

# 13 DAYS - HIGHLIGHTS OF EUROPE

## Visit Venice on Days 6 & 7 of our Europe Highlights tour!

(Validity : Mar 2018 - Oct 2018)

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Welcome to London

Welcome to one of the most exciting cities in Europe – London! After your arrival to the airport your driver will meet you at the arrival lobby and escort you to the car for your private transfer to your hotel. You can spend the rest of your day relaxing and recovering from your jet-lag, or in case you feel energetic enough you can hop on a double-decker or do some shopping on Oxford street.

Private airport transfer. Overnight accommodation.

#### Day 2: Visit Paris

Leaving London behind us, we make our way to Paris, crossing the English Channel and arriving in the ‘City of Lights’ in the afternoon. We’ll take you on a driving tour of the French capital; get your cameras ready - you’ll be seeing some of the city’s most treasured landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Arc de Triomphe! After the driving tour we’ll enjoy dinner at a restaurant in the Latin Quarter, an eclectic, bohemian and historic neighbourhood. We’ll then travel back to the hotel on Paris’ world famous metro system, ready to explore the city further on our free day tomorrow!

Breakfast, dinner. Overnight accommodation.

#### Alternative start point: Paris.

#### Day 3: A free day in Paris

The wonderful thing about Paris is that there is so much to experience, regardless of the time of day, or season. The Seine River is the backbone of the capital, and flows through the heart of the city. The banks are peppered with book sellers and market stalls if you wish to walk. But, why not choose a cruise, and sail your way past the grandeur of the gothic Notre Dame cathedral, to the epic Eiffel Tower? The commentary from the river boats will give you invaluable knowledge and information of the city. Famous architecture is scattered through the city, and ‘strolling’ is the best mode of transport for taking in every ounce of history. Paris Disneyland is perfect for the ‘young at heart’, and is only a short distance away. Your tour leader is brimming with ideas and local knowledge, so that you can get the best out of your time here. Lastly, don’t miss the opportunity to sample such French delicacies as frogs legs and snails!

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

#### Day 4: Visit Switzerland

Au revoir Paris! Today we sample a taste of small town France with a lunch stop in Burgundy. In the town of Beaune you can visit the beautiful Hospices de Beaune, or try the famous wine. After lunch we take a long scenic drive across the border into Switzerland and head towards the Swiss Alps for our stay in a typical mountain village in the heart of



the Jungfrau region. This is one of the most-visited regions of the Alps and also a World Heritage site, containing Europe’s largest glacier. Welcome to the Swiss Alps, your home for the next two days!

Breakfast, dinner. Overnight accommodation.

#### Day 5: A free day in the Swiss Alps

The day is yours to enjoy the majesty of the Swiss Alps. Be sure to book a spot on the optional excursion to Jungfrau-joch, the highest train station in Europe, where you’ll also find a visitor’s centre, lookout point and weather station. The views are simply breath-taking all the way up – don’t be surprised to find yourself pressed up against the train window! Once you’re at the top, take a look at the utterly enormous glacier and enjoy the yearround snowy conditions. This is one trip that you won’t forget anytime soon; guaranteed to put your head in the clouds in every way possible!

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation.

#### Day 6: Visit Pisa and Tuscany

We’re off to Italy! Enjoy more breath-taking mountain views as we drive through Switzerland and on to see the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa! After some free time here (be sure to get the perfect photo!) we travel on to our accommodation in Tuscany, arriving in the late afternoon. Famous for its stunning countryside, fine food and wine, Italy’s most beautiful region is guaranteed to delight you. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation.

#### Day 7: Visit Florence and Venice

This morning we leave our accommodation in Tuscany and make for the famous city of Florence for a guided walking tour. Learn about the legacy of the Medicis and see the Duomo and Piazza della Signoria, featuring Michelangelo’s ‘David’. This is the cradle of Renaissance culture – soak it all in while you can! Then it’s ‘Buon giorno Venice!’ Venice is known as one of the world’s most romantic cities. Spread

across 118 islands, you'll spend the afternoon discovering why this is such a 'must-see' destination, with more artworks per square kilometre than anywhere else on earth! See the famous Rialto Bridge, St Mark's Square, the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace. Afterwards, sip an espresso, enjoy a cruise along the canals on a gondola or relax and watch the world go by in one of the many piazzas. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation



#### **Day 8: Visit Munich**

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#### **Day 9: Visit the Rhine Valley**

This morning we board the coach once more as we make for Germany's famous Rhine Valley! Relax on board a Rhine riv-

erboat as we head to our hotel in the heart of the Rhine Valley. This is the most concentrated stretch of castles in all of Europe, and it also features vineyards, charming medieval towns and lofty cliffs. Learn the story of the castles, many of which are now in ruins since the river barons left long ago. Once the cruise is over we'll visit a local wine merchant for an included wine tasting - if the harvest has been good, you may even get to try eiswein (ice wine), a very sweet dessert wine that is produced in very small quantities as it can only be harvested when the temperature drops below freezing. Breakfast, dinner. Overnight hotel.

#### **Day 10: Visit Amsterdam**

After breakfast our journey continues as we drive into the Netherlands, stopping off first at a windmill, after this quick photo stop enjoy a traditional cheese-making demonstration, and learn about how that most quirky and quaint of footwear choices - the clog - is made, before travelling onward to Amsterdam. Here we'll check in to our hotel before joining a complimentary Amsterdam canal dinner cruise! Watch the city drift past as you sail along, and listen out for tips and interesting insights into the city from your tour leader. Reclaimed from the sea, these canals and massive harbour offer a truly unique way to see some of the city's highlights. Later on, why not join your tour leader for a walking tour of the infamous Red Light District! The evening is yours - explore the canals and Dam Square, and enjoy your time in this fascinating city. Breakfast, dinner. Overnight accommodation.

#### **Day 11: Visit Bruges and return to London**

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Amsterdam and make our way back to London via the Belgian city of Bruges. Famous for its beer, waffles, chocolate and moules et frites, this is definitely a good place to be if you've brought your appetite. An extremely popular medieval city with no shortage of cobblestone streets, historic old churches and lofty towers, this is a great city to explore and a good spot to pick up any last-minute souvenirs. Once you've had a look around, it's back to the coach for the final leg of our journey back to London.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

#### **Day 12: Free day in London**

Today is all yours. You can visit museum or galleries, spend your day shopping or exploring the most famous sights in London. You can also take one of our optional escorted or private tours and visit sights in or around London.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation.

#### **Day 13: Time to say goodbye**

After breakfast get ready for your private transfer which will take you to the airport. In case your flight is leaving later in the afternoon or in the evening you could take in more of London's sights, do some last minute shopping or even join one of our half day optional tours.

Breakfast. Private airport transfer.



### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 12 Nights accommodation in twin rooms. Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room.
- 12 Breakfasts, 5 dinners
- 15 Experiences (including guided walking tours, orientation walks, driving tours plus other exciting experiences).
- Modern air conditioned coach with reclining seats, TV for showing DVDs, and toilet.
- Return private airport transfer on the first and the last day.
- Free Wi-Fi in hotels
- Services of your tour leader from day 2 till day 11, who will be on hand with advice and tips and ensure that you get the most from your trip.
- All taxes and fees
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)
- A complimentary memorable gift of your once in a lifetime trip.

### ACCOMMODATION

#### LONDON

Ibis Greenwich  
Travelodge  
Royal National  
Ibis Excel

#### PARIS

Ibis la Defence  
B&B Porte de Lilas  
Ibis Budget La Villette  
IBIS Paris La Villette Cite des Sciences

#### JUNGFRAU, SWITZERLAND

Alpenrose Hotel  
Hotel Schönbühl  
Swiss Youth Hostel Interlaken  
Hotel Baren, Ringgenberg  
Hotel Oberland  
Ibis Budget Lucerne

#### TUSCANY

Hotel Massimo D'Azeglio  
Hotel Autopark  
Hotel Raffaello

#### VENICE

Hotel Centrale  
Residence Elite  
NH Venezia Congress Center  
Hotel San Guiliano  
Hotel Venezia

