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It's time to travel Europe on the most flexible way!

- **★** Simple pricing
- ★ Joining points en route
- **★** Tours can be combined
- **★** Guaranteed weekly departure
- **★** Last-minute bookings possible

We like to do coach travel a little differently. We offer exciting, tried and trusted escorted itineraries to the heart of Europe's best destinations - but with the added bonus of complete flexibility for travellers.

Want to start in Paris, but leave the tour in Amsterdam? No problem. Already in Venice, but would like to join us as we travel through northern Italy and southern France? That's simple. With multiple pick-up points along each route, you can tailor your booking to perfectly match your needs.

Coupled with our flexibility is our simple pricing structure which include transport and bed-and-breakfast accommodation. On top of that, customers are free to choose from a comprehensive selection of optional extra tours and entertainment, ranging from guided visits to the Louvre and Vatican, to dinner and a show in Paris or Amsterdam.

With our local partner's 25 years' experience as a European coach tour operator, customers can relax knowing that they are in safe hands. The two main English-language routes: Classic Northern Europe 8 Days and Picturesque Western Europe 8 Days, take in the bright lights of Paris, alpine Switzerland, historic Germany, classic northern Italy, the sophisticated south of France, and the charming Benelux countries.

Our fleet of modern, comfortable coaches and knowledgeable tour managers make getting from city to city a hugely pleasurable experience, and the accommodation en route is carefully picked to ensure a quality selection of three-star hotels, all of which provide daily continental breakfasts.

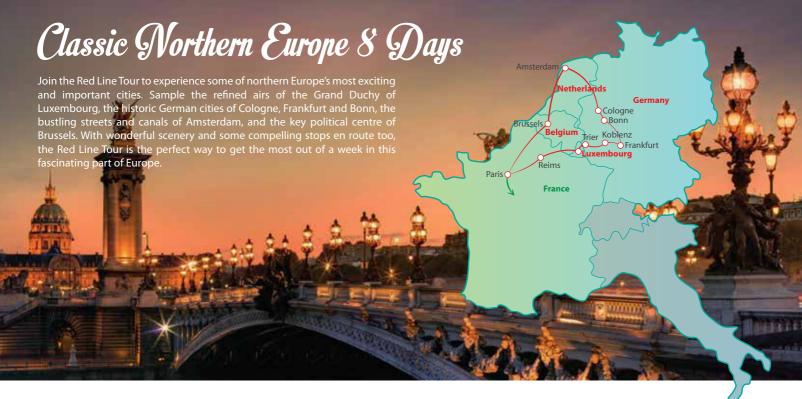
Every Saturday Guaranteed Departure

\$1,395 \$995

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Classic Northern Europe 8 Days Picturesque Western Europe 8 Days Quintessential Europe 15 Days



# Day 1 \* Saturday \* Paris Reims Luxembourg \* (B)

Enjoy a delightful scenic journey through the rolling countryside of the Champagne region, famous the world over for the sparkling white wine produced. Enjoy seeing the historic attractions of provincial capital Reims, including the city's cathedral - a key national heritage site. Driver to Luxembourg, the world's only remaining Grand Duchy, you'll be introduced on foot to the main places of interest, including the Place de Constitution and Pont Adolphe, before having free time for further exploration.

# Day 2 • Sunday • Luxembourg 🖵 Trier 🚍 Koblenz 🚍 Frankfurt • (B)

Proceed to Trier, Germany's oldest city. View from the outside the house where Karl Marx the influential philosopher was born, which now called 'the Karl Marx Haus museum'. Look around the city's impressive cathedral, where the celebrated Holy Robe - said to be the tunic of Christ - is preserved and occasionally displayed. Next highlight is undoubtedly Porta Nigra. Later, drive to Koblenz, famous as the location of the confluence of the Rhine and Mosel rivers. Take an option of indulging in a relaxing lunch alongside the water, you can choose to add on a scenic Rhine boat cruise for some city vistas. Later, drive through the wine-making town of Rüdesheim and see the bronze 19th century Niederwald monument. Then drive to Frankfurt am Main and discover the delights of Römerberg, a charming plaza.

