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## Itinerary Details

### European Essence - Sum 2024

13Nights 14Days





## **Day 1 : Welcome to Paris - the City of Lights and Glamour.**

Welcome to the fashionable and elegant city known for its haute couture, renowned museums, breath-taking beautiful monuments - Paris. Get transferred to your conveniently located hotel. (Check-in on your own after 15:00). Rest of the day is free to explore the city on your own.

Overnight in Paris.

Dinner

## **Day 2 : Enjoy a guided city tour of Paris. Visit the world-famous Louvre Museum (subject to availability). Enjoy a bird's eye view of Paris from the Eiffel Tower's Level 3. Enjoy a romantic cruise on the River Seine.**

Today, proceed to visit the world-renowned Louvre Museum (No Guide) (*subject to availability*), known for its collection of artifacts and paintings. See the enigmatic and mysterious smile of 'Mona Lisa', as you awe at Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece. Visit the iconic Eiffel Tower to get a spectacular view of the city from the 3<sup>rd</sup> level. Enjoy a romantic boat cruise down the River Seine to experience the exhilarating city of lights.

**Overnight in Paris. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## **Day 3 : An exciting and adventurous trip to Euro Disney, (choice of Disney Park or Disney Studios) OR Enjoy tour of the Versailles Palace.**

Today, experience an exciting day at the amusement park. You may choose Disney Park - Fairytale lands filled with classic attractions, shows and street parades. Rub shoulders with swashbuckling pirates, zoom through time and space and look on in awe at the unforgettable fireworks OR visit the Disney Studios and be astounded by the outstanding stunt shows, watch a film being made and see real-life sets used for creating blockbuster movies.

**OR**

You can, proceed on a tour of the opulent Versailles Palace of Louis XIV that served as the royal residence for France's kings and queens for more than a century. See the Chateau, the Grande Apartments, the Chapel, the Hall of Mirrors and much more.

**Overnight in Paris. (Breakfast/Packed Dinner)**

**Note : You can avail of any one of the above tour. You can latest make a choice 30 days prior to the departure date.**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## **Day 4 : Enjoy a guided city tour of Paris. Onto Brussels for an orientation tour. Visit the miniature park – Mini Europe.**

Today, proceed on a fascinating city tour of Paris. Marvel at the finest Parisian sights – the Champs Elysees, Alexander Bridge, Invalides, Arc de Triomphe, Concorde Square, Opera House, and several others. Proceed to Brussels, the capital of Belgium and Headquarters of the European Union. Visit one of Europe's most beautiful squares, the Grand Place, the medieval Town Hall, and the fabled Mannekin Pis statue. Drive past St. Michael's Church and stop for a photograph at the Atomium. Visit Mini-Europe a miniature park located at the foot of the Atomium in Brussels. Mini-Europe is the only park where, in a few hours, you can virtually travel across Europe. Mini-Europe has reproductions of monuments in the European Union on show, at a true scale of 1:25. Stroll through the typical atmospheres of the most beautiful cities of the Old Continent.

#### **Overnight in Belgium / The Netherlands. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

#### **Day 5 : Explore Amsterdam with Canal Cruise. Visit Volendam, Holland's best-known fishing village.**

Today morning proceed to Amsterdam - Netherlands' capital, known for its artistic heritage, elaborate canal system and narrow houses. Originating as a small fishing village in the late 12<sup>th</sup> century, Amsterdam became one of the most important ports in the world. Board a cruise to explore the city of Amsterdam in a glass-topped boat, drifting through the canals, thrive on the city's vibrant past with its 1,000 bridges and quaint old houses. Later proceed to Volendam, a Dutch town on Lake Markermeer that is known for its colorful wooden houses and the old fishing boats in its harbor, lined with seafood vendors. Volendam is a village of fishermen, music, and cheese. Visit the Cheese factory for an interactive experience that will introduce you to the wonders of Dutch cheese. Next, visit the Wooden Shoe Factory, to know how wooden shoes are being made in the old-fashioned way.

