



Overview

FOCUS ON ITALY & PARIS

Panorama

Tour Code - 4871

15 days London to London

Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland & France

All inclusive prices starting at: \$1899

Cover Europe from top to bottom on this exciting multi-country holiday. Explore the city of London before travelling to Brussels and south into Bavaria and Innsbruck, Austria. Reach the magical Italian city of Venice, famous for its beautiful canals. Admire Giotto's frescoes in Assisi

and the iconic landmarks in Rome, including the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. On to Pompeii to see ruins of the city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. You will also visit Sorrento and the island of Capri, Renaissance Florence and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Cross into Switzerland to witness the truly magnificent Alpine scenery in beautiful Lake Lugano and Lucerne, nestled amid its snow-capped Alps. Travel past some of France's famous vineyards and arrive in Paris to discover the sights of the 'City of Light'.

Meals

Breakfast - 14

Lunch - 0

Dinner - 5

Standard Features

SIGHTSEEING: Visits to Brussels, Innsbruck, Cortina, Venice, Assisi, Montecassino, Sorrento, Capri, Orvieto, Pisa, Bologna, Lugano, Lucerne

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS: Fern Pass, Europa Bridge, Venetian plains, Tuscany, Lombardy plains, Swiss Alps

GUIDES: Host service in London. Local Guides for city sightseeing in Rome, Pompeii, Florence, Paris. Professional Tour Director while touring

TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip transportation between London and the Channel ports; on the Continent, private first-class airconditioned motorcoach. Cross-Channel ferry; canal transfer boat in Venice; boat transfer to Capri

HOTELS: Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portage, tips, and service charges

MEALS: Buffet breakfasts (B); 5 dinners (D)

OPTIONALS: Choice of optional excursions available to customise your own experience

Itinerary

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Day by Day

Day	Description
1	LONDON - BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. Leave in the early morning from your London joining hotel and head through the lush English countryside to the Channel port, where you embark on your ferry for the Continent. Here meet your Tour Director and board your luxury coach for the drive to Brussels.
2	BRUSSELS - RHINELAND, GERMANY - ULM AREA. A comfortable journey using the fast German Autobahn travelling south into the Rhineland, then past Stuttgart into Bavaria, with its woods, farms and pretty villages. Break the journey with an optional Rhine cruise gliding past the famous Lorelei Rock. (B,D)
3	ULM AREA - INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA - VENICE AREA, ITALY. Drive south this morning into Austria by way of the Fern Pass into the Tyrol and onto its capital Innsbruck. Continue by way of the Europa Bridge into Italy and make a stop in the lovely winter sports resort of Cortina in the Dolomites. Descend into the valley of the Trentino and the Venetian plain; then, travel eastwards to the Venice area for overnight. (B,D)

4 **VENICE AREA.**
Venice is more like a marvellous film set than a real live city, with its criss-crossing canals, gondolas and water buses, arched bridges, palaces and quiet little piazzas. The included tour starts with a boat ride and is followed by some time at leisure to enjoy this unique city, and a chance to watch Venetian glassblowers fashion their delicate objects as they did centuries ago. Don't miss the optional gondola trip, gliding along the picturesque canals with a local troubadour to serenade you. (B)

5 **VENICE AREA - ASSISI - ROME.**
An interesting drive southward, cutting across the Po Delta, then through the gentle Umbrian hills to Assisi, where St. Francis was born in 1182. Visit the world-famous Basilica with its beautiful frescos by Giotto, then head for Rome. (B)

6 **ROME.**
The "Eternal City" - a city steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting and absolutely unique. Included sightseeing with a Local Guide starts in St. Peter's Square, followed by a visit to the Roman Forum and the mighty Colosseum. (B)

7 **ROME - MONTE CASSINO - POMPEII - SORRENTO.**
Deeper into the south today, making a first stop in Montecassino to view the monastery and abbey perched high above the valley. The monastery was the motherhouse of the Benedictines, founded in 529 and destroyed four times over the past centuries. The last time it was laid to ruin was in 1944 during the great battle of Montecassino. Next is another great sight. Time stopped for the rich, aristocratic town of Pompeii with the terrible eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D. You can see the luxurious villas, temples, theatre, and forum (entrance fees and Local Guide are included). Just a few more miles to Sorrento, where you'll stay for the next two nights. (B)

