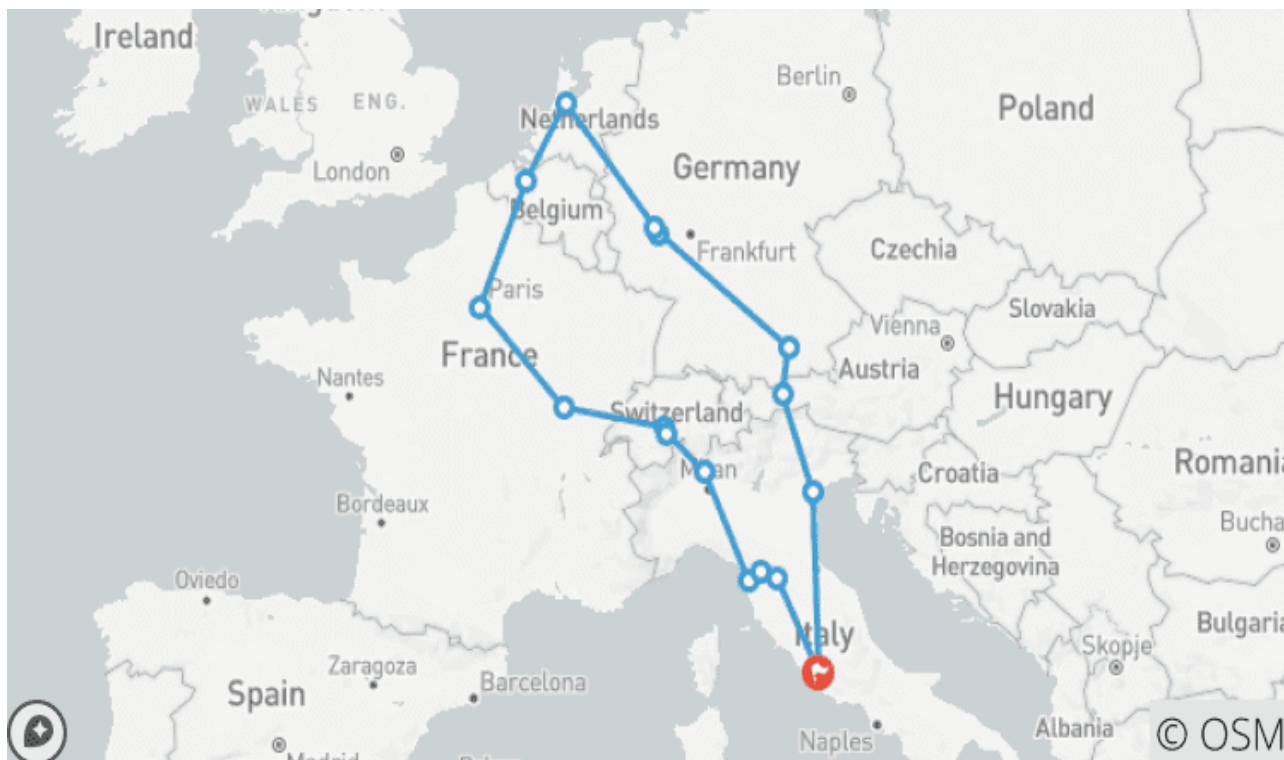


Full Itinerary & Trip Details

Europe Escape - 12 Days

- ✓ See the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe
- ✓ Enjoy a great bird's-eye view from the top of Swiss Alps
- ✓ Visit Vatican City - the smallest country in the world
- ✓ Taste the local Bavarian beer and famous Burgundy wine
- ✓ Sample the tasty Belgian chocolate and Dutch cheese

Trip Overview



PRICE STARTING FROM

€1,835.00

DURATION

12 days

IDEAL AGE

From 10 to 80 year olds

STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Rome → Rome

OPERATED IN

English

OPERATOR

Expat Explore Travel

TOUR CODE

#14263

Itinerary

Introduction

This is the flagship tour that started it all for Expat Explore! Journey to 8 of Europe's most popular countries. Start off by getting to know the Italian way of life in Rome and the romantic Venice. Explore the gem that is Paris, and meander through the countryside of France. Cross borders to the heart of the Swiss Alps and see castle-lined riverbanks in Germany's Rhine Valley. Explore the vibrant streets and beautiful canals of Amsterdam. There's so much in store for you!

