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**EUROPE**  

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**2021 TOURS**





# Hi, I'm Rick Steves.

I'm always excited around the time of year when people start signing up for tours and our staff gets energized at the thought of sharing Europe with our travelers.

But with COVID-19 essentially shutting down tourism in Europe for 2020, everything is different. We're hopeful that 2021 will bring better news, and it's our intention to run Rick Steves tours in 2021—but only if we can do so safely and reliably.

In order to be ready for whatever 2021 brings, we've booked hotels and buses, and our guides are standing by for an exciting slate of more than 40 tours, as showcased in this catalog. I'm particularly proud to share two new itineraries: Best of Poland and Heart of Scotland.

But we've decided to wait on taking deposits for 2021 bookings until we're confident that the time is right—rather than risk canceling tours later, causing needless disappointment. In these uncertain times, we

believe that patience is critical. And we hope that you'll be willing to wait along with us.

Much as I'm eager to set foot in Europe again, I recognize that by holding off for now, I'm investing in the future. I believe that waiting until the time is right will help defeat the virus...and earn us a lifetime of safe and healthy travels later on. When will that be? Before I give the green light, I'll need to see a proven track record that organized tourism in Europe is running safely and without frustrating false starts.

When we do begin booking, the theme for our tours will be flexibility. Our deposit conditions will be modified to provide the time you need to finalize the travel decision that's right for you. We'll run our tours (hotels, buses, activities) and train our guides with the most up-to-date, science-based health guidelines in mind. We'll work to offer the best possible mix of safety precautions (such as

smaller group sizes) and the vivid experiences that make European travel so rewarding. And as we did in 2020, if we cancel any 2021 tour due to safety concerns, all tour members will receive a full and prompt refund.

While we're not taking deposits yet, we've retooled our website to allow you to request advance notification for specific tour departures—so you'll be the first to know when your tour is open for booking.

I believe that, sooner or later, we'll all be enjoying the Europe of our dreams once again. When that happy day comes, we'll keep on traveling with our longstanding passion for teaching, sharing and experiencing Europe—and a renewed commitment to health and safety. As a company and a gang of travelers, we remain committed to our mission: to give our customers the best possible experience in Europe.

Happy travels,





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# RICK'S 10 COMMITMENTS

For more than 30 years now, I've been organizing tours, taking thousands of travelers to Europe's most thrilling destinations. This part of our 2021 tours catalog isn't about those destinations—it's about how our style of travel makes a Rick Steves tour the best value and experience around. I am passionate about this and can sum it all up in my 10 commitments.

## 1 These are Rick's babies.

I design these tours, I go on them—and I love them all.

Since the very beginning, my recipe for great tours has been simple and firm: small, energetic groups; great guides; maximum thrills per mile, minute and dollar; and business ethics that give you real peace of mind.

## 2 The best value in travel.

I love tapping into the efficiency that comes with a smartly designed tour—a finely crafted, low-stress, maximum experience trip for about

the same price you'd pay to go on your own.

Remember, the savings that an independent traveler may start with can be quickly eaten away by time-consuming hotel and transportation hassles and inevitable mistakes.

My goal is for you to end up more relaxed on a tour and at least 30 percent ahead in rewarding experiences per day.

## 3 Unique experiences and memorable meals.

Our prices include all group sightseeing, all your breakfasts and half your dinners\*. If there's a great sight along your route, an interesting cultural activity, or a tasty local dish, believe me...you'll experience it!

At the same time, we build in plenty of free time. It's a sensible balance that protects your budget

and gives you the freedom to make delightful discoveries on your own, with the help of your guide's advice.

*\*My Way "un-guided" vacations do not include guided sightseeing or dinners.*

## 4 Educational and ethical.

The quality of your tour guide can make—or break—your travel experience. This is something I take personally. I hire guides I know and trust, and who share my love for Europe and my passion for teaching. I also pay them full salaries. Tips and kickbacks are not allowed. This means your guide is motivated to give you the best travel experience possible—not to earn extra income on the side.

## 5 100% small groups.

Since the beginning, we've built our tours around small groups to maximize our ability to sightsee,

*My guides are hand-picked—and passionate about teaching.*





dine and sleep where mainstream groups can only dream. Our itineraries have a maximum group size of 24–28. Small groups are great and they give our tours a friendlier, family atmosphere. For us, it's the only way to go.

## 6 These tours are very active.

Our tours are not for everyone. They are very active—physically and socially. They're designed for energetic and curious people who are ready for the experience of a lifetime.

Museum tours, guided neighborhood walks and occasional hikes all add up to lots of time on our feet during the day. Afterward, we relax at dinner with lively conversations.

## 7 Centrally located hotels.

To help you feel settled for a good night's sleep, most of our stops are for two nights in a row. On a city tour, you'll settle into your hotel for an entire week.

Keeping our groups small gets us into quaint, centrally located hotels in the historic heart of each city, within walking distance of the major sights. Full of personality and often family-run, our hotels

are a memorable part of your trip.

So are the stairs. Many of the places we stay don't have elevators, so pack light, because you'll carry your own bags from the bus to your room.

## 8 Guaranteed prices.

In case the dollar weakens or the price of fuel goes up, most tour companies reserve the right to tack extra fees onto your final payment. We won't do that. Once you book your Rick Steves tour, your price will not change. While our advertised prices may change during the year, the moment you make your deposit, your personal tour price is guaranteed.

## 9 Flexibility.

Committing to a European vacation should be a joy, not a gamble. That's why, if your plans should change, we're happy to help you switch to a new date or destination.

You'll find all the details in our Tour Conditions. If the tour date you want is already full, you can get on a waitlist with no deposit—and no obligation. There's a very good chance you'll eventually get on that tour, or that we'll schedule

a new departure within a few days of it.

## 10 Rick listens to you.

My favorite bedtime reading is... post-tour evaluations from our tour members. Seriously. My staff and I read each one, taking careful notes. I also keep our tours in mind every time I'm in Europe doing my guidebook research.

To translate your thoughts and my research into action, I huddle with my guides every year to update each tour itinerary so it's the best it can possibly be.

To get a better feel for what it's like to travel on our tours, be sure to watch my 45-minute "Rick Steves Tour Experience"—streaming at [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com).

I hope you can join us!



## WHAT ABOUT COVID-19?

When you're ready for Europe—and Europe's ready for us—we'll organize and plan tours that follow smart and conservative guidelines, respecting science and expert advice for staying safe and healthy while traveling.

Our partners in Europe (guides, bus companies, hoteliers and restaurateurs) are trusted friends, most of whom we've worked with for many years. They're in sync with us about prioritizing the health, safety and well-being of our customers over travel dreams (and revenue). We're confident that when we're touring again, they'll take all measures to create a safe and hygienic environment for our groups.

When the sun rises on international travel, we'll be there to offer the best possible mix of safety with the vivid experiences that make European travel the Rick Steves way so rewarding.

I hope you'll join us!



# GREAT GUIDES

A tour can have a great-sounding itinerary, but it's up to your guide to make it a wonderful experience. We have some of the best. Don't just take our word for it. Here are some comments about just a few of our many talented guides, taken from tour members' post-tour evaluations.



**JODY VAN ENGELSDORP**

*RSE Guide since 2017*

"I have been on numerous tours, and Jody was by far the best, most effective guide I have ever had. I can't say enough good things about her. She made everyone feel that she wanted them to have a wonderful and educational experience. I would likely take another tour if I knew that she would be the guide."

— **KENNETH IN JUPITER, FL**



**TORBEN BROWN**

*RSE Guide since 2015*

"If I had been told to design my ideal guide, I wouldn't have thought to ask for all that Torben brought to this tour. With his American and German upbringing, he helped us better understand and appreciate everything we saw and did. Add in his personality and leadership skills, and Torben is in a class of his own."

— **CARISSA IN SAVOY, IL**



**TOMMASO PANTE**

*RSE Guide since 2006*

"Tommaso was absolutely fantastic! He went out of his way to make sure we had a great time. He's not only a great professional, but also a great person. He gave us lots of good tips for our free time and always showed us good places to eat, which wasn't always needed because he organized fantastic meals!"

— **ROBERTO IN HOUSTON, TX**



**LIZ BOARDMAN**

*RSE Guide since 2017*

"Had Rick Steves been an undercover participant on our tour, he would have felt fortunate to have Liz as the perfect ambassador for his commitment to immersive travel experiences. Liz's enthusiasm, good nature and juicy tidbits of local culture were flawless. She even gave us a spontaneous cricket lesson!"

— **HOLLY IN CORONADO, CA**



**VIRGINIE MORÉ**

*RSE Guide since 2013*

"Virginie was the best guide we have had to-date. She was professional, knowledgeable and organized, yet warm, friendly and caring. Her cultural explanations, stories and historical information and insights truly enriched our experiences. The tour ended with a far greater understanding of life in France."

— **CHRISTINE IN WEBSTER, NY**



**APOSTOLOS DOURAS**

*RSE Guide since 2017*

"Apostolos was a wonderful guide—knowledgeable, organized, witty, caring and attentive. He made us feel like welcome guests and friends in his country. He is a wonderful teacher and host, with just the right touch. And the informal happy hours he hosted were a most enjoyable surprise."

— **FRED IN LEXINGTON, VA**





## HERE'S WHAT OUR TOUR MEMBERS ARE SAYING...

"I found the hotels well located and charming—'street theatre' and local noise were part of the adventure. It was wonderful to go for a late evening walk, feel safe and still be in the thick of things!"

— **CAROL IN EDMONTON, AB**

"It might seem silly but I LOVED our hotels. I said 'wow' when I walked in both rooms. The next time I walk into a 'Holiday Inn' type room, it will be so depressing."

— **JULIA IN MISSION, KS**

"Each hotel was in a fabulous location and had a charming personality of its own. I love the fact that they all had an 'Old World' feel to them."

— **STACEY IN BAKERSFIELD, CA**

"I've come to appreciate the quirky, family-owned hotels that are a hallmark of Rick Steves tours. No two are alike but all share the same basic qualities: scrupulously clean, centrally located, with friendly, helpful staff."

— **MARY IN FREEVILLE, NY**

"I enjoyed the hotels. Each was unique and in a perfect location to experience the setting whether it was a small medieval walled town or a city such as Paris, Rome or Venice."

— **PAMELA IN PHOENIX, AZ**

# GREAT HOTELS

Our guidebook research gives us a big advantage in discovering the charming, centrally located, often family-run hotels that promise to be a memorable part of your travel experience.





# LOOK AT WHAT'S INCLUDED!

When comparing Rick Steves' fully guided tours with other companies, you'll see that every Rick Steves tour includes much more than your hotels, transportation and a lineup of great destinations—you'll get all this, too!

## A guide on your side

Your guide has been carefully selected by Rick and is paid a full salary—so his or her focus is on teaching, not shopping.

**COMPARE:** Guides from most tour companies make their income from tips and merchant kickbacks.

## Free guidebooks

With your tour, you get a tour kit including a Rick Steves guidebook (or books) and a moneybelt.

**COMPARE:** No other tour company does this.



## A small group

Even though our buses have seats for 50, we limit our groups to 24–28. Your small group will have plenty of room to spread out and enjoy personal space.