Day 3 • Monday • Frankfurt 🙀 Bonn 🙀 Cologne 🙀 Amsterdam • (B) Drive to Bonn, the capital of the former West Germany until reunification. Discover the city's secrets on an orientation stroll through its streets, walking past highlights such as the Rococo-fronted town hall and Ludwig Van Beethoven Haus, a museum celebrating the life of the much-loved composer. Proceed to Cologne, where you'll head inside the city's glorious **Gothic cathedral**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Cologne, to do a spot of local shopping, or to simply relax with a suitably refreshing German brew. After lunch drive to the Netherlands.

# Day 4 • Tuesday • Amsterdam 🙀 Zaanse Schans 🙀 Amsterdam • (B)

Start with a leisurely trip at the Dutch, where you'll get to sample at close quarters some of the things that the Netherlands is traditionally famous for: clogs, cheese and windmills. Visit the hugely popular model town of Zaanse Schans (Or from mid-Mar to mid-May the tour visits Keukenhof Garden. This replaces the visit to Zaanse Schans). Then return to Amsterdam and visit a well-known diamond factory. See the unique cutting techniques that have been practised since the 16th century. Take an optional hour-long pre-dinner canal cruise, to discover more about this unique European city. You'll walk to one of the city's grandest areas, **Dam Square**, where the Royal Palace is located and the Queen's birthday celebrations take place. Later, enjoy the free time for shopping or further sightseeing.

### Day 5 • Wednesday • Amsterdam 🖨 Brussels 🖨 Paris • (B)

Across the border into Brussels, the Belgian capital. Stopping at the distinctive Atomium monument, a cell-shaped structure of stainless steel spheres and tubes built for the 1958 World's Fair. Visit Grand Place, as well as see the famous impish Manneken Pis statue. After some free time, during which you can try some mouth-watering Belgian delights. Then from Brussels it's south again across the French border and on to the bright lights of Paris.

# Day 6 • Thursday • Paris 🖵 Versailles 🖵 Paris • (B)

Drive along the famous Champs Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Next, visit the iconic Arc de Triomphe, the imposing monument that sits near the western end of the avenue and commemorates the fallen of the revolution and Napoleonic wars. Next, visit the significant historical building as you head to L'Hôtel National des Invalides, where Napoleon's tomb is located. Then it's on to the most legendary of all Paris's icons: the Eiffel Tower. Choose to make the optional ascent of the tower for unbeatable views over the city or take a leisurely **cruise along the river Seine**, a great sightseeing option that offers views including Notre-Dame Cathedral and Pont Alexandre III.

Travel to Versailles, the vast regal château that was the residence of the royal family until the start of the revolution in 1789. Today the palace is another popular Parisian attraction. You can enjoy an optional Paris evening shows.

## Day 7 • Friday • Paris • (B)

Visit to the Louvre art museums. Here you'll set your eyes upon some of history's most famous masterpieces, including the Venus de Milo, Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa etc. Opt for a guided gallery tour, which will enhance your experience and allow you to browse through hundreds of works. Afterwards, relax over an lunch in the museum before heading to the area surrounding the Palais Garnier, Paris's opera house. The rest of the afternoon is yours to shop at legendary department stores Galeries Lafayette and Printemps.

#### Day 8 • Saturday • Depart Paris • (B)

Passengers can opt to join the **Green Line** tour. This extension takes you to the heart of three wonderfully varied European countries: France, Switzerland and Italy. Otherwise you are free to leave the tour after breakfast.