Day 1: Start of tour in Rome - Venice

Start Point



Hotel in Rome,
Roma, Rome, Italy



07:30

Welcome to Rome! After meeting up with your tour leader and group it's time to hit the road. Sit back and enjoy the scenery on the journey from Rome to Venice! Arrive in the "Floating City" and join your tour leader for an orientation walk. Enjoy a scoop of local gelato and see the iconic St. Mark's Square, Grand Canal and Rialto Bridge. Then, enjoy a traditional glass-blowing demonstration! The evening is yours to enjoy authentic Italian delights, with hundreds of fantastic local restaurants and bars to choose from. Why not explore Venice the traditional way - from the canals? Choose to join a gondola or water taxi optional excursion to see Venice from a completely different perspective!

Day 2: Innsbruck - Munich - Bavaria

Arrivederci for now, Italy! Look forward to some stunning scenery as the tour heads north towards Germany. Enjoy the views while crossing the dramatic Brenner Pass into Innsbruck, Austria. Arrive and enjoy an orientation tour of this city and marvel at the incredible mountain backdrop with time to visit the famous Swarovski store. Next, travel onwards to Munich. Get to know the capital of Bavaria on an orientation tour. Munich was largely rebuilt after WW2 and boasts a fascinating ancient and modern history. The city also hosts the famous Oktoberfest! For a taste of authentic beer culture, enjoy dinner in a traditional beer hall and say prost with a local pint!

Day 3: Bavaria - Rhine Valley

Look forward to more German adventures today and travel towards the majestic Rhine River. Once in the Rhine Valley, set sail on a Rhine riverboat and cruise towards the accommodation for the night. Admire the views while the boat sails past the beautiful scenery. This picturesque region boasts the most concentrated stretch of castles in all of Europe! It's also home to quaint villages, rolling hills and vineyards. Once the cruise is over, visit a local wine merchant for an included wine tasting. Learn more about the local varietals and, if the harvest has been good, try eiswein (ice wine). This dessert wine is produced in very small quantities as it can only be harvested in below freezing temperatures!

Day 4: Rhine Valley - Amsterdam

Auf wiedersehen Germany! The tour continues to the Netherlands this morning. In the Dutch countryside, discover three of the most iconic Dutch products - cheese, clogs and windmills! Stop at the famous Riekmolen windmill for some memorable photos. Then, enjoy an entertaining cheese and clog-making display! Later, check into the hotel in Amsterdam. Then, head to the centre of Amsterdam for a twilight canal cruise. Admire this vibrant city and its unique architecture and landmarks from the water. An audio guide will explain these sights in more detail. Afterwards, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. The rest of the evening is free to explore the city to your heart's content.

Day 5: Amsterdam - Ghent - Paris

Bid vaarwel to the Netherlands and travel to the stunning Belgian city of Ghent. This port city is renowned for its well-preserved medieval architecture and gorgeous pedestrianised city centre. While here, be sure to try an authentic Belgian waffle and grab some Belgian chocolate to take home! Then, it's time to head to Paris, the 'City of Lights'! Arrive and enjoy a driving tour showcasing some of the French capital's top attractions and landmarks. See the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and more! After ticking off some bucket-list sights, enjoy an included group dinner in the city.

Day 6: Paris: Free Day

Enjoy a full free day to explore the French capital! Explore on your own or join a full day of exploration in Paris! The Paris excursion includes many quintessential Parisian experiences including a macaron tasting, a River Seine lunch cruise, visits to a famous parfumerie, the Champs-Élysées and much more! In the evening, why not experience the gorgeous Montmartre neighbourhood, home to the famous Moulin Rouge, or watch an exciting cabaret show? These optional excursions are sure to be unforgettable!

Day 7: Paris - Burgundy - Swiss Alps

Say au revoir to Paris and see a different side to France with a stop in Burgundy, a stunning winemaking region. Here, visit the town of Beaune and discover the historic Hospices de Beaune or indulge in some local wine. Enjoy free time for lunch before hopping back on the coach for a scenic drive across the border into Switzerland. Travel into the breathtaking Swiss Alps and look forward to two nights of being surrounded by spectacular natural beauty. Settle into the accommodation and enjoy an included dinner at the hotel tonight.

Day 8: Swiss Alps: Free Day

Today offers a full day to experience the wonders of the Swiss Alps! Why not take this opportunity to experience one of Expat Explore's highest-rated optional excursions? The journey to Jungfraujoch, the highest train station in all of Europe, is one not to be missed! Admire incredible views on the train or gondola ride to the top. Arrive at the top and discover endless photo opportunities, play in the year-round snow and admire the magical ice palace carved into a glacier! Alternatively, spend the day exploring the local villages or shop for souvenirs. Warm up this evening with an optional Swiss fondue dinner.