#### BAVARIAN REGION

Hotel Dolomit München  
Ibis Muenchen City  
Ibis Budget Augsburg Gersthofen  
Ibis Augsburg Hauptbahnhof  
Leonardo Hotel Nürnberg  
Ramada Nuernberg Park hotel  
Leonardo Hotel Munich Arabellapark  
Tryp Munich North  
Azimut City Ost  
B&B Munich City West  
Winters Hotel  
Leonardo Hotel Munich City Olympiapark  
Avis Hotel Regensburg  
A&O Nurnberg  
A&O Munich Laim

#### RHINE VALLEY

Rheinlust Hotel Boppard  
Hotel Weiland  
Hotel Gorres  
Ibis Bonn  
InterCity Bonn

#### AMSTERDAM

Hilton by Hampton Amsterdam Airport Schiphol  
Holiday Inn Express Amsterdam Airport  
Lakelands Hotel  
Holiday Inn Express Arena Tower

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START DATE	END DATE	PRICE IN GBP
27-Mar-18	8-Apr-18	£1,561
16-Apr-18	28-Apr-18	£1,561
27-Apr-18	9-May-18	£1,561
11-May-18	23-May-18	£1,561
25-May-18	6-Jun-18	£1,561
8-Jun-18	20-Jun-18	£1,561
22-Jun-18	4-Jul-18	£1,561
6-Jul-18	18-Jul-18	£1,561
20-Jul-18	1-Aug-18	£1,561
3-Aug-18	15-Aug-18	£1,561
17-Aug-18	29-Aug-18	£1,561
31-Aug-18	12-Sep-18	£1,561
14-Sep-18	26-Sep-18	£1,561
28-Sep-18	10-Oct-18	£1,561
12-Oct-18	24-Oct-18	£1,561
26-Oct-18	7-Nov-18	£1,561

# European Guaranteed Tours Terms & Conditions

## 1. Guaranteed departures

All Comfort tours operated by Happy Tours are guaranteed departures and will operate unless force majeure circumstances arise or other unforeseen circumstances. Due to the traveller numbers on a specific tour, Happy Tours reserves the absolute right to change the type or style of transportation or other elements, to enable the tour to operate. Tours where Happy Tours acts as an agent on the behalf of the Principal operator in Turkey and Croatia are also guaranteed to operate unless force majeure circumstances arise or the Principal operator ceases trading. Under these circumstances an alternative tour of comparable standard or a full refund of monies paid will be offered.

Force Majeure: We will not pay you compensation if we have to cancel or change your travel arrangements in any way because of unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control. These can include, for example, war, riot, industrial dispute, terrorist activity and its consequences, acts of God, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, epidemics and pandemics, unavoidable technical problems with transport.

## 2. Accommodation

### a) All Tours

On any of our Comfort, Europe Short Trips, Turkey & Greece Tours and Croatia Tours, accommodation is provided in twin accommodation. Singles travellers will be accommodated in same-gender twin rooms. Two travellers booking together will be accommodated in a twin room. Three travellers booking together will be accommodated in one twin room, the third person will be accommodated in a same gender twin share room. Happy Tours will use astute discretion at allocating the third person to a room share; unless we are otherwise advised in writing as to who will be sharing with whom. Triple rooms can be requested, in writing, but cannot be guaranteed in every location in which event the above situation applies. In certain locations, particularly in Austria and Switzerland, a twin is commonly accepted as referring to two separate mattresses and duvets contained in one large frame. Most hotels have rooms that will take an extra bed if required. These extra beds may be bunk beds, fold-away beds or sofa beds. Where an extra bed is added this may limit the space available. Rooms with extra beds are still bookable for two person occupancy although, in this case, the hotelier may allocate a standard-sized twin bedded room without extra beds. Single rooms do not always match up either in size or facilities to twin bedded rooms. Please note that in some properties, lifts may not directly service all floors and access to and from these floors may be by stairway only.

### b) Star Categories / Country Standards

We use a range of star rated accommodation establishments, and standards differ from country to country. The star ratings are primarily intended to give a guide to the range of facilities and services available in each property. 2 and 3 star properties generally have a more limited range of facilities and services. In general the overall standard of services and facilities can sometimes vary within star categories. For example, an officially rated 3 star property may only possess 2 star standards (and vice versa) despite having an extensive range of services and facilities. This is because of the many different criteria that are used from country to country to assess star ratings.