#### **Overnight in The Netherlands. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

#### **Day 6 : View the Cologne Cathedral - the largest Gothic Cathedral in Rhineland.**

Today, enjoy a scenic drive to Germany as you proceed to Cologne - A landmark of High Gothic architecture set amid a reconstructed old town. The twin-spired Cologne Cathedral is known for its gilded medieval reliquary and sweeping river views. View the imposing Gothic masterpiece with its 515 feet twin towers, a World Heritage site and the largest cathedral in Northern Europe. Take time to grab some awesome clicks of the magnificent views of the breathtaking landscape and fine architecture of the Middle Ages.

#### **Overnight in Germany. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

#### **Day 7 : Drive to the Heart of the Black Forest. Be awestruck at Europe's most stunning site - The Rhine Falls.**

Today, drive to the heart of the Black Forest, known for its picturesque woods, consisting of pines and firs. Get charmed at the scenic beauty of the quaint villages in the region. Witness a demonstration of how cuckoo clocks are made. Sit back and enjoy the picturesque drive towards Switzerland. Halt at Schaffhausen, where you see the



magnificent Rhine Falls - Europe's biggest and most magnificent falls.

**Overnight in Switzerland. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**Day 8 : Visit Mt. Titlis, take an exciting ride up the snow-clad Swiss Alps in Rotair – the world's first rotating cable car. Visit the most beautiful city of Lucerne.**

Today, view the massive mountain peaks and glacier crevasses on Mt. Titlis from the world's first revolving cable car - Rotair. Mt. Titlis is central Switzerland's loftiest peak, covered with snow and ice and a visual treat. At 10,000 feet, get an unrestricted 360-degree view of the Alpine landscape. Later, drive on to one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland - Lucerne. View the Lion Monument and the Kapellbrücke (wooden bridge). Enjoy some free time to shop for famous Swiss watches, knives, souvenirs, and chocolates.

**Overnight in Switzerland. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**Day 9 : Magical Alpine excursion of amazing Jungfrauoch with a visit to scenic Interlaken.**

Today's magical Alpine excursion is to Jungfrauoch - the Top of Europe. Board a cogwheel train to reach the highest railway station in Europe at 11,333 feet, to an Alpine wonderland of ice and snow. Visit Ice Palace, experience a breath-taking panoramic view from the Sphinx Observation Terrace and view the longest glacier in the Alps - the Aletsch Glacier. Later drive to Interlaken, a unique and fascinating city situated between the two lakes of Thun and Brienz.

**Overnight in Switzerland. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**Day 10 : Orientation tour of Vaduz. Visit Swarovski Crystal Museum – the dazzling world of crystals. Visit the beautiful city of Innsbruck.**

Today morning proceed to Vaduz - tiny capital of one of Europe's smallest countries – Liechtenstein. Later proceed to Wattens, to visit the Swarovski World of Crystals and marvel at the crystalline works of art. Drive to Innsbruck for an orientation tour of this beautiful city. See the Golden Roof with its gold-plated copper tiles, a characteristic landmark of Innsbruck, walk down cobblestone pathways of Maria Theresien Strasse and relive the medieval European culture. The splendid Alps in the background provide a perfect picture-postcard setting.

**Overnight in Austria. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**Day 11 : Visit Venice – a lagoon city that inspired poetry and passion. Treasure a romantic Gondola ride too!**

Today, proceed towards Italy. Arrive at the pier in Venice and board a private boat. Enjoy Indian lunch on board while you sail over the Giudecca Canal and pass the Adriatic Sea to arrive at St. Mark's Square. Enjoy a walking orientation tour of St. Mark's Square, which is the main square of Venice, where the only traffic is that of humans and pigeons!





The famed Bell Tower and the Clock Tower, display not only the time of day but also the dominant sign of the Zodiac and the current phase of the moon. Continue on to the Bridge of Sighs, made of white limestone that passes over the Rio di Palazzo, connecting the old prisons with interrogation rooms at the Doge's Palace. Treasure a romantic Gondola ride, in a flat-bottomed Venetian rowing boat, amidst the stunning backdrop of baroque buildings. This truly is one of the best ways to enjoy this enchanting city. Return to the pier and later proceed to the hotel.

