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Western Europe Itinerary 2024

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Tour Starts: 18 September 2024 (20 Days)

Day 1 | England, London Upon Arrival [18-19/9]

Upon arrival at the airport, the group will be greeted by a vehicle and tour guide. After dinner, they will check in and rest at their London hotel.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 | Buckingham Place [20/9]

Embark on a city tour of London. First stop: Buckingham Palace (photo opportunity), the Royal Family's residence. Witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony. In spring, golden daffodils bloom across the palace grounds. After lunch, explore the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, the site of Prince William's 2010 wedding. End the day with dinner and an overnight stay in London.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3 | London City [21/09]

Following breakfast at the hotel, guests will continue their London exploration. They will visit Tower Bridge, a historic suspension bridge dating back to 1894, spanning the River Thames, and capture memorable photos at the Tower of London. After lunch, the next stop is the renowned Harrods, the epitome of luxury shopping in the UK, associated with Princess Diana and Alfred. Additionally, visitors can immerse themselves in London's vibrant Asian community by exploring Chinatown. The day will wrap up with dinner and an overnight stay in London.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4 | England to Brussels, Belgium by ferry [22/09]

The group heads to Brussels, Belgium. Known for its cuisine, coffee culture, and Art Nouveau architecture, Brussels offers a delightful experience. You'll visit the 18th-century Royal Palace and the historic Grand Place square, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Victor Hugo's "most beautiful square in the world." You'll also see the iconic Manneken Pis statue, a symbol of Belgium, and explore the Atomium.

Don't forget to indulge in Belgium's famous chocolates and shop for souvenirs. Dinner and overnight stay in Brussel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5 | Brussels – Rotterdam – The Hague [23/09]

Next stop Rotterdam, a modern city on the North Sea coast. You'll explore the unique Cube Houses and capture photos at Rotterdam City Hall, the sole survivor of World War II destruction. Following lunch, you'll proceed to The Hague, the Netherlands' political capital, home to the International Court of Justice. Take memorable photos at the Peace Palace, built between 1907-1913 for war crime trials, and the Binnenhof, the Dutch parliament building. Enjoy leisure time on The Hague's beach. Dinner and overnight stay in The Hague.

Day 6 | The Hague – Amsterdam [24/09]

Check out from the hotel and depart for Amsterdam. After breakfast, visit the historic fishing village of Volendam, a 600-year-old Dutch gem. Explore windmills, traditional houses, and sample Dutch cheeses. Learn the art of crafting wooden shoes and visit a diamond cutting center to see the Royal Dutch Cut.In the evening, enjoy a walk through Amsterdam's Red Light District. Overnight stay in Amsterdam.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7 | Amsterdam – Giethoorn – Dusseldorf [25/09]

Travel to Giethoorn (121 km). Enjoy a scenic boat ride through the car-free village, Giethoorn, known for its picturesque canals and tranquility.

After lunch, head to Düsseldorf, a city blending history, culture, and modernity. Explore the Old Town (Altstadt), renowned as the "longest bar in the world." Dinner and overnight stay in Dusseldorf.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8 | Dusseldorf – Frankfurt – Stuttgart [26/09]

Journey to Frankfurt, renowned for its skyscrapers and financial district. Visit St. Bartholomew's Cathedral, the Iron Bridge (Eiserner Steg), and the historic Römerberg, remarkably preserved since World War II. Explore the Opera House and Main-hattan, the financial center reminiscent of Manhattan. In the late afternoon, continue to Stuttgart, where you'll have dinner and a restful night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 9 | Stuttgart – Rhine Falls – Zurich – Lucerne [27/09]

Visit Rhine Falls, Europe's largest waterfall, situated between the cantons of Schaffhausen and Zurich. You can take an exhilarating boat ride close to the falls to experience their grandeur. In the afternoon, arrive in Zurich, Switzerland's largest city, located on the shores of Lake Zurich. Explore Zurich's Old Town and Bahnhofstrasse, one of the world's most expensive shopping streets, featuring over 100 luxury brand stores and Swiss bank headquarters. Dinner and overnight stay in Lucerne.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 10 | Luzern – Milan [28/09]

The group visits Luzern, a charming Swiss city nestled among the Alps. Enjoy the iconic wooden bridge, dating back to the 14th century, and the serene lake. After lunch, the journey continues to Milan, Italy's second-largest city. Explore the famous Duomo Cathedral and indulge in shopping in the city center. Dinner and overnight stay in Milan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 11 | Milan – Venice [29/09]

After breakfast, depart for Venice, a captivating city often hailed as Europe's most romantic destination. With its intricate canal network, red-tinted twilight reflecting on the water, and iconic gondolas, Venice offers a dreamy setting. After lunch, take a boat ride to the island's heart and visit the renowned Bridge of Sighs, a symbol of romance and Italian charm.

