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he United Kingdom offers a selection of fascinating destinations, all close to each other and begging to be explored. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are all historic countries set in lush green countryside, with a shared culture and distinct local traditions and characteristics. Europe is another world entirely, just a short hop away from Britain, offering the traveller a wealth of scenic beauty, plenty of history, art and diverse cuisines. Each country has its own special personality, offering a wealth of exciting adventures. Each has its own language, food, traditions and people, a kaleidoscope of colourful possibilities just waiting to be experienced to the full.

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LONDON

osmopolitan and buzzing, London may have 2,000 years of history behind it, but → it's firmly entrenched in the 21st century. Home to so many landmarks, including the iconic Big Ben clock tower and Westminster Abbey, London now also boasts the London Eye observation wheel offering panoramic city and South Bank panoramas and numerous high-tech skyscrapers including the Shard, where one can dine with an unsurpassed view. London is iconic in its own right, familiar to us all through movies, books and social media this is one of the reasons that the city is such a popular holiday destination. But that's not the only reason – there's world class shopping, dining, entertainment and history, and it's the perfect base from which to explore the treasures that Britain has to offer. Best of all, it's a short stop from London to Europe, with all of its many exciting adventures.





LONDON PASS THE BEST WAY **TO EXPLORE** THE CITY

Save with the London Sightseeing Pass, which offers entry to more than 60 top attractions! Visit the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, London Zoo, Windsor Castle... and that's just a taste! Save time with fast track entry into some of the city's major attractions. Take advantage of tours, cruises, walks and special discounts at West End theatres, too.



LONDON ATTRACTIONS

LONDON THEATRE

London's West End is famous for its countless theatres, offering spectacular shows and plays starring famous stage personalities. For a traditional experience, enjoy a night out at the theatre followed by a pint at a London pub!

MERLIN'S MAGICAL LONDON

Visit 5 of London's top attractions - Madame Tussauds, Coca Cola London Eye, Shrek's Adventure, the London Dungeon and SEA LIFE London. Special price – pay for 2 attractions but enjoy 5. Visit all on one day or spread over a few days as it's valid for up to 90 days.

THE VIEW FROM THE SHARD

Enjoy breathtaking 360-degree views across London from the tallest building in Western Europe, The Shard. Features informative commentary via interactive telescope from the 68th, 69th and 70th storeys of this landmark building, which is 310m tall.

3 PALACE PASS

Value for money Pass for admission to Tower of London, Kensington Palace and Hampton Court. Valid for both adults' and children's tickets

EXCITING SIGHTSEEING OPPORTUNITIES



SPY & ESPIONAGE TOUR AFTERNOON TOUR

Uncover the city's secret world of spies! Visit the home of MI6, featured in James Bond movies and private members clubs agents were recruited by the secret service. Enjoy a vodka martini cocktail or soft drink. Travel in a luxury coach with professional tour guide.

AFTERNOON TEA BUS LONDON

HALF DAY

Travel along in a vintage bus for a sightseeing tour with a difference, enjoying a delicious 3-course afternoon tea and experiencing fascinating insights. Savour an array of sandwiches, cakes and pastries as your bus takes you past London's landmarks including Downing Street, the Royal Albert Hall, Notting Hill and much more.

CROWN JEWELS OF LONDON TOUR WITH RIVER CRUISE

HALF

DAY Embark on a fascinating journey to see 2 of London's most iconic sights, St Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London, on guided tours. Then enjoy a relaxing cruise on the River Thames.



WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR LONDON

Harry Potter fans will enjoy this unique studio tour, wandering through incredible Harry Potter movie sets including Diagon Alley, Platform 9 34 and the new, thrilling Forbidden Forest with an incredible 19 trees, each with a diameter of over 12 feet. Explore a treasure trove of iconic, intricate, meticulously made artefacts, props and costumes as you explore Harry's Wizarding School. Then it's on to the studio sets of the Gryffindor common room and the Weasley's kitchen from The Burrow. And that's just a taste!

ROCK 'N ROLL LONDON

MORNING TOUR

Discover monumental Rock landmarks as you explore historic London neighbourhoods, a side of the city often not seen by tourists. Hear the stories and gossip that makes Rock & Roll what it is today.

A TASTE OF LONDON: BOROUGH MARKET AND GIN DISTILLERY WALKING TOUR MORNING TOUR

Enjoy the sights and smells of Borough Market which offers London's finest food and dates back over 1 000 years. Then visit a major distillery of one of the country's most popular gins to learn how gin is made and



ROYAL LONDON TOUR WITH CHANGING OF THE GUARD

HALF DAY

Visit London's major landmarks, including Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, and Trafalgar Square plus enjoy a traditional Changing of the Guard Ceremony. Add on a relaxing River Thames Cruise for an additional £1 per person.

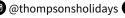
JACK THE RIPPER & HAUNTED LONDON **EVENING TOUR**

Walk in the footsteps of London's legendary serial killer through the East End with an expert guide, visiting the murder sites and an historic pub. Enjoy traditional Fish & Chips dinner and a tour of Spitalfields Market.

HARRY POTTER FILM LOCATIONS WALKING TOUR WITH LONDON HOP-ON HOP-OFF TOUR FULL DAY

Great savings are on offer with this fabulous package that includes a 24-hour Hop-on hop-off bus tour as well as a half-day Harry Potter themed walking tour of London. Walk past St Pauls' Cathedral, Borough Market and Trafalgar Square, have your photo taken on Platform 9 3/4 and explore London at leisure by bus for 24 hours.





FULL DAY TOURS | FROM LONDON





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WINDSOR CASTLE, STONEHENGE & BATH DAY TOUR

Discover 3 of England's national treasures – explore the ancient landscape of Stonehenge, travel to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bath and visit beautiful Windsor Castle. You will have free time to explore Bath as well as a panoramic tour of this historic





WARWICK CASTLE, SHAKESPEARE'S ENGLAND, **OXFORD & THE COTSWOLDS**

This exciting tour takes you to spectacular Warwick Castle to visit the house of William Shakespeare. You will drive past idyllic Cotswold cottages and soak up the atmosphere as you enjoy a walking tour of the famous university city of Oxford.

BLENHEIM PALACE, DOWNTON ABBEY VILLAGE & THE COTSWOLDS

Explore the spectacular Cotswolds area with its rolling hills and stately homes. Visit Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, as well as quaint villages including the one where Downton Abbey was filmed for the famous TV series.

LEEDS CASTLE, CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL & GREENWICH

This excellent tour takes you to Kent to visit historic Greenwich and Leeds Castle with its beautiful gardens, as well as explore Canterbury Cathedral with an in-depth insight into its rich, sometimes murderous history. You will also travel to the famous White Cliffs of Dover.

OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITIES TOUR

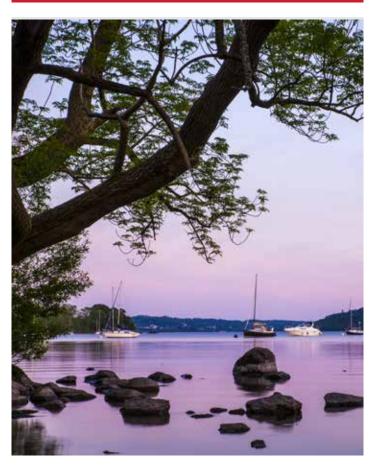
Immerse yourself in the history of the 2 oldest and most famous university cities in the UK. Explore the ancient haunts of famous scientists, writers and poets such as Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking.

RAIL TOURS & EXTENDED TOURS | FROM LONDON

LAKE DISTRICT WITH AFTERNOON TEA & CRUISE

FULL DAY

Explore the world of Beatrix Potter by train to the Lake District, with its spectacular lakes and valleys. Enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Windermere, visit medieval Hawkshead village and Hill Top, where Beatrix Potter lived (summer only). Have a cream tea at the Lindeth Howe Country Hotel, once owned by Beatrix Potter.



EDINBURGH - THE ROYAL CITY

Travel to Edinburgh by train for the day, and on arrival, enjoy a comprehensive Hop-on hop-off sightseeing tour of the city in an opentop bus to see all the famous sights. Visit Edinburgh Castle (entrance included), then explore at leisure through the cobbled streets. Take time out to walk up Carlton Hill for panoramic city views.

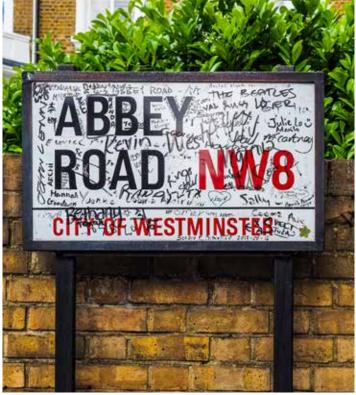


THE COMPLETE BEATLES LIVERPOOL & LONDON

2 DAYS

Day 1 Train to Liverpool from Euston Station to explore the city that inspired some of the Beatles' most famous songs. Explore at leisure, and visit the Beatles Story Exhibition. In the afternoon, enjoy a Magical Mystery Tour to see where the band grew up and visit landmarks such as Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields and more. Optional 50-miinute Ferry 'cross the Mersey' cruise on the legendary Mersey Ferry. Return to London by train around 9.15pm.

Day 2 The Beatles lived in London from 1963; they developed their craft at iconic Abbey Road recording studio in addition to TV, radio and live performances. London is where all the LP covers were shot. Immerse yourself in Rock history on the magical London Rock Tour this afternoon, and walk the famous Abbey Road crossroads.



EDINBURGH, LOCH NESS & HIGHLANDS

3 DAYS

Day 1 Depart from Kings Cross Station by train at 7am on your 4.5hour journey to Edinburgh. Check into central 3 Star hotel, then start exploring by taking the Hop-on hop-off sightseeing bus to all of Edinburgh's major sights. Visit Edinburgh Castle (entrance included). Overnight Edinburgh

Day 2 Visit Loch Ness and the Highlands today, passing the imposing ramparts of Stirling Castle and crossing the wilds of Rannoch Moor to Glencoe. Tour goes past Fort William and Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, and follows the Great Glen, stopping in Fort Augustus on the shores of Loch Ness. Optional boat trip on the lake, or explore the village. Return through Monarch of the Glen country, south to Perthshire and historic Dunkeld. View the spectacular Forth Bridges en route back to Edinburgh. Overnight Edinburgh

Day 3 Time for last-minute shopping, sightseeing or just strolling through the city centre. Then return to London by train.





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Explore Scotland's legendary whisky region

SPEYSIDE WHISKY TOUR 3 DAYS

Day 1 Depart Edinburgh, travel to the Highlands. Visit Dunkeld and enjoy a short walk through the forest to see waterfalls. After lunch in Pitlochry, visit a whisky distillery at Dalwhinnie - the country's highest distillery and the closest to the source of the River Spey. Follow the river through Cairngorm National Park to the small town of Grantown-on-Spey. Overnight Grantown-on-Spey

Day 2 Explore Scotland's legendary whisky region, stopping to tour the family-owned Benromach Distillery. On to Elgin, home to Gordon and Macphail, one of the world's leading specialist whisky bottlers and suppliers. Travel to Craigellachie, visit the Speyside Cooperage to see another aspect of the whiskymaking process (subject to change). After lunch, visit Cardhu Distillery, where Johnnie Walker Black Label's most important whisky is produced. Overnight Grantown-on-Spey

Day 3 Travel through the Cairngorm Mountains, stopping at Glenlivet to visit this beautiful distillery and glen with great walks and excellent wildlife. Pass Balmoral Castle, stop in Braemar in the heart of the national park. Travel over Scotland's highest mountain pass, then through Perthshire to Edinburgh.



NORTHERN IRELAND & THE ATLANTIC COAST

5 DAYS

Day 1 Depart Dublin, head to Belfast for a short city tour. Time for lunch. Explore the Titanic Quarter where the famous ship was built and launched in 1911. Visit the Titanic Museum, and travel along the spectacular Antrim Coast and Glens to see the Giant's Causeway. Head to Portrush. Overnight Portrush

Day 2 Travel to the 17th century walled city of Derry with its 7 ornate gates. Explore its museums, galleries and excellent markets. Travel to scenic County Donegal and into picturesque Glenveach National Park, past Mount Errigal and traditional fishing villages. Arrive Donegal. Overnight Donegal





Day 3 Travel into County Sligo, where poet WB Yates was buried. Outside Sligo Town is Carrowmore with its megalithic tombs, some dating back 6,000 years. On to County Mayo. Travel through picturesque scenery to the Atlantic coast to visit Achill Island. On to Westport. Overnight Westport

Day 4 Explore Westport and the Connemara National Park, weather dependent. Options include visiting Kylemore Abbey, Clifden, Sky Road and the Twelve Bens of Connemara. Return to Westport. Overnight Westport

Day 5 Visit Cong on the shore of Lough Corrib, home to 12th century Cong Abbey. On through the Maam Valley to Galway City, with time to sample delicious seafood. Head to Locke's Distillery, Ireland's oldest licensed distiller, with its museum. Return to Dublin.









DEVON & CORNWALL TOUR

5 DAYS

Day 1 Depart London, travel through Wessex to Winchester. Explore the town with its cathedral and Great Hall, then on to Stonehenge to explore. Travel to Exeter, an important fortified settlement in Roman times. Overnight Exeter

Day 2 Explore Dartmoor's windswept glory, where strings of ponies graze near striking rock formations. Cross ancient Clapper Bridge at Postbridge, head to Tavistock where Sir Francis Drake was born. Return to Exeter with time to explore. Overnight Exeter

Day 3 Explore Cornwall's capital, Launceston, and its 12th century Norman castle. Head along the North Cornish coast to Boscastle for a cream tea, time to stroll over the dramatic headland or explore the Museum of Witchcraft. On to Tintagel and the ruins of its headland castle, where King Arthur was apparently born. After lunch, explore Port Isaac and buy Dr Martens shoes. Travel to Falmouth. Overnight Falmouth

Day 4 Explore England's western tip, stopping at the island community of St Michael's Mount. Travel to the Minack Theatre, built into the cliffs above National Trust Beach at Porthcurno. Visit Land's End, follow the dramatic coast with its windswept moors and Celtic communities to the artistic haven of St Ives. Return to Falmouth. Overnight Falmouth

Day 5 Travel across Bodmin Moor, continue to Glastonbury to see the ruins of the 7th century Abbey. Enjoy lunch and explore before travelling back to London.





HEART OF ENGLAND, WALES & YORKSHIRE

5 DAYS

Day 1 Travel from London to Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's birth and resting place. At leisure with lunch. On to the World Heritage Site of Ironbridge, the first-ever bridge fully made of iron. Visit Shrewsbury, home of Charles Darwin. Overnight Shrewsbury

Day 2 Explore Conwy with its medieval castle, then visit the Snowdonia National Park, travel through the Pass of Llanberis in the shadow of Snowdon, Wales' highest peak. Travel back to the English border. **Overnight Shrewsbury**

Day 3 Pass through the Peak District National Park to Castleton to enjoy a picnic. This afternoon, visit the Duke of Devonshire's stately home in Chatsworth with its vast collection of furniture, priceless art and sculptures. On to York. Overnight York

Day 4 Choose from exploring York's ancient city or take a half-day tour across the Yorkshire Dales to Knaresborough to experience Yorkshire hospitality, and travel through the more remote Eastern Dales. Return to York. Overnight York

Day 5 Travel southwards, stopping in Stamford with its over 600 historic stone buildings. On to Cambridge with its iconic King's College Chapel. Take a guided punting ride along 'the backs' of the colleges or climb the steps of St Mary's tower. Return to London.







SCOTLAND

relatively small country with innumerable treasures and breathtaking scenery, Scotland is a joy to explore. From the sophisticated cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh with their historic sights and famous museums to the remote highlands with fortified castles and mystical lochs, there is so much to discover. Visit one of the famous whisky distilleries, search for the Loch Ness monster, try some traditional dishes like Angus beef, shortbread and Haggis, and mingle with the warm, friendly locals.



LOCH NESS EXPLORER FULL DAY

Travel to Loch Ness to find the monster! Travel from Edinburgh to Loch Ness, finally stopping at the village of Fort Augustus on the lakeshore. Optional boat trip on Loch Ness, or simply relax and explore the village. Return to Edinburgh.

WHISKY & WATERFALLS **FULL DAY**

From Edinburgh, visit Stirling, then head further into the Highlands for lunch at one of Scotland's most famous whisky distilleries. After a wee dram of the 'water of life', head to the Hermitage in the heart of Perthshire. Take a short walk to see the spectacular Black Linn Falls. Travel via Dunkeld in Macbeth country to see its Cathedral. Return to Edinburgh past the iconic Forth Bridge. Optional Famous Grouse Experience at the award-winning whisky distillery.

SCOTLAND ATTRACTIONS

CITY SIGHTSEEING EDINBURGH

1 DAY TICKET

Explore Edinburgh from the top of a City Sightseeing Tour Bus, hopping on and off at leisure when you want to spend some time at a particular location. See the Old Town, Georgian New Town, Grassmarket, Castle Rock, Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile, Holyrood House and more.

