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TOPDECKER, meet Europe (TD)

TRIP VIBE = fast-paced fun with tons of socialising, bucket-list sights and good times all round. Clue's in the name. It's big. It's European. And it's waiting for YOU. We're talking almost a month's worth of jaw-dropping cities, eye-popping coastlines and rip-roaring company. From getting horizontal on beaches of the French Riviera, Kefalonia and Dubrovnik to the cultural icons of Rome, Paris and Berlin (plus some pretty hot Balkan destinations), prepare yourself for the biggest and best fun you've ever had. Guaranteed.

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

 <p>Get Social</p>	 <p>Nights</p>
 <p>Android/iPhone app download info</p>	 <p>This is a sector trip.</p>

Hi, and 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.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Paris highlights drive
- + Walking tour of Monaco with Trip Leader
- + Visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower
- + Walking tour of Florence with local guide
- + Walking tour of Rome with Trip Leader
- + Two day sails around the Greek islands
- + Tirana highlights drive
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with local guide
- + Orientation walk of Zadar with Trip Leader
- + Walking tour of Venice with Trip Leader
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TRIP CURRENCIES

START

PICK UP:

London
Europe

FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

- + England - GBP
 - + France - EUR
 - + Switzerland - CHF
 - + Monaco - EUR
 - + Italy - EUR
 - + Vatican City - EUR
 - + Greece - EUR
 - + Albania - ALL
 - + Montenegro - EUR
 - + Croatia - EUR
 - + Slovenia - EUR
 - + Germany - EUR
 - + Czech Republic - CZK
 - + Netherlands - EUR
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YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 | LONDON (ENGLAND) – PARIS (FRANCE)

Give HRH a wave, meet the crew and grab some supplies – we're hitting the road early to jump across the channel. The home of Coco Chanel, the Mona Lisa and cream cakes of dreams – Paris deserves its rep as the European capital for all things culture, fashion and food. We'll get to know the City of Love better with a driving tour before tonight's first dinner together.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Paris highlights drive

DAY 2 | PARIS

This is your day, your way. So, make every second count. Create a solid dent in your bucket list with a visit to the Louvre (get your tix in advance!). Snap a pic of the Arc de Triomphe. Wander the Champs Elysées. Or discover the hidden backstreets with your travel buds. Walking not your thing? Stretch out those legs on an optional bike tour. Or jump aboard an optional river cruise down the Seine. Tonight, dress to impress for an optional cabaret show. Ooh la la!



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

+ Bike tour of Paris: from €30

+ Seine River cruise: from €10

+ Parisian cabaret show: from
€75

DAY 3 | PARIS – SWISS ALPS (SWITZERLAND)

Trade in Parisian streets for snowy peaks. Warm up those vocal cords, we'll be blasting some banging tunes on the ride into the mountains – stopping for a few pics on the way of course. Home to the 'Top of Europe', 72 waterfalls and one of the largest nature conservations in Switzerland – tonight we're bunking down in the mind-blowing Swiss Alps. This eve: sit back in the fresh alpine air with an ice-cold bevvie, or head into town and soak up the valley vibes. Yep, this is what you came for.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 4 | SWISS ALPS

If the Swiss Alps had a Tinder bio it would read: fun-filled outdoor enthusiast – looking for a fellow adrenaline junkie to share adventures with. And we'd swipe right. Hiking. Biking. Skydiving. Helicopter-ing. It's all here. If you're wanting something a bit more low-key – strap on the Nikes and walk the valley floor. Or hop on board the Jungfrau railway for an optional visit to the Jungfrau Mountain summit. Expect plenty of fairytale villages en route! Haven't had cheese fondue yet? Go. Now.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Scenic excursion to Jungfrau ('The Top of Europe'): from 161.80 CHF
- + Skydiving in the Swiss Alps: from 450 CHF

DAY 5 | SWISS ALPS – FRENCH RIVIERA (FRANCE)

Trade in your gruezi for bonjour as we head to the GLAM French Riviera. After dumping your stuff at the accommodation, this afternoon is totally up to you! Indulge in a bit of celeb spotting with a stroll around some of the world's most lavish waterfront properties (no judgement here). Head to the beach for a dip. Or find a local haunt for some seriously good seafood. Tonight, it's happy hour with the gang (happiness guaranteed, discounted cocktails are not).

MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 6 | FRENCH RIVIERA, INCLUDING MONACO

This morning, you do you! Sleep in. Laze on the beach. Go wild in the designer boutiques in Nice's Old Town. Try all the decorative pastries your elastic waistband can handle – then work them off with a walk up Castle Hill for all the views. Later: roll with the jet set on a walking tour of Monaco and see how the 1% live (hint: it involves Ferraris and bathing in caviar). Feeling lucky? Hit the tables at the Monte Carlo Casino and make it rain (or not).

INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Monaco with Trip Leader

DAY 7 | FRENCH RIVIERA – PISA (ITALY) – FLORENCE

Squeeze in one last swim. Down your coffee. And wave goodbye to France – we're heading for the land of the long boot. First stop is Pisa, so think up a good pose for THAT photo. After, make your food baby sing as we roll into the capital of Tuscan cuisine and birthplace of gelato. This evening: take a wander along the Arno River and watch the sunset. Then: it's time to sample a scoop (or two) of the good stuff. Did someone say karaoke? If you're feeling it, join the gang in a battle of the classics at the bar later.

MEALS:

- + Breakfast

INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower

DAY 8 | FLORENCE – ROME

Before we hit the road, we'll delve deeper into this artistic capital with a local guide. Uffizi Gallery. Ponte Vecchio. Piazza della Signoria. The Duomo. See it all. Then? The history lesson continues – only this one isn't boring. Trust us. We'll pass by the Pantheon, throw our two cents in the Trevi Fountain, (don't) sit on the Spanish Steps and check out the mighty Colosseum before the day is done. Tonight, you're in Disneyland for foodies – so pull on your fat pants and track down some penne alla vodka (pasta and vodka are BFFs, trust us).



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Florence with local guide
- + Walking tour of Rome with Trip Leader

DAY 9 | ROME

Time to live out those Roman Holiday fantasies – today is all about Vespas, espresso, two-cheeked kisses and pizza the way it's supposed to taste. Count your blessings on an optional tour of the Vatican City (if that's your thing). Or head up to Capitoline Hill for awesome views of the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Then, do as the locals do and indulge in a little dolce far niente (delicious idleness) at a local cafe or piazza. Tonight, shake out those fat pants for round two.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Guided tour of Vatican City: from €60

DAY 10 | ROME – OVERNIGHT FERRY TO LEFKADA (GREECE)

Truth bomb alert: you've got a bit of a drive from Rome to Ancona today (where we'll swap the coach for a ferry). BUT once we're on board you're gonna have a cabin with an en suite for the ride. Plus you've got your awesome AF trip mates to keep you entertained. And when you wake up? You're in Greece – heck, yes!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Overnight ferry

DAY 11 | LEFKADA

Watch as the Greek coastline whizzes past the coach window before we settle into our base for the next three days – the jaw-dropping island of Lefkada. Expect: brilliant-blue waters lapping at crescent-shaped beaches and pebbly coves. And a free day to make the most of them. Nightmare. Grab a gyro and explore the rainbow-coloured town. Stroll around the marina. Then head to Agios Ioannis Beach for crystal-clear shallows and dazzling sunsets. Bliss.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 12 | LEFKADA, INCLUDING SAILING

Ahoy, me hearties! This morning we're swapping dry land for a day bobbling along the stunning Ionian Sea. Jump aboard the boat and find your sea legs – today's gonna be a good one. First port of call: a swim stop at the blue-and-white paradise that is Egremni Beach. Then: we'll set sail for the BEAUT island of Kefalonia to splash around some more and explore the village. Stomach grumbling? We've got an on-board Greek BBQ lunch to sort that. And one final stop at the chill island of Ithaca before we drop anchor for the evening and head back to our hotel. Shake off that sand like T Swift taught you, and swap seafaring tales with the gang. Arrrrrr!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + A day's sailing the Greek islands