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### **Optional Activities**

- Palace of Versailles €15
- Le Louvre Museum €12
- Eiffel Tower 2nd floor €8.50
- Eiffel Tower top floor €14
- Amsterdam Canal Cruise €15
- Tour Montparnasse €11.50
- Paris Lido show €135
- Paris Moulin Rouge show €135
- Amsterdam Red Light District & live show €50
- Paris by Night with Tour Montparnasse €35
- French multi-course dinner €65
- Traditional pork knuckle menu with beer (Koblenz) €20
- Keukenhof Garden (March-May) €15
- River Seine Cruise €12.50

• River Rhine Cruise €15 (Koblenz, operational from 3 Apr to 31 Oct only)

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# Day 1 • Saturday • Paris 💂 Lucerne • (B)

Enjoy a scenic journey across classic French countryside en route to mountainous Switzerland. You'll pass through Basel, which is located at the point where the Swiss, French and German borders meet, before arriving at the picturesque lakeside city of Lucerne, nestled at the foot of the snowcapped Swiss Alps. Visit Lucerne's famous landmarks, including **Chapel Bridge**, the **Water Tower**, and some wonderfully preserved Baroque and Gothic architecture, followed by some free time to shop.

# Day 2 • Sunday • Lucerne 🚍 Milan 🚍 Verona 🚍 Venice • (B)

Head into northern Italy, stopping at Milan, a fashion capital of the world. Visit the city's iconic sights, including the vast **Gothic cathedral (Duomo)**, **La Scala opera house**, **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II** - the planet's oldest shopping mall, where you can wander among the boutique shops and take lunch in one of the refined cafes. Drive to Verona, home to some of Italy's finest architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you'll be taken on foot through streets lined with red-roofed buildings, and walk past the **ancient Roman arena**, which stages outdoor opera performances and music concerts to packed audiences throughout the summer. Later, visit the residence of Verona's most famous characters: **Romeo and Juliet**. Find Juliet's balcony by following the trail of unanswered love letters posted on the passageway walls. Look for the bronze statue of the famous heroine here too. After some free time, you'll head to another vintage Italian city: Venice.

#### Day 3 • Monday • Venice Rome • (B)

Spend the morning in the company of a knowledgeable local guide as you explore Venice. Take a **waterbus ride to San Marco Island**, a memorable crossing of the lagoon that gives you a real taste of the city's charm as you approach the dreamy spires and distinctive waterside buildings. Beginning in the Piazzo with the **Basilica di San Marco** - a stunning piece of Byzantine architecture, **Bridge of Sighs**, which appears on many a postcard or picture of Venice and connects the old prison to the interrogation rooms in the **Doge's Palace**. Afterwards visit some traditional Venetian craftwork at close quarters with a demonstration by **Murano glassblowers**. Later, ride through the warren of waterways on a gondola, and for most people this optional excursion is a must. If you're hungry after an action-packed morning you can choose to fill up with an optional delicious homemade Italian spaghetti meal, before enjoying more free time there. Then proceed to Rome.

# Day 4 • Tuesday • Rome 🙀 Vatican 📮 Florence • (B)

Visit to the smallest state in the world, **Vatican City**, which lies at the heart of the Italian capital. Marvel at **St Peter's Basilica**, home to Pope Francis and arguably the most significant site in Christianity. The exquisitely beautiful Basilica has been present here for almost 1,700 years and contains a bewildering collection of paintings, frescoes and design crafted by some of humanity's most famous artists. Join an optional Sistine Chapel tour to view Michelangelo's famous painted ceiling. See the famous **Trevi Fountain**, where people flock to throw coins into the water and make a wish. After lunch, take a step even further back in time to visit **Italy's unrivalled Roman relics**. An optional guided tour of the Coliseum, built in AD 72, is highly recommended. Later, visit the **Arch of Constantine**, then spend some further free time enjoying Rome before transferring to Florence.