Explore Venice further, including Saint Mark's Square, Saint Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace (Le Palais Des Doges), and the Clock Tower (Le Tour De L'Horloge). Conclude the day with a serene canal-side walk at sunset before dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 12 | Venice – Florence – Arezzo [30/09]

Depart for Florence, known as the "beautiful paradise of Earth" for its Renaissance architecture. Explore the iconic Duomo Square (Santa Maria del Fiore) and its impressive Gothic complex. Ponte Vecchio, a famous Arno River bridge, offers picturesque views. Enjoy sightseeing at Signora Square and Giotto's Tower. Return to the hotel for a peaceful night in Arezzo after dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 13 | Arezzo – Rome [01/10]

Bid farewell to Florence and embark on a journey to Rome, the Eternal City, known for its rich history and iconic landmarks. Explore Vatican City, the world's smallest independent state, housing St. Peter's Square and Basilica. Marvel at Castel Sant'Angelo, the Roman Theater, Trevi Fountain, and Piazza Navona. After dinner, check in at the Rome hotel for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 14 | Rome – Pisa – La Spezia [02/10]

The group departs to visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa – one of Italy's iconic landmarks, along with the magnificent complex of white marble churches near the Pisa Tower. After dinner, the group returns to the hotel, checks in, and stays overnight in Pisa.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 15 | La Spezia – Nice [03/10]

After breakfast, depart from Italy to southern France. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Nice, renowned for the picturesque "Promenade des Anglais" along the beach. Visit Colline du Château Park for a panoramic view of Nice and explore Place Massena with its vibrant atmosphere. After dinner, check in at the Nice hotel for an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 16 | Nice – Eze – Monaco – Valence [04/10]

We embark on a journey to the Principality of Monaco, a small, sun-soaked country known for Formula 1 Grand Prix, the Monte Carlo Casino, royal opulence, and stunning surroundings. A delightful lunch at a local eatery awaits before we explore the renowned Fragonard perfume and cosmetics factory, unraveling the secrets of French perfume craft. In the afternoon, we visit the picturesque hillside village of Eze, perched at 427 meters with Mediterranean vistas. Eze's winding streets create a charming labyrinth, leading us to a lush tropical garden adorned with year-round blooming flowers and spiky cacti. We then head to Valence for dinner, check-in, and an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 17 | Valence – Lyon - Beaune [05/10]

We head to Lyon, celebrated for its well-preserved Renaissance architecture and UNESCO-listed Old Town, steeped in medieval charm. Explore the historic streets and ornate buildings before taking a cable car ride to Fourviere Hill. There, we visit the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourviere, enjoying panoramic views of Lyon. In the afternoon, we venture to Beaune, world-renowned for its vineyards, including Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Chablis, and Beaujolais, serving as the capital of Burgundy wines. The Hôtel-Dieu, a stunning medieval charitable hospital built in 1443, stands out with its Gothic architecture, spires, and colorful tiled roofs. Following dinner, we check in at our Beaune hotel for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 18 | Beaune - Paris [06/10]

We travel to Paris, the epitome of French fashion and elegance. Paris, often known as the "City of Light," stands as a global hub for culture, fashion, art, and culinary delights. Upon arrival, our group explores iconic Parisian landmarks, including the Notre-Dame Cathedral, an exquisite example of Gothic architecture on the Île de la Cité. We continue to Concorde Square, Paris's largest square and the second-largest in France, trailing only Bordeaux's Place des Quinconces. Our tour showcases other Parisian gems such as the Arc de Triomphe, Trevi Fountain, and Navona Square. After a delightful dinner, we retire to our Paris hotel for a restful night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 19 | Paris, France [07/10]

We embark on a journey to Montmartre Hill, where we explore the Sacré-Cœur Basilica, one of Paris's holiest sites. After a satisfying lunch, our adventure continues with a visit to the iconic Eiffel Tower, symbolizing the timeless charm of Paris. We ascend to the tower's second level to savor panoramic views of this modern yet ageless city.

Shopping: Our group ventures to a Parisian shopping center, offering discounts on perfumes and cosmetics. In the evening, we delight in dinner and return to the hotel for a peaceful night's rest. Alternatively, you may opt for a captivating French cabaret show (optional).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 20 | Paris - Departure [08/10]

Following a delightful breakfast at the hotel, you will proceed to check-out and complete the necessary procedures. Our bus and tour guide will then accompany you to the international airport for your return flight, marking the conclusion of your thrilling journey through the enchanting regions of Western Europe.

Meals: Breakfast

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Price Includes:

- Return International airfare
- 1 Luxury coach for the whole trip according to tour program
- 19 nights at 4* hotels, double or twin share basis
- 19 breakfasts at hotels, 18 lunches and 19 dinners at Europeans or Asian restaurants
- Vietnamese English speaking tour guide
- Mineral water: 1 bottle of 500ml/pers/day
- Amsterdam and Paris by night tours
- One way ferry Dover Dunkerque
- Entrance fees to : Canal cruise (Amnsterdam); Neuschwainstein Castle (Fussen); Venice train ticket and vaporetto; Duomo Cathedral (Milan); Underground lake boat ride(St Leonard Switzerland); Cable car ticket (NendazSwitzerland); Seine cruise (Paris) ;Eiffel tower (level 2 / Paris)

Price Excludes:

- Tips for driver and 2 tour guides : 15 AUD/day/pax or \$300 AUD
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