DAY 13 | LEFKADA, INCLUDING SAILING

All hands on deck! Well – hands, feet and all the rest of you, preferably. It's back on the boat this morning for even MORE sailing, swimming and snacking around the dreamy Ionian Islands. We'll anchors away and make a photo stop at Papanikolis Cave (so big a Greek submarine hid in here during WW2, FYI), before setting course for the super-scenic island of Meganisi. And this arvo? Another included barbie lunch (feat. souvlaki), more swim sessions, and a jaunt around the neighbourhood's lush private islands. This evening: it's your final night in Greece, so hunker down in a beachfront bar and make the most of it.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

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DAY 14 | LEFKADA – TIRANA (ALBANIA)

What happens when you paint a former communist capital in vivid colours? According to Tirana's artist-turned-mayor-turned-TED speaker Edi Rama, people start paying taxes and crime rates plummet. True story. Say hello to our local guide when we tick off the main sights on a driving tour. Then: make sure you check out the crazy number of old bunkers here. Tonight, your mission – should you choose to accept it – get out there and find the city's best fried kaçkavall cheese. Mmmmm.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Tirana highlights drive with local guide

DAY 15 | TIRANA – DUBROVNIK (CROATIA)

Press your nose to the window and soak up all the stunning views racing past the coach window as we make our way to the most famous walled city in Europe. Thanks Game of Thrones. This afternoon, we'll take a wander around Dubrovnik's tiny cobblestone streets with a local guide. And later? Head to Bu~a Bar for some relaxed cliffside bevies. Or check out the acrobatic antics at Revelin nightclub. Did we mention it's in a 16th-century fortress?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with local guide

DAY 16 | DUBROVNIK

Don't be fooled. Dubrovnik is so much more than snapping a selfie on some steps. Although, you can totally get your fill of GOT with a Cersei-themed tour today, if that's your thing. Rather take to the water? Sign up to a sea kayaking excursion – swim stops at the island of Lokrum included. Get your fix of awesome views with a stroll along the ancient city walls or take the cable car up Mt Srd. Then tonight: hit the d-floor for round two. Or find a local wine bar to sample Croatia's delicious grape-juice.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Sea kayaking around the ancient City Walls of Dubrovnik: from 230 HRK

DAY 17 | DUBROVNIK – ZADAR

Ready for something a bit... quirky? It's called the Sea Organ. And we'll discover this unique art installation – along with the Zadar's eclectic mix of Roman ruins and public art – on an orientation tour with our Trip Leader. Bearings established, the rest of the day is ours for the taking. Explore the Old Town, check out the city walls or sit back with a cocktail at The Garden Lounge. 100% up to you.

MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Orientation walk of Zadar with Trip Leader

DAY 18 | ZADAR – VENICE (ITALY)

Starting to have gelato-shaped dreams again? DW – you've got another chance to get your fill when we arrive in Venice later today. But first: an optional round of stalagmite spotting at the beautiful Postojna Cave. Fun fact: this all-natural maze of tunnels and caverns was hollowed out by the Pivka River around two MILLION years ago. When we get to Venice, it's time to see what all the fuss is about. Centuries-old architecture. Inventive cuisine. And a bucket-load of culture. Dinner is up to you tonight but we've got the inside scoop on where to go.

MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit Postojna Cave: from €25
- + Get a personalised trip T-shirt or hoodie: from €21

DAY 19 | VENICE

You know it as The Floating City, but this place is actually sinking (slowly). Today we'll check out the who's who of Venice's usual suspects on a walking tour with our Trip Leader – ticking off the likes of St Mark's Square, Doges Palace and Accademia Bridge. Then: take an optional gondola ride down the Grand Canal. You're in Venice after all. Need some suggestions for your free time this afternoon? Insider tip: spend some time seeking out the epic Libreria Acqua Alta bookshop or head off the tourist trail with a trip to Guidecca Island.

INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Venice with Trip Leader

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Gondola ride: from €30

DAY 20 | VENICE – MUNICH (GERMANY)

Next up? A country where beer is officially considered an essential food group (right next to sausage and sauerkraut). Say hello to Germany! We'll kick things off with a walking tour of Munich then it's the moment you've been waiting for – an appropriate occasion to wear lederhosen. Head to the 428-year-old Hofbräuhaus for a royal Happy Hour experience or find the Chinese beer garden (or any beer garden for that matter) for a stein-sesh with your trip mates. Prost!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Munich with Trip Leader

DAY 21 | MUNICH – PRAGUE (CZECH REPUBLIC)

First today: a visit to former concentration camp Dachau for a lesson in the resilience of humanity. Then: on to Prague. Our Trip Leader will help us get acquainted with this picture-perfect city – complete with a quirky clock tower – and point out all the must-dos for our free day tomorrow. Tonight? Hit the town to try some local Czech beer. It'd be rude not to.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit former concentration camp Dachau
+ Walking tour of Prague with Trip Leader

DAY 22 | PRAGUE

How you spend your day is 100% up to you. And trust us, there's plenty to Czech out (ha!). Seek out the John Lennon wall. Soak up some history at the Communist Museum. Take the funicular up Petrin Hill for allll the views. Or grab a delish roast pork roll at one of the street vendors lining Old Town Square. Fancy yourself as a bit of a beer connoisseur? Don't miss the beer tasting optional this afternoon. 11 different Czech beers + tapas = good times all around.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Local beer tasting in Prague:
from 800 CZK

DAY 23 | PRAGUE – DRESDEN (GERMANY) – BERLIN

Another day, another food-obsessed European city. But first: get acquainted with 800-year-old Dresden – a city virtually destroyed in WWII and then rebuilt – before we make tracks to Berlin. Prep yourself for currywurst and more hipsters per capita than anywhere else. We'll drive you around the main sights including (what's left of) the Berlin Wall, Zoo Gardens, the Holocaust Museum, Charlottenburg Palace and Alexander Platz. Then: hunt down a pretzel the size of your head and some Berliner Pfannkuchen – the doughnut's German cousin.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation walk of Dresden with Trip Leader
+ Berlin highlights drive

DAY 24 | BERLIN

You've got 24 hrs here. Make the most of it. Our advice? Opt in for a historic walking tour that's, you know, not boring. Get a local insight into what the city was like under Nazi rule and tick off the likes of the Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie and Brandenburg Gate. Or put those taste buds to the ultimate test on an awesome AF food tour. We're talking kebabs, pastries, currywurst, pierogi and local beers (you're in Germany after all). Tonight, it's time to see whether this city's nightlife really lives up to the hype.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Third Reich walking tour:
from €12
- + Berlin food tour: from €45

DAY 25 | BERLIN – AMSTERDAM (NETHERLANDS)

The trip may be coming to a close, but it's not over yet! We've got our eye on Amsterdam today. It's time to hit the cobblestones and explore – check out the likes of Dam Square, the Royal Palace and the National Monument. Then, this place is a foodie's haven: try traditional Dutch pancakes (sweet/savoury/both at once) or head to the Foodhallen for alllll the world snacks. Later, make a beeline for a canalside wine bar or brewery to keep the good times rolling.

MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 26 | AMSTERDAM

This is our last full day together. So, don't hang about – get on your bike! Check out Amsterdam's iconic canals, bridges and parks on an optional bike tour. Or for the culture fiends – delve a bit deeper with a visit to the Anne Frank House (don't forget to book in advance!) or the Van Gogh and Rijksmuseum. Whatever you get up to, make sure you're back in time to toast the final night of our European adventure at tonight's group dinner.

MEALS:

- + Dinner

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam: from
€25

DAY 27 | AMSTERDAM – LONDON (ENGLAND)

Amster-DAMN that was good. But now it's time to hit the road back to ol' Blighty. Blast the Trip Song one last time and swap Insta handles – you'll need them to organise next year's reunion trip!

MEALS:

- + Breakfast

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).

TOPDECK TRAVEL 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>



PASSENGER 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>

OTHER INFORMATION

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.

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!