**COMPARE:** The goal of most tour companies is to fill every seat of a 50-seat bus.



## A reasonable pace

Even our fastest-moving tour will nearly always have you enjoying two restful nights in each location.

**COMPARE:** One-night hotel stops—typical with lower-priced tours—can really wear you out.



## Sightseeing included

We include all group sightseeing and admissions in the price of your fully guided Rick Steves tour.

**COMPARE:** Many companies charge \$50–\$100 extra for each sightseeing excursion. This adds up fast.

## All tips

The tips for your guides and driver are included.

**COMPARE:** Most companies expect you to pay out of pocket for guide and driver tips. This can add up to several hundred dollars!

## Climate-smart travel

We mitigate the carbon emitted by your flight to Europe—at no extra cost to you.

**COMPARE:** Most companies don't do this.

## A guaranteed price

Your price is set the moment you book. We won't raise your "balance due" if our costs go up.

**COMPARE:** Most tour companies reserve the right to increase your price.

## Memorable meals

We include all breakfasts and half your dinners, allowing you to experience the tasty local treats in family-run restaurants.

**COMPARE:** Mainstream, 50-person tours rely on restaurants designed for tourists, not for locals.

*(My Way vacations only include breakfasts.)*



## Welcome back

Every year more than one-third of our tour members are repeat customers. With our "cumulative" tour alum discount, the more you travel with us, the more you'll save!



# IS A RICK STEVES TOUR RIGHT FOR YOU?

## Take a deep breath. Our tours are physically active!

It's an integral, essential part of the Rick Steves tour experience.

Sadly, every year a few people ignore this warning, and after spending a day or two with us in Europe, wish they had joined a less active tour offered by somebody else.

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

To compare our tours, refer to the activity-level ratings for each itinerary.



### TAKE THIS QUIZ

To help you decide if the Rick Steves touring style is the right fit for you, can you fully and happily...

1. Carry/roll your luggage over uneven pavement and stairs to reach your hotel—then up several flights to reach your room?
2. Be on your feet, learning “on location” (walking/standing for up to four hours) in all weather conditions?
3. Sleep in hotels with no (or weak) air conditioning, possible street noise, and slow Wi-Fi connections or Wi-Fi only in common areas?
4. After orientation and transportation lessons, be able to navigate cities on your own?
5. Look forward to the (rare but real) possibility of sharing bathroom facilities for a night or two?
6. Follow smart hygiene practices and recommended CDC and local health guidelines throughout the tour?
7. Most of all, embrace surprises, understanding that itineraries (like the rest of life) are subject to change?

If you feel that these discomforts might keep you from enjoying your trip, you'll probably be happier on a more “mainstream” tour. We want you to be happy with your choice.

## MY WAY® VACATIONS Choose your own pace!

Unlike our fully guided tours, Rick Steves' “un-guided” My Way® vacations include no organized group sightseeing. So if you have concerns about keeping up with a group or guide's sightseeing pace, a My Way® may be a better fit for you. However, even on My Way® itineraries, you'll be responsible for carrying your luggage up hotel stairs, getting to the local sights you choose to see and arranging for your own meals. To discuss what kind of tour might best fit your needs, call us at 425-608-4217.





# WHAT'S YOUR TRAVEL STYLE?

Every tour in this catalog is true to Rick Steves' travel philosophy. If you have a thirst for learning, a hunger for new experiences, and an openness toward meeting and traveling with new people, you've come to the right place. But beyond these basics—and, of course, the destinations—you can fine-tune the “fit” of a tour by its travel style. Which of these five best matches your style?



## FIVE DIFFERENT WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF EUROPE



### Signature Tours

Ready for a new adventure? Rick Steves Signature Tours will take you there, with a focus on learning about the history, art, sights and culture of a country or region. Because each itinerary is designed to include the “must-see” sights, these tours are great for first-time travelers to a region. Our Signature Tours are very active, with frequent museum tours and guided neighborhood walks. While the teaching is at an “adult” level, families with teens are welcome.



### City Getaways

Dreaming of a few days and nights in an amazing place? Our City Getaway Tours focus on in-depth learning about the history, art, sights, food, and culture of Europe's greatest cities. These tours are quite active, with frequent museum tours and guided neighborhood walks. Most days include free afternoons or evenings for exploring on your own. Choices include a week in a single city, eight days split between a pair of cities, or eight to 10 days spent touring three cities.



### Cultural Connections

Looking to dive a little deeper? Rick Steves Cultural Connections Tours focus less on the tourist sights of a region, and more on off-the-beaten-path experiences with a deeply cultural, person-to-person flavor. Examples may include wine tastings, cooking classes, artisan demonstrations, and visits to farms and schools. While Cultural Connections Tours include fewer museum visits than other Rick Steves tours, they still involve plenty of walking. These tours are especially popular among return visitors to Europe.



### Family Tours

Looking for a fun, low-stress way to introduce your kids to Europe? Family Tours provide an active, engaging and educational experience for all ages. Along each route, families learn about history, art and culture through kid-friendly presentations, neighborhood walks and museum tours. We stay in a mix of city and rural destinations with free-time opportunities for families to hike, swim and bike together. Adults with children (and grandchildren!) eight and older are welcome on these tours.



### My Way® Vacations

Itching to break away? Rick Steves “un-guided” My Way® vacations appeal to travelers who want to set their own daily pace and priorities rather than sightsee as part of a group. These packages include a well-designed itinerary, private bus transportation, centrally located hotels, a travel-savvy tour manager—and the freedom to explore each destination on your own. This built-in flexibility makes My Way® a good fit for more adventurous travelers, as well as slower walkers and families with children as young as eight.






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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is one of our most active tours!  
Most days are strenuously paced with  
2–8 miles of walking, including hilly terrain  
and lots of stairs.



## BEST OF EUROPE in 21 DAYS

**T**his is it! Rick's baby and the tour that started it all. Our longest-running itinerary—carefully refined and updated by Rick Steves over the past four decades—brings you a colorful mix of must-see cities and countryside charms. Our classic, three-week Best of Europe tour packs more travel thrills into a single vacation than you can imagine.

On the Best of Europe in 21 Days, you'll enjoy great cities, world-class sights and the stuff that European travel dreams are made of: Amsterdam, Germany's Rhine River Valley and medieval Rothenburg, the Austrian and Swiss Alps, Venice, Florence, Rome, the sun-drenched Cinque Terre, Burgundy, and of course...we'll always have Paris.

Every day, you'll enjoy the friendliness and flexibility of a small group that's never more than 28, allowing you to experience sights, cafés, and family-run hotels that are off-limits to large "mainstream" tour groups (and you'll have plenty of room to stretch out on our big bus). All along the way, your guide will bring Europe's great art and history vividly to life.

We can't wait to show you the best three weeks Europe has to offer.





# ITINERARY



## DAY 1

### Welcome to the Netherlands

Meet your guide and group in Haarlem • Walking tour of Haarlem • “Welcome to Europe” *rijsttafel* dinner together • Sleep in Haarlem 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Progressive, Artistic Amsterdam

Travel by train to Amsterdam • Walking tour of Amsterdam’s historic streets • Guided tour of the Rijksmuseum • Canal boat cruise • Free time to explore more of Amsterdam

## DAY 3

### Dutch Treats and Rhine Views

Travel to Bacharach nestled on the Rhine • Visit to Arnhem’s open-air museum • Traditional Dutch pancake lunch together • Dinner together • Sleep in Bacharach 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Rhine Castles and a River Cruise

Walking tour of the village of Bacharach • Guided tour of Rheinfels Castle in nearby St. Goar • Scenic Rhine River boat cruise

## DAY 5

### Medieval Rothenburg

Travel to Rothenburg, Germany’s best-preserved medieval town • Legendary Night Watchman’s tour • Sleep in Rothenburg 1 night

## DAY 6

### Dachau and Austria’s Tirol

Travel to Austria • Visit to Dachau

Concentration Camp Memorial and the Wieskirche, Germany’s greatest Rococo-style church • Traditional Austrian dinner together • Sleep near Reutte 2 nights

## DAY 7

### Neuschwanstein and a Luge

Guided tour of “Mad” King Ludwig’s Neuschwanstein Castle • Mountain luge ride (weather permitting)

## DAY 8

### Italy’s Incomparable Venice

Travel to Venice • Stop in Italian-Tirolean village for lunch • Vaporetto ride on Grand Canal • Optional evening gondola ride • Dinner together • Sleep in Venice 2 nights

## DAY 9

### The Art of Wandering in Venice

Morning walking tour of Venice • St. Mark’s Square and Basilica • Free afternoon and evening to explore the Doge’s Palace, the Accademia art museum and more Venetian sights

## DAY 10

### Florence and Michelangelo’s David

Travel to Florence • Renaissance walking tour of Florence • Visit to the Accademia Gallery, home of Michelangelo’s *David* • Dinner together • Sleep in Florence 2 nights

## DAY 11

### Wonders of Renaissance Florence

Free morning to browse Florence’s

markets and museums • Guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery • Free evening to explore more of Florence

## DAY 12

### Rome and the Vatican Museums

Travel to Rome • Visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel • Evening floodlit walk through the heart of Rome, including Trevi Fountain • Dinner together • Sleep in Rome 2 nights

## DAY 13

### St. Peter’s and a Walk Through Caesar’s Rome

Visit to St. Peter’s Basilica • Guided tour through the Colosseum and Roman Forum • Visit to the Pantheon • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Rome

## DAY 14

### To Italy’s Cinque Terre

Travel to the Cinque Terre • Stop at your guide’s favorite Italian hill town • Sleep in seaside Monterosso al Mare 2 nights

## DAY 15

### Free Day in the Cinque Terre

The day is all yours to hike through the hillside vineyards, hang out on the beaches, or lounge around town like a local

## DAY 16

### To the Heart of the Swiss Alps

Travel to the heart of the Swiss Alps • Dinner together • Sleep in the Lauterbrunnen Valley 2 nights



### DAY 17

#### Free Day in the Alps

The day is yours to join your guide for a brisk mountain walk, ride a gondola lift up to the top of the Schilthorn, or wander through the serene valley to thundering Trümmelbach Falls

### DAY 18

#### A Hearty Taste of Burgundy

Travel to France's Burgundy region • Walking tour through the heart of Beaune • Visit to the Hôtel Dieu medieval hospital • Burgundian wine tasting • Sleep in Beaune 1 night

### DAY 19

#### Historic and Neighborhood Paris

Travel to Paris • Walking tour including Notre-Dame Cathedral and the Latin Quarter • Visit to Sainte-Chapelle • Sleep in Paris 2 nights

### DAY 20

#### Parisian Cityscapes and Masterpieces

Paris panoramic bus tour • Visit to the Louvre Museum • Free afternoon to explore more of Paris, walk down the Champs-Élysées, or visit the Orsay and Rodin museums • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 21

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Au revoir!*

#### MORE INFORMATION

For a detailed narrative of this tour's daily itinerary, visit [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com)! Itinerary specifics are subject to change.



