



Tour Information

The specialists in designing individualised European travel experiences.



London to Paris

7 days/ 6 nights

Luxury Tours for Independent Travellers

Select one of our tours for independent travellers. Then choose from a smorgasbord of unique travel experience options and we will design your very own tailor-made holiday of a lifetime.

Add extra days, sightseeing, experiences or excursions. As an independent traveller you can even undertake the tour in either direction, take a detour or a break in the tour to do 'your own thing' for a while. You can start the tour at any time.

London

Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the changing of the guards, Tower of London, Piccadilly Circus, Westminster Abbey, Soho, historic pubs, Hyde Park. Travelling on the Eurostar from London to Paris.

Paris

View the city from the viewing platform of the Eiffel Tower and Montmartre, tree shaded cafes and bars along the wide boulevards, Champs Elysee and Arc de Triomphe at night, stroll along the banks of the river Seine.



Highlights of Europe

Itinerary

(Inclusions in italics)

Day 1 - London

After your long flight your first experience of England will be the London Underground, 'The Tube'. *The 'Piccadilly Line' will whisk you from your arrival terminal in Heathrow directly to your hotel in the heart of the city.*

On this first day you might not be in the mood for much, if any, sightseeing. Your hotel has a very good and upmarket restaurant. However if you feel that you would like to stretch your legs a bit after the long flight you could walk to a nearby traditional English pub for a drink and a traditional pub meal.

If you want to see more of London on our first day grab your *Travel card* and take the Tube to Piccadilly Circus to be right in the midst of the excitement of this metropolitan city.



Day 2 - London

Explore the city and its many famous sites in a red double-decker *'hop-on hop-off' bus*. The tour is guided and audio-enhanced. Watch the *'Changing of the Guards' at Buckingham Palace* during a *guided walking tour*. See the Tower, Westminster Abbey, Downing Street and St. Paul's Cathedral. Stroll through Hyde Park, Soho, Notting Hill, Piccadilly Circus or along the Thames. In the afternoon choose from either the *'Rock 'n Roll' or 'Jack the Ripper' walking tour*. Enjoy High Tea at Claridge's or a drink in a historic pub. Relax in the evening and view some of London's attractions, the London Eye and Big Ben, from the comfort of a *river cruise boat*.

Day 3 - London

On this day you can choose to visit either a) *Kensington Palace*, which has been the royal home for over 300 years and parts of the palace remain a private residence for the Royal family today; or b) the *Tower of London*. View the White Tower and the fabulous Crown Jewels and enjoy the very entertaining *Yeoman Warder 'Beefeater' tour*; or c) see the sites of London from a totally different vantage point during a thrilling and *breathtaking ride on the London Eye*.



Spend the rest of the day visiting more of the sites in London. Most museums and galleries do not charge any admission fees. Take some 'High Tea' at the Dorchester or Fortnum & Mason. Visit Harrods at Knightsbridge. Check out some of the quirky markets in London. <http://www.visitbritain.com/en/Things-to-do/Leisure-and-Entertainment/Markets.htm> . See London Options for extra sightseeing and extensions on our website.

Day 4 - Paris

Your reserved seat in the high-speed Eurostar train awaits you within just 3 minutes walking from your hotel to take you in only 2 ½ hours to Paris. Start the familiarization of the city with the 'Paris Grand Tour' and enjoy the view from the open top deck of the sightseeing bus with a local, multi-lingual tour guide. See the Champs-Elysee, Louvre, Notre-Dame, Eiffel Tower, Palais Royal and many other attractions.

Day 5 - Paris

View the city in all its glory from the viewing platform of the iconic Eiffel Tower. Then spend some time to explore the many treasures of Paris, Montmartre, Sacre Coeur or the many open-air fresh food, collectibles and arts markets and take the 'Grand Boulevard Tour'. In the evening enjoy a meal and some music in the Latin Quarter. As a special buzz experience after your dinner you could head to the Arc de Triomphe at the top end of the Champs Elysees and view the city at night from the top of that spectacular vantage point.