STIRLING CASTLE & LOCH LOMOND

FULL DAY

Depart Edinburgh for Glasgow, then on to Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park to explore. Stop at the quaint village of Aberfoyle, often frequented by Sir Walter Scott. On to Stirling to see Stirling Castle, or to explore the village, one of the most significant towns in Scottish history. Return to Edinburgh.

ST ANDREWS & THE KINGDOM OF FIFE **FULL DAY**

Explore the quaint little fishing villages in the Kingdom of Fife then head for St Andrews for the afternoon at leisure. The town is steeped in wonderful traditions of golf and education, and boasts stunning views of the castle ruins and beaches. Explore Scotland's second oldest university. Optional trip to the British Golf Museum. Return to Edinburgh.



WALES CARDIFF

ale's capital and its largest city, the port of Cardiff is an exciting mix of history, culture, sports and entertainment. With the ancient 2,000-yearold Cardiff Castle at centre stage, this lively city also boasts many other fascinating sights, including the Norwegian Church where author Roald Dahl was christened and the exciting new waterfront area of Cardiff bay. Visitors here can also enjoy world-class rugby, cricket, football and athletics.

MUST SEE IN CARDIFF

- · Cardiff Bay waterfront
- National Museum of Wales
- Castell Coch
- Cardiff Castle
- Millennium Stadium







CARDIFF ATTRACTIONS

CITY SIGHTSEEING HOP-ON HOP-OFF SIGHTSEEING TOUR **FULL DAY**

Explore Europe's youngest and fastest growing capital city to see the famous Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Castle, the magnificent Cardiff Civic Centre, which includes the National Museum of Wales and the beautiful Alexandra Gardens. Hop-off at Cardiff Bay, Cardiff Barrage and the Millennium Centre, one of the world's iconic arts and cultural destinations. Mermaid Quay, a major waterfront development, is home to a hands-on Science Exhibition Centre for all ages. Spend some time in the Victorian & Edwardian Arcades, home to a mix of designer cafes, boutiques, arts and crafts stores and specialist food shops.



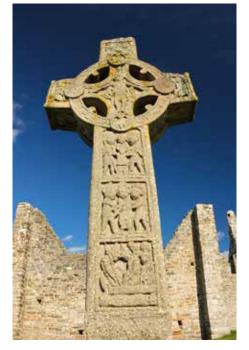






IRELAND

heintoxicating Emerald Isle beckons, with its astonishingly beautiful countryside, fascinating history, warmth and charm. Dublin offers old world charm and history mixed with the latest shopping opportunities, excellent entertainment and cuisine. In the countryside you'll find rolling hills and pastoral landscapes, stately homes and castles plus stone villages with a welcoming pub and resident story teller. Visitors can participate in The Gathering Ireland, an exciting programme of festivals, events and entertainment that take place around the country.



MUST SEE IN IRELAND

- Dublin's Trinity College & Library
- **Guinness Storehouse**
- **Croagh Patrick**
- Giant's Causeway
- **Bunratty Castle**
- Cliffs of Moher
- Boyne Valley
- Glendalough
- Killarney lakes & castles



DUBLIN ATTRACTIONS

DUBLIN HOP-ON HOP-OFF CITY TOUR 1 DAY TICKET

A must do if you're visiting Ireland's capital for the first time, this city sightseeing tour allows you to hop on and off the bus at leisure to explore. Take in Dublin's most important attractions including Trinity College and Library, O'Connell Street and the General Post Office, National Museums, St Patrick's Cathedral, Temple Bar, National Gallery and Dublin Castle.

GUINESS STOREHOUSE

2 HOURS

No trip to Ireland would be complete without a brewery experience, learning about Ireland's famous Guinness stout. Take a self-guided tour of the Guinness Storehouse, then head for the Gravity Bar on the top floor for a complimentary pint of Guinness or a soft drink. The floor-toceiling windows offer panoramic views of Dublin city - it's the perfect introduction to the Irish capital.



SELF-DRIVE ITINERARIES | IRELAND



LITERARY TOUR

7 NIGHTS

GAME OF THRONES

7 NIGHTS

BEST OF IRELAND

7 NIGHTS

Day 1 Arrive in Dublin, enjoy a city tour to explore its literary highlights. National Library and the James Joyce Museum/Tower. **Overnight County Dublin**

Day 2 Head to Sligo, home of playwright William Butler Yeats. Stop at Ardagh en route. Visit Yeat's Memorial Museum and burial site and see his work on display in the Sligo County Museum & Art Gallery. Overnight County Sligo

Day 3 Visit the Museum of Country Life in Castlebar. Drive to Galway for afternoon at leisure. Optional banquet at Dunbuaire Castle, a 4-course meal accompanied by extracts from great literary writers. Overnight County Galway

Day 4 Take the ferry to Inis Meáin, the quietest and most traditional of the 3 Aran Islands, frequented by playwright John Millington Synge. Explore the island's famous sights. Overnight County Galway

Day 5 Visit Limerick, famous for Frank McCourt's prize-winning book, Angela's Ashes. Visit the Frank McCourt Museum and enjoy the 'Angela's Ashes Walking Tour'. Overnight **County Limerick**

Day 6 Travel to Kerry, stopping in Listowel at the Visitor Centre. Arrive in Killarney in the late afternoon, with time to explore. Overnight **County Kerry**

Day 7 Drive to the Dingle Peninsula to see its archaeological monuments then over Trave Conor Pass. Stop at Blasket Centre. Explore Dingle. Overnight County Kerry

Day 8 Travel to the airport for your return trip.

Day 1 Travel from Dublin to Belfast. Explore the city to see what Game of Thrones sights you can find. Overnight County Atrim

Day 2 Head south to County Down to see where the TV series was shot. Visit Tollymore Forest Park, Inch Abbey and Castle Ward near Strangford. Overnight County Atrim

Day 3 Travel along the Antrim Coast, enjoy the Glens of Atrim, Shane's Castle, Shillanavogy Valley and Cairnvastle. Overnight North **County Atrim**

Day 4 Explore the Causeway Coast, where many Games of Thrones scenes were filmed. Take a detour to Armoy to the Dark Hedges, and visit the Causeway Coast's most popular attraction, Mussenden Temple and Downhill Strand. Overnight County Derry

Day 5 Explore historic Derry. Take a walking or bus tour to see the highlights including the famous Walls of Derry. Explore museums, restaurants, bars and shops. Overnight County

Day 6 En route to Dublin, stop in the famous Boyne Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Overnight County Dublin**

Day 7 Explore Dublin, visiting Trinity College, the Book of Kells and Dublinia in the Liberties. Embark on the Viking Splash Tour then enjoy a pint of Guinness in the Guinness Storehouse's Gravity Bar. Overnight County Dublin

Day 8 Enjoy the morning at leisure, then you transfer to Dublin airport.

Day 1 Arrive in Dublin. At leisure to explore Trinity College, the Book of Kells, National Gallery and trendy Temples Bar. Overnight **County Dublin**

Day 2 Walk around Dublin to see St Patrick's Cathedral, the Irish Whisky Centre and Guinness Storehouse. Travel via Conmacnoise to Galway to visit the Galway Crystal Factory, Spanish Arch and Cathedral. Overnight County Galway

Day 3 Visit Connemara, see Clifden, Sky Road, Roundstone, Connemara National Park, Kylemore Abbey etc. Overnight County Galway

Day 4 Travel via the scenic Cliffs of Moher to Burren to see Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. On to Adare Village and Killarney. Overnight County Kerry

Day 5 Explore the famous Ring of Kerry today at leisure. Overnight County Kerry

Day 6 Drive to Cork to see Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney Stone. Browse in the Woollen Mills, then head for Kinsale or explore the Jameson Heritage Centre. Later, visit the Shandon Bells and the Cork City Gaol. **Overnight County Cork**

Day 7 Travel to Cashel to see the Rock before arriving in medieval Kilkenny. Visit Kilkenny Castle and the Kilkenny Design Centre. Drive to Dublin. Overnight County Dublin

Day 8 Morning at leisure then depart for Dublin Airport.





IRELAND GEM



ASHFORD CASTLE

Ashford Castle was built on 350 splendid acres of the Irish coastline of Lough Corrib in 1228. One of Ireland's most impressive hotels, it is also one of the Leading Hotels of the World, listed as one of the 500 best hotels on earth. And with a history that stretches back almost 800 years, it certainly is quite extraordinary. Here, guests enjoy lavish hospitality on an epic scale, including some of the finest dining and accommodation to be found in Great Britain. In addition, the leisure activities are unsurpassed, including fishing, golf, riding, shooting, falconry, archery, cycling and a state-of-theart spa. Ashford Castle provides the ultimate escape in the magical Emerald Isle.



SELF DRIVE OPTIONS

Explore at leisure in your own time on a self-drive holiday. Enjoy the sights, scenery and warm hospitality of Great Britain, Ireland and Europe in a rental car, stopping off en route when you want, and changing your route to suit you whenever you wish. Thompsons recommends Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the world's largest car rental brand, known for its exceptionally low rates and outstanding customer service. They offer a wide variety of cars, providing mobility throughout Europe with more than 1,118 locations. In addition, the Enterprise Holdings Foundation has contributed over \$200 million to thousands of non-profit organisations that focus on community improvement, education and environmental stewardship.



LUXURY IRISH ESCORTED COACH TOURS



ENCHANTING EMERALD ISLE

7 NIGHTS

Day 1 Arrive in Dublin. This afternoon, enjoy a guided city tour to see its elegant Georgian squares and St Patrick's Cathedral. This evening, enjoy a welcome reception at a classic Victorian bar. Overnight Dublin

Day 2 Travel to Strokestown Park House, a magnificent perfectly preserved 18th century mansion. The old stables have been transformed into the Irish Famine Museum, portraying the potato famine of the 1840s. On to Enniscrone for dinner. Overnight Enniscrone

Day 3 Travel to picture-perfect Westport where you enjoy a guided walking tour to learn about the town, which is around 5 000 years old. Visit Benedictine Kylemore Abbey and stroll through its Victorian gardens. On to Galway, 'City of Tribes', to see the Cathedral. Rest of evening at leisure. Overnight Galway

Day 4 Admire the dramatic ocean views from the sheer Cliffs of Moher today, then ferry across the Shannon estuary to Killarney. At leisure before dinner. Overnight Killarney

Day 5 Today you enjoy more dramatic vistas as you circle the magnificent Ring of Kerry, one of the most scenic drives on the Emerald Isle. Return to Killarney and explore this quaint town or stop at the Torc Waterfall and enjoy a leisurely guided walk past the farmlands of 19th century Muckross Estate. Overnight Killarney

Day 6 Kiss the famous Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle, then browse through Blarney Woollen Mills for gifts. On to County Kilkenny to the 'lost' 12th century town of Newtown Jerpoint, burial site of the saint who inspired the legend of Santa Claus. Meet local farmers at their home and learn all about the 'lost town' over dinner with them. Overnight Kilkenny

Day 7 Today you visit Kilkenny Castle and see the Butler Gallery in the basement, one of Ireland's most important art galleries. Return to Dublin to visit Trinity College and the famous medieval manuscript, the Book of Kells. Enjoy a memorable Farewell Dinner at EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum. Overnight Dublin

Day 8 Depart Dublin after breakfast.



TREASURES OF IRELAND

Day 1 Arrive Dublin. This afternoon, explore the city sights with a guide. Walk the cobbled courtyard of Trinity College to the library to see the Book of Kells, then enjoy a welcome reception at EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum. Overnight Dublin

Day 2 Travel to the 6th century monastic ruins at Glendalough, then watch master craftsmen from House of Waterford Crystal as they create their masterpieces. On to the city of Cork, with a free evening to soak up the university atmosphere. Overnight Cork

Day 3 Visit the pretty seaside town of Cobh, final port of call for the Titanic on its fateful voyage. Enjoy a guided walking tour to relive the Titanic's timeline. On to Blarney Castle to kiss the famous stone, then stroll around picturesque Killarney. Overnight Killarney

Day 4 Visit Torc Waterfall and enjoy a leisurely guided walk. Then travel along the scenic coastline around the Ring of Kerry and on to Muckross Farms to learn about traditional Irish farm life. Dinner at the farms. Overnight Killarney

Day 5 Visit the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes and board a replica Boeing 314 to experience life as a passenger. Learn how Irish Coffee was invented on flights to New York. On to the spectacular Cliffs of Moher before heading for Limerick. Overnight Limerick

Day 6 Coach back to Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport today for end of tour.



TRAIN TRAVEL | IN EUROPE



WHY TRAVEL BY RAIL?

Trains are considered a primary form of transportation in Europe - this is how most Europeans travel. As a result, the trains are modern, dependable and, in some cases, state-of-the-art. European rail comprises an extensive network of high-speed trains, offering travel times that can even rival flying. But, unlike flying, there are no painfully long security checks, no baggage limits, no hidden fees - and no stress. You simply get on the train, and away you go. Also, the experience is very different.

The great thing about train travel is that you're constantly surrounded by ever-changing landscapes. On your journey you're immediately immersed in European life, travelling together with locals and fellow visitors. The train takes you from the centre of one fascinating town or city to the centre of another.

Consider the Channel Tunnel, the engineering marvel that unites London and Paris. You relax in sophisticated splendour inside the train – even the most basic second class train is roomier and more comfortable than any coach seat on a plane. Most trains are air-conditioned and non-smoking, with plenty of space to store your luggage - and there are no baggage fees!

In addition, the ever-increasing popularity of train travel has resulted in more frequent departures and more flexible travel. Passengers also enjoy





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more comfort such as bar/buffet cars, the growing availability of onboard power outlets and WiFi connection.

Train travel has always been cost-effective, with discounts for advance bookings, groups, youths and seniors. But nothing ba beats the opportunity to stretch your

budget by travelling overnight on a train. This allows you to reach your destination

while you sleep, saving the cost of hotel accommodation for a night.

Another thing about rail travel - it's comfortable and gives you time to relax. You arrive at your destination refreshed and ready to explore. The train is also environmentally friendly, using electricity so it has a much smaller carbon footprint than cars or planes.





BOATING HOLIDAYS | EUROPE & THE UK





Boasting the widest selection of journeys on inland waterways adventure. Whether you're new to boating or a seasoned 'cruiser', outing to a public swimming pool or golf course. If you prefer, destinations en route means visiting colourful markets, dining on local specialities, enjoying summer festivals, going shopping and

A WIDE CHOICE OF BOATS

With such an exciting choice of destinations and the wide selection of boat types available, boating has become increasingly popular as a holiday option. Le Boat has put together a fantastic selection of boating holidays to suit all budgets and group sizes, making this an excellent option for families, couples, groups or friends.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Don't worry if you've never been on a boating holiday before – all the boats are very easy to handle. With just forward and reverse in-depth briefing that covers everything you need to know, from tying knots to how the oven works. By the time you eventually set

YOUR HOME-FROM-HOME ON THE WATERWAYS

Think of your boat as your floating villa, with everything on board that you need to enjoy a great holiday. Spacious saloons and comfortable cabins are standard, as is the fully-equipped kitchen galley with its gas oven, hob and one or 2 fridges, depending on the





DESTINATIONS

ENGLAND & SCOTLAND

Boating the UK's serene waters is a delight, a fun holiday exploring the lush countryside of these two fascinating countries. Take a leisurely cruise with family or friends along age-old canal routes. Stop off at quaint villages to explore, enjoy traditional delicacies or have a pint in the pub.

IRELAND

Discover the magical Irish countryside as you cruise the full expanse of the Shannon and its lakes, or select a particular area that interests you. Cruise at a leisurely pace, stopping off to visit historic castles, grand houses, deserted hamlets and ancient monastic settlements - and let's not forget the numerous pubs en route!

FRANCE

Choose from 10 exciting and unique French destinations to find your ideal boating holiday. Try the Canal du Midi, Europe's oldest waterway that stretches from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, or the impressive Lot River that winds through the South West of France. You'll discover fine wine, top cuisine, exquisite countryside and historical sights to delight you.

Enchanting Venice with its surrounding islands and classic Italian countryside and beaches are yours to discover and enjoy from the superb vantage point of your own sundeck. Head towards Trieste and discover ancient traditions, a quieter lifestyle and an unspoilt landscape in the Friuli region. The nearby protected reserve of the Po Delta and its colourful local villages will enchant nature lovers.







PARIS

he most romantic city in Europe, Paris epitomises style, elegance and charm, evident in age-old structures like Notre Dame and high-tech ones like Le Louvre. Watch people painting as you stroll alongside the Seine, enjoy exquisite cuisine in a candlelit bistro, climb the Eiffel Tower for panoramic views of the city, or sip a coffee at a sidewalk café on the Champs Elysees. Haute couture is inspired by this city of lights, as much an intrinsic part of this iconic city as the simple pleasure derived from sampling a crepe in the streets of Montmartre.







MUST SEE IN PARIS

- The Louvre
- Eiffel Tower
- **Champs Elysees**
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- **River Seine**
- Arc de Triomphe
- Moulin Rouge
- Versailles nearby



PARIS SIGHTSEEING

PARIS PASS

2 DAYS

Explore Paris at leisure for 2 days on a Hopon hop-off bus tour, with free entry to more than 60 top attractions including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum and the Seine River Cruise. You also get FREE entry into more than 60 top Paris attractions, and can skip the lines with fast-track entry into many of these attractions. In addition, you enjoy full use of the Metro in Zones 1, 2 and 3 as well as a free comprehensive 160+ page guidebook.