## 35 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Haarlem walking tour • Amsterdam walking tour • Rijksmuseum • Amsterdam canal cruise • Dutch open-air museum • Rhine cruise • Rheinfels Castle • Bacharach walking tour • Rothenburg Night Watchman's tour • Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial • Wieskirche • Neuschwanstein Castle • Mountain luge ride (weather permitting) • Venice walking tour • St. Mark's Square and Basilica • Florence Renaissance walking tour • Florence's Accademia Gallery (Michelangelo's *David*) • Uffizi Gallery • Vatican Museums • Sistine Chapel • St. Peter's Basilica • Evening walk through Rome including Trevi Fountain • Colosseum • Forum • Pantheon • Italian hill town • Orientation for "vacation" day in Cinque Terre • Hiking orientation in the Swiss Alps • Hôtel Dieu in Beaune • Wine tasting in Burgundy • 2-day Paris Museum Pass • Paris walking tour • Sainte-Chapelle • Paris panoramic bus tour • Louvre Museum...and more

For a complete list of what's included, see page 6 or visit [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com)!






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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## BEST OF EUROPE in 14 DAYS

**R**ick Steves has designed the best two weeks Europe has to offer, giving you the perfect mix of must-see cultural capitals (Rome, Florence, Venice, Munich and Paris), plus a countryside retreat in Tuscany, a panorama of snow-capped peaks in the heart of the Swiss Alps and a taste of Burgundy.

You'll be awe-struck by the Sistine Chapel in Rome, *David* in the Accademia and *Mona* in the Louvre. But you'll also sneak through the back door: time-tripping through Roman and Venetian alleyways, sipping French wine in a centuries-old cellar and connecting with Europeans like no other tour can.

Every day, you'll enjoy the friendliness and flexibility of a small group that's never more than 28. This means you'll have plenty of room to stretch out and relax in our big bus—and you'll experience sights, cafés and family-run hotels that are off limits to large “mainstream” tour groups.

This tour is an ideal introduction to Europe. All along the way, your enthusiastic guide will expertly bring Europe's great art, history and culture to life. And to help keep you well-rested for each day's excitement, every stop but one is for two consecutive nights.

The Best of Europe? This may be the best two weeks...anywhere.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Europe

Meet your tour guide and group • “Welcome to Europe” dinner together • Evening floodlit walk through the heart of Rome including Trevi Fountain • Sleep in Rome 2 nights

## DAY 2

### A Walk Through Caesar’s Rome

Morning visit to St. Peter’s Basilica • Guided tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum • Visit to the Pantheon • Free afternoon to explore more of Rome

## DAY 3

### Vatican Museums and Timeless Tuscany

Travel to Tuscany • Visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel • Cooking demonstration • Tuscan-style dinner together • Sleep at working family farm in Tuscany 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Renaissance Florence

Travel to Florence • Renaissance walking tour of Florence’s historic center • Guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery • Visit to the Accademia Gallery, home of Michelangelo’s *David* • Dinner together back at our country hotel

## DAY 5

### North to Venice

Travel to Venice • Vaporetto boat ride on the Grand Canal • Neighborhood orientation walk to St. Mark’s Square •

Dinner together • Optional evening gondola ride • Sleep in Venice 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Seductive Venice

Walking tour of historic Venice • St. Mark’s Square and Basilica • Free afternoon and evening to visit the Doge’s Palace, the Accademia art gallery or simply get lost exploring the alleyways and canals

## DAY 7

### Over the Alps to Bavaria

Travel to Bavaria • Stop for lunch in Tirolean village • Neighborhood orientation walk • Beer hall dinner together • Sleep in Munich 2 nights

## DAY 8

### Munich Past and Present

Munich historical walk • Free afternoon and evening to wander through the Deutsches Museum, explore the English Garden by bike, or poke around the Marienplatz and Viktualienmarkt

## DAY 9

### Scenic Drive to Switzerland

Travel to the Lauterbrunnen Valley • Visit Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial • Hearty Swiss dinner together • Sleep in the Lauterbrunnen Valley 2 nights

## DAY 10

### Hiking Day in the Swiss Alps

The day is yours to join your guide for

a brisk mountain walk, ride a gondola lift up to the top of the Schilthorn or just wander through the serene valley to thundering Trümmelbach Falls

## DAY 11

### Beautiful Burgundy

Travel to France’s Burgundy region • Burgundian wine tasting • Orientation walk through Beaune • Visit to Hôtel Dieu, the medieval hospital of Beaune • Sleep in Beaune 1 night

## DAY 12

### Historic Paris

Travel to Paris • Walking tour including Notre-Dame Cathedral, Sainte-Chapelle and the Latin Quarter • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Paris • Sleep in Paris 2 nights

## DAY 13

### Parisian Masterpieces

Private panoramic bus tour of the City of Light • Orientation to the Louvre Museum • Free afternoon to explore more of Paris, walk down the Champs-Élysées or visit the Orsay and Rodin museums • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 14

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Au revoir!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 23 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Evening walk through Rome including Trevi Fountain • St. Peter’s Basilica • Colosseum • Forum • Pantheon • Vatican Museums • Sistine Chapel • Tuscan cooking demonstration • Florence walking tour • Uffizi Gallery • Florence’s Accademia Gallery (Michelangelo’s *David*) • Venice walking tour • St. Mark’s Square and Basilica • Munich walking tour • Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial • Hiking orientation in the Swiss Alps • Hôtel Dieu in Beaune • Wine tasting in Burgundy • 2-day Paris Museum Pass • Paris walking tour • Sainte-Chapelle • Paris panoramic bus tour • Louvre Museum

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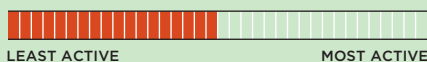
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**CITY GETAWAYS**

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## BEST OF ROME in 7 DAYS

**R**ick Steves thinks of Rome as a living, breathing compost pile of Western Civilization. Nothing is hidden behind glitzy facades.

In the heart of Rome, you see all the layers that create a timeless, magnificent city—ancient and modern, grand and intimate, earth-shaking and ever-so-human. With a week to peel and sort through its fascinating layers, and the teaching of a passionate guide, this Eternal City is a joy.

Doing the Caesar shuffle, you'll resurrect the ruins of the ancient Forum and give thumbs up or down in the Colosseum. Then you'll carbonate your soul in the Sistine Chapel—where you'll marvel at the grandeur of Michelangelo's ceiling and *Last Judgment*.

When the sun sets, the winding streets will draw you into a cultural scavenger hunt, where you dodge dripping laundry, alley cats, kids on Vespas, gelaterias that spill out into the street, and centuries-young fountains that welcome your wish for a happy return.

Got a favorite Italian red? It tastes even better *al fresco*, on a *piazza* beside the fountain you'll return to, in *bella Roma*.

### WOW MOMENTS

*"The last evening we knew we were having dinner together, but who knew it would be in an old Roman bath with a surprise musician and a wine tasting?! Dancing, singing, amazing food followed by a race up the Spanish Steps to see the city one more time under a full moon."*

— KRISTIN IN WAYZATA, MN





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Rome

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • Pantheon • Trevi Fountain • *La dolce vita* stroll through the heart of Rome • “Welcome to Rome” dinner together • Sleep in Rome 6 nights

## DAY 2

### Ancient Rome

Guided tour of the Church of San Clemente, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum • Free afternoon and evening

## DAY 3

### Neighborhood Rome

Walking tour of your guide’s

favorite Roman neighborhood • Trastevere food tour • Free evening

## DAY 4

### St. Peter’s and the Vatican Museums

Guided tour of the Vatican Museums ending at Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel • Visit to St. Peter’s Basilica • Free afternoon and evening

## DAY 5

### Day Trip to Ostia Antica

Visit to Ostia Antica, Rome’s first colony • Panoramic bus tour of Rome • Guided tour of the Catacombs of San Sebastiano • Free evening

## DAY 6

### Rome’s Baroque Treasures

Guided tour of the Borghese Gallery • Free afternoon to relax in the surrounding park, ramble through more of Rome, or do some last-minute shopping • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 7

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Arrivederci, Roma!*

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## 16 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Pantheon • Evening walk through Rome including Trevi Fountain • Rome panoramic bus tour • Catacombs of San Sebastiano • 7-day Metro Pass • Ancient Rome walking tour • Roman Forum • Colosseum • San Clemente Church • Rome neighborhood walking tour • Trastevere food tour • Day trip to Ostia Antica • Vatican Museums • Sistine Chapel • St. Peter’s Basilica • Borghese Gallery...and more

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## BEST OF VENICE, FLORENCE & ROME in 10 DAYS

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**CITY GETAWAYS**

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Italy's three greatest cities are like fine gelato—why settle for just one flavor if you can get three scoops at once? If you're looking to fit the most Italian travel thrills into the shortest trip, this tour was made for you.

Venice takes you back in time with an intoxicating cocktail of fairy-tale architecture surrounding hidden neighborhood squares and meandering canals. Indoors, you'll be treated to the proudly unique Venetian cuisine, masterpieces by Titian and Bellini, and St. Mark's grandiose and golden mosaics.

Florence then trumpets the triumphs of the Renaissance. Brilliantly showcased masterpieces by Michelangelo, Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello, Giotto, and Fra Angelico inspire even those who never gave art a second thought. And there's edible art: *delizioso* Tuscan cooking and Italy's best gelato.

Our Italian finale is Rome, the Eternal City, where you'll wander through the ancient Forum and Colosseum, soak in the amazing Renaissance art of the Vatican, and rub elbows with modern Romans on an evening stroll connecting sidewalk cafés, floodlit monuments and splashy Baroque fountains.

You won't believe the memories you packed into just 10 days!