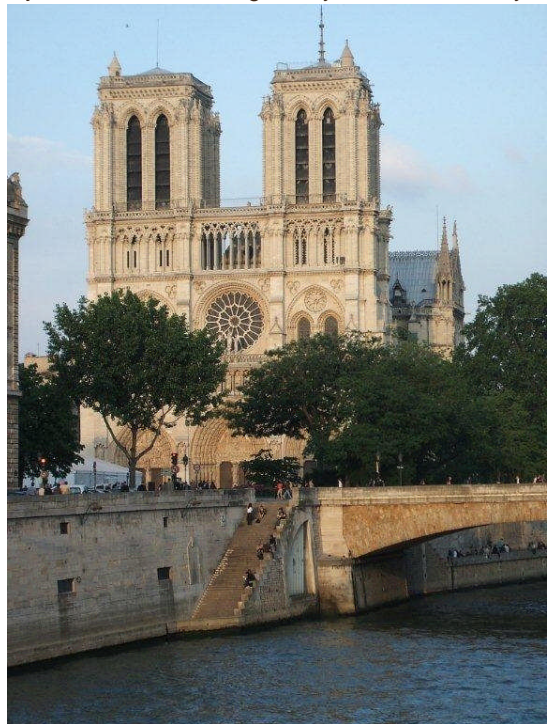
Day 6 - Paris

The day is yours to spend at your leisure. Visit the vibrant open air markets, spend the day at Versailles or knock yourself out at EuroDisney. Your Metro travel card as well as your admission tickets into many of the attractions of Paris will keep you very busy during that day. See Paris Options for extra sightseeing and extensions on our website.

Day 7 – Paris

Enjoy the conclusion of your holiday in two of the most exciting cities in Europe. Take another stroll along the wide boulevards or head over to the Eiffel Tower of the Champs Elysees for a last glimpse of those two icons.

We can arrange for transport back to London should you wish. If you intend to continue your holiday in Europe we are more than happy to design your very own personalized tour.



Highlights of Europe

Prices & Inclusions

Accommodation

- 6 nights in first class, 4 star hotels, including 6 full breakfasts.

Travel

- Eurostar train tickets with reserved standard class seats between London and Paris.
- Transfer on arrival at Heathrow airport with the London Tube to Hotel.
- London City travel card, valid on the Underground and the Red Double-Decker busses.
- 2-day Metro Underground card for unlimited travel within the inner City of Paris, including the funicular in Montmartre.

Sightseeing and Excursions

- Sightseeing with a double-decker 'hop-on-hop-off' bus in London.
- 'Changing of the Guards' at Buckingham Palace walking tour.
- 'Rock 'n Roll' or 'Jack the Ripper' walking tour in London.
- Cruise on the river Thames in London.
- Choice of the 'London Eye', visit to Kensington Palace or visit to the Tower of London including a one-hour guided 'Beefeater' tour.
- Sightseeing with a double-decker 'hop-on-hop-off' bus in Paris.
- Priority tickets (no queuing) for the Eiffel Tower.
- Admission to the Louvre.
- Admission to the Palace of Versailles.
- Admission to the Arc de Triomphe, archeological crypte of Notre Dame and tour of Notre Dame, Pantheon and many other museums in Paris.



Prices (All prices are per person. Single and Triple share travellers please note that some changes to inclusions are necessary in particular at peak holiday times. Please contact us for details.)

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Single: AUD \$2375 / US \$2425
 Twin share: AUD \$1575 / US \$1625
 Triple share: AUD \$1525 / US \$1575

Surcharges apply if travelling during Easter and Christmas holidays, New Years Eve, Bastille Day, arrival of the Tour de France in Paris or other local events. If travelling from London to Paris on Friday/Saturday/Sunday an extra charge may apply. These prices and tour information are correct at the time of the website going live, however are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.

Highlights of Europe

Hotels

London

Hotel Megaro ****

A sanctuary in the bustling heart of St Pancras: an oasis of fine wine and cuisine; luxury accommodation and customized service. London's many interesting and spectacular attractions are easily accessible from the Megaro Hotel. The stylish rooms have an espresso coffee machine and free Wi-Fi access. 100m to St Pancras train station (Eurostar departure point). <http://www.hotelmegaro.co.uk/>

Paris

Crowne Plaza Paris République ****

Is a unique building with a magnificent inner courtyard, easily accessible and only a few minutes away from all major attractions, Notre Dame Cathedrale, Montmartre and the Eiffel Tower. Parisian people love going around the numerous bars, restaurants and shops that surround the Place de la République. Distance to Eurostar train station: 3 metro stops or a short taxi ride.

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/PARDL?hotelCode=PARDL>

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Travel Information

'Self-guided' travelling

You are travelling as independent travellers, with your own tickets, reservations, detailed itinerary, directions, timetables, sightseeing and admission tickets, maps etc. Every day will be clearly laid out in your itinerary, with train departure times, seat reservation details, destination information, directions and maps where sightseeing tours will leave from or how to get to or from the train station to your hotel, usually in easy walking distance. The various sightseeing tours at your destinations will be pre-booked and we will provide you with detailed information regarding the time of the tour, content of the tour, from where it leaves (if there is no pick-up from the hotel it is usually in easy walking distance) and if it is a coach or walking tour.

Communication

Travelling in Europe, in particular Western Europe, you will find that you won't have any communication problems as good English is widely spoken. Sharing of local knowledge and insights into the culture and history of the country you are visiting, usually provided by a tour leader, will be available during your sightseeing tours by local expert guides.

