

# **18D16N GRAND EUROPE**

Italy, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium & France (17920)

### Day 1: ROME

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Evening transfer to the Trastevere district.

Welcome to Rome! Upon arriving at the airport, we will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. Check the information boards in the hotel reception area for details of the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travellers. In the evening we will transfer you to Trastevere area (this neighbourhood will be a great introduction to Rome). Take a stroll in the narrow cobbled streets of the Trastevere district and find its hidden treasures, such as some modest medieval churches and small shops with interesting souvenirs. Many trattorias (informal Italian eating establishments) and osterias (inns) filled with the Italian spirit, will be ready to serve you local dishes. Other restaurants serving international cuisines can be found in this area. After dinner we return to the hotel.

Day 2 : ROME (BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: City tour of Rome. Roman Coliseum and Vatican City. Evening transfer.

In the morning, we will have a tour of the city, which will be a great introduction to "The Eternal city". We enter the tiny state of the Vatican. The Vatican City is a principal centre of Christianity in the world. You will be able to visit St. Peter's Basilica. We will also enter the Roman Coliseum (admission price included), the principal symbol of Rome. This impressive construction dates back 2,000 years and will transport us in time so that we can learn about ancient society in the Roman Empire. In the evening we will transfer you to the Via Cavour area, where you will find many international restaurants to enjoy your dinner at. After dinner return to the hotel.



# Day 3: ROME - FLORENCE

(BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGLIGHTS: Tour with a local expert from Florence. View from Piazzale Michelangelo.

Today we will leave Rome, heading north. This route has beautiful landscapes. Arriving in FLORENCE, we head straight to the impressive Piazzale Michelangelo. In the evening we take a tour with a local expert, walking through the historic centre, taking in places such as the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, and Plaza della Signoria. This city is truly an outdoor museum. Enjoy some leisure time to explore. In the evening you will have time for dinner, as, in this district you can find many restaurants serving international cuisine.

# Day 4: FLORENCE - VENICE

(BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Boat on Venice's Canal. Visit and admission to the St. Mark's Basilica. Admire the technique of crafting Murano Glass.

Today we enjoy stunning mountain landscapes while crossing the Apennine Mountains. We will arrive in VENICE and take the boat and cross the Giudecca to the Island of Venice. With a local guide, we will visit the marvellous St. Mark's Square and enter the Basilica (entrance included). Afterwards, we will visit the Murano Glass Factory. It is fascinating to see the technique of how this ancient glass is made. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore. Accommodation in the Mestre district.





Day 5: VENICE – INNSBRUCK – KITZBUHEL

(BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Breathtaking landscapes. Dinner included.

We will depart from Venice, travelling to Austria! Arrival to INNSBRUCK, time to stroll in the historic centre and have lunch. After this, we travel along a very pretty scenic road between the mountains to KITZBÜHEL – Arrival and time to see this picturesque little village, a famous ski resort where we can enjoy the snow for a large part of the year! Free time. Dinner included (vegetarian option possible). Note: In case of few travellers on the trip, the journey from Venice to Innsbruck may be done by a train.

### Day 6: KITZBUHEL - SALZBURG - VIENNA

(BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Alpine cable car. Salzburg, the city of Mozart. Fantastic scenery. Cruise on a lake.

Departing in the morning, we include a cable car ride up to the high mountains that surround Kitzbuhel, with snow 9 months a year, fantastic scenery; in summer, those who wish may visit the "alpine flower garden". We will continue to explore Austria, traveling between the mountains, and arriving in SALZBURG. Our guide will accompany us through the beautiful streets of this city's historic centre, declared a World Heritage site. We make our way between lakes and mountains in the next stage. Our next stop is in ST. WOLFGANG, a famous place of pilgrimage in Austria. We continue to TRAUNKIRCHEN with its beautiful Traunsee Lake, where we take a cruise to see four castles, disembarking in GMUNDEN. After this we continue to VIENNA, arriving in the late afternoon.

Day 7: VIENNA (BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Vienna city tour. Gardens of the immense Schönbrunn Palace.