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Venice

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Venice” dinner together • Sleep in Venice 3 nights

## DAY 2

### Historic Venice

Historical walking tour through the backstreets of Venice • St. Mark’s Square and Basilica • Free afternoon to enjoy Venice’s other famous sights

## DAY 3

### Venice’s Accademia Gallery and Lagoon

Guided tour of the Accademia’s treasure trove of great Venetian art • Lagoon excursion • Evening gondola ride

## DAY 4

### Wonders of Renaissance Florence

Travel to Florence • Renaissance walking tour of the city’s historic center • Hearty

Tuscan dinner together • Sleep in Florence 3 nights

## DAY 5

### The Backstreets of Florence

Walking tour of the “backstreets” of Florence • Visit to the Bargello Museum • Cooking class and lunch • Free afternoon to see more of the city’s museums

## DAY 6

### The Uffizi and David

Guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery • Visit to the Accademia Gallery and Michelangelo’s *David*

## DAY 7

### Wine Tasting, Rome at Night

Travel to Rome • Wine tasting lunch together at an Umbrian winery • Rome neighborhood orientation walk • Dinner together • Visit to the Pantheon • Evening walk through the heart of Rome • Sleep in Rome 3 nights

## DAY 8

### The Vatican Museums and St. Peter’s

Visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel • St. Peter’s Basilica • Free afternoon to explore more of Rome

## DAY 9

### Monuments of Ancient Rome

Guided tour of San Clemente Church, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum • Free afternoon to wander through the nearby Palatine ruins, St. Peter-in-Chains Church, or climb to the top of the Victor Emmanuel Monument • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 10

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Arrivederci!*

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 20 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Venice backstreets walking tour • St. Mark’s Square and Basilica • Venice lagoon excursion • Venice’s Accademia art museum • Gondola ride • Renaissance Florence walking tour • Florence’s Accademia Gallery (Michelangelo’s *David*) • Uffizi Gallery • Florence backstreets walking tour • Cooking class and lunch • Bargello Museum • Umbrian wine tasting lunch • Rome orientation • Roman Forum • Colosseum • Church of San Clemente • Pantheon • Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel • St. Peter’s Basilica • Evening walk through Rome including Trevi Fountain... and more

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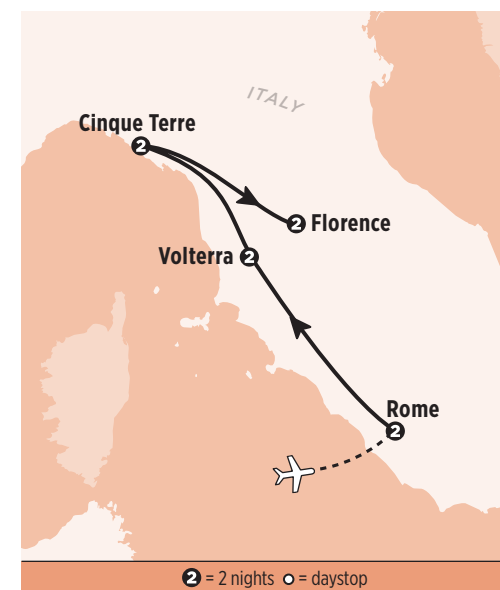
## HEART OF ITALY in 9 DAYS

**F**rom art and history to food and just plain people-watching, Italy is Europe's most culturally rich corner. And Rick Steves Heart of Italy tour is his personal, nine-day "best of" distillation of our 17-day Best of Italy tour.

You'll marvel at the Colosseum and Pantheon, then be awed by the Sistine Chapel as you explore the many layers of Eternal Rome. You'll dig into a Tuscan feast amidst the hill-town ambience of Volterra, savor freshly produced treats at a local family farm, and fall in love with the harbor-hugging villages of the Cinque Terre. And in the Renaissance capital of Florence, you'll be captivated by the grace of Botticelli's *Venus* and the majesty of Michelangelo's *David*.

All along the way you'll enjoy some of Italy's most distinctive cuisine—guilt-free—because you'll get plenty of exercise walking each day (your tour guide's lively, informative walking tours will see to that). But we'll also help you relax by staying two nights at each stop.

Come join us. You'll never regret taking a little time to enjoy the seductive Heart of Italy...where the moon really does hit your eye like a big pizza pie.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Italy

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • *La dolce vita* trek through the heart of Rome including the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain • “Welcome to Italy” dinner together • Sleep in Rome 2 nights

## DAY 2

### The Vatican Museums

Visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel • Free afternoon and evening to explore St. Peter’s Basilica and more of Rome

## DAY 3

### Ancient Rome and the Heart of Tuscany

Travel to Tuscany • Guided tours of the Colosseum and Roman Forum • Tuscan feast together in Volterra • Sleep in Volterra 2 nights

## DAY 4

### All Day in the Hill Town of Volterra

Walking tour of Volterra with a local

guide • Visit to an alabaster workshop • Guided tour of the Guarnacci Etruscan Museum • Wine tasting

## DAY 5

### Italian Countryside and the Riviera

Travel to the Italian Riviera • Fresh product tasting at a family farm • Orientation to Cinque Terre • Dinner together at a local family restaurant • Sleep in or near the Cinque Terre 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Exploring the Cinque Terre

The day is all yours to hike through the hillside vineyards, hang out on the beaches or lounge around town

## DAY 7

### Florence and David

Travel to Florence • Renaissance walking tour of the city’s historic center, including Brunelleschi’s cathedral dome and Ghiberti’s Baptistry doors • Visit to the Accademia Gallery, home

of Michelangelo’s *David* • Sleep in Florence 2 nights

## DAY 8

### The Uffizi Gallery

Guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery • Free afternoon to explore more of Florence’s art-filled churches, museums and colorful markets • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 9

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Grazie e ciao!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 15 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Ancient Rome walking tour • Colosseum • Roman Forum • Pantheon • Evening walk through Rome including Trevi Fountain • Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel • Volterra walking tour • Guarnacci Etruscan Museum • Alabaster workshop • Wine tasting • Family farm visit • Orientation for “vacation” day in the Cinque Terre • Renaissance Florence walking tour • Florence’s Accademia (Michelangelo’s *David*) • Uffizi Gallery...and more

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### **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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## **BEST OF SICILY in 11 DAYS**

**O**ur most exotic excursion in Italy treats you to the unique history, sights and culture of Sicily—where the influences of Europe and North Africa have mixed and simmered over the centuries, ready for us to serve up as an unforgettable travel experience.

We'll begin this island adventure in Sicily's urban capital, Palermo. In our 11 days together, we'll settle into what Rick calls "Italy in the extreme": festive markets, exotic ports, timeless hill towns, sweeping views and unforgettable meals—all in the shadow of an active volcano. You'll have time to wander among some of Europe's most important ancient Greek sites and marvel at island architecture that whimsically blends Roman, Greek, medieval, Baroque and Arab influences.

As we listen to the songs of open-air market vendors, learn how sea salt is traditionally harvested, lean through a daydream against a 2,500-year-old column, and taste bold wines produced from the slopes of steaming Mount Etna, you'll build an unforgettable bond with Italy's most endearing region.

Holy cannoli—any time of year, this tour serves up the very best of Sicily!





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Sicily

Meet your tour guide and group • Tour of the Palazzo Federico • Dinner together • Sleep in Palermo  
2 nights

## DAY 2

### Palermo and Monreale

Walking tour of Palermo and its bustling Ballaró market • Visit to Monreale and tour of the cathedral and cloister

## DAY 3

### Ancient Segesta and Mountaintop Erice

Travel to Trapani • Visit to Segesta's Doric temple and theater • Pastry lesson in Erice • Lunch together • Sleep in Trapani 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Salt Harvesting and Seaside Trapani

Mozia island walking tour • Trapani salt flats boat cruise

## DAY 5

### Ancient Agrigento and Country Living

Travel to Agrigento • Tour of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples and archeological museum • Dinner together • Sleep near Agrigento 1 night

## DAY 6

### Roman Mosaics and Syracuse

Travel to Syracuse • Visit to Villa Romana del Casale • Farm visit and lunch together • Sleep in Syracuse 2 nights

## DAY 7

### Syracuse, Past and Present

Walking tour of Ortygia, Syracuse's Old Town • Traditional puppet theatre performance

## DAY 8

### Mount Etna, Wine and Taormina

Travel to Taormina • Mount Etna volcanologist presentation • Wine tasting and lunch • Sleep in Taormina 2 nights

## DAY 9

### Seductive Taormina

Tour of Taormina's ancient Greek theater • Sicilian pizza dinner together

## DAY 10

### Colorful Catania

Travel to Catania • Tour of the Museum of the WWII 1943 Landings in Sicily • Farewell dinner together • Sleep in Catania 1 night

## DAY 11

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Grazie e ciao!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 21 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Palazzo Federico • Palermo walking tour • Monreale Cathedral and Cloister • Segesta • Trapanese food tasting • Sicilian pastry lesson • Erice • Trapani orientation • Trapani salt flats boat cruise (*weather permitting*) • Mozia Island • Valley of the Temples • Agrigento Archeological Museum • Villa Romana del Casale • Ortygia walking tour • Puppet theatre performance • Winery visit and tasting • Mount Etna volcanologist talk • Taormina orientation • Taormina's Teatro Greco • Museo dello Sbarco (WWII) • Catania orientation...and more

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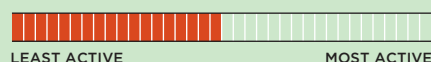
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### **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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## **BEST OF TUSCANY in 12 DAYS**

It's hard not to think of Tuscany as the soul of Italy, with its living-and-breathing sense of history, sun-soaked hill towns, rolling fields, cypress-lined lanes, farm-fresh cuisine, full-bodied wines—and a zest for life that rivals anywhere in Europe.

Starting in Florence, you'll discover the incredible Renaissance art treasures of the Bargello and Accademia Galleries. Then you'll dive into colorful markets and iconic cappuccino bars, learning what it's like to live like a local Florentine.

In Siena, you'll stroll along cobbled streets that still echo sounds from medieval times and in Puccini's Lucca, you'll soak in the ambience that inspired some of Italy's finest operas. You'll even get a little “vacation from your vacation” on the island of Elba, where you can take in the stunning views from Napoleon's villa.

But the true essence of Tuscany is in its verdant countryside, where you'll meet proud Chianti and Brunello vintners, cheesemakers, artisans, farming families—even a passel of working cowboys astride their horses.

No matter if your travels have already given you a taste of Tuscany, or if it's your first time, our Best of Tuscany tour may leave you craving prosciutto and pecorino—and dreaming with an accent.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Tuscany

Meet your tour guide and group • Florence orientation walk • “Welcome to Tuscany” *aperitivo* • Sleep in Florence 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Renaissance and Everyday Florence

Guided tour of the Accademia Gallery, home of Michelangelo’s *David* • Neighborhood walking tour • Local market tasting • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Florence

## DAY 3

### Florentine Treasures and Chianti

Travel to Chianti • Guided tour of the Bargello Museum • Mosaic workshop visit • Traditional Tuscan dinner together • Sleep in Chianti 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Savoring Siena

Guided tour of Siena’s treasure-filled Duomo • Free afternoon to explore more of Siena • Chianti wine tasting • Dinner together

## DAY 5

### Tuscany’s Val d’Orcia

Travel to Val d’Orcia • Brunello winery lunch • Guided tour of Monte Oliveto abbey • Dinner together • Sleep in Val d’Orcia 3 nights

## DAY 6

### Farm-to-Table and Pienza

Visit to the hill town of Pienza • Family farm tour including olive oil tasting • Tuscan cooking class and dinner together

## DAY 7

### Hill Towns and Via Cava

Scenic “back door” drive through timeless Tuscan hill towns • Guided tour of the village of Pitigliano • Via Cava walk • Relaxing evening at our countryside hotel

## DAY 8

### Maremma’s Old West

Travel to Elba • Lunch and *butteri* (Tuscan cowboy) show at a working cattle ranch • Ferry to Elba Island • Sleep on Elba Island 2 nights

## DAY 9

### Napoleon’s Island of Elba

The day is all yours to visit Napoleon’s villa, relax at the beach or explore the charming harbor town of Portoferraio

## DAY 10

### Charming Volterra

Travel to Lucca • Walking tour and free time in Volterra • Sleep in Lucca 2 nights

## DAY 11

### Puccini’s Lucca

Walking tour of Lucca, hometown of the great opera composer Giacomo Puccini • Free afternoon to explore more of Lucca • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 12

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Grazie e ciao!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 20 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Florence orientation walk • Accademia Gallery (Michelangelo’s *David*) • Florence neighborhood walking tour • Local market tasting • Bargello Museum • Mosaic workshop • Siena Duomo • Chianti wine tasting • Brunello winery lunch • Monte Oliveto abbey • Family farm visit and olive oil tasting • Pienza • Italian cooking class • Scenic hill town drive • Pitigliano walking tour • Via Cava walk • *Butteri* (Tuscan cowboy) ranch • Orientation for “vacation” day on Elba Island • Volterra walking tour • Lucca walking tour... and more

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## BEST OF SOUTH ITALY in 13 DAYS

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### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a very active tour! Most days are moderate to strenuously paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including hilly terrain and lots of stairs.