Increased flexibility and choices

Having your own tickets for the train or city passes gives you more flexibility. For example in Venice if you want to see the glass blower artisans on the island of Murano and your travelling partner prefers to take the canal boat to the Lido you can do that - it's your choice. If you happen to fall ill and prefer to stay for another day you can catch the train the next day as your train ticket will be valid for up to two months. (Obviously you would have to pay for the extra day in the hotel and another train seat reservation). The usual departure time for the train is around 10 am, giving you plenty of time for a leisurely breakfast.

The choice is yours

We ensure that our tours are planned and organized with attention to every detail and we feel confident that you will find that everything works smoothly. As well, you will have the advantage of the substantial savings of the 'self-guided' tour price and you can choose to use these savings to splash out on some fun or exciting optional travel experiences, like extra excursions, pamper treatments, the odd sampling of a good glass of red or regional delicacies.

Travel in Style

Comfort & Luxury

Travelling

Travel in style in Europe's luxurious superfast trains and arrive relaxed and in next to no time at your holiday destinations. Comfortable, fast and stress free. Enjoy the spacious seats, plenty of leg room, ability to move around and the magnificent views from the comfort of your reserved first class seat, the dining car or a standard seat in the famous Eurostar. Travel by coach between Venice and Austria. No early morning starts and no late afternoon arrivals at the next destination.



Accommodation

Your luxurious hotels will not just be a comfortable place to stay at but will be a feature in itself and enhance your European experience - the hotel with views to the Alps, a lakeside hotel, a renovated 17th Century building right in the heart of the cities, close to all the historic sites and within 'strolling' distance of restaurants and cafes. Step out of the front door of your hotel and be surrounded by the sounds, sights, music and ambience of the town. Your hotel will also be a place to retreat to - be that in a peaceful inner courtyard, a lakeside terrace, a garden, or rooftop terrace.

Food

Taste the regional specialties. Your tour dinners feature the best of local produce and flavours. We will also provide you with ample information prior to your departure on local markets, restaurants, wine taverns or little 'hole in the wall' eateries that you might like to check out.

Atmosphere and sights

You will have ample time to explore and become familiar with each place as you are not spending a lot of travelling time getting from one destination to the next and staying 2 nights minimum everywhere. All of us have our own preferred way of how and what to see in a city and how much time to spend where. We have therefore given you sightseeing options to choose from that will fit your personal preferences.

Hassle free travelling

We take care to plan and organize your holiday in every detail and to your personal liking. Just pack your bags, get on the plane and enjoy a stress-free and well paced holiday. Our programs are a well-balanced mix of magnificent architecture but also markets, river or lake cruises, walks in the countryside, themed excursions or strolls along rivers and little cobble-stoned alleyways.



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About Us

Many years of travelling, living in various countries in Europe and intensive research of travel destinations have inspired us to create the tours in our program. Our personal experience has taught us that rushing from one place to the next is not the best way to experience a different culture. To enjoy every moment and have a truly memorable holiday one needs to travel at a leisurely pace.

We know that a holiday has to be well structured and balanced – not just a string of major European cities with their magnificent architecture. And we also know that tastes and preferences in regards to travel experiences vary greatly – while one traveller might want to spend an entire day in Paris at the Louvre another traveller would rather spend the day at EuroDisney. Our concept of self-guided, individualised tours can accommodate both with ease.

And this is what makes our tours unique.

We realize that not everyone wants to experience Europe with 40 other travellers in a bus on the exact same itinerary. Or – at the other end of the spectrum – not everyone wants to hire a car and make their own way, driving on the highways and into the cities of Europe.

That's why we have chosen the comfort and flexibility of train travel for you.

Travelling in Europe's super fast trains nevertheless gives you the feeling of 'slow travel', as you have more time at each destination and never rush from place to place. We have designed the itineraries so that most mornings you will leave at about 10am and on average your travel time between destinations ranges from 2 ½ hours to 4 hours and 20 minutes, depending on your tour.

We are continually researching and visiting the destinations on the tours to ensure that all the services you receive are of the absolute highest standard.

As a registered travel agency and member of the Australian Travel Compensation Fund you can have the peace of mind that your money is secure and you will not find yourself stranded and without tickets or valid reservations. The Travel Compensation Fund has an ongoing financial monitoring system in place that helps prevent the failure of a participating travel agency. In the case of a financial collapse of the participating travel agency however, eligible travellers are provided with compensation through the TCF if the traveller has suffered a financial loss.

Our Travel Compensation Fund Number is: 10067

<http://www.tcf.org.au/index.as>

Our Travel Agent Number is: 3402878

<http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/travel-agent-licence-check.htm>

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