# Day 5 • Wednesday • Florence Pisa Genoa • (B)

Take in a panoramic overview of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo, which boasts glorious vistas over the red roofs, Arno river and ancient city walls out towards the surrounding countryside. See a demonstration of the traditional craft of leather working at close quarters in a local workshop. Enjoy a guided walk around Florence's many highlights: the Ponte Vecchio over the Arno, the Piazza del Duomo and Campanile Tower. Pass the Uffizi Gallery, containing one of the most notable art collections in Florence. Then enjoy your free time to further explore the city further, before drive to Pisa. You'll free to wander, but be sure to have your camera ready to get a shot of the iconic Leaning Tower, the famous bell tower in the 'Square of Miracles'.

Day 6 • Thursday • Genoa Monaco Nice Cannes Avignon • (B)
Drive along one of Europe's most famous stretches of Mediterranean
coastline awaits as you say arrivederci to Italy and head for Monaco. You'll
look out for the famous Monte-Carlo casino as you cruise into town. A
walking sightseeing tour here takes you to the grand Prince's Palace, the
1920s Courthouse, the cliffside Oceanographic Museum, and the
cathedral, where Grace Kelly is buried. We then travel a little further to visit
the famous Fragonard Perfume Factory. Next it's Nice, where you'll stop for
lunch to sample some excellent local cuisine and warm-hearted hospitality.
Your journey continues to Cannes, where many a movie star has enjoyed the
sweet smell of success. Visit the Palais des Festival, home to the city's annual

#### Day 7 • Friday • Avigon Paris • (B)

Take a well-earned rest today as you sit back and enjoy great views of the changing rural charms of the French countryside on the journey north to Paris.

international film festival, before transferring to Avignon Nord.

#### Day 8 • Saturday • Depart Paris • (B)

Passengers can opt to join the **Red Line** tour. This extension provides you with an opportunity to experience some of northern Europe's most exciting and important cities. Otherwise you are free to leave the tour after breakfast.

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#### Italy and Monte-Carlo city taxes and fees (total €45)

- \* Must be paid prior to entering the cities no concessions available
- Venice City entrance + boat trip + Overnight City tax €15
- Florence City entrance + Overnight City tax €10
- Rome City entrance + Overnight City tax €10
- Pisa City entrance €5
- Monte Carlo City entrance €5

#### **Optional Activities**

- Coliseum tickets (Rome) €12
- Coliseum tickets with audio guide (Rome) €17
- Sightseeing with a local tour guide, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square with audio system (Rome) €45
- Gondola ride in Venice (based on 6 people per gondola) €25
- Italian homemade spaghetti lunch (Venice) €20

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### **Complete flexibility**

The **Red** and **Green** Line tours are both seven-day itineraries, starting every Saturday all year round from Paris, and returning to the French capital the following Friday. But the really unique selling point is that you can join or leave tours whenever it suits you. There are numerous pick-up and drop-off points along both of the routes, or you can also combine the **Red** and **Green** line tours to create a memorable 14-day European holiday.

#### **Great value, simple pricing**

While the itineraries are varied and flexible, the pricing is simple. The great-value all-in one price of AUD125 per person per day includes all transport, three-star hotel accommodation, continental breakfast, excursions to iconic locations as per the itinerary, all gratuities, and the services of a highly professional tour manager. There is also an exciting range of optional sightseeing visits and guided tours available to ensure you get maximum experience and enjoyment in every destination.

#### **Our team of experts**

Our local operators have been running tours of Europe for 25 years, and over that time have built and developed a great team of knowledgeable, friendly experts and guides. This means that not only are the itineraries carefully crafted to cover the continent's best sites, but that the tour managers are able to provide real insight and insider knowledge throughout each tour. Also, the services of excellent in-country local guides offer extra value to the major attractions.

#### Comfort all the way

From days spent cruising through fine European landscapes in modern air-conditioned coaches, to evenings in quality three-star hotels, your comfort is put first.

