – and you've got the whole day to do just that. Need suggestions? Jump on an iconic gondola ride along the Grand Canal. Spend some time seeking out the epic Libreria Acqua Alta bookshop. Head off the tourist trail with a trip to Giudecca Island. Or discover the maze of winding streets, grand piazzas and shimmering canals. That's what makes memories.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Gondola ride down the Grand Canal

DAY 6 | VENICE TO SWISS ALPS, SWITZERLAND

From cityscapes to landscapes, prepare yourself for some I-N-C-R-E-D-I-B-L-E scenery as we make our way to the Swiss Alps. Warm up those vocal cords, we'll be busting out some bangers on the ride into the mountains. Or plug in your AirPods and catch some zzzs. Then: cue the fairytale villages of your imagination – the oh-so-quiet Engelberg is where we'll be spending the night. After dinner, you can head to the hotel bar with the gang or enjoy some me-time relaxing in the fresh alpine air. You're finally here: slow down and enjoy it.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner

DAY 7 | SWISS ALPS

This is your day. So, enjoy it your way. Ready to explore? Hiking. Biking. Thrill-seeking. It's all here. This place should have been sponsored by GoPro. You could take the revolving gondola to the top of Mt Titlis for all the epic views (without the effort). Or head into town in search of the world's best hot chocolate and cheese fondue – unless you're lactose intolerant. After grabbing dinner, sit back and enjoy the view. This is livin'.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Scenic excursion to Mt Titlis (summer only): from 92 CHF

DAY 8 | SWISS ALPS TO PARIS, FRANCE

Buy that mini-fondue set for mum. Down your coffee. And wave goodbye to Switzerland – we're off to the City of Love. The home of Coco Chanel, the Mona Lisa and world's craziest roundabout – Paris deserves its rep as the European capital for all things fashion, culture and food. Glue your face to the coach window as we pass showstoppers like the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, Rue de Rivoli, the Seine and THAT Tower on a driving tour. Then, you've got the evening free to uncover why they call this place the City of Lights. Hint: head up the Montparnasse observation tower at night and you might get a better idea.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Paris highlights drive

DAY 9 | PARIS

You wanted more time to explore – so here's a free day we prepared earlier. Go get it. Create a solid dent in your bucket list with a visit to see ol' Mona (book your tickets in advance!) and the Musée d'Orsay. Flash some plastic along the Champs Elysées. Discover the hidden gems down Paris's backstreets. Walking not your thing? Give those calves a workout on an optional bike tour. Or soak up the Parisian vibes from the water while cruising the River Seine. Tonight, dress to impress for an optional cabaret show. Think: sparking lights, death-defining acrobatics, OTT costumes and the can-can (of course). For tonight's grand finale, shake out those fat pants and enjoy one last dinner with the gang.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Bike tour of Paris: from €30
- Seine River cruise in Paris: from €10
- Parisian cabaret show: from €80

DAY 10 | PARIS TO LONDON, ENGLAND

Today we say au revoir. But who said all good things must come to an end? There's plenty of time to plan the reunion trip on the coach back to ol' Blighty. Where to next?



MEALS:

- Breakfast

OTHER INFORMATION

TOPDECK APP

Feeling appy? Download the Topdeck app and get PUMPED for the adventure ahead. Best bit is: from 45 days before departure you'll be able to chat with your soon-to-be tripmates.

Plus, get your itinerary at your fingertips – so you know where you'll be going and what you'll be doing on each day of your trip. Nice!

Links:

Apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/topdeck/id994727866>

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.FlexiTechSolutions.TopDeck&hl=en>



YOUR SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

We love a good night out – experiencing the nightlife and entertainment places have to offer is a big part of travelling. But alongside the fun it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety.

When you're out late, 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 so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. Make sure you have your 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.

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Customers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana – even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip immediately. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

REMEMBER: if you are found in possession of drugs, not only do you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if they are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you don't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!

- Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home too – so they're sure to know some tried- and- tested ways to beat the blues
- Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (fact!)

TRAVEL SINCE COVID-19

Travel looks a bit different since COVID-19. That's why we've put some new procedures in place to help keep you safe on the road.

What remains the same? Your Topdeck trip will be run hygienically, responsibly, and with your safety at the forefront of everything we do. End of.

Here's the info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/travel-safely>

RESPECT ON THE ROAD

RESPECTING FELLOW TRAVELLERS

Our trips are for everyone. We're a family – and we want every Topdecker to have an incredible time.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow tripmates . The golden rules? Respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation, and treat others how you'd wish to be treated. Easy!

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome adventure AND a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your room towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets, and book tours and activities run by local guides
- Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

Head to our FAQ for more info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/faqs-0>

Got more Qs? Chat with our Customer Service team: <https://www.topdeck.travel/about-us/contact>

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling. Check out our handy interactive map showing global visa requirements:

<https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/latest-border-restrictions>

PLEASE NOTE: some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

TIPPING

Basically: it's not necessary.

Your Trip Leader and Driver don't expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. Meaning? More dollar to spend on optional activities (and a souvenir for your nan).

WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it (as long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is!).

Off to Japan? Your luggage must be no bigger than 160cm in total (height x width x length). So maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

Psst: this is a packing list for Topdeck trips in general. Obv you'd look silly splashing around the Greek islands in a snowsuit.

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- 4 shirts/T-shirts
- 2 sweaters/jumpers
- Smart casual evening wear
- 1 warm jacket + 1 rainproof jacket

- Underwear and socks + swimwear
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Hat and sunscreen
- Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- Adaptor plug
- Reusable water bottle
- Snow gear



THAT'S IT!