Please note these criteria can differ significantly to those used in the UK by motoring and other organizations and UK ratings should not therefore be compared to those overseas. In certain instances, hotels and pensions in Austria do not have official star ratings, mainly due to taxation reasons, rather than levels of standard.

## 3. Food

Meals are included as stipulated in the tour itinerary, check your specific tour itinerary for details of which meals are included. Vegetarians or those with special dietary needs can be catered for, so please inform us at the time of booking, as well as your tour leader at the start of the tour. Non-included meals are at your own expense. This allows you the opportunity to try the local cuisine. The food is delicious and varied with restaurants providing an important insight into local ways of life.

There is always an excellent range of restaurants to choose from. You will also need to purchase drinks and snacks for long bus or coach journeys as there may not be the opportunity once on board. Please be aware that in many parts of the world vegetarian meals are classified as meals without meat or fish, and may not be what you are used to.

## 4. Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is mandatory for all clients whilst on a tour organised by Happy Tours. Clients together with their personal property including baggage are at all times solely at their own risk. Clients are wholly responsible for arranging their own insurance. A suitable insurance policy should provide adequate cover for medical expenses arising through illness or accident prior to or during the holiday and loss of holiday monies through cancellation or curtailment of the holiday or other insurable reasons. Clients should ensure that there are no exclusion clauses limiting protection for the type of activities in their tour. The travel insurance cover automatically provided with credit card purchases does not provide adequate cover as standard.

## 5. Passports, Visas and Vaccinations

It is the responsibility of the client to be in possession of a valid passport, visa permits, vaccination and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the tour. Information about these matters or related items is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of Happy Tours. Visa support documents can be provided if the request is received in writing - please email us after your booking has been confirmed, allowing 5 working days for the documents to be produced. Visa support documents do not supplement or replace tour documents which can be found on the website.

Please allow sufficient time to complete the visa process (at least 4 weeks). Should your visa application be unsuccessful, you will be able to change or cancel your tour, but standard terms and conditions (and therefore fees) will apply. Please see sections 3a. Changes by you and 4. Cancellation by you.

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) provides travel advice for each destination we visit – each country has a summary and general information as well as advice on safety & security, local laws & customs, entry requirements and health.

## 6. Age, Fitness and Participation

All clients are expected to satisfy themselves prior to booking that they are fit and able to complete the itinerary of their chosen tour as described in the itinerary.

Clients are also expected to accept that the components described constitute "Adventure Travel" and that travel to and facilities in developing countries will not be to similar standards which they may be accustomed to at home. Persons over 65 years of age may be asked to provide medical evidence of fitness to travel on certain itineraries. Minors (those under 18 years of age) are accepted on some group tours operated by Happy Tours at our discretion provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who accepts full responsibility for them. Unaccompanied minors will not be accepted. Happy Tours has recommended ages for participation in group tours which act as a guide only.

Clients agree to accept the authority and decision of Happy Tours employees, tour leaders, and agents whilst on tour with Happy Tours. If in the opinion of such person that the health or conduct of a client before or after departure appears likely to endanger the safe, comfortable or happy progress of a tour, the client may be excluded from all or part of the tour, without any refunds. In the case of ill health Happy Tours may make such arrangements as it sees fit and recover the costs from the client.

If a client is excluded from the tour as above or chooses to leave the tour of their own free will or leaves the tour due to ill health or any other reason there will be no refund of the tour price, extra services, surcharges, local payments/funds or any local surcharges. All services forming part of the whole package booked will be forfeited though may be recovered through travel insurance in some circumstances.

## 7. Local Laws

All participants in tours operated by Happy Tours are expected to obey the laws and regulations of the countries visited and any failure to do so will relieve Happy Tours of any obligation that they may otherwise have under these booking conditions.

## 8. Illness or Disability

Anyone suffering from illness or disability or undergoing treatment for any physical or medical condition must declare the true nature of such condition at the time of booking and make arrangements for the provision of any medication or other treatment which may be required during the tour. Failure to make such disclosure will constitute breach of these booking conditions and result in such persons being excluded from the tour in which case all monies paid will be forfeit. If you or any member of your party have any disabilities it is extremely important that you contact our offices by email via this link before completing any reservation to ensure compatibility for the holiday that you choose.

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