#### Where we travel to

The **Red** and **Green** Line tours take our guests to some of Europe's greatest destinations: France (Paris, Reims, Monte-Carlo, Nice, Cannes, Avignon); Luxembourg; Germany (Trier, Koblenz, Rüdesheim, Frankfurt am Main, Bonn, Cologne); Netherlands (Amsterdam); Belgium (Brussels); Italy (Milan, Verona, Venice, Rome, Vatican City, Florence, Pisa, Genoa); and Switzerland (Lucerne).

#### Local experiences, international friendships

The tours offer both a local and international experience. Local guides provide a superb insight into cities such as Paris and Venice, and also show you the best places to sample some excellent regional cuisine and mingle with local people. Further, as the English-speaking tours attract people from all over the world, enjoying shared experiences together means that by the end of the tour customers have often formed lasting international friendships.













#### **Great Places To Stay**

The hotels we use are carefully selected to provide you with a comfortable stay in a relaxing environment. All the hotel we use are three-star, with continental breakfast included. A selection of our preferred hotels in our main destinations is listed below. As the hotels are generally not in the downtown area, we cannot guarantee that there is transportation to the city except for taxis. Please note that hotels will vary depending on group sizes and hence hotel information can only be ascertained within 24 hours prior to check in.

**Luxembourg, Luxembourg - Melia Luxembourg:** 1 Park Drai Eechelen 1499 **Doubletree by Hilton Hotel :** 12 Rue Jean Engling 1466

Frankfurt, Germany - Sheraton Congress Hotel: Lyoner Strasse 44-48 60528 Sheraton Offenbach: Am Büsing Palais Berliner Strasse 111 63065 Offenbach

Amsterdam, Netherlands - Hampton by Hilton Hotel Amsterdam Airport Schiphol: Neptunusstraat 1 2132 JA Hoofddorp

Holiday Inn Express Amsterdam Schiphol: Jupiterstraat 162-200 Hoofddorp

Paris, France - Residhome Paris Guyancourt: 6 Boulevard du Chateau 78280 Guyancourt Balladins Hotel Villejuif: 8-10 Avenue de l'Epi d'Or 94807 Villejuif

**Lucerne, Switzerland - Hotel Arcade:** Luzernerstrasse 31 CH-5643 Sins **Ibis Styles Hotel Luzern City:** Friedenstrasse 8 6000 Luzern

Venice, Italy - Michelangelo Hotel: Via Forte Marghera 69 30173 Mestre Venezia Albatros: Viale Don Luigi Sturzo 32 30174 Mestre Venezia

Rome, Italy - Idea Hotel Roma Z3: Via Amos Zanibelli 13-15 00155 Rome Veio Park Hotel: Via Cassia 1171 G 00189 Rome

Florence, Italy - Etrusco Arezzo Hotel: V. Alessandro Fleming 39 52100 Arezzo Arezzo Park Hotel: A1 uscita Arezzo. Via Localita' Battifolle 36/T 52100 Arezzo

Genoa, Italy - Idea Hotel Plus Savona: Via Stalingrado 94 17100 Savona Idea Hotel Plus Genova San Biagio: Via Romairone 14 16163 Genova, Bolzaneto

**Avignon, France - Campanile Hotel Avignon Nord Le Pontet:** 64 Bis Chemin des Petits Rougiers, 84130 le Pontet. **Ibis Hotel Marseille Est la Valentine:** Quartier des Ecoles, Avenue de Saint-Menet 13011 Marseille

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Quintessential Europe 15 Days \$2,645 \$1,875 \$799

#### Inclusions:

- 3-star hotel accommodation including continental style breakfast
- Air conditioned coach transportation
- Other transportation listed in the itinerary
- English speaking tour guide(s)
- Tipping for guides

#### **Exclusions:**

- Return international airfares economy class and taxes
- Airport-hotel transfers AUD45/person one way (based on minimum 2 passengers travelling together)
- Visas
- Site admission fees (optional)
- Optional tours
- City entrance fees (compulsory) paid directly to tour guide
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Personal expenses

**Pre-tour hotel accommodation:** AUD65/person/night (twin share basis), only available for one night

Child Price (2-11): AUD885/8 Days, AUD1775/15 Days (sharing bed)

#### **Reservation and Deposit**

When you make a tour reservation, we will send you an email confirmation and invoice. Within 7 days of making the reservation you are required to pay a AUD500 deposit of the total cost of the booking and the final balance is due 60 days before departure. If you are booking within 30 days of departure, full payment is required.