Day 9: Lake Como - Pisa - Tuscany

Admire the last of the views of the Swiss Alps and travel towards Italy this morning. First stop is the luxurious Lake Como! Enjoy free time for lunch in this picturesque location. Admire the crystal clear waters of the lake as well as the surrounding mountains and villages. Then, head to one of the most iconic sights in Italy - the Leaning Tower of Pisa! Snap some fun pictures at this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, travel to tonight's accommodation in Montecatini Terme, a beautiful Tuscan spa town. Tonight, choose to explore this town further and enjoy a delicious Tuscan dinner with the Evening in Montecatini optional excursion.

Day 10: Tuscany - Florence - Rome

After breakfast, head to Florence, a magical city known as "the Jewel of the Renaissance"! Arrive and embark on a walking tour of the city with a local guide. Discover the fascinating history and see top sights including the Ponte Vecchio and the replica statue of David! Then, visit a local leather and gold shop and admire the work of expert local craftsmen. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to explore further or choose to sample local cuisine with an optional family-style Tuscan lunch. Later, head back to Rome. This evening, enjoy an included dinner at the hotel.

Day 11: Rome: Free Day

Explore the "Eternal City" to your heart's content today! Don't know where to start? Join one of the optional excursions on offer. Conquer the Capital with your tour leader to see the city's most iconic sights, including the Trevi Fountain and Pantheon, and enjoy an authentic Italian pasta lunch. Alternatively, spend the day wandering the city on your own. Grab a gelato, do some shopping or simply soak up the buzzing atmosphere of Italy's capital city.

Day 12: End of tour in Rome

End Point



Hotel in Rome,
Roma, Rome, Italy



10:00

Your 12-day Europe Escape adventure comes to an end after breakfast this morning. Be sure to exchange details with your fellow travellers! A great way to stay in touch and to constantly relive the memories of the adventure with each other is to join your tour's Facebook group. Expat Explore wishes you a safe journey onwards!

What's Included

Accommodation

- 11 nights' accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
-
- Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room
-
- We use a variety of hotels in each of the destinations on this tour, hotels are selected closer to departure. Once booked, a confirmed list of hotels will be sent to you along with your Tour Leader announcement, 3-5 days prior to departure
- .

Guide

- Services of your Expat tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip

Meals

- 11 breakfasts
- 6 dinners
-
- *Vegetarian options available for all meals on request
- *Option to exclude pork and/or beef
- *Jain and Kosher are not available for this tour.

Transport

- Modern air conditioned coach with reclining seats, TV for showing DVDs, and toilet
-
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)
-
- Please note the coach buses are not wheelchair accessible.

Others

- **17 Experiences!**
- Conquer Rome with your tour leader
- Travel into the heart of Venice on an orientation tour
- Marvel at the scenery along Brenner Pass
- Visit Innsbruck; a beautiful Austrian city
- Explore Munich; capital of Bavaria
- Enjoy dinner and drinks in a traditional German beer hall
- Cruise along the Rhine River
- Indulge in a wine tasting in the Rhine Valley
- Visit the iconic windmills
- Enjoy a local cheese and clogs demonstration in the Netherlands
- Cruise along Amsterdam's canals
- Visit Ghent; a beautiful medieval city in Belgium
- Discover the beauty of Paris on a driving tour
- Enjoy a lunch stop in Burgundy; France's famous wine region
- Marvel at the views on a scenic Swiss mountain drive
- Lunch stop at idyllic Lake Como
- Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Discover Florence with a local guide
- All taxes and fees
- Free Expat Explore tour souvenir – a memorable gift of your once in a lifetime trip

Departure Dates

STARTING IN Rome	→	ENDING IN Rome
30 July 2023		10 August 2023
13 August 2023		24 August 2023
27 August 2023		07 September 2023
03 September 2023		14 September 2023
04 September 2023		15 September 2023
17 September 2023		28 September 2023
18 September 2023		29 September 2023
24 September 2023		05 October 2023
02 October 2023		13 October 2023
16 October 2023		27 October 2023
22 October 2023		02 November 2023
12 November 2023		23 November 2023
03 December 2023		14 December 2023
22 December 2023		02 January 2024
24 March 2024		04 April 2024
07 April 2024		18 April 2024

21 April 2024	02 May 2024
05 May 2024	16 May 2024
19 May 2024	30 May 2024
02 June 2024	13 June 2024
16 June 2024	27 June 2024
30 June 2024	11 July 2024
14 July 2024	25 July 2024
28 July 2024	08 August 2024
11 August 2024	22 August 2024
25 August 2024	05 September 2024
08 September 2024	19 September 2024
22 September 2024	03 October 2024
06 October 2024	17 October 2024
20 October 2024	31 October 2024
10 November 2024	21 November 2024
01 December 2024	12 December 2024

See all departures at www.tourradar.com/book-now/14263

687 reviews

Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★	Guide	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Transportation	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Accommodation	★ ★ ★ ★
Meals	★ ★ ★ ★	Value for money	★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Donna Logan

Review on June 27th, 2023



Long bus drives but you get a taste of alot of countries!