Today we take a scenic visit around this impressive city with a local expert. Here we experience its majestic avenues, its palaces and the vibrant city centre. Then we head directly to Schönbrunn Palace, where visitors can stroll around and enjoy its beautiful gardens. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon of leisure in the city centre. In the evening we will go to the City Hall Squareto enjoy the nightlife in the neighbouring streets. Here you will get the opportunity to take dinner.



Day 8: VIENNA - BUDAPEST

(BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Cruise on the Danube, city tour of Budapest, evening transfer.

We have an approximately three-hour journey to BUDAPEST, Hungary. Arriving at around 11:30, we will discover Budapest (known as the "Queen of the Danube") on a boat tour along the river. Budapest is divided by the Danube River, with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite side. Time for lunch, followed by a scenic tour of the city. After the tour enjoy some leisure time. At the end of the day we finish in the lively area of Vaci Utca, where there are lots of opportunities to take your dinner.

#### Day 9: BUDAPEST - BRATISLAVA - PRAGUE

(BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS. Time to explore Bratislava. Czech landscapes. Evening transfer in Prague.

We will leave Budapest for BRATISLAVA, the capital of Slovakia and a city alongside the Danube. With an attractive historic centre, take time to see the city and enjoy lunch. After lunch we will continue our journey to the Czech Republic, PRAGUE. Arriving in the evening, we will make our way to the Old Town Square. This central location provides a great introduction to Prague, full of energy and touristic activities. You can take your dinner at one of the restaurants offering international cuisines, including Czech, Chinese, Indian and Italian. Return to hotel.

Day 10 : PRAGUE (BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: City tour of Prague. Visit to Castle. Boat tour along the river.

Today we will visit the capital, Prague, the Baroque jewel of Europe. Our local expert will provide an informative city tour, which will include outstanding monuments. During the visit we walk through Prague Castle (admission included). Subsequently, we shall take a boat tour on the Vltava River. In the afternoon enjoy some free time to explore the city. In the evening, we will enjoy more time in the historic city centre and there will be an opportunity for you to take dinner. Return to hotel.



## Day 11: PRAGUE - LAUF - WURZBURG - FRANKFURT

(BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Bavarian Germany.

We leave for Germany. In the region of Bavaria, we will see LAUF AN DER PEGNITZ, a picturesque little village which stands out because of its busy Market Square and Castle. After this we will carry on to WURZBURG, with time for lunch and to see this Bavarian city on the banks of the Maine River, a former bishopric centre and now a very busy university city. Our journey continues to FRANKFURT. Explore the historic city and choose one of the many international restaurants. Go to the hotel.

# Day 12: FRANKFURT – CRUISE ON THE RIVER RHINE – COLOGNE - AMSTERDAM (BREAKFAST) TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Rhine cruise included.

Today we will take a small Cruise on the Rhine, between the villages of RUDESHEIM and ST. GOAR, undoubtedly the river's most picturesque section. After this we will travel to COLOGNE, a city which stands out for its immense gothic cathedral. Then on to the Netherlands. Arriving to AMSTERDAM in the late afternoon.

# Day 13 : AMSTERDAM (BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Picturesque typical village of Volendam. Boat on the IJsselmeer lake. City tour of Amsterdam.

Today we have a very exciting day in the Netherlands. We will go to Zaanse Schans with its mills, canals and its typical houses. Next VOLENDAM, a very picturesque fishing village. A short boat trip from Volendam, will take us to MARKEN (an island that was joined to the mainland by a fixed dike), where the houses there are built on stilts. After this, we travel to AMSTERDAM where we will enjoy a panoramic visit of the city to see its narrow canals, its official buildings and parks. We will also see the technique of diamond cutting. A large part of the visit will be done on foot, the information will be given through headphones. Time for dinner in Rembrandtplein, an area with many restaurants from all corners of the world and near the red-light district with its liberal values. Go to the hotel.



# Day 14: AMSTERDAM - BRUSSELS - BRUGES - PARIS

(BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Feeling Belgium.