### **Your Travel Agent**

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# Complete Flexibility Quintessential Europe

You can choose to start your tour at any of the joining points along the tour routes. The meeting points for both lines are listed below:

#### Saturday | 09:00 | Paris, France (Interchange point for Red & Green Line)

Paris Place d'Italie

Meeting Point: McDonalds Restaurant

Address: 211 Boulevard Vincent Auriol, 75013 Paris

Metro: Line 5, Line 6, Line 7 Station: Place d'Italie, Exit 3 Vincent Auriol

#### Sunday | 09:00 | Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Luxembourg Central Station (Gare de Luxembourg)

Meeting Point: Main Entrance

Address: Place de la Gare, 1616 Luxembourg

#### Monday | 08:30 | Frankfurt, Germany

Frankfurt am Main Central Station (Frankfurt am Hauptbahnhof)

Meeting Point: Main Entrance Address: Am Hauptbahnhof, 60329 Frankfurt am Main

#### Monday | 14:30 | Cologne, Germany

Cologne Central Station (Koln Hauptbahnhof)

Meeting Point: Main Entrance Address: Marzellenstraße, 50667 Köln

#### Wednesday | 08:30 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Schiphol International Airport Amsterdam

Meeting Point: Arrival Hall, Burger King Restaurant

Address: Schiphol, Amsterdam

## Wednesday | 14:30 | Brussels, Belgium

Brussels Central Station (Gare Bruxelles-Central)

Meeting Point: Main Entrance Address: Keizerinlaan, 1000 Brussels

#### Thursday | 09:30 | Paris, France

Avenue des Champs Elysees

Meeting Point: McDonald's Restaurant

Metro: Line 1

#### Friday | 10:30 | Paris, France

Louvre Museum

Address: 36 Rue du Louvre, 75001 Paris

Metro: Line 1, Line 7

#### Saturday | 09:00 | Paris, France (Interchange point for Red & Green Line)

Paris Place d'Italie

Meeting Point: McDonald's Restaurant

Address: 211 Boulevard Vincent Auriol, 75013 Paris

Metro: Line 5, Line 6, Line 7

Station: Place d'Italie, Exit 3 Vincent Auriol

# Sunday | 08:30 | Lucerne, Switzerland

Lucerne Central Station (Hauptbahnhof SBB Luzern)

Meeting Point: Main Entrance Address: Bahnhofplatz, Luzern 6003

#### Sunday | 14:30 | Milan, Italy

Milan Cathedral (Duomo di Milano)

Meeting Point: Main Entrance

Address: Piazza del Duomo, 20121 Milan

#### Tuesday | 14:30 | Rome, Italy

Termini Rome Central Station (Stazione di Roma Termini)

Meeting Point: Exit by platform No.1 (Nearby Via Marsala)

Address: Via Marsala, Roma 00815, Italy



Quintessential Europe







Hong Kong 4 Day 3 Night stopover holiday package from \$398 per person twin-share (min. 2 people)





Shanghai 3 Day 2 Night stopover holiday package from \$348 per person twin-share (min. 2 people)

# Air China via Beijing



Beijing 3 Day 2 Night stopover holiday package from \$398 per person twin-share (min. 2 people)

# China Southern Airlines via Guangzhou





Guangzhou 3 Day 2 Night stopover holiday package from \$388 per person twin-share (min. 2 people)

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