E-TICKET BIG BUS PASS 1 DAY

The best way to discover the magic of Paris is to enjoy a Big Bus pass where you can explore the city at your own pace for a day. Hop off the comfortable bus to see something in more detail, and then hop on again to travel a little further and find more adventures. The Big Bus Pass offers a Geolocation app for real-time bus tracking based on your location as well as audio commentary. Visit major sights including The Louvre, the Palace of Versailles and the Arc de Triomphe.

SKIP-THE-LINE TICKET & ACCESS TO TOP OF THE **EIFFEL TOWER** 2 HOURS

Be the first to reach the top of the Eiffel Tower without having to queue! Enjoy priority access and enjoy views from the Tower's first level to the top floor. You are accompanied to the second level. The second floor has a transparent walkway to add extra excitement. Then take the elevator to the top floor with a stunning 360-degree view of all Paris' main sights. Optional extra Seine River Cruise ticket available.



GUIDED VISIT OF NOTRE DAM, MONTMARTRE, LOUVRE WITH SKIP-THE-LINE ACCESS FULL DAY

Explore Paris and see all the top sights. In the morning enjoy a city bus tour with guide to the Place de la Bastille, the Marais, Latin Quarter and Saint-Germain-des Prés, home to the Café les Deux Magots. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral on a guided tour, then walk along the banks of the Seine to board the Batobus River Shuttle. After half an hour free for lunch, you visit Montmarte in the afternoon by bus with time to explore. Take the cable car down the slope and bus to the Louvre for a guided tour.



WALKING GUIDED TOUR -**COVERED PASSAGES & OPERA GARNIER**

3 HOURS

Discover Paris' secret passages on a guided walking tour, strolling through the streets to see the Buren Columns, the Vivienne shopping arcade and the Choiseul cover passage. Go inside Opera Garnier, then enjoy a panoramic view of the city from the roof of famous department store Galeries Lafayette.

SKIP THE LINE - GUIDED TOUR OF **PALACE OF VERSAILLES**

HALF DAY

Spend the afternoon discovering the splendour of the Palace of Versailles, a symbol of royal power, with its sumptuous decoration, Baroque architecture, numerous works of art and furniture. Then enjoy the beauty of the French gardens of Versailles at leisure. You get front-of-the-line access to tour the palace's most beautiful rooms including the Oueen's Bedroom, once occupied by Marie Antoinette and the incredible 'Hall of Mirrors'.

PARIS BY NIGHT CITY TOUR

EVENING

Discover Paris by Night in a double-decker bus, with monuments and bridges lit up – the perfect introduction to the City of Lights. While driving past Paris' major sights, enjoy a fascinating commentary on the history of the city.



DINNER & SHOW AT THE MOULIN ROUGE -MENU MISTINGUETT

4 HOURS

Dress up for a memorable night on the town at the legendary music hall, the Moulin Rouge, where you also enjoy a meal and a show at Paris' entertainment hotspot. Your gourmet French meal is prepared by chef David Le Quellec, and served with a half bottle of champagne. The meal is followed by a magnificent show, featuring dazzling costumes and 80 dancers performing several acts.

TOUR TO MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

FULL DAY

Drive by coach across the Normandy landscapes to reach the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mont-Saint-Michel. Situated on a rocky island in Europe's biggest bay, this is one of the most famous pilgrimage centres dating back to the Middle Ages. Known as the 'Marvel of the Western World', the village is a joy to explore. After lunch, where you can sample the village's famous omelette, enjoy a guided visit of Mont Saint Michel Abbey with time at leisure to discover the village's magic.

REIMS CHAMPAGNE

FULL DAY

Drive through the eastern part of Paris to the motorway to Reims. On arrival, visit the Gothic cathedral, enjoy a city orientation tour and a guided visit of the Mumm cellars as well as a famous 'Cordon Rouge' tasting. After lunch, travel to Epernay for a guided tour of the Moët & Chandon cellars and some champagne tasting. Leave Epernay in the late afternoon to arrive in Paris in the early evening.







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Explore two Disney® Parks, where over 50 amazing attractions, spectacular shows, dazzling parades, unforgettable Disney Character Encounters and stunning seasons bring Disney stories, old and new, to life before your very eyes. And as for your story? Make it a fairy tale by staying in one of the magical Disney® Hotels or a blissful Disney Nature Resort. And it doesn't end there, as you can spend your evenings in the lively Disney Village®, tuck into Disneylicious dining at over 50 themed restaurants and lots more.

LIVE YOUR DREAMS AT DISNEYLAND® PARK

This is a magical kingdom, where five Lands bring fairy tales and adventures to life like nowhere else. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience you'll remember happily ever after.

- · Little ones will love Dumbo the Flying Elephant
- Thrill seekers will get a blast from Indiana Jones™ and the Temple of Peril
- The whole family will enjoy the adventure of Buzz Lightyear Laser Blast and Pirates of the Caribbean

STEAL THE SHOW AT WALT DISNEY STUDIOS® PARK

Get ready for lights, camera and a whole lot of action! Four production zones full of thrills invite stars of all ages to slip behind the silver screen and bask in the spotlight.

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- Thrill seekers will get swept up in the excitement of Crush's Coaster and The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror™
- The whole family will shrink down for mega-sized fun at Toy Story Playland and Ratatouille: The Adventure

KEEP THE MAGIC GOING AT DISNEY VILLAGE®

Disney Village keeps the magic going from the opening of the Disney Park gates until late with its cinema, shopping, restaurants, dancing and shows for the whole family. Don't miss your chance to catch live entertainment, including the greatest Disney Dinner Show ever made: Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show...with Mickey and Friends!









WHERE THE MAGIC GETS REAL



Turn your Disney story into the happiest of fairy tales with a stay in a Disney® Hotel, right in the heart of the Resort. Or reconnect with the magic of nature and relax in two charming Disney Nature Resorts. You will unlock magical extras such as extra time in the Disney® Parks before they even open.



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CROCKETT RANCH

SETTLE YOUR TRIBE IN THIS AMERICAN FRONTIER VILLAGE

Adventure awaits in Davy Crockett country:

- Relax in the middle of a peaceful forest
- The freedom of your own self-catering cabin
- A self-drive Disney Nature Resort
- Excellent value for money



SANTA FE

PARK UP YOUR POSSE IN THIS CHARMING SUN-KISSED PIT STOP

Rest and refuel in the calming surroundings of New Mexico:

- Homage to the legendary Route 66 and the American Southwest
- Colourful, themed rooms ideal for fans of Disney- Pixar's Cars
- Disney quality geared for all budgets



ROLL UP FOR THE BEST OF THE WILD WEST

Hitch your horse at this lively Western-style hotel:

- Soak up the 'yee-ha!' atmosphere of a frontier town
- Authentic Wild West-style rooms full of *Toy Story* themed joy.
- Disney quality fit for all budgets



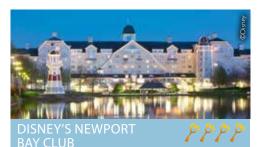
DISNEY'S SEQUOIA



FOREST LODGE INSPIRED BY AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS

Where the wilderness meets creature comforts:

- Somewhere rustic and cosy to relax
- Surrounded by majestic sequoia trees
- Woodland-themed rooms featuring Bambi and friends
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COASTAL RETREAT

- A grand 1920s New England mansion with stylish Cape Cod décor
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- Revel in the elegant décor of the Victorian railroad era
- The finest Disney quality, service and hospitality
- Five-star VIP treatment



SUGGESTED RAIL PACKAGES | AROUND FRANCE



PARIS-AVIGNON-NICE 6 NIGHTS

Day 1 On arrival, transfer to hotel. Day at leisure to explore. Use your ticket to enjoy a 'Discover Cruise on the Seine' and your invitation to the Fragonard Perfume Museum. **Overnight Paris**

Day 2 Day free day to explore the French Capital. Enjoy a city tour by the historical 2C. Overnight Paris

Day 3 Transfer to Paris Gare de Lyon for TGV high-speed train to Avignon. Transfer to hotel. Free time to discover this historical town by typical Avignon Small Train. Overnight Avignon

Day 4 At leisure in Avignon. Use your ticket for a one-hour Boat Rhone River cruise. Overnight Avignon

Day 5 Transfer to station to travel by TGV train to Nice. Transfer to your hotel. At leisure to discover the city centre and old town. Overnight Nice

Day 6 Enjoy a half-day tour of Monaco. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight Nice

Day 7 Transfer to airport. End of tour.

PARIS - STRASBOURG

4 NIGHTS

Day 1 On arrival, transfer to hotel. Day at leisure to explore. Use your ticket to enjoy a 'Discover Cruise on the Seine' and your invitation to the Fragonard Perfume Museum. Overnight Paris

Day 2 Day free to explore using your oneday Open Tour ticket. Also enjoy your Tasting Passport for a personal Food Trip, to taste 6 French specialties in different gourmet boutiques. Overnight Paris

Day 3 Transfer to Paris Gare de Lyon for TGV high-speed train to Strasbourg. Transfer to hotel. Free time to discover this UNESCO World Heritage city. Overnight Strasbourg

Day 4 Enjoy a boat tour to discover the history of Strasbourg along the river ILL. At leisure to discover the heart of this interesting city. **Overnight Strasbourg**

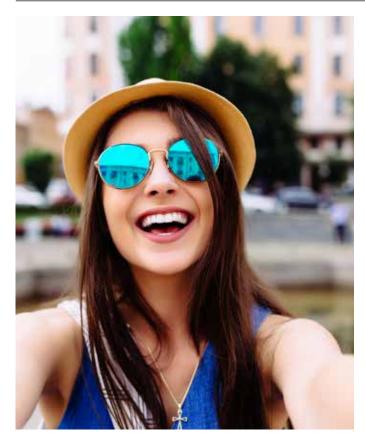
Day 5 Transfer to airport. End of tour.







UNIQUE FRENCH EXPERIENCES



Enjoy a taste of the French lifestyle while you're in France with a selection of fascinating adventures!

PARIS 'SELFIE' TOUR

2 HOURS

Explore some of the city's highlights with a private English-speaking driver/ guide, stopping off wherever you wish to take a selfie photo!

HIGH TEA AT THE RITZ

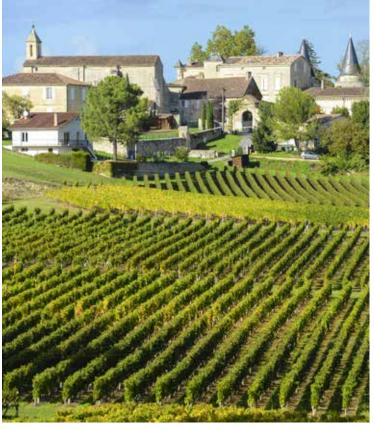
2 HOURS

Enjoy a decadent Parisian tea experience in the Tea Room of the legendary Ritz Paris Hotel. Includes a classic Club Sandwich, choice of chef's pastries, and tea, coffee or hot chocolate.

PARIS 5 SENSES EXPERIENCE

HALF DAY

See the incredible panorama from the rooftop of the Tour Montparnasse, smell the magnificent fragrances at the Musée du Parfum Fragonard, savour a delicious lunch in a typical French brasserie, hear magical sounds at the Philarmonie de Paris and touch your special gift at the Panier de Sens



EXCLUSIVE NORMANDY ESCORTED TOUR - CALVADOS GOURMAND 2 NIGHTS

Departing from Paris, spend 3 glorious days discovering Normandy's renowned food culture with a personal driver/guide. Visit a local market, enjoy oyster-, chocolate, cheese, Cider and Calvados tastings. Discover incredible Impressionist art at Monet's House in Giverny and explore Honfleur's old city. Relive highlights of the Second World War including Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach American Cemetery. Chocolate or cheese tasting also included. Please note: hotel accommodation not included.

Overnight in Trouville (Day 1) and Deauville (Day 2)

BORDEAUX REGIONAL & ARCACHON'S BAY -EXCLUSIVE ESCORTED TOUR

3 NIGHTS

Day 1 From Paris, take the train to Bordeaux. Travel to the Bordeaux winelands in Medoc to explo re and for wine tasting. Overnight Bordeaux

Day 2 Today you explore the Bordeaux winelands as well as visit famous Arcachon's Bay. Oyster and wine tastings included. Overnight Bordeaux

Day 3 Travel to St Emilion in the Bordeaux winelands for wine tasting, with time to explore St Emilon village and lunch. Overnight Bordeaux

Day 4 Transfer to the station for the train back to Paris.





ITALY VENICE

city built across 116 islands set in a vast lagoon, Venice is Europe's iconic city of more than 150 canals, 400 bridges, winding alleys and cobbled streets. Home to numerous sights including St Mark's Basilica, one of the most impressive Renaissance buildings ever created, as well as the Doges Palace and the Bridge of Sights, Venice is romantic, charming and magical. Ride a canal on a gondola one evening for a truly unique experience, to see the city lit up from the water.



MUST SEE IN VENICE

- Doge's Palace
- Piazza San Marco
- St Mark's Basilica
- Rialto Bridge
- **Bridge of Sighs**
- Galleria dell'Academia



VENICE ATTRACTIONS

WALKING & GONDOLA TOUR - VENICE ISLAND 2 HOURS

Embark on a guided walk through Venice, between Piazza San Marco and the Rialto Bridge, passing some fascinating sights including Teatro la Fenice (Opera house), Scala del Bovolo and the Rialto Bridge. Also includes an unforgettable 35-minute gondola ride to see part of the legendary Grand Canal, as well as other less frequented canals lined with ancient buildings.

GHOST & LEGENDS TOUR

This exciting walking tour follows an enchanting route through the city's silent alleyways and sleeping canals to discover a 'Hidden Venice'. Abandoned and dimly lit at night, the city provides the perfect backdrop for 6 ghost stories as well as other legends and tales of Venetian life. You also pass by numerous architectural gems and explore a secret passageway that enabled a lover to visit his mistress.

WINE & APPETISER STROLL

2.5 HOURS

2 HOURS

The ultimate food and wine experience, this tour begins by exploring the Jewish Quarter, the inspiration for Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. This hidden gem offers a quieter visit to savour Venice's cuisine and wines just like the locals. Your local guide will fill you in on some fascinating details, too.

MURANO, BURANO & TORCELLO

HALF DAY

Your islands tour starts off with a trip to Murano to see how its beautiful coloured glass is made. Then visit Burano, famous for its lace and the colourful fisherman's houses, and Torcello, the earliest centre of civilisation in the region, home to a cathedral, the Church of Santa Fosca and magnificent mosaics.



ITALY ROME

taly's 'Eternal City' is a patchwork of ancient history visible in its incredible architecture and rich art treasures. Home to the Vatican as well as the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica, it's also a religious capital, a tribute to Catholicism. Modern Rome is just as enticing, with sidewalk cafes, elegant boutiques, broad boulevards and stunning cuisine. The capital of Italy personifies 'La Dolca Vita' - the good life. It's the perfect introduction to this romantic, feisty, warm and creative country.





ROME ATTRACTIONS

PANORAMIC OPEN BUS TOUR (HOP-ON HOP-OFF)

Explore Rome on a hop-on hop-off bus tour that includes a stop close to some of the city's most famous sights. Taped commentary is provided in English and the bus departs every hour, and also offers courier assistance on board. Stay on the bus for the entire tour, or hop on and off at designated stops, whichever you prefer.

VATICAN MUSEUMS & ST PETER'S BASILICA ELITE WALKING TOUR

3 HOURS

Visit the 2,000-room Vatican Museum and see the most extensive collection of art in the world. Explore the marvellous Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo completed his masterpiece, the painting of the magnificent 'Creation of Adam' and the incomparable 'Last Judgement' in the altar wall. In St Peter's Basilica you can see the world-famous sculpture of La Pietà and admire the impressive Altar Baldaquin by Bernini as well as the splendid Colonnade of St Peter's Square.



ROMA PASS

3 DAYS

With a special tourist-cultural 3-day Roma Pass you can explore Rome at leisure and enjoy various discounts and services. This makes it easier and cheaper to sightsee. The Pass enables you to travel free of charge on all public transport in Rome for 72 hours (3 days). You also get free entry to the first 2 museums and/or archaeological sights you visit as well as a concessionary ticket to all other museums and/or archaeological sites – and much more.







FLORENCE ITALY

ome to many of Europe's cultural gems, Florence is Tuscany's charming capital city with its red roofed Renaissance buildings, rolling hills, ancient palaces and lofty churches. It's home to the legendary 14th century Ponte Vecchio bridge which is lined with jewellery stores and also offers high end designer boutiques and iconic cuisine, not to mention the best gelato Italy has to offer.



MUST SEE IN FLORENCE

- Pitti Palace
- **Uffizi Gallery**
- Duomo (Cathedral)
- Ponte Vecchio
- Santa Croce
- Medici Chapels



FLORENCE ATTRACTIONS

DISCOVER FLORENCE ON FOOT

3 HOURS

An excellent introductory tour of the city, this walking excursion enables you to discover Florence's artistic treasures. Visit the bustling Central market, the Mediterranean chapels, Basilica di San Lorenzo and Piazza del Duomo, home to the iconic Cathedral with its dome by Brunellesci and bell-tower by Giotto. On to St John Baptistery with its Paradise Door, Palazzo del Bargello, Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery. Cross the Ponte Vecchio and visit the incredible Pitti Palace.