**T**his tour takes you through the slice of Italy that's richest in contrasts, from cities to farms, forests to beaches, rugged to glamorous and historic to hip. It's also rich in sensory delights—the tang of sipping limoncello on the Amalfi Coast, a whiff of incense as locals remember their favorite saint, and local gossip belted out like open-air opera across ramshackle balconies in Naples.

We'll kick things off in the Eternal City of Rome and an emperor's palace at Tivoli. From there we'll cross Italy's boot, discovering the wild beauty of the Gargano Peninsula and the Adriatic Coast.

Then we'll meander through untouristed country, where the modern world is waiting on hold, the espresso pours like syrup and the buffalo-milk mozzarella couldn't be fresher. The final half of our adventure is a rich mix of must-see historic sites (Greek Paestum and Roman Pompeii), jaw-dropping vistas (Amalfi Coast and Sorrento) and raw, untamed energy (urban jungle of Naples). You'll see a lot on this tour, so to help keep you rested we'll stay two nights at each stop.

After this trip, you'll never look at the map of Italy the same. Rick likes to say that if you've enjoyed Italy north of Rome, you'll love diving into the south! He's right, and here's your chance.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Italy

Meet your tour guide and group • “Welcome to Italy” dinner together • Sleep in Rome 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Layers of Rome

Guided tour of the Capitoline Museums • Walking tour of Rome’s Jewish Ghetto • Free afternoon to wander through the Roman Colosseum and Forum, visit the Victor Emmanuel Monument, or explore St. Peter’s Basilica and Vatican City

## DAY 3

### Tivoli and the Gargano Peninsula

Travel to the Gargano Peninsula • Visit to Hadrian’s Villa at Tivoli • Dinner together • Sleep in Vieste 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Vieste and the Adriatic Coast

Boat cruise along the craggy Gargano Coast • Pasta-making demonstration and lunch together • Free afternoon to explore Vieste or luxuriate on the beach

## DAY 5

### Alberobello and Matera

Travel to Italy’s Basilicata region • Stop to sample local wines, meats and cheeses • Visit to Alberobello’s cone-shaped, stone *trulli* houses • Dinner together • Sleep in Matera 2 nights

## DAY 6

### The Wonders of Matera

Guided tour of the 9,000-year-old *Sassi*

neighborhood • Visit to a *Sasso* home, a rock-hewn church and the new town • Free afternoon to explore more of Matera

## DAY 7

### Paestum and the Amalfi Coast

Travel to the Amalfi Coast • Guided tour of an organic water buffalo farm • Gourmet lunch with fresh buffalo mozzarella • Visit to Paestum’s ancient Greek temples • Sleep on the Amalfi Coast 2 nights

## DAY 8

### Free Day on the Amalfi Coast

The day is all yours to enjoy the breathtaking Amalfi Coast. Check out the sweeping views from Ravello, the candy-striped church in Amalfi town and the posh shops of Positano, or simply relax on the beach

## DAY 9

### Pompeii and Sorrento

Travel to Sorrento • Guided tour of Pompeii • Orientation walk through Sorrento • Gelato demonstration • Sleep in Sorrento 2 nights

## DAY 10

### Serene Sorrento and Capri

The day is all yours to explore more of Sorrento or take an optional boat ride to the island of Capri, where you can visit the famous Blue Grotto • Dinner together at the home of a local Sorrento family

## DAY 11

### Classy, Gritty Naples

Travel to Naples • Visit to the Museo

Capodimonte for southern Italy’s best collection of Renaissance paintings • Walking tour through the heart of Naples • Sleep in Naples 2 nights

## DAY 12

### Exploring More of Naples

Visit to the Cappella Sansevero • Guided tour of Naples’ National Archaeological Museum • Free afternoon to explore more of Naples • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 13

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Grazie e ciao!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 19 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Trastevere walking tour • Jewish Ghetto walking tour • Capitoline Museums • Hadrian’s Villa at Tivoli • Gargano boat cruise (*weather permitting*) • Pasta-making demonstration • Alberobello • Puglia wine tasting • Matera *Sassi* walking tour • Mozzarella farm • Paestum • Pompeii • Gelato-making demonstration • Orientation for Capri excursion • Sorrento home-hosted dinner • Capodimonte Museum • Naples neighborhood walk • Sansevero Chapel • Naples National Archaeology Museum...and more

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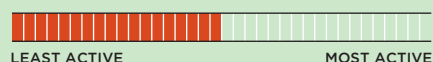
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 **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## VILLAGE ITALY in 14 DAYS

**O**ur Village Italy tour is perfect for the traveler who is ready to experience the more intimate magic of small town Italy, with a tasty focus on food, wine and culture.

Your small group will venture far from the noisy big cities: Giotto's Padua, rustic Montefalco, St. Francis' Assisi, medieval Siena, stroll-awhile Lucca, lovely Lake Orta, sleepy hill towns, and postcard-perfect Riviera harbors. You'll learn—and taste—quintessentially Italian concepts, like “slow food.”

We've spiced our Village Italy tour with lively activities: scenic hikes, walking tours, farm visits, a cooking demonstration, a wine tasting—even a truffle hunt. You'll also have plenty of time to relax, ripening with the grapes under the Tuscan sun. To help keep you even better rested, every stop but one is for two nights at a comfortable hotel or countryside estate.

Join us, and you'll drink in a rich blend of wine-cellared villages, cypress-lined country lanes, artisans who refuse to abandon their traditional ways, walks with local historians, and old-fashioned home-cooked meals. You'll hang out with the locals on village squares 'til midnight, wake to birdsong, and appreciate the uniquely Italian *il dolce far niente*...the sweetness of doing nothing.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Italy

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Italy” dinner • Sleep in Padua 2 nights

## DAY 2

### All Day to Discover Padua

Walking tour of Padua’s colorful market squares, piazzas and Scrovegni Chapel • Visit to Padua’s Anatomy Theatre • Free afternoon to visit St. Anthony’s Basilica, roam through the university’s Botanical Garden, or relax at a sidewalk café

## DAY 3

### Ravenna and Hill Town of Montefalco

Travel to Montefalco • Guided tour of Ravenna’s Byzantine San Vitale Basilica and Mausoleum of Galla Placidia • Free afternoon to wander through the hill town of Montefalco • Sleep in Montefalco 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Assisi and Truffles

Visit to St. Francis’ hometown of Assisi • Tour of Assisi’s basilica followed by a walk through the town • Truffle hunt with local farmer • Farm-to-table dinner together at a scenic country estate

## DAY 5

### Deruta and Orvieto

Travel to Orvieto • Pottery-making demonstration in Deruta at a family workshop • Wine tasting and lunch at a winery • Visit to Orvieto’s San Brizio Chapel • Sleep in Orvieto 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Umbrian Hill Towns

Free morning to explore Orvieto’s market • Afternoon drive to explore Umbrian hill towns

## DAY 7

### Heart of Tuscany

Travel to Tuscany • Tour of the Etruscan Museum at Chianciano • Tuscan cooking lesson and lunch together • Dinner together at our countryside hotel • Sleep in Tuscany 2 nights

## DAY 8

### Tranquil Tuscany

Morning visit to Siena • Orientation walk through town • Free afternoon at our country hotel to relax by the pool or hike along the farm paths before dinner together

## DAY 9

### Hill Towns and Lucca

Travel to Lucca with stops to wander through timeless Tuscan hill towns • Sleep in Lucca 2 nights

## DAY 10

### Lovely Lucca and Olive Groves

Walking tour of Lucca’s elegant pedestrian streets and historic churches • Olive oil tasting, mill tour and lunch • Free evening to explore more of Lucca

## DAY 11

### Carrara’s Marble and the Riviera

Travel to the Italian Riviera • Stop at Carrara’s snow-white marble quarries • Scenic boat ride along the Ligurian

Coast • Seafood dinner together • Sleep in Levanto 2 nights

## DAY 12

### All Day on the Italian Riviera

The day is all yours to explore the Cinque Terre, hike the trails, spend the day on the beach or pick a village and explore colorful alleyways

## DAY 13

### Lago d’Orta

Travel to Lake Orta • Scenic boat ride out to little Isola San Giulio • Farewell dinner together • Sleep in Orta San Giulio 1 night

## DAY 14

### Tour Over After Breakfast

Grazie e ciao!

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 21 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Padua walking tour • Scrovegni Chapel • Padua’s Anatomy Theatre (*when available*) • Mosaics of Ravenna’s San Vitale and Mausoleum of Galla Placidia • Assisi’s Basilica of St. Francis • Truffle hunt • Deruta pottery demonstration • Wine tasting • Orvieto orientation walk • Orvieto Cathedral and Signorelli’s frescoes • Etruscan Museum • Italian cooking class • Siena orientation walk • Tuscan hill town • Lucca walking tour • Olive oil tasting and lunch • Carrara marble quarry • Ligurian Coast boat cruise (*weather permitting*) • Orientation for “vacation” day on Italian Riviera • Lake Orta boat cruise... and more

For a complete list of what’s included, see page 6 or visit [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com)!








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## BEST OF ITALY in 17 DAYS

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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Italy is Europe's most challenging and rewarding destination—a *tavola calda* of travel thrills. Think about it: cappuccino, Chianti, gelato, Michelangelo, Romeo, Vaticano, fashion divas, Botticelli, Ferrari, fettuccini, tiramisu, sinking Venice, tipsy towers, splashy fountains, Figaro, Tosca, pasta...*basta!*

On our most comprehensive tour of Italy, you'll experience the places you've always dreamed of: timeless Venice, Renaissance Florence, medieval Siena, St. Francis' Assisi, and eternal Rome. But you'll also spend magical nights well beyond the typical tour bus route: in a sun-sea-and-wine-drenched Riviera village, perched on the edge of a Dolomite mountain meadow, and overlooking a cozy Lake Como harbor.

This tour is packed with art, history, cultural insights, and great food. You'll savor pesto in its birthplace, find your perfect pasta, praise the porcini mushrooms, and wash it all down with delicious varieties of *vino*. Your entire experience will be like the wine: *corposo* (full-bodied).

