### **Grand European Tour**



### **Detailed Itinerary**

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### Day 01 – Arrival In London

• We welcome you to the capital of the United Kingdom, London! The city of Big Ben, the largest city of England, the pride of Britain. We'll fetch you at the airport and drive you to the hotel for check-in so you can rest. Spend the day relaxing in your hotel or look around the city before your dinner. We'll spend the night in London.

### Day 02 - London City Tour, Visit Madame Tussauds Wax Museum And Ride The London Eye

- This morning we proceed on a city tour with our expert local guide covering important landmarks like, Hyde Park, the Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge, River Thames, The Tower of London and many more sights. Witness the changing of guards (subject to operational)
- Next, we proceed to visit the renowned Madame Tussauds wax museum. Be enthralled by the world's largest wax collection of famous personalities. Later we will proceed for London eye. Get splendid views of the city while you ride the London eye at a slow speed for 30 minutes. It is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the United Kingdom, which stands at 135 meters tall overlooking the river Thames. Overnight stay in London.

### Day 03 - Stonehenge, Oxford - Visit The Cotswolds Countryside

• Enjoy your breakfast in the morning today in London. Today, we're going to visit one of the world's most famous phenomenon, the Stonehenge. Located in Oxford, these Neolithic structures are made of giant slab

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of rocks stacked on each other by humans long before big machines existed. Theories have emerged as to what these structures mean and the construction method used to move the rocks from 250km away, some 25-ton heavy.

- From here, we'll head out to the Cotswolds Countryside which is a rural area within the designated Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Luxurious living matched with the stunning beauty has this place one of England's most expensive housing, more than London! Explore the historic towns and small villages like Bourton-on-the-Water that's been dubbed "The Venice of Cotswolds." The ride continues to Oxford where you'll have an orientation tour exploring this historical city brimming with stunning architecture.
- We head back to London from Oxford for dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 04 – Transfer From London To Paris

- Post-breakfast at the hotel, we check-out and get ready to leave London. There will be a ride taking you to the Dover port where a ferry is available heading towards Calais. From Calais, we'll drive over 4-5 hours depending on traffic to Paris! Welcome to the romantic city of Paris around 6:30 7 pm where we'll take you straight to the restaurant for dinner.
- Then we'll check-in at the hotel before your overnight stay in Paris.

### Day 05 - Paris City Tour - Eiffel Tower 2nd Tower And Romantic River Seine Cruise

Today we proceed for a guided city tour of Paris. Marvel at the finest Parisian tourist attractions, Place Vendôme, Place de l'Opéra Garnier, Musée d'Orsay, Place de la Concorde, Champs Elysées, one of the most recognised fashionable avenues in the world, Arc de Triomphe, Alexander Bridge, Les Invalides and several others. Next we visit the iconic Eiffel Tower – 2nd Level, and get a stunning view of the city from the top. With its famous tapering cast iron tip, the Eiffel Tower is not just the symbol of Paris but of all of France. Next we take a romantic cruise down the river Seine, one of the world's most scenic cruise, flanked by exquisite monuments like Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower, Louvre, Orsay Museum and many more. Gliding under one bridge to one another with a view of the finest monuments in the heart of bustling Paris.

### Day 06 – Palace Of Versailles, Louvre Museum And Sacre Coeur With Funicular Ride

- In the morning first we shall visit the Palace of Versailles. One of the most famous historic monuments in the world, the Palace of Versailles was the official residence of the Kings of France Louis XIV, Louis XV and Louis XVI and their courts from 1682 to 1789. Its Baroque architecture, sumptuous decoration, works of art, and furniture were all created by the greatest artisans of the age. After touring the palace, explore the magic of its formal gardens and exceptionally beautiful grounds.
- Post lunch we will go to the Louvre Museum. Inside this former Royal Palace, you will wander through the rooms for almost 2h30 thanks to the interactive map offering several itineraries. You will experience a real journey through time in this itinerary that will take you from Ancient Greece to the French Renaissance. You will admire French and Italian paintings, such as the fabulous Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci or the Wedding at Cana by Paul Veronese. The most fabulous sculptures, such as the Venus de Milo or the Victory of Samothrace, will hold no secrets for you. Post Louvre we shall go to the Montmartre area where we will stop at the Basilica of Sacre Coeur on top of the hill that gives splendid views of Paris. You will have time

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to click pics and then come down via the funicular. We will drive to the restaurant for dinner before returning to our hotel. Overnight in Paris.

### Day 07 – Explore Amsterdam With Canal Cruise – Visit Keukenhof Gardens (Until 15th May) Or The Zaanse Schans (From 16th May) - Amsterdam Orientation Tour With Dam Square

- Enjoy your breakfast today before we check-out to explore Netherlands. Before 16th May, we'll go check out the Keukenhof Gardens which is where you can see gorgeous blooming tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths. You can feel that it's truly Spring now as you walk through the field of flowers that were established 1949. From 16th May onwards we will venture out of the city to take a half-day tour to the famous little village of Zaanse Schans. Explore this unique historical town on a guided tour with its majestic windmills and wooden houses and traditional crafts. Visit a clog maker and observe how the famous Dutch wooden shoe is made and proceed to visit a cheese farm afterward.
- Board a glass-topped boat where you will experience the best of this historical city. Thrive on the city's vibrant past with its 1,000 bridges and quaint old houses. In the afternoon we will do a short orientation tour of Amsterdam where we will spend time at Dam Square. Along the way, marvel at the monuments of Dam Square, including the Royal Palace and Nieuwe Kirk.
- We then drive towards Cologne, a 2000 years old city spanning the Rhine river and famous for Eau de Cologne. Overnight in Germany.