PIZZA & GELATO COOKING COURSE HALF DAY

Spend the afternoon learning how to make Florence's famous pizza and gelato. You'll find out about the history of these glorious dishes and make pizza in an oven with a professional pizza chef, called a 'pizzaiolo'.

HORSE RIDING IN TUSCANY HALF DAY

Enjoy a unique opportunity to explore the Tuscan countryside on horseback for an hour. Includes a lesson first to get acquainted with the horse (previous riding experience not essential). Then it's time to ride amongst the vineyards, olive trees and medieval villages en route to a 14th century villa estate. Here you will explore the gardens and the cellars to see how Chianti and olive oil are produced, before enjoying a Tuscan meal of bruschetta and pasta.

CINOUE TERRE TOUR

FULL DAY

Explore the enchanting Cinque Terre landscape, an area declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The area comprises 18km of rocky coastline with caves, beaches and paths and breathtaking landscapes. The tour continues by boat and train with free time in the afternoon to swim or explore one of the villages.

RAIL TOURS | ITALY



Discover the magic of Italy on a rail journey. Choose from a selection of exciting suggested itineraries linked together by train journeys through the picturesque landscape. Itineraries can also be tailor-made to ensure you see exactly what you want.



7 DAYS

Day 1 Arrive Rome, transfer to your hotel. Overnight Rome

Day 2 Enjoy 3-hour walking tour of Rome, including Campo dei Fiori, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps. **Overnight Rome**

Day 3 Day at leisure or optional sightseeing tours in the city or to Pompeii and Naples. Overnight Rome

Day 4 Transfer to the station to travel by high speed train to Venice. Transfer to hotel on your own. Overnight Venice

Day 5 Tour Venice city centre on foot, including Piazza San Marco and the Basilica, Clock Tower and Palazzo Ducale. Rest of the day at leisure. **Overnight Venice**

Day 6 At leisure with optional tours and activities. Overnight Venice

Day 7 After breakfast, depart the hotel.





ROME & SORRENTO BY RAIL

6 DAYS

Day 1 Arrive Rome, transfer to your hotel. Overnight Rome

Day 2 Enjoy 3-hour walking tour of Rome, including Campo dei Fiori, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps. Overnight

Day 3 Day at leisure or optional sightseeing tours in the city or to Pompeii and Naples. Overnight Rome

Day 4 Transfer to the station to travel by high speed train to Naples. Transfer to Sorrento. Overnight Sorrento

Days 5 & 6 Optional tours in the surrounds or to the Isle of Capri.



ROME, FLORENCE & CINQUE TERRE RAIL TOUR

Days 1 - 3 As for other tours above - in Rome.

Day 4 Transfer to the station to travel by high speed train to Florence. Overnight Florence

Day 5 Orientation 2-hour city walking tour including Duomo, Baptistery, Giotto Bell Tower, Piazza della Signoria and Palazzo Vecchio. Overnight Florence

Day 6 Board train to Cinque Terre and collect your '2 Days Cinque Terre Card & Train'. The card offers access to easy and fast connection between all 5 villages. Overnight Monterosso

Days 7 & 8 After breakfast, day at leisure to explore.

8 DAYS

ESCORTED COACH TOURS



SPLENDID TOUR

4 NIGHTS

Day 1 Coach to Naples to tour the historical centre and see Piazza del Plebiscito, Royal Palace, Gallery of Umberto and San Carlo Opera House. After a traditional Neopolitan lunch, travel to Pompeii to visit a coral and cameo factory and the ancient Roman city. On to Sorrento, famous for its orange, lemon and olive trees. **Overnight Sorrento**

Day 2 Coach to the Isle of Capri. Board a ferry to Marina Grande. On the island, visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting), Augustus Gardens and Piazzetta. On to Anacapri by Minibus for lunch. Return to Marina Grande, board the ferry back to Sorrento. Overnight **Sorrento**

Day 3 Depart for Amalfi, enjoying views of Positano and other pictures que fishing villages en route. At leisure in Amalfi visit the private beach or explore the city centre. Overnight Amalfi

Day 4 Explore Amalfi at leisure. Optional excursions available to Ravello and Positano. Overnight Amalfi

Day 5 Morning at leisure. At 3pm, transfer to Pompeii and on to Rome, arriving 9pm.

ROME, FLAVOURS OF **TUSCANY & ENCHANTING CINQUE-TERRE**

6 NIGHTS

Day 1 From Rome, coach to Chianti region to ancient Montepulciano, famous for producing one of Italy's oldest wines. On to Pienza, where pecorino cheese is made, then to Siena to explore the old city. Overnight Siena

Day 2 Coach to centuries-old San Gimignano, famous for its towers, frescoes and art treasures. Travel to S. Donato in Poggio, in the Chianti Classico region. Stop at a farmhouse for wine tasting and snacks, then on to Pisa, with time to explore. Enjoy a historical walking tour of the city, past the Leaning Tower, The Baptistery and other monuments. On to La Spezia. Overnight La Spezia

Day 3 Boat tour to breathtaking Cinque Terre, with an amazing perspective from the sea. Stop at important villages. Explore Porto Venere, Vernazza and Monterosso at leisure. Train from Monterosso to La Spezia. Overnight La Spezia

Day 4 Travel to Carrara to see the marble quarries. On to Montecarlo di Lucca, where top quality wine and extra virgin olive oil is made. Visit a farmhouse to taste delicious Tuscan food washed down with different wines. Coach to Rome. Overnight Rome

Day 5 Coach to Naples, enjoy walking tour of the historic centre. On to Pompeii to visit a coral and cameo factory, then enjoy lunch in a typical restaurant. Explore the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, then travel to Sorrento. **Overnight Sorrento**

Day 6 Board a ferry to Marina Grande. On the island, visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting), Augustus Gardens and Piazzetta. On to Anacapri by Minibus for lunch. Return to Marina Grande, board the ferry back to Sorrento. Overnight Sorrento

Day 7 Explore Sorrento at leisure, or visit other villages nearby. At 3pm coach leaves for Rome, returning around 9pm.











GERMANY

ocated deep in the heart of Europe, Germany offers a wealth of experiences including big-city vibrancy, picture-postcard towns and villages, pagan-inspired festivals and the perennial pleasures of romantic castles, fine wine and beer. It's a fascinating land to explore summer and winter, and offers endless possibilities for a memorable holiday.

GERMANY SIGHTSEEING ATTRACTIONS

BERLIN CITY HOP-ON HOP-OFF TOUR FULL DAY

A versatile tour that lets you explore Berlin at leisure, hopping on and off the bus at leisure at 15 stops, then hopping on again. The continuous route without getting off is 2 hours, and a guided commentary is available. Attractions include Checkpoint Charlie, Berliner Dom, Pergamon Museum and Charlottenburg Palace.

MUNICH AT ITS BEST FULL DAY

Discover the highlights of this exciting city on a hop-on hop-off tour, which includes many of Munich's attractions. Visit the Palace of Nymphenburg, the Olympic grounds, home to Sea Life, the BMW Museum and BMW Car World. Climb to the top of the 290m-high Olympic Tower, visit the artist district of Schwabing and stroll along Leopold Street.

MUNICH & ITS BEER

FULL DAY

Enjoy a taste of Bavarian beer on this city tour when you visit Paulaner Brewery, where experienced master brewers offer fascinating information about the beer, which is brewed according to the original Bavarian 'Order of Purity', Europe's oldest food law. Sample the beer and enjoy a snack, too.



MUNICH, CASTLES & OBERAMMERGAU

3 NIGHTS

Day 1 Transfer to Munich hotel. Overnight Munich

Day 2 Explore the city on the hop-on hop-off bus (valid for 48 hours). Visit Marienplatz, the City Hall, BMW Museum and more. **Overnight Munich**

Day 3 Explore 2 fairytale castles today – Neuchswanstein and Linderhof. Stop off in Oberammergau, famous for its Passion Play. **Overnight Munich**

Day 4 Transfer to airport.

TOTAL BERLIN TOUR

3 NIGHTS

Day 1 On arrival, transfer to hotel. Explore at leisure. Overnight Berlin

Day 2 Explore the city on a Hop-on hop-off bus. Visit Kurfurstendamm, Brandenburg Gate and Potsdam Square. You are given a 3-day Museum Pass to all major city museums, so enjoy. **Overnight Berlin**

Day 3 Explore Berlin at leisure. Overnight Berlin

Day 4 Transfer to airport.

FRANKFURT & THE ROMANTIC RHINE

3 NIGHTS

Day 1 Transfer to hotel. At leisure. Overnight Frankfurt

Day 2 Explore Frankfurt on a hop-on hop-off bus. Visit Paul Church, the financial centre, Römerberg Square and Hauptwache. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight Frankfurt

Day 3 Explore vineyards and villages in the Rhine River area, with a boat tour along the Lorelei Valley, home to numerous medieval castles. Lunch at a restaurant, then stop at Rüdesheim. Overnight **Frankfurt**

Day 4 Transfer to airport.





GERMANY'S CITIES



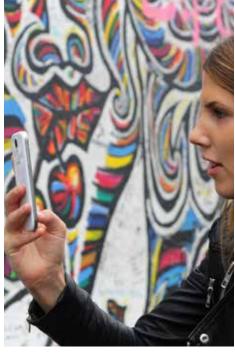


MUNICH

he capital of Bavaria, Munich is full of museums, galleries and beautiful churches just waiting to be explored. In the summer, visitors enjoy heading into the mountains for walking and climbing adventures, and in the winter, skiing in the Bavarian Alps is a favourite pastime. The city hosts numerous beer festivals to celebrate its excellent beer year-round, including the famous 'Oktoberfest', which is an unforgettable experience.

MUST SEE IN MUNICH

- Olympiapark
- BMW Museum & BMW World
- St Peter Church
- The 3 Pinakothek Museums
- Marienplatz



BERLIN

ermany's capital has undergone many changes in the past century. No longer divided, it's a thriving modern metropolis and an exciting destination to visit. The nightlife is legendary, which is why so many people come here. There are numerous historical sights j ust waiting to be discovered, including the remains of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and the Brandenburg Gate.

MUST SEE IN BERLIN

- Checkpoint Charlie Museum
- Reichstag
- Charlottenburg Palace
- Berlin Wall
- Berlin Cathedral

FRANKFURT

ermany's financial hub, Frankfurt is home to one of Europe's largest stock exchanges and the Bundesbank (Germany's central bank). The city boasts a rich collection of museums, second only to Berlin. It also rivals Berlin when it comes to its nightlife, especially the jazz and dance music scenes. It's also trade fair heaven numerous fairs, exhibitions and congresses are held here year-round.



MUST SEE IN FRANKFURT

- Bergenstrassenfest, held from June to August
- Goethe Museum & Goethe Haus
- Jewish Museum
- Cathedral of St Bartholomew



NETHERLANDS AMSTERDAM

msterdam is a unique city, home to numerous museums full of masterpieces created by masters such as Rembrandt and Van Gogh, quaint cobbled streets lined with skinny buildings, canals and bridges, delectable chocolate and cheese. Cyclists dominate here, and the city's culture, nightlife, excellent restaurants and charm is what makes visitors return time and again.





AMSTERDAM ATTRACTIONS

GPS HOP-ON HOP-OFF CITY TOUR

Explore Amsterdam at your leisure on a 24-hour bus ticket, hopping off the tour bus when you wish to explore, and hopping on again to travel further. Admire the famous canals with their towers, bridges and houses, the Royal Palace, Dam Square, Skinny Bridge, Western Church and many other major attractions.

THE 100 HIGHLIGHTS CRUISE

1 HOUR

Pass all of Amsterdam's famous attractions as you cruise the canal, including the Westerkerk, Anne Frank House and much more. This is a relaxing way to explore the city and see it from the water.

DELFT & THE HAGUE

HALF DAY

Visit 2 prominent Dutch cities today, departing from Amsterdam. Tour the Royal Delft, where the famous Delft pottery is made, and explore the historic city centre at leisure. Tour The Hague by coach to see the International Court of Justice, and then visit Madurodam miniature park to see famous Dutch landmarks on a smaller scale.



ALKMAAR CHEESE MARKET & WINDMILLS HALF DAY

From Amsterdam, visit Alkmaar to see the old cheese market. Travel further to see the famous old windmills in the village of Schermerhorn and then visit a cheese factory in Edam where cheese is still made traditionally, as it has been for centuries.







BELGIUM

on't underestimate this country. Belgium has plenty to offer - and we're not just talking about chocolate and beer. Their mussels with fries (moules frites) are legendary, the architecture is stunning and there's plenty of culture, so make sure to visit the excellent museums. Brussels, the capital, is a charming blend of Art Nouveau mansions and modern skyscrapers, home to art galleries, superb restaurants and some of the best flea markets on the continent.



BELGIUM ATTRACTIONS

BRUSSELS HOP-ON HOP-OFF TOUR

FULL DAY

Explore the city at leisure, hopping off the bus to see a sight in detail, and then hopping on again to travel further along the route. Hop on and off unlimited times, and visit the city's main sights, including St Michael Cathedral, the Congress Column, Palace of Justice, the Royal Museum of Art and History and the Royal Palace.

BRUSSELS BEER TOUR 3 HOURS

Belgium boasts a beer brewing tradition that dates back 1,000 years - and boasts the same number of beers. On the Beer Tour, you can savour the best beer that Belgium has to offer including Lambic beers that are unique to this region. Learn all about all the different beers and their brewing process, and sample a selection. You also visit the Royal Puppet Theatre Toone and enjoy a guided walking tour past the Mannekin Pis statue, Ilot Sacre, Art Deco buildings, the fish market and the little island of St Gery.

GHENT & BRUGES FULL DAY

From Brussels, travel to Ghent, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit St Bavo Cathedral, and take a guided walking tour of the city's churches and castles. Next stop is Bruges, another UNESCO-listed medieval city, where you enjoy lunch at your own expense at Minnewater (Lake of Love). Visit Markt Square with its Belfry and the Holy Blood Chapel, the Beguinage and the Church of our Lady with its statue by Michelangelo.





AUSTRIA VIENNA

charming blend of old and new, Austria's capital city offers unrivalled art treasures, sophisticated architecture and numerous culinary delights. No other city in the world can boast as many famous composers, including Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Johan Strauss and Haydn, making Vienna quite unique. Right outside the city one finds magnificent countryside that inspired these musical masters to create their world-renowned compositions.



MUST SEE IN VIENNA

- Belvedere Palace
- St Stephen's Cathedral
- Hofburg (Imperial Palace)
- Museumsquartier
- Schönbrunn Palace
- **Mozart House**







CITY TOUR & SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE HALF DAY

An excellent introduction to Vienna's 'Ringstrasse', the State Opera, Fine Art and Natural History Museums, Burgtheater, City Hall and the University. Then tour some magnificently decorated rooms in Schönbrunn Palace. Return via Belvedere Palace.

CULTURAL VIENNA 3 NIGHTS

Day 1 Arrive in Vienna, transfer to hotel. Overnight Vienna

Day 2 Morning city sightseeing tour. Afternoon at leisure to explore. **Overnight Vienna**

Day 3 Visit Mozart House, where the composer created many of his famous compositions. This evening, enjoy a concert followed by a gala dinner at Vienna Kursalon. Overnight Vienna

Day 4 Transfer to airport.











AUSTRIA SALZBURG

■ his stunning Austrian city is most famous for being the setting for the movie The Sound of Music. With its magical Alpine setting, sophisticated shops and restaurants and Baroque architecture, Salzburg is the perfect blend of history and modernity. One of Europe's most popular tourist destinations, not least because it's also Mozart's birthplace, the city has so much to offer the visitor, especially numerous cultural and music events, one of which is the famous Salzburg Festival.



MUST SEE IN SALZBURG

- Salzburg Cathedral
- **Hohensalzburg Fortress**
- Museum of Modern Art
- Mozart's birthplace
- DomQuartier



SALZBURG ATTRACTIONS

SALZBURG CARD

1. 2 OR 3 DAYS

Enjoy free access to all of Salzburg's top sights and attractions with a 24-, 48- or 72-hour Salzburg Card. This value-for-money pass offers unlimited use of public transport, plenty of additional discounts and perks at various locations plus free admission to more than 30 attractions and museums. Cardholders can exchange a voucher for a free copy of the 'Salzburg Guide' offering details of all the sights to see, and information on the highlights.

SOUND OF MUSIC TOUR

HALF DAY

This exciting tour has been enthralling visitors since 1967. Enjoy a tour to all the breathtaking landscapes and locations where the famous musical, The Sound of Music, was filmed. You'll not only see the movie highlights, but also many of Salzburg's historical and architectural landmarks including the Mirabell Gardens, Hellbrun Palace, Nonnberg Abbey and the Church of Mondsee.