For 17 delight-filled days you'll feel the seductive pulse of Rick Steves' favorite country. For history, art, and la dolce vita, there is no contest: *Mamma mia, it's Italia!*





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Italy

Meet your tour guide and group • Varenna orientation walk • Sleep in Varenna 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Cruising Lake Como

The day is all yours to explore the villages and waterways of Lake Como with your included ferry pass

## DAY 3

### Scenic Drive to the Dolomites

Travel to the Dolomites • Tirolean dinner together in the Alps • Sleep in the Alpe di Siusi area 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Hiking the Dolomites

The day is all yours to explore the dramatic Dolomites, from an array of hikes to a walk through Europe's largest Alpine meadow • Dinner together

## DAY 5

### The Iceman and Venice

Travel to Venice • Stop in Bolzano to visit Ötzi the Iceman and a museum exhibit on prehistoric European life • Vaporetto boat ride on Grand Canal • Orientation walk of Venice • Sleep in Venice 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Exploring Venice

Walking tour through the backstreets of Venice • Visit to St. Mark's Square and Basilica • Free afternoon and evening to explore the Doge's Palace, the Accademia art museum and more Venetian sights • Optional evening gondola ride

## DAY 7

### Florence and David

Travel to Florence • Renaissance walking tour of Florence • Visit to the Accademia Gallery, home of Michelangelo's *David* • Sleep in Florence 2 nights

## DAY 8

### Renaissance Florence

Guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Florence

## DAY 9

### Pisa and Cinque Terre Villages

Travel to the Cinque Terre • Stop at Pisa's leaning tower • Pesto-making lesson and dinner at a local family restaurant • Sleep in Monterosso 2 nights (may be split between two hotels)

## DAY 10

### Exploring the Cinque Terre

The day is all yours to hike through the hillside vineyards, hang out on the beaches, or lounge around town

## DAY 11

### Tuscany and Siena

Travel to Siena • Stop at your guide's favorite hill town • Walking tour of Siena • Dinner at one of Siena's *contrade* • Sleep in Siena 2 nights

## DAY 12

### Savoring Siena

Visit to a stained-glass artist's studio • Guided tour of Siena's Duomo • Free afternoon to explore

## DAY 13

### Assisi and Wine Tasting

Travel to Umbria • Guided tour of Assisi • Tour of Assisi's Basilica of Saint Francis • Wine tasting • Dinner together • Sleep in an *agriturismo* near Orvieto 2 nights

## DAY 14

### Hill-Town Italy

Visit to Orvieto • Orvieto orientation tour, including visit to San Brizio Chapel • Free afternoon to explore more of Orvieto • Dinner together at our *agriturismo*

## DAY 15

### A Walk Through Caesar's Rome

Travel to the Eternal City of Rome • Guided tours of the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Pantheon • Evening walk through the heart of Rome including the Trevi Fountain • Sleep in Rome 2 nights

## DAY 16

### The Vatican Museums

Visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel • Free afternoon to explore St. Peter's Basilica and more of Rome • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 17

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Grazie e ciao!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 27 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Lake Como ferry pass • South Tirol Museum of Archaeology (Ötzi the Iceman) • Venice walking tour • St. Mark's Square and Basilica • Renaissance Florence walking tour • Florence's Accademia Gallery (Michelangelo's *David*) • Uffizi Gallery • Pisa • Pesto-making lesson • Orientation for "vacation" day in the Cinque Terre • Tuscan hill town • Siena walking tour • Siena Duomo • Siena contrada visit and dinner • Artisan workshop • Assisi walking tour • Basilica of St. Francis • Umbrian wine tasting • Orvieto orientation and San Brizio Chapel • Ancient Rome walking tour • Colosseum • Roman Forum • Pantheon • Vatican Museums • Sistine Chapel • Trevi Fountain • Evening walk through Rome...and more

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## BEST OF PARIS in 7 DAYS

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**CITY GETAWAYS**

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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**W**hy is Paris our most popular city tour destination? For starters, it stands as a symbol of the finest things that culture can offer—in art, fashion, food, literature and ideas. All that, and it's flat-out filled with *joie de vivre* to boot. Go ahead, sign up for this week-long getaway with high expectations. They'll be exceeded.

Settled in to your charming hotel home base for the week, you'll be minutes away from Europe's grandest sights: the masterpiece-packed Louvre and Orsay museums, the stained-glass delicacy of Sainte-Chapelle, the majesty of Versailles, bohemian Montmartre and that am-I-really-here stroll down the Champs-Élysées.

With the help of your guide, you'll do more than see Paris—you'll truly experience it: chatting with the man who makes your crêpe, strolling among artists on Montmartre, and sniffing “zee feet of angels” in a neighborhood *fromagerie*. You'll glide along the Seine, marvel at the nighttime glow of the Eiffel Tower, sip *café au lait* at sidewalk cafés...and struggle not to say “wow” too many times a day.

And, of course, you'll eat—very well. After all, this is the capital of cuisine.

### WOW MOMENTS

*“The tour was wonderful from beginning to end. Our guide was great, the organization perfect, the hotel comfortable and close to everything, the other group members friendly and fun, and on and on. I can't wait to go back to Paris again!”*

— KAREN IN SAANICHTON, BC





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Paris

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • Private panoramic bus tour of the City of Light • “Welcome to Paris” dinner together • Sleep in Paris 6 nights

### DAY 2

#### The Historic Heart of Paris

Historic Paris walking tours featuring the Ile de la Cité, the resilient Notre-Dame and the bohemian Latin Quarter • Visit to the exquisite Sainte-Chapelle

### DAY 3

#### Montmartre and a Seine Cruise

Walking tour of the colorful Montmartre neighborhood • Visit to Sacré-Coeur

Basilica • Boat cruise on the Seine River • Dinner together

### DAY 4

#### The Marais District and the Louvre

Walking tour through Paris’ history-layered Marais district, including the Place des Vosges and the Jewish Quarter • Visit to the Louvre Museum

### DAY 5

#### All Day at the Château de Versailles

Travel to Versailles • Guided tour of the dazzling Hall of Mirrors and sumptuous rooms of the palace • Free time to wander through the expansive gardens and Marie Antoinette’s hamlet

### DAY 6

#### Masterpieces of Paris

Guided tour of Orsay Museum • Free afternoon to further explore the Orsay, the nearby Orangerie Museum or discover more of Paris’ museums with your included 6-day Paris Museum Pass • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 7

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Merci et au revoir!*

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## 11 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

7-day Métro subway and bus transportation pass • 6-day Paris Museum Pass, allowing free admission throughout the city • Paris panoramic bus tour • Seine River cruise • Louvre Museum • Orsay Museum • Montmartre walking tour • Historic Paris walking tour • Sainte-Chapelle • Marais walking tour • Versailles...and more

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## PARIS & THE HEART OF FRANCE in 11 DAYS

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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Stringing together an all-star collection of Rick’s favorite places in and around Paris, this 11-day getaway begins and ends in the City of Light, where you’ll have time to explore the Louvre and Orsay museums, Sainte-Chapelle and more. Then you’ll be dazzled by the stained-glass wonders of Bourges Cathedral before château-hopping through the peaceful Loire Valley, where you’ll be bowled over by the storybook castles of Chenonceau and Chambord (and in Burgundy, you’ll even witness one being “medievally” constructed at Guédelon). Along the Normandy coast, you’ll marvel at the almost-mystical island abbey of Mont St-Michel and take a vivid memorial trip along the heroic beaches of D-Day. Finally, you’ll wander through Monet’s painting-perfect gardens at Giverny before returning to Paris for a farewell feast.

There is no better place than France to benefit from the insights, connections and passion of an expert guide, who can make the drama of D-Day come alive at the very place where the tide of history turned, and persuade you once and for all (without a doubt!) that Paris is the greatest city on earth.

This trip through the heart of France loads up your travel palette in living color...in less than two weeks.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Paris

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to France” dinner together • Sleep in Paris 3 nights

## DAY 2

### Historic Paris and Sainte-Chapelle

Walking tours of the Ile de la Cité and the Latin Quarter • Visit to Sainte-Chapelle • Afternoon free to use your Paris Museum Pass

## DAY 3

### Neighborhood Paris and the Louvre

Paris neighborhood walk • Louvre Museum • Free afternoon to explore more of Paris’ museums and monuments

## DAY 4

### Medieval Guédelon and Bourges

Travel to Bourges • Visit to Château de Guédelon, a medieval castle being built today using 13th-century materials and techniques • Walking tour of Bourges’ medieval half-timbered houses and

Cathédrale St-Etienne • Dinner together • Sleep in Bourges 1 night

## DAY 5

### The Loire and Chambord

Travel to the Loire Valley • Visit to Château de Chambord • Dinner together • Sleep in the Loire Valley 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Chenonceau and Amboise

Visit to the Château de Chenonceau • Free afternoon in the town of Amboise

## DAY 7

### Brittany and Mont St-Michel

Travel to Brittany and Mont St-Michel • Stop for lunch and a walk through a quintessential Breton hill town • Dinner together • Sleep on Mont St-Michel 1 night

## DAY 8

### Treasure of Bayeux

Travel to Normandy and Bayeux • Walking tour of Mont St-Michel’s town

and towering abbey • Visit to the Bayeux Tapestry • Sleep in Normandy 2 nights

## DAY 9

### Normandy’s D-Day Beaches

Guided tour of the Normandy beaches • Visits to Ste-Mère Eglise, Pointe du Hoc, and the American Cemetery and Memorial overlooking Omaha Beach

## DAY 10

### Monet’s Gardens at Giverny

Travel to Paris • Stop in Giverny to visit Monet’s gardens, house and studio • Farewell dinner together in Paris • Sleep in Paris 1 night

## DAY 11

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Merci et au revoir!*

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## 13 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

2-day Paris Museum Pass, allowing free admission throughout the city • Historic Paris walking tour • Sainte-Chapelle • Paris neighborhood walk • Louvre Museum • Château de Guédelon • Bourges walking tour and Cathédrale St-Etienne • Château de Chambord • Château de Chenonceau • Mont St-Michel and abbey • Bayeux Tapestry • D-Day tour (American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc and Ste-Mère Eglise) • Monet’s gardens at Giverny...and more

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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# LOIRE TO THE SOUTH OF FRANCE in 13 DAYS

In this tasty collection of French treats, you'll enjoy France's greatest Gothic cathedral (Chartres), its dreamiest châteaux (Loire), oldest art and tastiest open-air markets (Dordogne), biggest fortified city (Carcassonne), best-preserved Roman ruins (Provence), and its most sparkling harbors and seaside views (Riviera). Best of all—*voilà!*—it's a perfect fit for your two-week vacation.

Imagine the memories: canoeing on the idyllic Dordogne River while gazing up at fortified castles from the Hundred Years' War, strolling across a château's gardens in the footsteps of royalty, sipping perfectly aged wine amongst the vines, strolling the Riviera along the Promenade des Anglais, and marveling at the way art seems to swirl around you, from medieval stained-glass treasures to amateur pastel easels.