8 **SORRENTO. BOAT TRIP TO CAPRI.**
Visit this legendary island, surrounded by rocky coastline, where the crashing sea has formed awe-inspiring caves. The town with its pretty piazza, maze of streets, fashionable boutiques, and smart restaurants is a mecca for the jet set. An optional island tour is available. (B,D)

9 **SORRENTO - ORVIETO - FLORENCE AREA.**
This morning retrace part of the route, bypassing Rome for a stop in Orvieto to visit its black basalt and yellow limestone cathedral, an excellent example of Italian Gothic architecture. Next, enjoy the extraordinary beauty of the Tuscan countryside. Overnight in the Florence area. (B)

10 **FLORENCE AREA. EXCURSION TO PISA.**
This Renaissance gem and city of the Medicis will keep you enthralled for a whole day. Traffic is banned in part of the historic centre so visitors can wander at leisure and admire the city's timeless beauty in relative peace and quiet. Don't miss the included walking tour with a Local Guide, which features most of the city highlights. You will see the Piazza Santa Croce; the beautiful Piazza Signoria; the Palazzo Vecchio and its courtyard; the Loggia dei Lanzi; and, to top it off, the Piazza del Duomo and its cathedral with the Giotto Campanile, and the magnificent East Door of the Baptistery known as the "Gate of Paradise". In the afternoon take advantage of an included excursion to Pisa and enjoy the sights of the "Square of Miracles" with its Leaning Tower. (B,D)

11 **FLORENCE AREA - BOLOGNA - LUGANO, SWITZERLAND.**
This morning drive just 50 miles (80 km) northeast to Bologna, the capital of the Emilia-Romagna region. Stop awhile to see the twin "leaning towers" and the lovely Piazza Maggiore. Journey northwards across the mighty River Po, through the Lombardy plains, into Switzerland for an overnight in charming Lugano. (B)

12 **LUGANO - LAKE LUCERNE AREA.**
Some truly magnificent Alpine scenery this morning as you travel into the very heart of the Swiss Alps. Once through the St. Gotthard tunnel you start your descent to Lucerne, perhaps rightly considered the most Swiss looking city in the whole confederation. This afternoon's sightseeing takes in the impressive city walls, a covered wooden bridge, ornate patrician houses lining cobblestone streets, and the Lion Monument, a masterful stone sculpture in honour of the heroic Swiss Guard of Louis XVI. A grand selection of optional activities completes the day: a cruise on

the fjord-like lake; a funicular and cable car ride to the 6,227-foot summit of Mount Stanserhorn; and, of course, there is time to shop for that very Swiss watch. Return to your overnight hotel in the Lake Lucerne area. (B,D)

13**LAKE LUCERNE AREA - PARIS, FRANCE.**

Enjoy vistas of green pastures and attractive chalets with rustic timbering and luxuriant flowers. Then into France on the highway past some of its most famous vineyards, to Paris. Arrive in time to enjoy the optional cabaret show. (B)

14**PARIS.**

One full day to explore the city that's known throughout the world for its fashions, art and museums, delicious food, and joie de vivre. Included sightseeing with a local expert of many of the best-known Parisian sights: La Sorbonne, Arc de Triomphe, Opera, Madeleine, the Eiffel Tower, the Pyramid near the Louvre, the Invalides, and Champs Elysees. Optional excursions are also available. Maybe celebrate the success of your tour with a French farewell dinner. (B)

15**PARIS - LONDON, ENGLAND.**

Relax and let the countryside whiz by on the road north to the coast, where you board your Channel ferry. Through Kent, return to London for an evening arrival. (B)

Dates/Prices

NB: All prices listed are per person

APRIL 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
GD	17 Apr 2010	1 May 2010	Open	\$1929 US	\$2629 US

MAY 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
GD	1 May 2010	15 May 2010	Open	\$1979 US	\$2679 US
GD	15 May 2010	29 May 2010	Open	\$1979 US	\$2679 US
GD	29 May 2010	12 Jun 2010	On Request	\$2019 US	\$2719 US