TOTAL SALZBURG TOUR

3 NIGHTS

Day 1 Arrive in Salzburg, transfer to hotel. Overnight Salzburg

Day 2 Enjoy a 2.5 hour tour of the city, including the Cathedral, St Peters and Hellbrun Palace as well as Mozart's Residence. This evening, enjoy a concert of Mozart's famous opera arias followed by dinner. Overnight Salzburg

Day 3 Travel to the Bavarian Alps today, stopping at Eagle's Nest, for a panoramic view of the Alps. Visit the almost 5-century old Salt Mines and Berchesgaden as well as beautiful Königssee Lake. Overnight Salzburg

Day 4 Optional private transfer to airport.





SWITZERLAND

urich and Geneva are affluent, modern cities with plenty of bars, restaurants, shops and great nightlife options. With their church steeples rising against a backdrop of scenic hills and mountains, their medieval old towns are charming. Geneva is a beautiful city, offering world-class entertainment, excellent restaurants and over 30 museums and art galleries. **Zurich** is very contemporary, vibrant and trendy as well as the country's financial hub. And then there's the country's Alpine wonderland, a haven for skiers come wintertime.



GENEVA & MONT BLANC

3 NIGHTS

Day 1 Arrive Geneva, transfer to hotel. Overnight Geneva

Day 2 Morning at leisure. Afternoon 2-hour city tour of old city and international quarters, Jet d'Eau fountain, St Peter Cathedral, Flower Clock and more. Overnight Geneva

Day 3 Bus trip through the Arve Valley to Chamonix at the foot of Mont Blanc, Europe's highest peak. Cable car to Aiguille du Midi, with snow year-round. Return to Geneva in the afternoon. **Overnight Geneva**

Day 4 Optional private transfer to airport.



SWITZERLAND ATTRACTIONS

ZURICH TROLLEY EXPERIENCE

Explore Zurich on a classic trolley, visiting its financial hub, the Bahnhofstrasse, important museums, Grossmünster Church, St Peter's Church, Fraumünster Church with its famous Chagall windows and more. Listen to a detailed commentary throughout. In summer this city tour is open-air, as there's outdoor seating at the back of the trolley.

GENEVA CITY TOUR

HALF DAY

Discover Geneva's top attractions on a coach tour, to see Jet d'Eau and Lake Geneva. Take a walking tour of Old Geneva, then climb on board the city's charming mini-train for a panoramic journey to discover landmarks such as St Pierre Cathedral and the Palace of Nations.

ZURICH, LUCERNE & MT TITLIS

3 NIGHTS

Day 1 Arrive in Zurich, transfer to hotel. Overnight Zurich

Day 2 Morning at leisure. Enjoy afternoon city tour to the old town, Bahnhofstrasse, Limmatquai and Guild houses. On to Adliswil to board a cable car to Felsenegg for a panoramic city view. Take the ferry across Lake Zurich. Overnight Zurich

Day 3 Enjoy a scenic drive along the shores of the Lake of Four Cantons to Lucerne. Tour Lucerne to see the Lion Monument. At leisure in Lucerne. On to Engelberg, to climb Mount Titlis to explore the magnificent World of Alpine glaciers. Return to Zurich. Overnight Zurich

Day 4 Optional private transfer to airport.

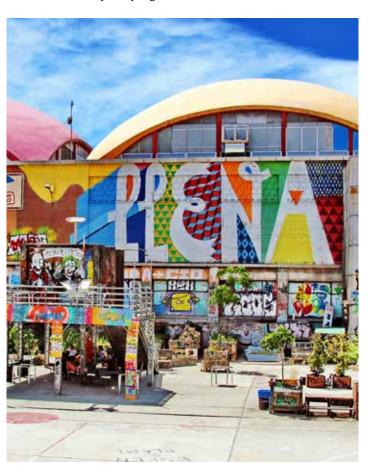






SPAIN MADRID

lamenco dancers, bullfights and tapas reign supreme in this sizzling country full of worldclass museums and stunning art galleries. And let's not forget the exquisite Balearic Islands, of which Mallorca and Ibiza are the stars. The country's financial and political heart is Madrid, home to the legendary Prado Museum, where masterpieces by Spanish greats like Salvadore Dali are on display. It's a cosmopolitan city, business and cultural centre, and offers an extremely lively nightlife.





MUST SEE IN MADRID

- The Prado Museum
- El Retiro Park
- Royal Palace
- Plaza Mayor
- Madrid Río



MADRID ATTRACTIONS

MADRID HOP-ON HOP-OFF TOUR HALF OR FULL DAY

Just one ticket opens up Madrid with all its top sights on a choice of 2 hop-on hop-off routes so that you can completely customise your sightseeing. Blue Route 1 covers all the city's major sights and Green Route 2 offers easy access to many top museums. Throughout the summer (mid-June to mid-Sept), there are also 2 night tours so that you can explore Madrid by night.

FLAMENCO SHOW TORRES **BERMEJAS & DINNER**

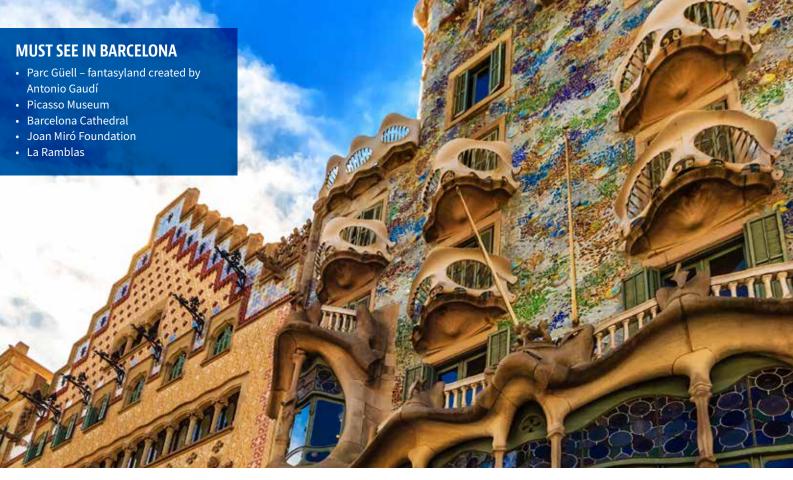
EVENING

Enjoy an evening of Flamenco dancing at the legendary Torres Bermejas club, where some of Spain's best dancers have performed. With décor in the style of Granada's Alhambra Palace, a live show and local Spanish cuisine, it's a true taste of Spain. Dinner is a choice of tapas or paella menus with a glass of wine or sangria.

BEST OF TOLEDO

FULL DAY

Visit one of Spain's most historic towns, once the country's capital and one of Europe's oldest cities. Explore Toledo on a walking tour to see its famous monuments including St Tome Church, Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue, San Juan de los Reyes Church, Museo Victorio Macho and the Cathedral. Enjoy lunch in a traditional restaurant, with free time in the afternoon to explore Toledo at leisure.



SPAIN BARCELONA

pain's most vibrant and cosmopolitan city, Barcelona is one of the busiest ports in the Mediterranean. With its sandy beaches on one side and mountains on the other, the city is the ultimate holiday destination. Add modernist art and architecture, an eclectic atmosphere and the choice of the modern part of town or the Gothic Quarter, and you have an exciting destination just begging to be explored.





FLAMENCO SHOW & DINNER

EVENING

Experience an unforgettable evening at the famous Tablao Flamenco El Cordobes, watching a traditional Flamenco performance and enjoying traditional delicacies from Catalonia and Spain. Located in Barcelona's Las Ramblas area, it is a popular choice for a night on the town.

BARCELONA ATTRACTIONS

BARCELONA HOP-ON HOP-OFF

1 OR 2 DAYS

Explore Barcelona in an open-top double decker bus, hopping off to see the sights and hopping on again to travel further along the 44 stops on 3 different routes. There is a guide on board who gives a brief explanation of each stop and you will also receive a free English guide book.

BARCELONA HIGHLIGHTS CITY TOUR HALF DAY

Spend the morning discovering Barcelona's top sights including the Gothic Quarter, the Cathedral, Olympic Village, tour of Olympic stadium and Jordi Palace, cable car up to Monjuich Castle, plus the Spanish Village of Barcelona with 117 typical buildings from all over Spain on display, with restaurants, shops and handicraft workshops. You also explore the famous Catalan Cava and visit iconic Plaza De Espana.





PORTUGAL LISBON

or a long time it was the Iberian Peninsula's best-kept secret, but no more. Portugal is lively, beautiful, charming, and there are still places you can visit to escape the crowds. Even the busiest resorts on the Algarve still boast havens of tranquility close by. With its medieval castles and picture-perfect villages, meandering coastlines and flower-covered hills, the country is a paradise. Its capital, Lisbon is one of the world's greatest ports, steeped in history, with numerous historic and modern attractions.







MUST SEE IN LISBON

- Belém Tower
- Park of the Nations
- St George's Castle
- Jerónimos Monastery
- · Vintage trams take a ride
- Castle of St George



LISBON ATTRACTIONS

LISBON BY NIGHT FADO & DINNER SHOW

EVENING

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Lisbon by night and learn all about the 'Alma Lusitana' (Portuguese soul). Drive down Liberdade Avenue to view the city's symbolic squares, Praca dos Restauradores, Rossia and Praca do Comercio. View the bridge from the riverside and reach the Belem Quarter with its magnificent monuments that date back to ancient times. See the S. Jerome Monastery and Belem Tower, then enjoy a traditional one-course dinner with a typical Fado show.

SINTRA, CABO DA ROCA, ESTORIL & CASCAIS

Travel to Sintra, 30km from Lisbon, and explore this stunning village where the Royal family used to spend their summers. Sample delicious local sweets in one of the tea rooms, then drive to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point in continental Europe (only from 1 March to 31 Oct). Travel along the coast past Guincho Beach and Baca do Inferno, and arrive in cosmopolitan Cascais to look over the bay. Return past Estoril, with a panoramic view of the Casino and its gardens.

FATIMA, OBIDOS, NAZARE, **BATALHA & ALCOBAC**

FULL DAY

Explore Portugal's rich cultural and religious history. From Lisbon, travel to the walled town of Obidos with its narrow streets, then on to Alcobaca to visit the 12th century Church of the Monastery. Drive to the colourful fishing village of Nazare, then on to Sitio for a panoramic view of the beach and village. Depart for the UNESCO Batalha Monastery, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture. Visit Fatima's Sanctuary, centre of Christian faith and a place of world pilgrimage, the Basilica where the tombstone of Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco are located, as well as the Chapel of Apparitions.



HUNGARY BUDAPEST

rguably Central Europe's most beautiful city, Budapest straddles the Danube with the Buda Hills as its spectacular backdrop. It's also an architectural gem, with a plethora of architectural styles, from Art Nouveau and eclectic to Baroque and everything in between. With its pretty parks, excellent museums, thermal baths, traditional coffee houses and the historic castle district in Buda, there is plenty to delight you.









BUDAPEST ATTRACTIONS

CIRCLE HOP-ON HOP-OFF TOUR

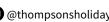
Explore Budapest at your leisure on this comprehensive hop-on hop-off tour of all the city's major sights. Experience the beauty of Budapest with the City Circle Tour on the partly open-air bus. There are 5 different landmarks around the city where you can get on or hop off. The bus tour includes all of Budapest's attractions, including the Parliament, Museum of Ethnography, Hero's Square, the Museum of Fine Arts, Royal Castle, Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion, the Citadel and the Hungarian National Gallery.

ABSOLUTE STREET FOOD **EXPERIENCE & CRAFT BEER**

HALF DAY

Enjoy a 4-hour walking tour of Budapest and find out all about traditional Hungarian cuisine. Watch locals make 'langos', the special fried bread, visit a butchery, find out about traditions, curiosities and what the locals love to eat. Visit a family-owned patisserie and sample some of its delicious baked goods, and enjoy a tasting of 3 different craft beers at a local brewery.











MUST SEE IN PRAGUE

- Charles Bridge
- Old Town Square
- Prague Castle
- Malá Strana (Lesser Town)

CZECH REPUBLIC **PRAGUE**

he capital of the Czech Republic, Prague is easy to enjoy, whether you're interested in the incredible historic monuments, fascinating architecture, incredible works of art or just relaxing and enjoying the lushness of a riverside park. The historic part of the city is located on both sides of the Vitava River, and is made of 6 areas, once independent, but now unified. Prague offers wonderful restaurants, lively entertainment and nightlife, and a fascinating insight into its checkered history.

PRAGUE ATTRACTIONS

BEST OF PRAGUE TOUR

6 HOURS

This tour includes walking, travelling by bus and boat, and offers an excellent insight into Prague and its amazing sights. Start at Wencelas Square where you board an airconditioned coach with tour guide to explore the city's most significant sights including the National Museum and the Dancing House as well as the highlight, Prague Castle. From there you enjoy a walking tour down to the Lesser Town, Kampa Island, Charles Bridge, the Old Town with its legendary astronomical clock and the Jewish Quarter. Then embark on a boat cruise with a view of Hradcany, the National Theatre and other city gems from the Vitava River. The tour ends at the Dvorak Riverside in the vicinity of Cech Bridge.

FOLKLORE EVENING WITH MUSIC & DINNER

3 HOURS

Enjoy a big night out in traditional Czech style! Explore Prague by night en route to a stylish wine cellar in the city centre where you will be offered authentic Czech food, beer and wines and be entertained with a folklore show and live music.

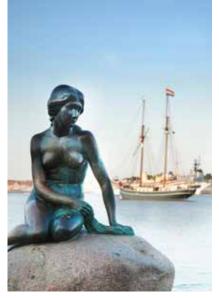
NORDIC REGION



NORWAY, SWEDEN, FINLAND & **DENMARK**

he Nordic region's treasures are boundless, and you can discover these on a tour to explore Norway, Denmark, Finland and Sweden with Thompsons. Norway and **Finland** in the Arctic North are places turned upside down, where the sun shines at midnight in the summer months and where the magical Northern Lights transform the skies in the long winter. In Norway, the cities of Oslo, Trondheim and Bergen are worth exploring, but it's outdoors on the fjords where nature shines supreme. Lapland, Finland's northernmost region is a picture-perfect wonderland offering impressive sights and the opportunity to meet Santa. Sweden offers a myriad experiences, with glossy beaches on the Baltic coast and a stylish capital, Stockholm, one of its 7 major cities. The countryside is a gentle landscape with lush forests and exquisite waterfalls. And then there's **Denmark**, a charming, unique little country, land of Vikings and superior style, home to myths and legends, and inspiration for some of the best crime stories of all time. Copenhagen, its capital, is one of the world's greenest cities, known for being cutting edge when it comes to food, style and fashion. It's home to Tivoli, one of Europe's top amusement parks and the famous statue of The Little Mermaid, Hans Christian Anderson's heroine.







MUST SEE IN NORDIC REGION

- Midnight sun in Lapland
- Rovaniemi, home of Santa
- Norway's fjords
- Stockholm Old Town
- Royal Palace, Stockholm
- Little Mermaid & Tivoli, Copenhagen
- Northern Lights in Lapland







SCANDINAVIA TOUR

LEGENDS OF SCANDINAVIA TOUR 10 NIGHTS

Day 1 Arrive in Stockholm, transfer to hotel Clarion Hotel. Overnight Stockholm

Day 2 Morning city tour of Stockholm to Fillgatan for a view of Stockholm spread out on 14 islands, the old city, Gamla Stan, Cathedral and Royal Palace. Afternoon at leisure to explore. Optional tour to City Hall and Vasa Ship Museum. Overnight Stockholm

Day 3 Coach to Norway, passing scenic landscapes en route to Karlstad on the shores of Lake Vanern, Sweden's largest lake. Cross the border into Norway and on to Hamar, next to Norway's largest lake, Lake Mjosa. Dinner Scandic Hamar. Overnight Hamar

Day 4 Visit Lillehammer, where the 1994 Olympics were held. Travel north to Lom to see its 12th century church, via Grotli to Geiranger. Descend hairpin bends to the village by the fjord. Dinner Hotel Union Geiranger. Overnight Geiranger

Day 5 Cruise on the UNESCOlisted Geiranger Fjord to see the impressive waterfalls. On to Briksdal Glacier for a panoramic view. Coach to Balestrand on the shores of the fjord via Gaular Mountain National Park. Dinner Kyikne's Hotel. Overnight **Balestrand**

Day 6 Ferry to Hella and continue along the coast to Manheller for a short ferry ride to Fodnes. On to Gudvangen for a 2-hour mini cruise of the Sogne Fjord, the



world's longest and deepest fjord. Sail into the UNESCO-listed Nry Fjord with its spectacular scenery. Disemark in Flam and take the Flam Railway to the mountain station of Myrdal to connect to your train to Vos. Coach to Bergen, check into Zander K Hotel. Overnight Bergen

Day 7 Explore Bergen to see the open air fish market and Bryggen with its traditional wooden medieval buildings. At leisure to shop, lunch and take the funicular to the top of Mount Flyen for stunning city views. Travel to the Hardanger Fjord to see the Vringsfoss waterfall with its 180m vertical drop. Ascend the Hardanger Mountain Plateau to the Geilo Area. Check into Storefjell Resort or similar. Over

Day 8 Head for Oslo, arriving around noon. Free time for lunch then enjoy guided city tour to Frogner Park, Royal Palace, Akershus medieval fortress, Opera house, City Hall and more. Rest of day at leisure to explore the Karl Johan pedestrian street and the shopping and restaurant wharf, Aker Brygge. Chck into Thon Hotel Opera. Overnight Oslo

Day 9 Morning at leisure to explore or optional tour to visit maritime museums such as Viking Ship Museum and the Polar Ship Farm. Transfer to the pier in the late afternoon for DFDS Seaways cruise in sea-view cabin to Copenhagen with famous Scandinavian Smorgasbord buffet on board. Overnight DFDS Cruise

Day 10 Sail into Copenhagen, enjoy city sightseeing to see the Little Mermaid, Gefion Fountain, Amalienborg Palace, Christianshavn and Nyhaven with its charming canals. Afternoon at leisure to explore. Farewell dinner Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel or similar. Overnight Copenhagen

Day 11 Depart Copenhagen after breakfast.