### Day 08 – Visit Cologne Cathedral, Travel To The Heart Of The Black Forest And Visit Switzerland's Largest Waterfall - The Rhine Falls

- After a delightful breakfast at the hotel, we're going to check-out and leave for a visit to the Cologne Cathedral. This Gothic structure has 515-feet twin towers and is a World Heritage site as Northern Europe's largest cathedral. We'll leave the cathedral to head into the Black Forest, a truly breathtaking forest of pines and firs. The sight of the small villages nestled amidst the heart of the Black Forest will be something out of this world that'll have you feel breathless.
- Watch the local craftsmen working on their cuckoo clocks. Sit and relax with a warm cup of drink as we enjoy the scenery before us. We'll continue driving to Switzerland with a stop at Schaffhausen that's best known as where you can see Europe's biggest falls, the Rhine Falls. The sheer size and powerful current will make this an unforgettable sight as you make your way to the hotel for check-in. Overnight stay in Switzerland.

### Day 09 - Magical Alpine Excursion To The Top Of Europe – The Amazing Jungfraujoch And Scenic Interlaken (Extra Cost)

Get set for a memorable magical alpine excursion to Jungfraujoch – The Top of Europe, a high–point of your tour. This tour is not included and can be added at extra cost. First we proceed to Grindelwald Terminal. The new 3S-Bahn Eiger Express takes you from the Grindelwald Terminal to the Eigergletscher station in just 15 minutes. There you board a cogwheel train to reach the highest railway station in Europe at 11,333 feet – a world of eternal ice and snow. Visit the Ice Palace where artists create their work of art in ice. Visit the Sphinx observatory deck to experience a breath-taking panoramic view of the longest glacier in the Alps - Aletsch Glacier. Overnight in Central Switzerland.

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### Day 10 - Zurich City Sightseeing - Visit Mt. Titlis- Enjoy The World's First Rotating Cable Car, Rotair -To The Top Of Mt. Titlis At 3,020 Meters

- Today our day starts by exploring Zurich. See the highlights of Zürich, such as the castle-like National Museum, the shopping avenue of Bahnhofstrasse, and the famous financial district. Stop at the picturesque harbor of Enge and enjoy the beautiful vistas of the crystal-clear Lake Zürich. See the patriarchal guild houses, Zürich Town Hall, and Europe's largest clock face on the Romanesque church of St. Peter. See the imposing cathedral of Grossmünster, and look at the Fraumünster church, whose stained-glass windows are by Marc Chagall.
- We continue our journey to the small and beautiful town of Engelberg. Enjoy amazing scenery, a once in a • lifetime experience with an exhilarating trip to the top of Mt Titlis at 3020 meters on various cable cars including Rotair, the world's first revolving cable car. Get a breath taking unrestricted 360 degrees stunning view of the dazzling snow caped peak, deep crevasses and pristine white snow fields, dotted with massive ice boulders from every angle. Do not forget to visit the "Cliff Walk" the highest suspension bridge in Europe along the cliff of Mt.Titlis. Later proceed on an orientation tour of Lucerne one of most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Visit the Lion Monument, Kapell Brucke (Chapel Bridge) with some free time to shop for famous Swiss watches, knives and chocolates.
- Overnight in Central Switzerland.

#### Day 11 - Transfer To Florence With City Tour - Piazzale Michelangelo

- After breakfast, we will check-out from the hotel and leave Padova for Florence. It is the city of Renaissance, known for the rich art and culture of works that were influenced by classical style throughout the 14th to 16th centuries.
- 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. We also have some free time for shopping in Florence before driving to the Tuscany region where we spend our night. Overnight in the Tuscany region.

#### Day 12- Visit Rome - The Eternal City With The World's Smallest Country - Vatican & St. Peter's **Basilica**

- Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel today before we check-out and leave for Rome. An English-speaking tour • will accompany you today with the Vatican City as our first destination of the day. Vatican is the world's smallest country around only 100 acres wide. Do note that you're not allowed shorts or sleeveless vests to visit the country.
- In Vatican, we'll visit the gorgeous Basilica of St. Peter's which is filled with the masterpiece of the • legendary Michelangelo and Bernini. And then visit the Colosseum in Rome, a historical masterpiece which is very well-preserved. Then to the Trevi Fountains, an 18th century water source which was in operation in ancient Rome. Its name is derived from Latin that meant the intersection of three streets. You can indeed find the fountain in the middle of three streets: Via De'Crocicchi, Via Poli and Via Delle Muratte.
- There will be dinner served before we drive back to the hotel for your overnight stay in Rome.

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#### Day 13- Visit Leaning Tower Of Pisa And Departure From Italy

We will check-out after breakfast and we're going to continue driving to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa. This world wonder is a typical sight when you're at the Square of Miracles or Piazza dei Miracoli. The square is also where you can see the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, the Monumental Cemetery, the Baptistry, and the Sinopie Museum. Many may not know that the construction of the Duomo here began in the 11th century! After viewing the tower, there'll be a ride taking you to the airport for your scheduled departure. You'll be back home with the best memories from your trip!

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