Today we will leave for BRUSSELS, taking time in the Grand Place and making a stop to photograph the Atomium. Continuing to BRUGES, the marvellous Flemish city known as the Venice of the North. Time for lunch. Our journey will take us to France. Arriving in PARIS at the end of the day. Note: If you start or end your trip in Paris, we advise you to book an extra day or two in this city. This way you will be able to visit Disneyland, Versailles and other places of interest.

Day 15 : PARIS (BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Paris City tour. Climb to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower, Boat ride along the Seine. Evening transfer.

Today we will take you on a guided tour in which you will discover the history, main boulevards and the breathtaking monuments of the city of Paris. We will stop at the Eiffel Tower where you will have the opportunity to climb up to the second floor of this remarkable wrought-iron monument (ticket admission included). The tour will end with a boat cruise along the River Seine, which divides north and south Paris. Enjoy an afternoon at your own leisure to explore and relax! At sunset you can grab dinner in the Latin Quarter, a very picturesque and historic area where a wide variety of international cuisines await you. We will then return to hotel. Note: There might be very long lines to climb the Eiffel Tower. For operational reasons, if deemed appropriate, the climb can be made at a different time of the day (or on Monday).

Day 16 : PARIS (BREAKFAST)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Time at leisure.

We will start the day by going to the centre of Paris, to the area of the Louvre Museum. Enjoy some leisure time to explore. If you wish, we can accompany you to Benlux, one of the most complete and best-known perfumeries in Paris. Note: For those who are interested, an optional excursion to Disneyland Paris is available.



Day 17: PARIS (BREAKFAST)

After breakfast, check-out hotel as per standard hotel's policy. Free at own leisure till transfer provided to airport.

# Day 18: HOME

Arrival Home.

# Included in the price

- ✓ Travel by bus with English speaking guide and breakfast buffet.
- ✓ Includes return airport transfer
- ✓ City tour in: ROME, FLORENCE, VENICE, VIENNA, BUDAPEST, PRAGUE, AMSTERDAM, PARIS
- ✓ Boat: to the island of Venice in VENICE, Traunsee lake in Traunkirchen in SALZBURG, Danube River in Budapest in BUDAPEST, VItava River in Prague in PRAGUE, Cruise on the Rhine in CRUISE ON THE RIVER RHINE, I Jsselmeer lake from Voledam to Marken in AMSTERDAM, Boat Trip along River Seine in Paris in PARIS
- ✓ Evening transfer to entertainment/shopping district: Trastevere in Rome in ROME, Via Cavour in Rome in ROME, City Hall Square in Vienna in VIENNA, Vaci Utca in Budapest in BUDAPEST, Old Town Square in Prague in PRAGUE, Rembrandplein in Amsterdam in AMSTERDAM, Latin Quarter of Paris in PARIS
- ✓ Transfer: Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence in FLORENCE
- ✓ Entrance admission: Coliseum of Rome in ROME, Saint Mark's Basilica and Murano Glass Factory in Venice in VENICE, Prague Castle in PRAGUE, Diamond Cutting Workshop in Amsterdam in AMSTERDAM, 2nd Floor Eiffel Tower in Paris in PARIS
- ✓ Funicular cable car: Kitzbuhel in KITZBUHEL
- ✓ 1 Dinner Included in: KITZBUHEL

# **Departure Dates 2020/2021/2022** [Guarantee departures]

- 05, 12, 19, 26 JULY 2020
- 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 AUGUST 2020
- 06, 13, 20, 27 SEPTEMBER 2020
- 04, 11, 18, 25 OCTOBER 2020
- 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 NOVEMBER 2020
- 06, 13, 20, 27 DECEMBER 2020
- 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 JANUARY 2020
- 07, 14, 21, 28 FEBRUARY 2021
- 07, 14, 21, 28 MARCH 2021
- 04, 11, 18, 25 APRIL 2021
- 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 MAY 2021
- 06, 13, 20, 27 JUNE 2021
- 04, 11, 18, 25 JULY 2021
- 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 AUGUST 2021
- 05, 12, 19, 26 SEPTEMBER 2021
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- 06, 13, 20, 27 FEBRUARY 2022
- 06, 13, 20, 27 MARCH 2022

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Estimated Price including flight: RM14,199/PAX\*

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