JUNE 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
GD	12 Jun 2010	26 Jun 2010	Open	\$2019 US	\$2719 US
GD	26 Jun 2010	10 Jul 2010	Open	\$2019 US	\$2719 US
GD	26 Jun 2010	10 Jul 2010	On Request	\$2019 US	\$2719 US

JULY 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
GD	10 Jul 2010	24 Jul 2010	Not Available	\$2019 US	\$2719 US
GD	24 Jul 2010	7 Aug 2010	Open	\$2019 US	\$2719 US

AUGUST 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
	7 Aug 2010	21 Aug 2010	Open	\$2019 US	\$2719 US
	21 Aug 2010	4 Sep 2010	Open	\$2019 US	\$2719 US

SEPTEMBER 2010

	Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
GD	4 Sep 2010	18 Sep 2010	Open	\$2019 US	\$2719 US
GD	18 Sep 2010	2 Oct 2010	Not Available	\$1959 US	\$2659 US

OCTOBER 2010

Start Date	End Date	Availability	Twin Share	Single
2 Oct 2010	16 Oct 2010	Open	\$1959 US	\$2659 US
16 Oct 2010	30 Oct 2010	Open	\$1899 US	\$2599 US

ACCOMMODATION PRICES

Pre & Post Tour	City	Start Date	End Date	Single Price	Twin Price	Triple Price
PRE	London	1 Jan 2010	30 Apr 2010	\$154 US	\$92 US	\$87 US
PRE	London	1 May 2010	31 Oct 2010	\$162 US	\$108 US	\$93 US
PRE	London	1 Nov 2010	16 Jan 2011	\$133 US	\$79 US	\$58 US
POST	London	1 Jan 2010	30 Apr 2010	\$154 US	\$92 US	\$87 US
POST	London	1 May 2010	31 Oct 2010	\$162 US	\$108 US	\$93 US
POST	London	1 Nov 2010	16 Jan 2011	\$133 US	\$79 US	\$58 US

OPTIONAL CHARGES

Type	Name	Price
OPTIONAL	Gratuity	\$126US

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Furthermore, Cosmos guarantees most departures that are still in operation 45 days prior to the published departure date, and at such time will be displayed on this website. Throughout our peak period, 1 May to 15 October, Cosmos guarantee most departures that are still in operation 60 days prior to departure.

PLEASE NOTE: This guarantee does not apply in any situation where the safety of clients is at potential risk (any act of terrorism or war, political unrest, global health warnings or Force Majeure**, etc); or when the operation of a vacation is not possible for reasons beyond our control (such as industrial action/strikes and operational restrictions); to multiple coach departures (i.e. "A" coach) or late cancellation of group parties.

**Force Majeure: French for "act of God; an inevitable, unpredictable act of nature, not dependent on act of man. Used in insurance contracts to refer to acts of nature such as earthquakes or lightning."

*** Availability**

- **Open** - There is at least one seat available on this departure date and can be confirmed to you via your travel agent at the time of booking. Please note availability may be subject to change and is updated on this website at 24 hour intervals.
- **On Request** - All seats allocated to the Australasian market have been sold for tours that marked on request. However seats MAY still be available from another Cosmos office worldwide. These seats can be requested and normally take 2 business days after a booking has been made to be confirmed.

Optional Tours

To help plan your leisure time, as well as your pre-tour budgeting, here is a list of optional excursions that may be offered on this tour. Availability is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, group interests, and general feasibility for your tour. Please note prices may be based on the previous year and are subject to change. Full terms and conditions are contained in the important travel documents.

Cost	Description
28 GBP	Name: MORNING CITY SIGHTSEEING - DAILY Location: LONDON Details: A comprehensive tour in the company of a local guide including St. Paul's Cathedral and the

Changing of the Guard (if held). Note: Groups cannot visit St.Paul's on Sundays. Reduced traffic permits more sightseeing and a lower price (#23.00) applies.

