

14 DAYS HIGHLIGHTS OF EUROPE - START BRUSSELS (2012/13)



Tour Summary

Locations Visited

Austria - France - Italy - Belgium - Germany

INCLUDED QUALITY DINING

- * A Welcome Reception with light meal (WR)
- * Dine-Around evening at your own choice of restaurant from our selection in Lucerne (DA)
- * Enjoy a Celebration Dinner with wine at a Parisian bistro (CD)
- * 13 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 2 three-course table d'hôte dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

INCLUDED FIRST CLASS SERVICES

- * Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- * Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
- * Enjoy the unique comfort of Insight's Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom
- * Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- * Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- * London Airport transfer service available

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- * Bruges: Visit one of Europe's best preserved medieval towns.
- * Brussels: Walk through the Grand Place to the cheeky Mannekin Pis statue.
- * Cologne: View the Gothic Cathedral.
- * Boppard: Embark on a Rhine cruise past vineyards and castles.
- * Heidelberg: See the red sandstone castle.
- * Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber: Visit Europe's finest medieval town.
- * Munich: See the Marienplatz and neogothic Town Hall.
- * Salzburg: Walk through the Mirabell Gardens with a guide, see Mozart's Birthplace and the Cathedral.

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- * Venice: Cruise, with commentary, to St Mark's Square. See the Doges' Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St Mark's Basilica. Enjoy a gondola serenade along the atmospheric canals. Venetian glass-blowing demonstration.
- * Rome: Visit the Vatican Museums and St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City. Ancient Rome comes alive as you overlook the Forum and visit the Colosseum.
- * Florence: Visit the Statue of David in the Academy Gallery. View the Cathedral, 'Gates of Paradise' and Signoria Square. Traditional Florence leather-work demonstration
- * Lucerne: See Chapel Bridge, Lion Monument & Jesuit Church. Cog-wheel train and cable-car ride to the top of Mount Pilatus.
- * Paris: See the Mona Lisa on your visit to the Louvre Museum. See Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde & Opera House. Drive along the Champs Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe. Ascend the Eiffel Tower for views over the city.
- * Scenic Drives: Romantic Road, Salzach Valley, Tauern Mountains, St Gotthard Route.

My Itinerary

Day1: BRUSSELS

Tonight, join your fellow guests for a Welcome Reception with drink and a light meal, followed by time to relax and explore. Brussels Airport arrival transfers operate at 09:00, 11:00 and 14:30. (Welcome Reception)

Day2: BRUSSELS – COLOGNE – HEIDELBERG

Travel into Germany to view the spires of Cologne Cathedral before continuing along the Rhine, via Bonn, to Boppard. Join a highlight cruise past medieval hill-top castles and steep leafy vineyards to the village of St Goar, near the legendary Loreley Rock. Continue on to Heidelberg, to see the cliff top castle before arriving at your hotel. (Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

Day3: HEIDELBERG – ROTHENBURG – MUNICH

Stop in medieval Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, still surrounded by its old walls and watch towers, frozen in time since the 16th Century. Continue along the Romantic Road to the Bavarian capital of Munich. See the Olympic Stadium, Ludwigstrasse, Marienplatz and soaring neogothic Town Hall. Tonight, maybe sample a stein of beer in a local beer hall? (Buffet Breakfast)

Day4: MUNICH – SALZBURG

A short drive leads over the Austrian border to Salzburg, the city of Mozart and the sound of Music. Sightseeing with your local guide shows you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, the imposing fortress, cathedral and Mozart's Birthplace in the lively Getreidegasse. (Buffet Breakfast)

Day5: SALZBURG – VENICE

Enjoy a morning at leisure to shop for the local marzipan specialties or re-enact scenes or seek out locations from the Sound of Music? Later enjoy stunning scenery as you drive down to the Carinthian Lake District. Cross the Italian border and descend to the romantic city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. (Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

Day6: VENICE SIGHTSEEING

Cruise down the canal to St. Mark's Square and alight to see the Bridge of Sighs which connects the Doges' Palace to the prisons. In the square, see the bell tower, the beautiful mosaics of St. Mark's Basilica and the Clock Tower Moors, who have been striking the hour for over 500 years. After a demonstration of Venetian glass blowing, board a gondola for a serenade through the romantic canals accompanied by musicians. The afternoon is at leisure. (Buffet Breakfast)

Day7: VENICE – ROME

Head south over the Apennine Mountains and follow the 'Highway of the Sun' to Rome. (Buffet Breakfast)

Day8: ROME SIGHTSEEING

Enjoy a tour of the priceless art of the Vatican Museums, followed by a visit to the celebrated Sistine Chapel. Using your audio headset, a local guide explains the significance of Michelangelo's famous painted ceiling. Then explore St Peter's Basilica, one of the largest churches in the world. Cross the Tiber to visit the mighty Colosseum and look out over the Roman Forum. The afternoon is free for shopping, relaxing or more sightseeing. It's up to you. (Buffet Breakfast)

Day9: ROME – FLORENCE

Drive to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. A local guide accompanies you to Michelangelo's statue of 'David' in the Academy Gallery and on to the Duomo, where the Gates of Paradise adorn the Baptistery. Continue to Signoria Square lined with fountains and statues. In the area around Santa Croce Basilica, view a demonstration of traditional leather work. Afterwards there is time to shop. (Buffet Breakfast)

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Day10: FLORENCE – LUCERNE

Journey north past the Italian Lake District to the Swiss border. Take the St Gotthard route and enjoy Alpine scenery all the way to Lucerne.(Buffet Breakfast)

Day11: LUCERNE SIGHTSEEING

First visit Lucerne's emotive Lion Monument. See the covered Chapel Bridge and the Jesuit Church, then enjoy a Premium Highlight ascent of a Swiss mountain by cog-wheel train. From the summit, admire some of the best possible views of the snowcovered Alps. Tonight, enjoy a Dine-Around evening which offers a choice of dining experiences, atmosphere and cuisine. (Buffet Breakfast / Dine Around)

Day12: LUCERNE - PARIS

Drive to Basel before crossing the Rhine to enter France. Travel through the wine-growing Burgundy region to Paris. This evening enjoy good food, wine and company at an end-of-tour Celebration Dinner in a Parisian bistro.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

Day13: PARIS SIGHTSEEING

Drive via Notre Dame Cathedral for a private tour of the Louvre Museum. See the Venus de Milo, Winged Victory, Mona Lisa and many more priceless works amassed over the ages by the Kings of France. Sightseeing continues past Garnier's splendid Opera House. See the obelisk in the centre of the Place de la Concorde and drive along the grand Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe. Now survey the city from the heights of the Eiffel Tower, built for the World's Exhibition of 1889. The afternoon is at leisure.(Buffet Breakfast)

Day14: PARIS

Transfers arriving at Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00.(Buffet Breakfast)

Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
07 Jul 2012	20 Jul 2012	\$4250.00	\$5385.00
14 Jul 2012	27 Jul 2012	\$4250.00	\$5385.00
21 Jul 2012	03 Aug 2012	\$4250.00	\$5385.00
28 Jul 2012	10 Aug 2012	\$4250.00	\$5385.00
04 Aug 2012	17 Aug 2012	\$4250.00	\$5385.00
11 Aug 2012	24 Aug 2012	\$4250.00	\$5385.00
18 Aug 2012	31 Aug 2012	\$4250.00	\$5385.00