LAPLAND

▶ ituated within the Arctic circle, Lapland is Finland's northernmost region. It's a picture-perfect winter wonderland complete with forests laden with snow, glistening frozen lakes and charming villages and towering mountain ranges. Lapland is a mecca for outdoor adventurers eager to experience the impressive range of winter activities on offer. These include:

- Dog sledding
- Reindeer sleigh rides
- Skiing
- Snowmobiling
- Ice fishing
- Searching the sky for the spectacular Northern Lights or
- for the 24-hour sun in the summer months.







ROVANIEMI

The Official Hometown of Santa Claus or Santa Claus Village is Lapland's best-known attraction. It's home to shops, restaurants and cafés, and offers numerous fun activities such as husky and reindeer rides, snowmobile tours and more. Since 1985 Santa has received over 15 million letters from 198 countries, all delivered to the Santa Claus Main Post Office in Rovaniemi. Send a letter from Santa's Village and it will get an official Arctic Circle postmark! Visitors also get to enjoy reindeer sleigh rides and farm visits or they can take a class in the Elf School to earn a magical diploma.









NORTHERN LIGHTS

Kakslauttanen is one of the best places in the world to see the magical Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) from late August to late April. Visitors flock here to experience unbeatable views from the resort's Igloos, their cosy accommodation during their stay. Of course, no natural phenomenon is guaranteed, so it's best to explore outdoors and dress warmly.

KAKSLAUTTANEN ARCTIC RESORT

Located in the Saariselkä Fell region of Finnish Lapland, this unique resort offers a choice of accommodation including snow igloos and Kelo-glass igloos (log cabins with a glass-domed sleeping area with fireplace, kitchenette and sauna). There are also log chalets, earth lodges with turf roofs, log houses with fireplaces and chalets by the river. The resort has 2 restaurants, a glass-roofed activity bus and the world's largest smoke sauna, which has its own restaurant. Activities include reindeer safaris, husky safaris, snowmobiling, skiing, cross country skiing, excursions to see the Northern Lights and midnight sun trips in summer.

LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

Lapland is as exciting to visit in summertime as it is in the winter months. Those dark Arctic winters are replaced by a unique phenomenon, the Midnight Sun. Nature's answer to no sunlight in winter is endless daylight in the summer months, when the sun remains visible for a full 24 hours a day in Lapland!









TURKEY

urkey is one of the longest permanently inhabited countries in the world. This transcontinental country straddles both Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus and has witnessed the rise and fall of great kingdoms and empires. Here east meets west in a spectacular fusion of ancient customs and traditions through to modern technology. This large and beautiful country is blessed with a temperate climate and an extensive coastline of magnificent sandy beaches and sparkling blue waters. The Turkish people have an unrivalled reputation for friendliness and hospitality and welcome visitors with open arms. Markets laden with a wide assortment of gifts and crafts abound, the cuisine is a delight to the palate and the nightlife is legendary. Turkey has a wide appeal for everybody - from sunworshippers through to those who seek history and culture.











ISTANBUL

he mystical city of Istanbul, previously called Constantinople, straddles two continents - Europe and Asia. Hugging the shores of the Bosphorus River, this ancient city is a melting pot of cultures and religions and a drawcard for shoppers and explorers. Travel down ancient avenues in a tram or marvel at the magnificent Blue Mosque. No visit would be complete without viewing the Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the aptly named Grand Bazaar.





AREA ATTRACTIONS

BOSPHORUS CRUISE TOUR

HALF DAY

Cruise down the mighty Bosphorus for panoramic views of this ancient and fascinating city, which has one foot in Asia and the other in Europe. This busy waterway is a narrow strait that joins the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara and by extension via the Dardanelles, the Aegean and the Mediterranean Seas. Make sure not to miss the spectacular soaring minarets of the Blue Mosque on the horizon.

OTTOMAN SPLENDOURS HALF DAY

Immerse yourself in the visual delight that is the Hippodrome - Constantinople's sporting and social centre. Then continue onwards to view the capital of the Byzantine Empire, where you may see the Egyptian Obelisk. The tour then explores the ancient Blue Mosque and the Topkapi Palace, once the residence of the Ottoman Sultans. Today it's a museum housing a collection of ancient Chinese ceramics and jewellery. A central feature is the Spoonmaker's Diamond, which is considered to be the third largest diamond in the world.



ISTANBUL BY NIGHT HALF DAY

Spend a fabulous night out in Istanbul and immerse yourself in the lively culture. Delight in a sumptuous fine-dining dinner, paired with a choice of wine or beer. Enjoy delightful entertainment after dinner - enjoy the lively belly dancing or the Anatolian cultural folklore entertainment.

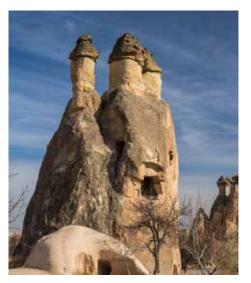
MOSAICS OF ISTANBUL FULL DAY

This inspiring tour invites you to discover Instanbul, starting with a visit to Topkapi Palace, then on to explore the Blue Mosque with its cascading domes and minarets. Visit the beautiful ancient underground and view the Cistern Basilica and Hagia Sophia. Then indulge in a sublime Turkish meal and source some bargains at the Grand Bazaar.



CAPPADOCIA

ocated in the central area of Turkey, Cappadocia is the closest you'll ever experience to a fairytale setting. The soft limestone of the area has eroded to form stone pillars or chimneys with mushroom-shaped peaks, many with troglodyte dwellings carved into them and some still inhabited.



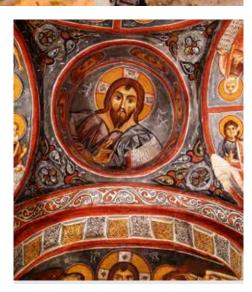
AREA ATTRACTIONS

CAPPADOCIA TOUR FULL DAY

Visit the Dervent and stop at Pigeons Valley to experience the moon-like topography of Cappadocia. Then continue to the Open-Air Museum in Göreme with its churches carved into the rocks. En route back, stop at the pottery-making town of Avanos.

HOT AIR BALLOON TOUR HALF DAY

Receive an early morning transfer to the departure point for a spectacular hot air balloon trip. Experience a flight of awesome scenery through volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys and caves and enjoy the spectacular sunrise over Cappadocia.









KUSADASI

he palm-studded promenade in Marmaris separates the charming ancient village of Kusadasi from its busy harbour filled with international vachts. Yacht owners flock here to seek sun and fun in this southern Turkish port on the Mediterranean. The warm climate and ocean make this a popular location for water sports and outdoor dining on fine Turkish dishes.



AREA ATTRACTIONS

EPHESUS & VIRGIN MARY'S HOUSE

Visit the great ancient site of Asia Minor, Ephesus, with its temples, library, market and spectacular theatre. Then continue to the Virgin Mary's cottage and the Temple of Diana.

FULL DAY

PAMUKKALE & HIERAPOLIS TOUR FULL DAY

Drive to Pamukkale and visit Hierapolis with its thermal bath, theatre, Necropolis and the unusual lime cascade.







cafes. Dance the night away at the world famous open-air Halikarnas disco with laser lights that can be seen 30km away.







TURKEY ESCORTED TOURS

GLORIES OF TURKEY

14 NIGHTS

Day 1 You will be met in Istanbul by a Neon Tours representative. Enjoy a welcome briefing. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Enjoy a full day tour of the city, visiting Topkapi Palace Museum and the Hippodrome, once the centre of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Tour the Blue Mosque, famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Last stop is the famous Grand Bazaar, the world's largest and oldest covered market. Optional dinner with belly dancing and entertainment. **Overnight Istanbul**

Day 3 Morning departure for Gallipoli, site of many battles during WWI. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair, then cross the Dardanelles to Canakkale. Overnight Canakkale

Day 4 Visit Troy with its famous wooden horse. En route to Asclepion, enjoy lunch with locals in a traditional village then continue to Pergamum to see the ancient Medical Centre in Asclepion. Continue to Izmir. **Overnight Izmir**

Day 5 Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, and explore 2,000 yearold marble streets, a theatre, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium and Hadrian's Temple. Take a short drive to St Mary's stone cottage where Virgin Mary apparently spent her last years. Continue to a regional rug production centre. Optional dinner at local restaurant (at additional cost). **Overnight Izmir**

Day 6 Drive through lush valleys to Pamukkale, the Cotton Fortress, with white lime cascades formed by hot mineral springs. Visit ruins of the Roman health spa of



Hierapolis. Enjoy a swim in your hotel's thermal pool. Overnight **Pamukkale**

Day 7 Drive to Bodrum and explore this wonderful city on foot. Overnight Bodrum

Day 8 Day at leisure. Optional visit to Kos Island. Dinner in Bodrum. **Overnight Bodrum**

Day 9 Travel to Antalya, visiting famous Termessos Ancient City en route. Dinner in Antalya. Overnight Antalya

Day 10 Visit Perge and Aspendos. Afternoon at leisure with dinner at the hotel. Overnight Antalya

Day 11 Early morning departure for Konya. Visit mausoleum of the sufi philosopher Mevlana. Travel on to Cappadocia, stopping to visit the 13th century caravanserai en route. Also visit the underground city of Saratli. Dinner in Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia

Day 12 Optional early morning Hot Air Balloon Tour (at additional cost). Experience floating through volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys and caves at sunrise. After breakfast, visit Goreme, home to many churches carved into the rock. Continue to Avanos, famous for its high quality earthenware. Also visit Pasabagi, Red Valley and attend a brief regional pottery workshop. Dinner at a local restaurant. Optional Whirling Dervish performance (at additional cost). Overnight Cappadocia

Day 13 Depart in the early morning for Turkey's capital, Ankara, through the salt lake area. Enjoy an afternoon tour to the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and a historic caravanserai. Dinner in Ankara. Overnight Ankara

Day 14 After breakfast depart for Istanbul. This afternoon, take an optional half-day Bosphorus cruise (at additional cost), enjoying the strait that separates Asia and Europe. Finish your last minute shopping at the Spice and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. Overnight Istanbul

Day 15 Transfer to the airport for your return flight home.





CLASSICS OF 10 NIGHTS **TURKEY**

Day 1 You will be met in Istanbul by a Neon Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Enjoy a full day tour, visiting Topkapi Palace Museum and the Hippodrome. Tour the Blue Mosque, famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Last stop is the famous Grand Bazaar, the world's largest and oldest covered market. Optional dinner with belly dancing and entertainment. Overnight Istanbul

Day 3 Depart on an optional tour of St Sophia (at additional cost). It's now a museum and one of the world's greatest architectural wonders. Enjoy a cruise along the Bosphorus whose shores are lined with Ottoman palaces, fortresses, parks, gardens, restaurants and cafés. Then depart for the capital city of Ankara. Overnight Ankara

Day4Visitthe Museum of Anatolian Civilisations, home to the world's most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artifacts. On to the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey. Then drive to Cappadocia, touring a 13th century caravanserai en route. Visit the underground city of Saratli, then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant followed by an optional performance of Whirling Dervishes. Overnight Cappadocia

Day 5 Optional early morning hot air balloon tour (at additional cost) and experience floating through volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys and caves at sunrise. After breakfast visit historical Goreme, located among the rock formations, home to many churches carved into the rock. Continue to Avanos, renowned for its high quality earthenware. Also visit Pasabagi, Red Valley and attend a brief regional pottery workshop in a cave. Overnight Cappadocia





Day 6 Drive to Pamukkale, visit the famous mausoleum of Sufi philosopher, Mevlana, en route. This was also the lodge of the Mevlevi order, better known as the Whirling Dervishes. Enjoy dinner. Overnight Pamukkale

Day 7 Visit the unique cotton fortress of Pamukkale, with its white lime cascades formed by mineral springs, and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis. Proceed to Kusadasi for dinner. Overnight Kusadasi

Day 8 Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, and explore 2,000 yearold marble streets, a theatre, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium and Hadrian's Temple. Take a short drive to St Mary's stone cottage where Virgin Mary apparently spent her last years. Continue to a regional rug production centre. Join an optional afternoon tour of Sirince (at additional cost). Overnight Kusadasi

Day 9 Visit the ancient Medical Centre Asclepion in Pergamum. On to a traditional local village for lunch with locals. On to Troy with its famous wooden horse, best known for being the setting of the Trojan War. Continue to Canakkale. Overnight Canakkale

Day 10 Morning departure for Gallipoli, the site of many battles during WWI. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair. Drive to Istanbul to enjoy a Farewell Dinner. Overnight Istanbul

Day 11 Transfer to the airport for your return flight home.











CROATIA

roatia boasts a magnificent long coastline and is also home to over 1,000 beautiful islands, like pearls sprinkled in the Adriatic Sea's clear waters. Ancient fortified UNESCO cities overlook the azure ocean and the undulating hills are home to pictureperfect walled towns surrounded by farmlands and vineyards.





PLITVICE LAKES TOUR **FULL DAY**

Situated in a dense forest, Plitvice Lakes are considered one of the world's most beautiful natural phenomena. Sixteen lakes, connected by 92 waterfalls, cascade through its picturesque surroundings. Wooden walkways take you along the enchanting lakes. The River Korana creates beautiful waterfalls, lakes and caves that make this UNESCO-listed national park one of Croatia's most precious natural sights. Tour includes coach transfers from Split, English-speaking guide, entrance to the park, boat and train ride in the park.





OPATIJA

patija is said to have the best views of Croatia's breathtaking coastline. This was the fashionable resort of the Austro-Hungarian Empire which accounts for the many grand residences here that have now been converted into elegant hotels. Visitors enjoy a stroll along the 12km-long waterfront promenade.







ZAGREB

he city of Zagreb started out as 2 hilltop settlements that were united into an elegant European city under the influence of Vienna. The neo-Gothic twin-towered cathedral is a must-see, as is the traditional Dolac Market with its stalls groaning under fresh produce, surrounded by eateries serving regional cuisine.







DUBROVNIK

ord Byron was so smitten by the beauty of Dubrovnik that he eulogised it as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. Nothing much has changed since then, and this medieval walled city will charm you too. The old city is a joyful mixture of churches and museums, boutiques and open-air cafes.





SPLIT

verlooking the Adriatic Sea and backed by the rugged Dinaric Mountains, this splendid Dalmatian city resembles a living museum. Ancient Roman architecture forms a backdrop to modern-day life, with boutiques and charming restaurants dotted along the revamped waterfront.













PLITVICE LAKES

he UNESCO-listed Plitvice Lakes National Park is made up of some 300 square kilometres of forested hills, dappled with 16 lakes and hundreds of waterfalls. This is Croatia's oldest and largest National Park and offers spectacular sights.





ZADAR

historic old town with Roman ruins, medieval churches, cosmopolitan cafés and quality museums. It's not overrun with tourists and its unique attractions, the sound-and-light spectacle of the Sea Organ and the Sun Salutation, are worth seeing. Zadar has ferry connections to the Adriatic islands, Kvarner, southern Dalmatia and Italy.