35 GBP	<p>Name:TOWER OF LONDON AND CROWN JEWELS - AFTERNOONS DAILY Location:LONDON Details:Let your guide bring the 900-year-old Tower Of London to life before you inspect the fabulous Crown Jewels. Afternoons daily.</p>
35 GBP	<p>Name:AFTERNOON EXCURSION TO WINDSOR CASTLE - DAILY Location:LONDON Details:Enjoy your guided visit to the Queen's favourite residence, the largest inhabited castle in the world. The highlight is the newly refurbished state rooms.</p>
43 GBP	<p>Name:BUCKINGHAM PALACE AND THE ROYAL MEWS - AFTERNOONS DAILY JULY 27 TO SEPTEMBER 29 Location:LONDON Details:First a guided visit to the Royal Mews to see the magnificent gold coach, then admire over 20 grand rooms in the palace used by the Queen for state occasions.</p>
55 GBP	<p>Name:A TASTE OF LONDON - DAILY APRIL TO OCTOBER Location:LONDON Details:Ideal for your arrival day, this guided evening excursion includes a tasty four-course dinner with wine at a first class restaurant close to the famous Tower Bridge followed by an illumination cruise on the River Thames taking in many well known landmarks.</p>
25 EUR	<p>Name:EVENING CITY SIGHTSEEING Location:BRUSSELS Details:See the main sights of this city which has something for all tastes and interests. Visit the beautiful Grand Place with its 17th century guild houses. End the evening with a visit to a typical Brussels historical cafe to enjoy a glass of old fashioned Belgian beer.</p>
20 EUR	<p>Name:LORELEI AND ITS CASTLES Location:RHINE RIVER Details:Cruise down the most legendary section of the mighty Rhine passing the Lorelei Rock. Hear the story (and maybe the song) of the Lorelei. Travel through the Rhine's narrow gorge, and see its castles, steep fjord-like mountains, half timbered wine villages and terraced vineyards perched high above you. This cruise will be a highlight of your cultural voyage along the Rhine Valley. The Rhine between Bingen and Koblenz has been declared a protected UNESCO World Cultural Heritage.</p>
42 EUR	<p>Name:BY NIGHT AND CAFFE FLORIAN Location:VENICE Details:Enjoy a motorboat ride along the impressive Giudecca Canal with a commentary of the most important sights. A leisurely walk to St. Mark's Square, past famous buildings, small bridges and inner canals will take you to the historical Caffe Florian with its orchestra playing Italian and international old favourites. You will be served two drinks of your choice ? beer, soft drink, glass of wine, hot beverage or ice cream.</p>
40 EUR	<p>Name:GONDOLA SERENADE Location:VENICE Details:This is one of the highlights of any European holiday - a gondola ride through centuries-old canals, under famous arched bridges, and past lavish palaces and quaint piazzas.</p>
25 EUR	<p>Name:DISCOVER THE VENETIAN LAGOON Location:VENICE Details:By private boat cross the lagoon to the picturesque fishing island of Burano with its gaily painted houses. See lace makers at work; then there's time to explore this unforgettable island on your own before returning to Venice.</p>
55 EUR	<p>Name:VENETIAN DINNER Location:VENICE</p>

Details:Enjoy a leisurely walk to St. Mark's Square, passing famous buildings, small bridges and inner canals. The ITD will take you to a typical Venetian restaurant for an aperitif before your four-course dinner including wine, mineral water and coffee.

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EUR

Name:TREASURES OF ROME BY NIGHT AND DINNER
Location:ROME

Details:A night tour including some of the city's fountains and majestic squares: Piazza Barberini, Triton Fountain, Via Veneto, Villa Borghese, and Trevi Fountain. Finish the evening with a meal in a typical Roman restaurant with wine and music included.

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EUR

Name:VATICAN MUSEUM AND SISTINE CHAPEL
Location:ROME

Details:A tour around the Vatican museums to admire the beautiful tapestry gallery and the Sistine Chapel with masterpieces by Botticelli and Signorelli. See the "Genesis" and Michelangelo's "Last Judgement".

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EUR

Name:CASTELLI ROMANI WITH DINNER
Location:ROME

Details:Drive through the ancient villages in the Alban Hills, a landscape of rare beauty, myths, legends and history. Take pictures of the Pope's summer residence, Castel Gandolfo. Then to Frascati where one of the famous local white wines is included with your dinner in a tavern.