And, you'll dabble in French culture—sip a *pastis*, toss a few *boules*, sniff the cheese and the exotic spices at an open-air market, and let a freshly made crêpe (or two or three) melt in your mouth. Our goal is simple: You'll become so immersed in French culture that when you come up for air, you'll be singing *La Marseillaise!*





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Chartres

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to France” dinner together • Sleep in Chartres 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Cathedral and Art of Chartres

Walking tour of Chartres • Chartres Cathedral visit • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Chartres

## DAY 3

### Amboise, Chenonceau and Chinon

Travel to the Loire Valley, the land of a thousand châteaux • Free time in the town of Amboise • Visit to the elegant Château de Chenonceau, with time to roam through the château’s opulent interior and gardens • Dinner together • Sleep in castle-topped Chinon 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Villandry and the Loire

Visit to the Château de Villandry, famous for its remarkable “themed” gardens and the luxurious Château Azay-le-Rideau • Free afternoon to explore more of Chinon

## DAY 5

### Oradour-sur-Glane and Sarlat

Travel to the Dordogne • Picnic lunch together • Visit to the WWII martyr village of Oradour-sur-Glane • Dinner together • Sleep in Sarlat 3 nights

## DAY 6

### Cave Art and Canoeing

Visit to the prehistoric Rouffignac Cave • Canoe trip down the Dordogne River

## DAY 7

### Market Day in Sarlat

All day free to savor Sarlat’s colorful weekly market, sample foie gras, salivate over the black truffles, and shop for a picnic lunch

## DAY 8

### Medieval Carcassonne

Travel to Carcassonne • Walking tour of Carcassonne’s fortified old town • Free time to explore more of the town • Dinner together • Sleep in Carcassonne 1 night

## DAY 9

### On to Arles

Travel to Provence • Languedoc wine tasting • Walking tour of Arles, including the Roman Arena, Classical Theater and Ancient History Museum • Dinner together in Arles • Sleep in Arles 2 nights

## DAY 10

### The Pont du Gard

Visit to the Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct • Free time to discover more of Arles

## DAY 11

### Les Baux to the French Riviera

Travel to the French Riviera • Visit to the hill town of Les Baux •

Orientation walk through Nice’s Old City • Sleep in or near Nice 2 nights

## DAY 12

### Nice

Walking tour through Nice • Free afternoon to visit Nice’s Chagall and Matisse museums, prowl the promenades, or relax on the famous beach • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 13

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Merci et au revoir!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 17 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Chartres orientation tour • Chartres Cathedral • Amboise • Château de Chenonceau • Château de Villandry and gardens • Château Azay-le-Rideau • Oradour-sur-Glane • Rouffignac prehistoric cave • Dordogne canoe trip (*weather permitting*) • Sarlat walking tour • Carcassonne walking tour • Languedoc wine tasting • Pont du Gard and museum • Arles walking tour • Arles museum pass • Les Baux • Nice walking tour...and more

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## BEST OF EASTERN FRANCE in 14 DAYS

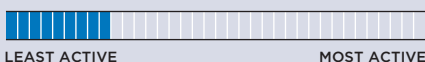
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### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a fairly active tour! Most days are light to moderately paced with 2–6 miles of walking, including some hills and stairs.



**O**ur Best of Eastern France tour spends 14 delicious days discovering the bountiful vineyards, classic villages, hearty cuisine, and quietly proud culture of eastern France.

In Champagne, you'll marvel at one of Europe's greatest Gothic cathedrals and relate to the tipsy medieval monk who first declared, "Brothers, I am drinking stars!"

In Alsace, you'll stroll along cobbled lanes lined with flower-boxed homes, compare dry Rieslings and aromatic Gewürztraminers, and contemplate the lush green fields nearby, where a "war to end all wars" took away a generation. In Burgundy, you'll taste the quintessential food and wine of "profound France"—and rub elbows with chefs searching for perfection at one of France's best open-air markets.

In Chamonix, you'll breathe in the fresh Alpine air surrounding Europe's highest mountain peak, Mont Blanc. And, in Provence, you'll wander ancient Roman ruins and sample the best of the Côtes du Rhône, footsteps away from where it was harvested, aged and bottled—sharing a toast to the magnifique wine regions of eastern France.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to France's Champagne Region

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • "Welcome to Reims" dinner together • Sleep in Reims 2 nights

## DAY 2

### All Day in Reims

Walking tour through Reims' historic city center • Visit to Reims' Gothic cathedral • Champagne tasting

## DAY 3

### Battlefields and Lessons of Verdun

Travel to Alsace, France's Germanic region • Visit to the historic WWI battlefields at Verdun • Alsatian specialties dinner • Sleep in Colmar 3 nights

## DAY 4

### All Day in Colmar

Walking tour of enchanting Colmar • Tour of the Unterlinden Museum, home to the *Isenheim Altarpiece* by Matthias Grünewald • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Colmar

## DAY 5

### The Route du Vin

Driving tour of the Alsatian wine region along the scenic Route du Vin • Visit to Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg • Wine tasting • Free evening back in Colmar

## DAY 6

### A Hearty Taste of Burgundy

Travel to the Burgundy region • Walking tour of the region's wine capital,

Beaune • Guided tour of the medieval charity hospital, Hôtel Dieu • Burgundian dinner together • Sleep in Beaune 2 nights

## DAY 7

### Market Day and Vineyards

Free morning to explore market day in Beaune • Visit to Burgundy's legendary Côte d'Or wine country • Picnic lunch together at a local *domaine* • Wine tasting

## DAY 8

### To the Alpine Peaks of Chamonix

Travel to the French Alps • Orientation to Chamonix • Traditional raclette or fondue dinner together in Chamonix • Sleep in Chamonix 2 nights

## DAY 9

### Free Day in the French Alps

The day is all yours to enjoy the wonders of the French Alps, take a ride on the Aiguille du Midi gondola, hike a mountain trail, or relax *après-ski* style at a view table in Chamonix

## DAY 10

### From Peaks to Provence

Travel to Provence • Visit to Annecy • Boat cruise on Lake Annecy • Dinner

together in Vaison-la-Romaine • Sleep in Vaison-la-Romaine 3 nights

## DAY 11

### Roman Provence

Guided tour of Vaison's Roman ruins, including its Roman theater • Visit to the Theater of Orange

## DAY 12

### Vineyards of the Côtes du Rhône

Scenic drive through the Côtes du Rhône wine region • Lunch together • Rhône Valley wine tasting • Free afternoon to explore Vaison-la-Romaine

## DAY 13

### Exquisite Aix-en-Provence

Travel to Aix-en-Provence • Walking tour through the city's historic center • Farewell dinner together • Sleep in Aix-en-Provence 1 night

## DAY 14

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Merci et au revoir!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 19 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Reims walking tour • Reims Cathedral • Champagne tasting • Verdun WWI battlefields • Colmar walking tour • Unterlinden Museum • Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg • Alsatian wine region excursion • Alsatian wine tasting • Beaune walking tour • Hôtel Dieu • Market day in Beaune • Beaune wine tasting • Lake Annecy boat cruise (*weather permitting*) • Hiking orientation in French Alps • Vaison-la-Romaine Roman ruins • Orange Roman theater • Rhône Valley wine tasting • Aix-en-Provence walking tour...and more

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## BASQUE COUNTRY OF SPAIN & FRANCE in 9 DAYS

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### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a moderately active tour! Most days are moderately paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including some hills, gravel trails, and stairs.



**S**traddling the modern-day borders of Spain and France is one of Europe's most ancient, independent-thinking regions: the Basque Country.

In this nine-day getaway you'll get to know a corner of Europe that's long been ignored by history books and guidebooks—and governments—yet has much to offer travelers. From idyllic harbors to craggy peaks, from ancient footpaths to ultra-modern museums, and from near-tribal allegiances to EU-driven prosperity, the Basque Country will have you saying, “I never knew that!” more often than any other tour.

Starting in Bayonne, France (a snap to reach from Paris by air or TGV), you'll learn of the early days of whaling that delivered new dangers and wealth to this neglected region on the Bay of Biscay. Then we'll cross the Pyrenees and settle into the Spanish side of Basque Country, where you'll be treated to the region's gourmet cooking, carefully crafted wines and warm hospitality.

From salt-of-the-earth villages to faithfully trod pilgrimage paths to Ernest Hemingway's Pamplona and Frank Gehry's dazzling Guggenheim Museum, you'll be happily immersed in the rich cuisine, culture, art and history—and a peek at the future—of Europe's surprising Basque Country.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Basque Country

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to the Basque Country” dinner together • Sleep in or near Bayonne 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Basque Bayonne

Bayonne walking tour • Guided tour of the Museum of Basque Culture • Free afternoon and evening

## DAY 3

### St-Jean-Pied-de-Port and Pamplona

Travel to Pamplona • Stop in the walled French town of St-Jean-Pied-de-Port • Scenic Pyrenees drive • Pamplona neighborhood orientation walk • Free evening • Sleep in Pamplona 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Proud Pamplona

Walking tour of Pamplona’s historic center, cathedral and ramparts • Free

afternoon to explore more of Pamplona and settle in, as Hemingway did • Dinner together at a traditional private dining club

## DAY 5

### All Day on the Camino de Santiago

Travel to San Sebastián • Pilgrimage walk along the Camino de Santiago trail • Stop in the Navarre wine region for a wine tasting and lunch • Sleep in San Sebastián 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Savoring San Sebastián

Walking tour of San Sebastián’s Old Town, promenade and Cathedral of the Good Shepherd • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of the Old Town, ride the funicular up to Monte Igeldo’s viewpoint, or hike around Monte Urgull

## DAY 7

### Guernica and Bilbao

Travel to Bilbao • Tour of a Basque

sheep farm • Visit to Guernica, site of the infamous 1937 air raid that inspired Picasso’s masterpiece • Guided tour of Guernica’s Assembly House • Bilbao neighborhood orientation walk • Free evening • Sleep in Bilbao 2 nights

## DAY 8

### Bilbao and the Guggenheim

Guided tour of the Guggenheim Bilbao modern art museum • Free afternoon to explore more of the museum or the city’s other sights • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 9

### Tour Over After Breakfast

Agur!

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 13 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Bayonne walking tour • Bayonne Museum of Basque Culture • St-Jean-Pied-de-Port • Drive through the Pyrenees • Pamplona walking tour • Pamplona Private Dining Society (sociedad) dinner • Pilgrimage walk along the Camino de Santiago trail • Navarre wine tasting and lunch • San Sebastián walking tour • Basque sheep farm • Guernica • Bilbao walking tour • Guggenheim Museum... and more

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**\$2,495–\$2,695 + air**  
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## BEST OF BARCELONA & MADRID in 8 DAYS

**MORE THAN 12 DEPARTURES**  
from April through December 2021

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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is one of our most active tours! Most days are strenuously paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including hilly terrain and lots of stairs.



**W**e've combined Spain's top cities to create a sparkling, full-bodied eight-day adventure.

Barcelona bustles with a colorful street life and nighttime scene that make it Europe's most festive city. For three days you'll be immersed in the pride and energy of today's Catalunya—tapping into the wine scene, marveling at Gaudí's architecture, getting personal with Picasso, and digging into the region's freshest seafood.

Then, for the classy “part two” of our adventure, we'll whisk you aboard one of Europe's premier high-speed trains to the very heart of Spain: Madrid. Here you'll explore the “royal” side of the country, from Madrid's majestic monuments and boulevards to its sumptuous Royal Palace and masterpiece-packed Prado Museum, and a day in Spain's medieval capital, frozen-in-time Toledo.