ENGLAND

*** ROYAL NATIONAL HOTEL

LONDON

The lowdown Largest hotel in Central London, located in trendy Bloomsbury. Nearby sights British Museum, Covent Garden, Oxford Street shops, Regent's Park and The West End. Tube station Russell Square

*** PRESIDENT HOTEL

LONDON

The lowdown On Russell Square close to Theatreland and great shopping. Nearby sights British Museum, Charles Dickens Museum, Regent's Park, Camden Town, West End. Tube station Russell Square

+ CORUS HOTEL HYDE PARK

LONDON

The lowdown Elegant centrally located 200-year-old Georgian hotel overlooking Hyde Park. Nearby sights Oxford Street shops, Knightsbridge, Notting Hill, West End, Kensington Gardens. Tube station Lancaster Gate, Paddington, Bayswater

44 CURZON STREET APARTMENTS

LONDON

The lowdown Traditional English, self-catering serviced apartments in exclusive Mayfair. Nearby sights Buckingham Palace, Oxford Street, St James, Hyde Park. Tube station Bakerloo

CITADINES PRESTIGE TRAFALGAR SQUARE APARTMENTS

LONDON

The lowdown Contemporary self-catering serviced apartment/hotel opposite Whitehall Gardens. Nearby sights Trafalgar Square, London Eye, National Gallery, Westminster Abbey, St James Park, Covent Garden. **Tube station** Charing Cross

**** COPTHORNE TARA HOTEL

LONDON

The lowdown Located in the heart of Kensington, near major sights and shopping. Nearby sights Notting Hill, Hyde Park, Kensington High Street. **Tube station** High Street Kensington

**** HOLIDAY INN KENSINGTON FORUM

The lowdown Located in fashionable Kensington, close to shops and restaurants. Nearby sights Natural History Museum, Earl's Court and the Olympia Exhibition Centre. Tube station Gloucester Road

HOLIDAY INN REGENTS PARK

LONDON

The lowdown Contemporary hotel in London's Fitzrovia district. Nearby sights Madam Tussauds, Sherlock Holmes Museum, London Zoo, British Museum, West End, Soho. Tube station Regent's Park, Great Portland Street

RADISSON BLU EDWARDIAN BERKSHIRE

LONDON

The lowdown This intimate hideaway is located between Bond Street and Marylebone village. Nearby sights Oxford Street, Soho, Shepherds Market, Buckingham Palace, Piccadilly, West End. Tube station Tottenham Court Road

HILTON LONDON HEATHROW

LONDON

The lowdown Cutting edge hotel at Heathrow's Terminal 4 with easy links to local transport and Hoppa bus to Terminal 5. Tube station London Underground Station at Terminal 4

HILTON LONDON KENSINGTON

LONDON

The lowdown Located in quiet, leafy Holland Park opposite the large Westfield Shopping Centre. Nearby sights Notting Hill, Kensington Palace, Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Stadium, London Eye. Tube station Shepherds Bush

★★★★ AMBA HOTEL MARBLE ARCH

LONDON

The lowdown Located on Oxford Street. Ideal for shopping, dining and transport. Nearby sights Park Lane, Hyde Park, Marble Arch, Grant Museum of Zoology, Kyoto Garden, Portman Village. Tube station Bond Street, Marylebone Station

THE RUBENS AT THE PALACE

LONDON

The lowdown Elegant boutique hotel overlooking Buckingham Palace. Nearby sights Changing of the Guards, St James Park, St James Palace, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, Westminster Abbey. Tube station Victoria, St James Park, Hyde Park Corner

THE CHESTERFIELD MAYFAIR

The lowdown Located in exclusive Mayfair close to designer stores and iconic sites. Nearby sights Oxford Street, Bond Street, Regent Street, Piccadilly. Tube station Green Park





**** HOTEL 41

LONDON

The lowdown Intimate hideaway in the heart of London with exceptional comfort and service. Nearby sights Buckingham Palace, Royal Mews, Queen's Gallery, River Thames, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, London Eye. Tube station Hyde Park Corner

**** THE ROYAL HORSEGUARDS

LONDON

The lowdown Majestic, historic refurbished Victorian Hotel overlooking the Thames. Nearby sights London Eye, Trafalgar Square, Houses of Parliament, 10 Downing Street, National Gallery, Nelson's Column. Tube station Embankment, Charing Cross

**** THE LANGHAM

LONDON

The lowdown Lavish grand Victorian hotel located in London's West End. Nearby sights Theatreland, Bond Street, Regent Street, Regent's Park, Covent Garden and Piccadilly Circus. Tube station Oxford Circus

**** NOVOTEL BIRMINGHAM **CENTRE HOTEL**

BIRMINGHAM

The lowdown Conveniently located in the city centre on Broad Street, close to great shopping and nightlife. Nearby sights Birmingham Art Gallery, National Indoor Arena, theatres. Tube Station New Street Station, Snow Hill

**** HILTON CAMBRIDGE CITY CENTRE CAMBRIDGE

The lowdown Located right in the heart of Cambridge close to shopping and major sites. Nearby sights Riverside, King's College Chapel, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge University Botanic Garden, Green Street. Bus station Pembroke Street

**** RADISSON BLU EDWARDIAN **MANCHESTER**

MANCHESTER

The lowdown Set in an elegant historic building in the city centre. Nearby sights National Football Museum, Northern Quarter development, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester Museum, football stadiums Metro station St Peter's Square

SCOTLAND

★★★ JURYS INN EDINBURGH

EDINBURGH

The lowdown Modern hotel in historic Old Town, just off the Royal Mile. Nearby sights Writer's Museum, Edinburgh Dungeon, National Museum of Scotland, Scott Monument. Transport Waverley Rail Station, Edinburgh Bus station

**** NOVOTEL EDINBURGH CENTRE **EDINBURGH**

The lowdown Contemporary hotel set between the city's Old and New Towns. Nearby sights Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle, Grassmarket and Princes Street shopping. Rail station Waverley

THE PRINCIPAL **EDINBURGH CHARLOTTE SQUARE** EDINBURGH

The lowdown Formerly the Roxburgh Hotel, it comprises 7 interconnecting Georgian townhouses in New Town. Nearby sights Edinburgh University, Scottish Parliament, Holyrood Park, The Meadows. Rail station Waverley, Haymarket

HILTON EDINBURGH GROSVENOR EDINBURGH

The lowdown Chic, modern hotel in a listed, stately Georgian townhouse in upmarket West End Haymarket. Nearby sights Edinburgh Castle, Princes Street, Royal Mile, Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Rail station Haymarket

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL GLASGOW CENTRAL

GLASGOW

The lowdown Centrally located close to major sights, art galleries and museums. Nearby sights Scottish Exhibition Campus, Glasgow City Chambers, Style Mile shops and restaurants, Hampden Stadium. Train station Glasgow Central

WALES

HOLIDAY INN CARDIFF CITY CENTRE

CARDIFF

The lowdown Ideally located for restaurants, shopping and sightseeing. Nearby sights Millennium Centre, Cardiff Castle, Principality Stadium, St Davids Hall, Museum of Welsh Life. Train station Cardiff Central

PARK INN BY RADISSON CARDIFF CITY CENTRE

CARDIFF

The lowdown Ideally located for both business and leisure travellers. Nearby sights Motorpoint Arena, St David's Shopping Complex, Millennium Stadium and Callaghan Square. Train station Cardiff Central

IRELAND

BELFAST

The lowdown Centrally located for business or as a visitor to this wonderful city. Nearby sights City Hall, Opera House, Albert Clock, Titanic Visitor Centre, Dock & Pump Houses, Ulster Museum, Queens University. Train station Belfast Central

RADISSON BLU HOTEL BELFAST

BELFAST

The lowdown On the banks of the River Lagan, in the heart of the historic landmark Gasworks district. Nearby sights City centre, Titanic Belfast, Ulster Museum and superb golf courses. Train station Belfast Central

*** JURYS INN PARNELL STREET DUBLIN **BELFAST**

The lowdown Comfortable hotel, centrally located on Dublin's historic O'Connell Street. Nearby sights Croke Park, museums, galleries, shopping in Henry Street. Train station Heuston, Upper Luas stop

*** *** THE WESTBURY HOTEL

The lowdown Famous luxury hotel located just off Grafton Street. Nearby sights Halfway between Trinity College and Stephen's Green, close to shops and museums. Train station Dorson Street Luas stop





FRANCE

HOTEL PARIS BASTILLE

PARIS

The lowdown Located facing the Opera House, near restaurants, bars and fashion designer stores. Nearby sights Place de la Bastille, Notre Dame, Picasso Museum, Victor Hugo's house. Metro Place de la Bastille

HOTEL PEYRIS OPERA

PARIS

The lowdown In the heart of the 9th arrondisement (Opera district). Nearby sights Grévin Museum, Auction Hall Drouot, Le Printemps, Galeries Lafayette Haussman, Grand Rex cinema. Metro Grands Boulevards, Bonne Nouvelle

LE GENERAL HOTEL

PARIS

The lowdown Contemporary, located in trendy area, between 11th arrondisement and Marais. Nearby sights Place des Vosges, Pompidou Centre, National Museum of Modern Art, Louvre Museum, Bastille Opera House. Metro Metro Répubique

*** HOLIDAY INN PARIS BASTILLE

PARIS

The lowdown Set on a bustling tree-lined boulevard in the central part of the city. Nearby sights River Seine, Notre Dame Cathedral, Bercy Arena, Opera Bastille, Pompidou Centre. Metro Gare de Lyon

CITADINES PARIS BASTILLE MARAIS PARIS

The lowdown Modern all-apartment hotel around the corner from Place de la Bastille. Nearby sights Places de Vosges in the Marais, Musée Carnavalet, Pablo Picasso Museum. Metro Bréguet-Sabine

HOTEL OPÉRA CADET

The lowdown Centrally located charming hotel with garden between Montmartre and the Grands Boulevards. Nearby sights Place de la Madeleine, Louvre, Notre Dame, Champs Elysees, Montmartre. Metro Cadet, Opera, Garde du Nord

★★★★ ST JAMES & ALBANY

PARIS

The lowdown 17th century hotel in the heart of Paris, in front of Tuileries Gardens. Nearby sights Louvre, Museum D'Orsay, Paris Opera, Champs Elysees, Palais Royal, Musee de l'Orangerie, Musee des Arts Decoratifs. **Metro** Tuileries

**** HOTEL NAPOLEON

PARIS

The lowdown Internationally renowned for style and comfort and ideally located for major sightseeing in Paris. Nearby sights Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde, Musee d'Orsay, Musee du Louvre, Sainte Chapelle Metro Etoile

*** HOTEL MERCURE MARCHÉ AUX FLEURS

The lowdown On the beachfront, overlooking Baie des Anges and the old town centre. Nearby sights Opera House, Place Massena, flower market, Promenade des Anglais, Cours Saleya and Museum of Modern Art. Station Nice Ville

BEST WESTERN HOTEL SO'CO BY HAPPY CULTURE™

NICE

The lowdown Ideally located in the centre of Nice, close to transport. Sights nearby Promenades des Anglais, beaches, Place Massena, Nice main street and great shopping. Station Nice Ville

HOTEL LA PEROUSE

NICE

The lowdown Built on the peninsula, next to the sea offering stunning views of Nice and the Bay of Angels. Nearby sights Cours Saleya Flower market, Promenades des Anglais, Old Town, Harbour, beach, Museum of Modern Art. Station Nice Ville

HYATT REGENCY NICE PALAIS DE LA MEDITERRANEE

The lowdown Towering over the Bay of Angels and ideally located on the seafront, on Promenades des Anglais. Nearby sights Old Nice, Cours Saleya flower market, Museum of Modern Art, Cap Ferrat lighthouse, Picasso Museum. Station Nice Ville

ITALY

MORGANA HOTEL

The lowdown Charming boutique-style hotel located in the heart of central Rome. Nearby sights The Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Roman Forum, Spanish Steps, Santa Maria Maggiore. Station Termini

*** HOTEL TREVI

ROME

The lowdown Enchanting hotel close to the Trevi Fountain set in an historical 16th century palace. Nearby sights Spanish Steps, Colosseum, Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, Vatican museums. Station Termini

HOTEL GIOLLI NAZIONALE

ROME

The lowdown Elegant hotel in the city centre, in Via Nazionale. Nearby sights Vatican city, Quirinale, Teatro dell'Opera di Roma, Piazza Barberini, Piazza della Madonna dei Monti. Metro Republicca, Barberini, Cavour

*** HOTEL GALILEO

ROMF

The lowdown Situated in downtown Rome, near train station and buses, shopping, embassies and consulates. Sights nearby Gardens of Sallust, National Museum of Rome, National Library, universities. Metro Castro Pretorio, Rome Termini

BEST WESTERN PLUS UNIVERSO HOTEL ROME

The lowdown Centrally located hotel ideal for business or leisure. Nearby sights Opera House, Baracchini Palace, Treasury, Teatro dell'Opera di Roma, Piazza della Republica, Santa Maria Maggiore. Metro Cavour, Rome Termini

**** HOTEL QUIRINALE

ROME

The lowdown World class hotel located near major attractions. Nearby sights Teatro dell'Opera di Roma, Piazza della Republica, National Museum of Rome, Piazza Barberini, Santa Maria Maggiore. Metro Republicca, Termini

**** BEST WESTERN HOTEL PRESIDENT

The lowdown Located right in the centre of Rome close to the city's major sightseeing experiences. Nearby sights The Colosseum, Porta Maggiore, The Roman Forum, Basilica of Saint John Lateran, Santa Prassede. Metro Manzoni

**** HOTEL DIANA ROOF GARDEN

ROME

The lowdown Centrally located close to the city's historical centre, museums and famous shopping. Nearby sights National Museum of Rome, Piazza della Republicca, Santa Maria Maggiore, Trevi Fountain, Colosseum. Metro Termini

**** HASSLER ROMA

ROME

The lowdown In Rome's city centre overlooking the Spanish Steps. Nearby sights Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Piazza di Spagna, the Vatican, Piazza Barberini, Roman Forum, Piazza Navona. Metro Barberini

*** HOTEL BISANZIO

VENICE

The lowdown In the heart of one of Venice's most romantic areas, less than 300m from Piazza San Marco. Nearby sights Bridge of Sighs, Museum of Naval History, Ducal Palace, San Marco Bell Tower, Rialto Bridge. Station San Zaccaria

**** HOTEL SAVOIA & JOLANDA

VENICE

The lowdown Located in Venice's historical centre, close to St Mark's Square on Riva degli Schiavoni. Nearby sights Bridge of Sighs, Ducal Palace, San Marco, Rialto Bridge, San Michele. Station Santa Lucia

HOTEL RIALTO

The lowdown Set in Venice's historic, artistic and commercial centre overlooking the Grand Canal. Nearby sights Rialto Bridge, Teatro Goldoni, Teatro Rossini, Basilica San Marco, La Fenice. Station Santa Lucia

**** HOTEL KETTE

The lowdown Elegant hotel in the heart of Venice, close to Gran Teatro La Fenice. Nearby sights Piazza San Marco, Teatro Rossini, Basilica San Marco, Rialto Bridge, Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo, San Michele. Station Salute

HOTEL MACHIAVELLI PALACE

FLORENCE

The lowdown Less than 300m from Piazza San Marco, in the heart of Venice's oldest and most romantic district. Nearby sights San Lorenzo market, Santa Maria Novella, Giotto's Belltower, Florence Baptistery, Piazza del Duomo. Station Santa Maria Novella

GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI

FLORENCE

The lowdown Luxury hotel close to many major attractions. Nearby sights Cathedral with Brunelleschi Dome, Giotto's Campanile, street markets, Giotto's Belltower, Florence Baptistery. Station Santa Maria Novella

**** ATHENAEUM PERSONAL HOTEL **FLORENCE**

The lowdown Contemporary hotel around the corner from the Academy of Fine Art and the statue of David. Nearby sights Convent of San Marco, San Marco Museum, Basilica of San Lorenzo, Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi Gallery. Station Santa Maria Novella

SWITZERLAND

★★★ SORELL HOTEL REX

The lowdown Small but impressive building in the heart of Zurich, close to old city centre. Nearby sights Swiss National Museum, Platzspitz Park, Bahnhofstrasse, Zurich Christmas Market, Grossmünster, Paradeplatz. **Station** Central railway

SWISSOTEL ZURICH

The lowdown Modern high-rise hotel located in the CBD, the tallest in the city. Nearby sights Swiss National Museum, Bahnhoffstrasse, Zoo, Kunsthaus Zurich, Grossmünster, Paradeplatz. Station Oerlikon

* * * HOTEL SUISSE

GENEVA

The lowdown Peaceful haven in the heart of the city, close to the Old Town and lake front. Nearby sights Opera House, Flower Clock, Victoria Hall, St Pierre Cathedral, Palazzo, United Nations Geneva. Station Central railway

***** HOTEL D'ANGLETERRE

GENEVA

The lowdown Set on the shores of Geneva's Lake Laman, this luxury hotel is famous for excellent service and attention to detail. Nearby sights Swiss National Museum, Palace of Nations, Town Hall, Victoria Hall, Palazzo. Station Gare de Cornavin

*** WALDSTAETTERHOF **SWISS QUALITY HOTEL**

LUCERNE

The lowdown With a tradition of almost 140 years, it's a favourite with famous visitors such as Winston Churchill. Nearby sights Museum of Transport, Cathedral Bridge, Chapel Bridge, Franciscan Church, Lion Monument, Musegg Wall. Station Luzern

AUSTRIA

★★★★ HILTON VIENNA **DANUBE WATERFRONT**

VIENNA

The lowdown With a unique waterfront location overlooking the Danube, close to downtown Vienna. Nearby sights Ernst Happel Stadium, St Stephan's Cathedral, Belvedere Palace, Danube Island, Giant Ferris Wheel. Station U-Bahn Stadion

*** HOTEL BRISTOL

VIENNA

The lowdown Located in the historic city centre, close to shops and boutiques. Nearby sights St Stephan's Cathedral, Staatsoper, House of Music, Imperial Crypt, Burggarten, Belvedere Palace and the Zoo. Station Karlsplatz

*** HOTEL DER SALZBURGER HOF

SALZBURG

The lowdown Luxury hotel in the heart of Salzburg, close to main train station. Nearby sights Salzbach River, Mirabell Palace, Old Town, Mozarteum, Baroque Museum, Salzburg Museum, Salzburg Cathedral. **Station** Hauptbahnhof