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EUR

Name:SORRENTO FLAVOURS
Location:SORRENTO

Details:Enjoy an evening out dining in a typical restaurant. Mixed starter, choice of pizza or pasta, dessert, wine, mineral water and coffee or tea or the famous Sorrento lemon liquor included.

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EUR

Name:TARANTELLA
Location:SORRENTO

Details:A cheerful evening with music and sparkling wine. Watch a performance of the intriguing Tarantella, a 17th-century Neapolitan folk dance that was thought to cure the bite of the tarantula.

27
EUR

Name:SORRENTO MUSICAL
Location:SORRENTO

Details:Enjoy an evening of Neapolitan songs and dances presented on stage with a continuous change of scenery. Included is free flowing wine, spumante or soft drinks that are served before and after the show on a beautiful terrace overlooking the Bay of Naples and the port of Sorrento.

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EUR

Name:CAPRI ISLAND TOUR
Location:SORRENTO

Details:This romantic island, one of the jewels of the Mediterranean, has always inspired artists and poets. Once the "In" place for Roman emperors, today it is a rendezvous for the jet set. Take a chair lift to Monte Solaro for a breathtaking view of the entire Bay of Naples or visit Capri Miniature if the chair lift is closed.

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EUR

Name:TUSCAN FLAVOURS
Location:FLORENCE

Details:A lovely typical meal in the Tuscan countryside. La Certosa Restaurant is situated in front of the Charterhouse of Florence, which was built in the 13th century and formed from the old chemist of the Monks. The historical residence enjoys an enchanting and privileged panoramic position.

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EUR

Name:LAKE CRUISE AND DINNER
Location:LUGANO

Details:Join a boat trip on the Gulf of Lugano, passing Campione d'Italia, an Italian enclave. Then proceed to Caprino where you will have dinner in a typical Ticinese "grotto", from where you can admire the lights of Lugano.

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EUR

Name:SCENIC LAKE CRUISE
Location:LUCERNE

Details:An hour's guided cruise on the most beautiful lake in Switzerland gives you an introduction to this lovely city from a completely different aspect. With its many bays, it offers superb panoramas

of the surrounding landscape. The area is rich in historical associations, particularly the William Tell legend.

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EUR

Name:MOUNT STANSERHORN

Location:LUCERNE

Details:A trip up the Stanserhorn mountain for breathtaking views is an experience not to be missed. The Mt. Stanserhorn Railway is a combination of an old-time funicular, which has romantic 100-year-old carriages with fringed curtains, and a modern aerial cable car, which takes you to the 6,300 ft. peak in about 30 minutes.

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EUR

Name:SWISS FOLKLORE EVENING

Location:LUCERNE

Details:Contrary to belief, not all Swiss can yodel or blow the alp horn, but those you will meet at your after-dinner folklore party are real experts. They entertain you with merry melodies on the accordion and traditional dances, while you sample cheese fondue and a drink of your choice.

65
EUR

Name:CABARET SHOW

Location:PARIS

Details:A trip to Paris is not complete without a visit to a typical cabaret show. A magical evening, either at the Nouvelle Eve situated in the heart of Pigalle or at the Paradis Latin built in 1889 by Gustave Eiffel or at the Lido de Paris located on the famous Champs Elysees. A glass of champagne is served during the show.

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EUR

Name:VERSAILLES - SUN KING'S PALACE

Location:PARIS

Details:Historic Versailles is the beautiful, restored palace of Louis XIV, the Sun King. After the guided tour of the palace, you can stroll in the magnificent terraced gardens with their fountains and statues. The Palace of Versailles is open every day except Mondays and bank holidays. On these days, you will be offered alternative sights.

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EUR

Name:FAREWELL DINNER AND MONTMARTRE

Location:PARIS

Details:Start the evening with a visit to Montmartre, the heart of Bohemian Paris, with time to see the Sacre-Coeur Church. After a panoramic view of the city, enjoy a memorable four-course dinner with an aperitif and wine.

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