#### **Overnight in Padova or Occhiobello. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 12 : Guided city tour of Florence. View the remarkable and famous Leaning Tower of Pisa.**

Today, drive to Florence – the cradle of the Renaissance. Along with your English speaking local guide, absorb into the culture with a tour of this historic city. View the Duomo - the city's most iconic landmark, the Campanile, and the Baptistery with its Gates to Paradise. Also, see the Piazza Della Signoria – an open-air museum crammed with Renaissance sculptures, edged by historic cafes and presided over by the magnificent Palazzo Vecchio and the famed Ponte Vecchio (bridge) across the River Arno. Next, drive to Piazzale Michelangelo to get a spectacular panoramic view of the city. Later proceed onwards to Pisa – the Square of Miracles and see the stupendous Leaning Tower of Pisa.

#### **Overnight in Tuscany Region. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 13 : All roads lead to Rome – the eternal city. Visit the world's smallest country – the Vatican City (subject to availability).**

Proceed towards the eternal city of Rome. Enjoy a guided city tour of Rome with an expert English-speaking local guide. Next visit the Vatican City (*subject to availability*) – the smallest country in the world (*note: shorts or sleeveless vests not allowed*). Enter the Vatican Museum, where you see the renowned classical sculptures and masterpieces of the Renaissance Art. Visit the famed Sistine Chapel - a source of inspiration for art lovers and tourists alike and known for its masterpiece - the Last Judgement. This is also, where the Pope gets elected. Visit the divinely beautiful basilica of St. Peter's. Get mesmerized by the works of Michelangelo and Bernini. Move forward to see the outside view of the magnificent Colosseum, a vast amphitheater that is still well preserved. Later walk towards the beautiful Trevi Fountains. The Legend goes that tossing a coin over your shoulder gets you back to Rome. We continue to view the Victor Emmanuel Monument, the Roman Forum, and take several more sights of this remarkable city.

#### **Overnight in Rome. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 14 : Fly back home.**

Your Holiday ends, today it's time to fly back home. Check out and depart for the Airport for the flight home.

#### **(Breakfast)**

Breakfast

## **Highlights**

- **A Complete tour at, an honest price.**



- City tour of Paris with a local guide.
- Visit the 3<sup>rd</sup> level of the Eiffel Tower.
- Enjoy the world of EuroDisney OR Visit the magnificent Versailles Palace (*you can avail anyone*).
- Romantic Cruise on the River Seine.
- Entrance to the Louvre Museum (*subject to availability*).
- View the magnificent Grand Place and Manneken Pis Statue.
- Enjoy Amsterdam on a Canal cruise.
- Visit Mini Europe – The best miniature park in Europe.
- Visit Volendam – an old fishing village.
- Witness the process of making Cheese as well as Wooden Shoes at the Cheese Factory & Wooden Shoe factory.
- Marvel at the imposing Cologne Cathedral - a Gothic masterpiece.
- Visit the heart of the beautiful Black Forest.
- Get a demonstration of how famous Cuckoo Clock is made.
- View the magnificent Rhine Falls
- Witness the breathtaking mountain peaks and glaciers at Mt. Titlis.
- Orientation tour of beautiful Lucerne.
- Visit the top of Europe - Jungfrauoch with lunch on top.
- Orientation tour of Interlaken.
- Orientation tour of Vaduz - tiny capital of one of Europe's smallest countries - Liechtenstein.
- Visit the Swarovski Crystal Headquarters and Museum.
- See the Maria Theresien Strasse and the Golden Roof.
- Visit St. Mark's square by Private boat.
- Explore Venice in a classic Venetian Gondola.
- Guided City tour of Florence with a local English-speaking guide.
- Visit Square of Miracles with Photo-stop at the Leaning Tower of Pisa.



- Guided City tour of Rome & Vatican City with entrance to the Vatican Museum (*subject to availability*).
- Visit the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and Trevi Fountain.

Service of multilingual & knowledgeable Tour Manager accompanying you throughout the tour.