BEST WESTERN HOTEL IMLAUER

SALZBURG

The lowdown Ideally situated in the heart of Mozart's city, close to popular sights. Nearby sights Fortress Hohensalzburg, Mozart's birth house, Mirabell garden, Mozart's birthplace, Salzburg Cathedral, Baroque Museum. **Station** Central

NETHERLANDS

HAMPSHIRE HOTEL

AMSTERDAM

The lowdown Located in the Theatre District, this relaxed hotel is set in a traditional canal house. Nearby sights Rijksmuseum, Anna Frank house, Van Gogh Museum, Museum Van Loon, Vondelpark, Bijbels Museum. Station Amsterdam Central

DIE PORT VAN CLEVE

AMSTERDAM

The lowdown Set in the heart of the city in a monumental building rich with history. Nearby sights Dam Square, Royal Palace, Van Gogh Museum, Nieuwe Kerk, Rembrandtplein, Leidseplein and Anne Frank house. Station Amsterdam Central

***** NH GRAND HOTEL KRASNAPOLSKY

AMSTERDAM

The lowdown The city's largest 5 star hotel, this luxurious establishment is located in the heart of the city. Nearby sights Dam Square, Royal Palace, Anne Frank house, Nieuwe Kerk, Rembrandtplein, Leidseplein. Station Amsterdam Central

BELGIUM

ALOFT BRUSSELS SCHUMAN

BRUSSELS

The lowdown Modern hotel with loft rooms offering a prime location in the heart of the city. Nearby sights Brussels UN, Leopold Park, Magritte Museum, Egmont Palace, City Hall, Museum of Natural Sciences, Avenue Louise. Station Brussels Central

**** HOTEL NOVOTEL OFF GRAND PLACE BRUSSELS

The lowdown Centrally located in the heart of Brussels on its namesake, Grand Place Square. Nearby sights Brussels City Hall, Mannekin Pis, Magritte Museum, Egmont Palace, Guild Houses, Belgian Brewers Museum. Station Brussels Central

HOTEL HILTON **BRUSSELS GRAND PLACE**

BRUSSELS

The lowdown Previously Le Meridien, the hotel is easily accessible from the airport and TGV/Eurostar Terminal. **Nearby sights** Grand Place Square, Manneken Pis, Palais des Congrès, Palais de Bruxelles, Hotel de Ville. Station Brussels Central

GERMANY

+ BEST WESTERN ATRIUM HOTEL

The lowdown Located in the city centre, close to great shopping and the Oktoberfest field. Nearby sights Karlsplatz, Marienplatz, Town Hall, Bavarian State Opera, Hofbräuhaus, Deutsche Museum, English Garden. Station Munich Central

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON MUNICH CENTRAL

MUNICH

The lowdown Modern hotel in Theresienwiese close to famous sights, city centre, shopping. Nearby sights Marienplatz, Town Hall, Bavarian State Opera, Karlsplatz, Old and New Pinakothek and Frauenkirche. Station Munich Central

EDEN HOTEL WOLFF

MUNICH

The lowdown Traditional centrally located hotel. Nearby sights Marienplatz, Town Hall, Bavarian State Opera, Old and New Pinakothek, Frauenkirche, Hofbräuhaus, Karlsplatz. Station Munich Central

THE WESTIN GRAND

BERLIN

The lowdown Beautiful hotel in Berlin's historic centre, close to many attractions. Nearby sights Brandenburg Gate, Komische Opera Berlin, Friedrichstrasse and Checkpoint Charlie, German Historical Museum. **Underground** Französische Strasse

+ BEST WESTERN HOTEL PRESIDENT BERLIN

The lowdown Contemporary hotel situated near the famous KaDeWe Department store and other shopping. Nearby sights Kaiser Wilhelm Church, Kurfürstendamm, Potsdamer Platz, Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie. Station Berlin Central

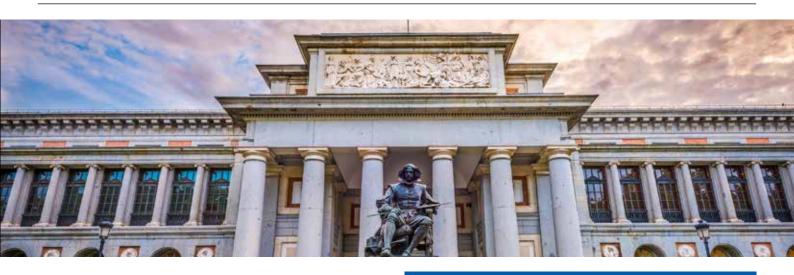
NOVUM HOTEL CONTINENTAL

FRANKFURT

The lowdown Conveniently located close to shops and the river bank, the hotel offers personalised service. Sights nearby Stadel Museum, Main Tower skyscraper, Jewish Museum, Theatre and New Opera, Hauptwache. Station Frankfurt Central







**** SAVOY HOTEL FRANKFURT

FRANKFURT

The lowdown Centrally located hotel, the ideal base from which to explore the city. Nearby sights Jewish Museum, Theatre and New Opera, Schirn Art Hall, Museum for Communication, Hauptwache, Messe Frankfurt. Station Frankfurt Central

CZECH REPUBLIC

HOTEL NOVOTEL PRAHA WENCELAS SOUARE

PRAGUE

The lowdown Modern hotel in the historic part of Prague. Nearby sights Charles Bridge, Prague Castle, St Wencelas Statue, Prague State Opera, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, Astronomical Clock. Metro IPP Pavlova

SHERATON PRAGUE CHARLES SQUARE HOTEL

PRAGUE

The lowdown Ideally situated on the edge of the Old Town and New Town. Nearby sights Wencelas Square, Old Town Square, Charles Bridge, Langhans Gallery, Prague Castle, St Vitus Cathedral, Prague Beer Spa. Metro Karlovo namesti

HUNGARY

*** MERCURE BUDAPEST **METROPOL**

BUDAPEST

The lowdown Located in the city centre on famous pedestrian Váci Utca close to the Danube. Nearby sights Christmas Market at Vörösmarty Square, Opera House, St Stephen's Basilica, Hungarian National Museum, Chain Bridge. Metro Ferenciek Tere

HOTEL MERCURE BUDAPEST BUDABUDAPEST

The lowdown Centrally located, close to the Castle District and city centre. Nearby sights Matthias Church, Citadella, Opera House, Great Market Hall, Hungarian National Museum, Heroes' Square, Fisherman's Bastion. Railway station Deli

THE RITZ-CARLTON, BUDAPEST

BUDAPEST

The lowdown Centrally located, just steps from the blue Danube. Nearby sights Buda Castle, St Stephen's Basilica and Christmas market, Parliament, Dohany Street Synagogue, Chain Bridge, Great Market Hall. Metro Deak Ferenc Square

SPAIN

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON BARCELONA DIAGONAL

BARCELONA

The lowdown Ideally located, close to shopping, sights and the beach. Nearby sights Agbar Tower, Sagrada Familia, Picasso Museum, Tivoli Theatre, Barcelona Cathedral, Plaza Reial, Placa Catalunya and Casa Batllo. Station Pere IV light-rail

*** HOTEL SAGRADA FAMILIA

The lowdown Comfortable hotel in the heart of the city, close to the world-famous Sagrada Familia Cathedral. Nearby sights Casa Batllo, Picasso Museum, Tivoli Theatre, Plaza Reial, Plaça Catalunya, Montjuïc. Station Clot

**** HOTEL SILKEN RAMBLAS

BARCELONA

The lowdown Situated in the city's historical centre, close to the famous Ramblas pedestrian precinct. Nearby sights Plaça Catalunya, Barcelona Cathedral, Plaza Reial, Casa Batllo, Montjuïc, Sagrada Familia, Boqueria Market. Station Clot

ABBA SANTS HOTEL

BARCELONA

The lowdown Set alongside public gardens in the city centre, with access to all major attractions. Nearby sights Camp Nou, Montjuïc, Casa Batllo, Plaça Catalunya, Tivoli Theatre, Plaza Reial, Picasso Museum, Barcelona Cathedral. Station Sants

*** HOTEL REGENTE

MADRID

The lowdown Centrally located hotel close to theatres, shops, restaurants and transport. Nearby sights Royal Palace, Plaza Mayor, Museo del Prado, Retiro Park, Rialto Theatre, Puerta del Sol, Gran Via. Station Puerta del Sol

HOTEL REGINA

MADRID

The lowdown Modern hotel with excellent location on Alcala Street, next to the Puerta del Sol. Nearby sights Plaza de Cibelss, Museo del Prado, Plaza Mayor, Retiro Park, Principe Gran Via Theatre, Santiago Bernabéu Stadium. Station Atocha

HOTEL EMPERADOR

MADRID

The lowdown Modern hotel set on the famous Madrid Gran Via, close to shops and sightseeing. Nearby sights Royal Palace, Plaza Mayor, Museo del Prado, Puerta del Sol, Retiro Park, Rialto Theatre, Plaza de España. Station Grand Via

**** + MELIA MADRID PRINCESA

The lowdown Excellent hotel in the heart of the city, close to major sights. Nearby sights Plaza de España, Puerta del Sol, Royal Palace, Grand Via, Museum del Prado, El Retiro Park, Plaza Mayor. Station Ventura Rodrigues, Atocha

PORTUGAL

HOTEL EDUARDO VII

LISBON

The lowdown Located in central Lisbon near Marques de Pombal Square and major sights. Nearby sights Liberty Avenue, Chiado, Jeronimos Monastery, Amoreiras, Eduardo VII Park, Oceanarium, Nations Park. **Station** Picoas

HOTEL BORGES CHIADO

LISBON

The lowdown Cosy hotel overlooking Chiado Square with views of the Tagus River and surrounds. Nearby sights Bairro Alta, Liberty Avenue, Carmo Fountain, Bica Elevator, Jeronimos Monastery, Oceanarium. Metro Baixa

**** LUTECIA HOTEL

LISBON

The lowdown Modern design-focused hotel in the heart of Lisbon, next to charming Avenida de Roma. Nearby sights São Jorge Castle, Bela Vista Park, Alvelade market, Liberty Avenue, Amoreiras, Oceanarium, Nations Park. Metro Roma-Areeiro

HOTEL MERCURE PORTO CENTRO

PORTO

The lowdown Modern hotel in Porto's CBD. Nearby sights São João National Theatre, Church of Saint Ildefonso, Rivoli Theatre, Cardosas Square, Clerigos Tower, D. Luis I Bridge, Ferreira Borges Market, Gaia cable car. Metro Sao Bento

SWEDEN

BEST WESTERN HOTEL HEBRON COPENHAGEN

The lowdown Located 5 minutes' walk from Tivoli Gardens, this hotel is great value for money. Nearby sights Christmas Market, Danish Design Centre, Strøget, Nyhavn, Christiania, Royal Arena. Station Copenhagen Central

**** COPENHAGEN ADMIRAL HOTEL COPENHAGEN

The lowdown Set in an 18th century warehouse, this rustic chic waterfront hotel is close to the Nyhavn entertainment district. Nearby sights Amalienborg Royal Palace complex, Opera House, Royal Theatre, Tivoli Gardens. Metro Kongens Nytorv

CLARION HOTEL STOCKHOLM STOCKHOLM

The lowdown Located on Södermalm, an area famous for its restaurants, bars, shopping and galleries. Nearby sights Medborgarplatsen, Stockholm Stadsgården, Royal Palace, Ericsson Globe, Vasa Museum. Metro Skanstull

**** GRAND CENTRAL BY SCANDIC STOCKHOLM

The lowdown Luxury hotel set in an elegant 19th century building, close to major sightseeing. Nearby sights Klara Church, Royal Palace, Vasa Museum, Gröna Lund Amusement Park, Ericsson Globe. Station Stockholm Central

NORWAY

RADISSON BLU HOTEL ALNA OSLO

The lowdown Upmarket hotel close to the city centre. Nearby sights Munch Museum, National History Museum, Botanical Garden, Oslo Spektrum Music Arena, National Theatre, Akershus Fortress, Royal Palace Park. Station Oslo Central

CLARION HOTEL ADMIRAL

BERGEN

The lowdown Jutting out over Vagen Bay, and housed in 1904 warehouse buildings, across the fjord from Bryggen's medieval wharf area. Nearby sights Aquarium, Kløverhuset, Kuntsmuseum, St John's Church. Transport Fløibanen funicular

FINLAND

KAKSLAUTTANEN ARCTIC RESORT

The lowdown Enchanting resort at the edge of the wilderness, offering unique accommodation in glass or snow igloos, log cabins and chalets. Activities Husky & reindeer safaris, Northern Lights viewing, snow mobiles, cross country skiing, snow shoes and Nordic walking sticks. Airport 30 minutes away

**** ARCTIC CITY HOTEL

ROVANIEMI

The lowdown Located in the heart of Rovaniemi, Lapland's capital next to main shopping area. Nearby sights Arctic Circle, Zoo, Arktikum Museum & Science Centre and Santa Claus Village. Airport 8 minutes awav

ARCTIC LIGHT HOTEL

ROVANIEMI

The lowdown Set in the city centre, this stylish family-owned hotel is close to shops and cultural sights. Nearby sights Santa Claus Village, Northern Lights, Arctic Circle. Airport 8 minutes away

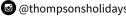
ARCTIC SNOW HOTEL

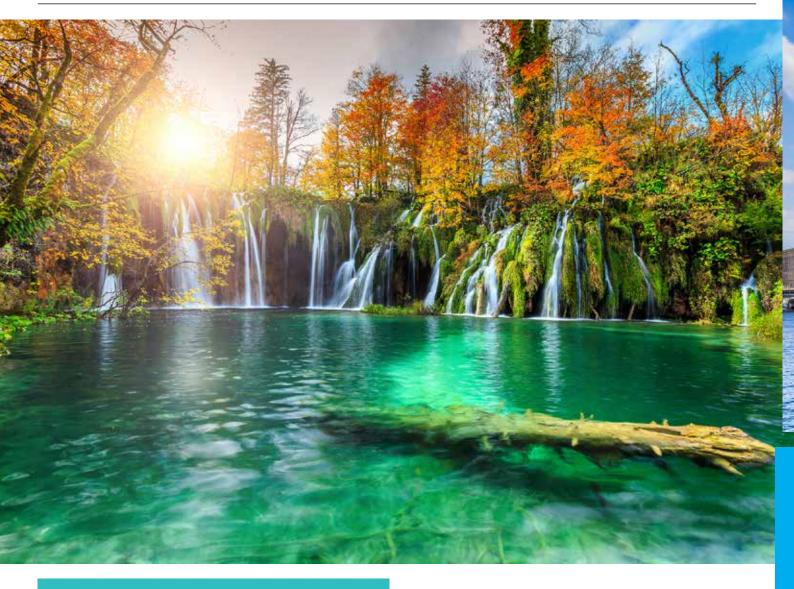
ROVANIEMI

The lowdown Sleep on a transparent bed in a room carved out of snow at this ever-changing, innovative hotel. Features about 30 rooms, ice restaurant, ice bar and ice chapel. Nearby sights Northern Lights, Santa Claus village, shops and sights in Rovaniemi. Airport 10 minutes away









TURKEY

*** RECITAL HOTEL

ISTANBUL

The lowdown Ideally located close to sights and transport, with a rooftop terrace overlooking the city. Nearby sights Blue Mosque, Column of Constantine, Obelisk of Thjeodosius, Roman Hippodrome, Little Hagia Sophia Mosque, Covered Bazaar. Tram Cemerlitas

BEST WESTERN PLUS PRESIDENT HOTEL

ISTANBUL

The lowdown Excellent hotel with stunning views of the city and the Marmara Sea. Nearby sights Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Covered Bazaar. Tram Beyazat

LEVNI HOTEL & SPA

ISTANBUL

The lowdown Located in the heart of Istanbul's old town, close to major sights and Marmara Undersea rail station. Nearby sights Archaeological Museum, Spice Bazaar, Hagia Sophia, Column of Constantine. Tram Gulhane

RENAISSANCE BOSPHORUS HOTEL ISTANBUL

The lowdown Located within walking distance of key shopping malls, business centres and the main harbour of the Bosphorus. Nearby sights Taksim Square, Old City, Saint Sophia, Sultanahmet Topkapi Palace, Grand Bazaar. Tram Balmumcu

CAPPADOCIA CAVE RESORT & SPA

CAPPADOCIA

The lowdown Unique cave hotel created from original houses and cave dwellings in Goreme town, Cappadocia. Nearby sights Gorem's legendary UNESCO-protected fairy chimneys and fanastic colourful landscape. A highlight is viewing these from a hot air balloon.

CHARISMA DELUXE HOTEL

KUSADASI

The lowdown With its own private beach and infinity pool offering stunning views, this luxury hotel is within walking distance of Kusadasi centre. Nearby sights Kusadasi Marina, Grand Bazaar, Jade Beach Club, Agua Adaland Park. Bus Kusadasi

DORIA HOTEL

The lowdown This luxurious white-washed hotel is located in Bitez and offers breathtaking views over the Aegean Sea. It has a private beach 5km away. Nearby sights Bodrum Windmills, Bitez Beach, Myndus Gate, Mausoleum of Halikarnassus, Greek ampitheater, Bodrum Castle. Taxi rank Close by



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