Sookrajie manjoo

Review on June 26th, 2023



Amazing tour have alot of beautiful memories make some new friends and felt very safe with a great bus driver Alexandro also Michelle the best tour guide ever



RAVISHANKAR BHASKARAN

Review on June 26th, 2023



The tour was well planned and arranged. We really enjoyed all the spots and the bus was comfortable as well. The driver and tour leader were very friendly and helpful. However it was poor planning on part of allocating bedrooms for a family with a 10 year old despite making reservations several months in advance.



Michelle Cummings

Review on June 20th, 2023



My son and I had a great time. Rogan was a great guide. He and my 10YO son connected and now he misses Rogan. What an amazing, exciting trip. Can't wait for the next one.



Samina Baig

Review on June 17th, 2023



It was an experience of a lifetime. Saw some wonderful places and enjoyed to the fullest. Michelle was our tour guide and she is the best. She was calm and very resourceful. Alessandro was our driver and was extremely skilled and patient. They made sure we were comfortable and also made the most of the trip. Thanks Wxpat

Question & Answers



I'm a solo traveller, is there a single supplement?

A single supplement is not mandatory for this tour, as travellers can be roomed with a fellow traveller of the same gender for no additional cost. This is a great way to get to know your group and enrich your travel experience! If you would prefer a little more privacy, a single supplement can be paid, which will guarantee you your own room for the duration of the tour. Please contact our Travel Experts to arrange this.



Which currency is most widely accepted on this tour?

The accepted currency for the countries visited on this tour are as follows: - Austria - Euro (EUR) - France - Euro (EUR) - Germany - Euro (EUR) - Italy - Euro (EUR) - Netherlands - Euro (EUR) - Switzerland - Swiss franc (CHF)



Can I start this tour in Venice instead?

Absolutely! You can join and end this tour whenever you wish, however, because this is not a hop on/hop off tour, we cannot amend the cost of your booking on this basis. TourRadar is not a tour operator, rather a marketplace for scheduled group tours. Therefore, the itineraries, accommodation and price cannot be altered as this is determined by the tour operator.



Do you arrange airport transfers?

Expat Explore can provide airport transfers for passengers, however, they are not included in the tour cost. Please contact our Customer Support team to arrange this.



What is the average age of passengers on this tour?

The age group of the travellers can vary, however, most Expat Travellers are between 30-50 years old.



Is triple share accommodation available?

Triple share accommodation for this tour is on request only. When possible, Expat will do their best to room you together. In the event the hotel can't accommodate a triple share arrangement you will be roomed two together and the third person will be in a twin share with another passenger of the same gender.



What does the accommodation in twin rooms refer to?

The twin room accommodations mean that you will be sharing a room with another traveller on your tour of the same gender. The size of the bed would depend on the accommodation each night.



What is the minimum tip for tour guides and bus drivers?

Tipping is entirely voluntary and up to you, however, Expat Explore recommends approximately EUR2-EUR4 per day per person travelling for your crew, but this is only a recommendation.



What is the transportation for this tour?

You will travel in an air-conditioned coach.



Are the flights included?

Flights before and after the tour are not included in the tour price and you need to arrange these separately by yourself once your tour is guaranteed. As we specialise in organising the best tours around the world for you, we are unable to advise on flight prices or book flights on your behalf. If you have not already booked your flights we recommend checking out the following link which is powered by Skyscanner - <https://flights.tourradar.com>

Why Book with us?

No Booking Fees

We charge 0% booking fees and 0% credit card fees. You won't find any hidden fees.
#BoycottBookingFees

Earn Unlimited Travel Credits

You can use Travel Credit towards your next tour booking on TourRadar. TourRadar Credits do not expire.

Flexible Payment Options

You can pay with a credit card or PayPal account to ensure that your booking are always easy.



Safely book online

All your details are safely protected by a secure connection.



24/7 Customer Support

We are a team of experienced tour specialists who have travelled to hundreds of countries around the globe. Our online Customer Support team brings years of professional expertise in the travel industry, and can assist with all of your tour-related questions.

www.tourradar.com/contact