In each city, you'll enjoy a rich mix of guided neighborhood and museum walks and well-oriented free time, giving you plenty of opportunities to make your own special discoveries. Our goal is simple: to have you return home with more magic memories than you ever thought possible in an eight-day getaway.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Barcelona

Meet your tour guide and group • Barcelona neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Barcelona” dinner together • Sleep in Barcelona 3 nights

## DAY 2

### Elegant Eixample and Gaudí

Barcelona Eixample walk • Guided tour of Sagrada Família • Wine tasting • Free to explore more Modernisme delights throughout the city

## DAY 3

### Barri Gòtic and Picasso

Guided tour of Barcelona’s Gothic Quarter, from its Roman foundations to its cathedral, and Picasso Museum • Dinner together

## DAY 4

### Park Güell and Madrid

Travel by AVE train to Madrid • Panoramic bus tour of Barcelona • Visit to Gaudí’s fanciful Park Güell • Panoramic bus tour of Madrid • Madrid neighborhood orientation walk • Tapas-style dinner together • Sleep in Madrid 4 nights

## DAY 5

### Madrid’s Royal Palace

Historical walking tour from Madrid’s Puerta del Sol through the Royal Palace • Tapas lesson and tasting • Free evening

## DAY 6

### Masterpieces of Madrid

Guided tour of the masterpiece-packed Prado • Visit to the Reina Sofía modern art museum • Free

afternoon and evening to explore more of Madrid

## DAY 7

### Toledo

Travel to Toledo • Walking tour including visits to Toledo’s magnificent cathedral, the historic Tránsito Synagogue and El Greco’s *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz* at Santo Tomé Chapel • Free afternoon to enjoy the winding streets of Toledo • Farewell dinner together in Madrid

## DAY 8

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Hasta luego!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 16 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Sagrada Família • Wine tasting • Gothic Quarter walking tour • Barcelona Cathedral • Picasso Museum • Barcelona panoramic bus tour • Park Güell • Madrid panoramic bus tour • Madrid walking tour • Royal Palace • Prado Museum • Reina Sofía museum • Toledo day trip and walking tour • Santo Tomé Chapel (El Greco’s *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*) • Toledo Cathedral • Tránsito Synagogue... and more

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**\$2,995–\$3,195 + air**  
Single Supplement \$525

## BEST OF ANDALUCÍA in 10 DAYS

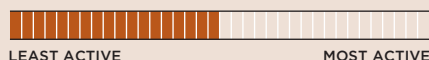
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### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a moderately active tour! Most days are moderately paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including some hills and stairs.



**T**raveling to the rhythm of strutting horses, swaggering matadors, flirtatious flamenco and the lilting tones of classical guitars, this tour captures the passion and pride of Spain's Andalucía.

Starting with Córdoba and ending in Sevilla, you'll be immersed in the many layers of culture and history of this remarkable region. With a Rick Steves guide at your side, you'll explore southern Spain's three greatest cities: Magnificent Córdoba—with its maze-like old town and magical Mezquita—has a glorious Roman and Moorish past. Cosmopolitan Granada—with its rolling hills and royal views—specializes in evocative history and good living. And soulful Sevilla—with its riveting flamenco shows and buzzing street life—is Spain's most flamboyant and atmospheric city.

We'll also slow down to savor the flavors of Andalucía's wines and cuisine, learn about the craft of creating olive oil in charming Úbeda, ponder millennia-old mysteries at Menga, connect with the artistry of guitarists and bullfighters in Ronda, and delight in the flower-spangled nooks of white-washed hill towns.

If a tour could be a dance, this one is it.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Spain

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Andalucía” dinner together • Sleep in Córdoba 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Córdoba’s Moorish Maze and Modern City

Walking tour of Córdoba • Guided tour of Mezquita • Evening flamenco performance

## DAY 3

### Ruta del Vino and Andalucía’s Olive Country

Travel to Úbeda • Montilla-Moriles wine tasting • Neighborhood orientation walk • Dinner together • Sleep in Úbeda 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Undiscovered Úbeda

Walking tour of Úbeda • Guided tour of

the Chapel of El Salvador • Visit to Synagogue del Agua

## DAY 5

### Rolling Hills and Royal Views

Travel to Granada • Tour, tasting and lunch at an olive oil farm • Visit to the tombs of Ferdinand and Isabel • Dinner together on the Albayzín hill overlooking the Alhambra • Sleep in Granada 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Moorish Treasures of Granada

Visit to the Alhambra (when available) • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Granada

## DAY 7

### Ronda

Travel to Ronda • Stop at Antequera and Menga Dolmen • Bull farm tour and lunch • Visit to Ronda’s bullring, Spain’s oldest • Guitar concert • Free evening • Sleep in Ronda 1 night

## DAY 8

### Sevilla’s Barrio Santa Cruz

Travel to Sevilla • Guided tour of Sevilla, including the Barrio Santa Cruz and the world’s largest Gothic cathedral • Free evening • Sleep in Sevilla 2 nights

## DAY 9

### Sevilla’s Royal Alcázar

Guided tour of the Alcázar palace • Free afternoon to explore more of Sevilla • Carriage ride • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 10

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Hasta luego!*

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## 18 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Córdoba walking tour • Córdoba Mezquita • Flamenco performance • Montilla-Moriles wine tasting • Úbeda walking tour • Synagogue del Agua • Chapel of El Salvador • Olive oil farm visit • Granada Royal Chapel • Alhambra palace (when available) • Antequera Menga Dolmen • Ronda bullring • Guitar concert • Reservatauro bull farm • Sevilla walking tour • Sevilla Cathedral • Sevilla Alcázar • Sevilla carriage ride (weather permitting)...and more

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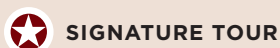




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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## BEST OF SPAIN in 14 DAYS

**F**rom Gaudí and El Greco to tapas and flamenco, this tour captures the energetic diversity of Spain. Our two weeks together will be packed with world-class art treasures, vivid folk life, marvelous meals...and a welcome that matches the sunny climate.

Along the way, your enthusiastic guide will lead you to some of Europe's greatest thrills: Barcelona's exuberance, with its playful Gaudí creations, rambling Ramblas and nonstop night scene; Madrid's majesty, with its opulent Royal Palace and priceless Prado gallery; Toledo's history, with a heart that's changed little since El Greco walked its streets four centuries ago; Granada's elegance, crowned with its amazing Alhambra; Andalucía's pleasures, from prancing horses to full-bodied sherries and sweeping hill-town views; and Sevilla's soul, beating with the passion of flamenco.

The rich traditions of Spain wrap nicely around your taste buds, too, for we'll never wander far from the region's robust wines, succulent seafood, terrific tapas, heavenly paella...and the list goes on.

We have just one more thing to say: *Olé!*





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Spain

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Spain” tapas-style dinner together • Sleep in Barcelona 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Lively, Artistic Barcelona

Walking tour of Barcelona’s maze-like Gothic Quarter • Guided tour of Sagrada Família • Free time to experience more of Barcelona, from the Picasso Museum to Gaudí’s playful Park Güell

## DAY 3

### Madrid and the Royal Palace

Travel to Madrid • Guided tour of the sumptuously decorated Royal Palace • Neighborhood orientation walk • Dinner together • Sleep in Madrid 3 nights

## DAY 4

### Masterpieces of Madrid

Walking tour of Madrid • Guided tour of the masterpiece-packed Prado • Free afternoon and evening to visit the Reina Sofia, Retiro Gardens or catch a performance of zarzuela, Spain’s delightful light opera

## DAY 5

### Day Trip to Segovia

Travel to Segovia • Walking tour of Segovia, including its beautifully preserved Roman aqueduct • Free time to explore more of the city, including its medieval Alcázar fortress • Traditional lunch together

## DAY 6

### Historic Toledo

Travel to Toledo • Walking tour including visits to Toledo’s magnificent cathedral, the historic Tránsito Synagogue and El Greco’s *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz* at Santo Tomé Chapel • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of the city • Sleep in Toledo 1 night

## DAY 7

### La Mancha and Granada

Travel to Granada • Stop at Consuegra windmills • Visit to the tombs of Ferdinand and Isabel • Dinner together on the Albayzín hill overlooking the Alhambra • Sleep in Granada 2 nights

## DAY 8

### Moorish Treasures of Granada

Visit to the Alhambra (when available) • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Granada’s colorful streets and alleyways

## DAY 9

### Ronda

Travel to Ronda • Visit to Ronda’s bullring, Spain’s oldest • Free time to explore more of Ronda, including its gravity-defying stone bridge • Sleep in or near Ronda 1 night

## DAY 10

### Spain’s Pueblos Blancos

Travel to the hill town of Arcos de la Frontera • Bull farm tour • Olive oil tasting and tour • Dinner together • Sleep in Arcos de la Frontera 2 nights

## DAY 11

### Sherry and Horses

Andalusian horse farm tour • Visit to guide’s favorite Andalusian town • Sherry tasting • Free evening to explore more of Arcos

## DAY 12

### Sevilla’s Barrio Santa Cruz

Travel to Sevilla • Guided tour of Sevilla, including the Barrio and the world’s largest Gothic cathedral • Flamenco performance • Sleep in Sevilla 2 nights

## DAY 13

### Sevilla’s Royal Alcázar

Guided tour of the Alcázar palace • Free afternoon to explore more of Sevilla • Carriage ride • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 14

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Hasta luego!*

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 25 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Barcelona walking tour • Sagrada Família • Prado Museum • Royal Palace • Madrid walking tour • Segovia day trip • Segovia walking tour • Toledo walking tour • Santo Tomé Chapel (El Greco’s *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*) • Toledo Cathedral • Tránsito Synagogue • Consuegra windmills • Granada Royal Chapel • Alhambra palace (when available) • Ronda bullring • Bull farm • Olive oil tasting • Andalusian horse farm • Andalusian excursion • Sherry tasting • Sevilla walking tour • Sevilla Cathedral • Sevilla Alcázar • Sevilla carriage ride (weather permitting) • Flamenco performance...and more

For a complete list of what’s included, see page 6 or visit [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com)!





**\$3,295–\$3,595 + air**  
Single Supplement \$675

## HEART OF PORTUGAL in 12 DAYS

**MORE THAN 30 DEPARTURES**  
from April through October 2021

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and sign up at [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com).

### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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**P**ortugal is just off the radar of most travelers. And their loss is your gain. Venturing far from the tourist crowd, our Heart of Portugal tour has a real “Europe in the old days” feel to it. In Lisbon, old-time trolley cars rumble along paving-stone streets. In villages, wineries and coastal towns, the locals haven’t been jaded by big-time tourism. And while the European Union has (thankfully) brought Portugal’s highways into the 21st century, the traditional economy is still based on fishing, cork, weaving, and wine. For travelers, it’s the best of both worlds.

Starting in lively Lisbon and ending in proud Porto, this 12-day journey will feed your mind, body and spirit with a rich blend of Roman, Moorish and Baroque architecture, spiced with the small towns, seacoast, food, wine, music and traditions that make up the heart and soul of Portugal.

Your guide will open many cultural doors on this tour, connecting you with the Portuguese people, from university students to vintners and from sun-weathered cork-harvesters to the petticoat-clad wives of old fishermen.

Folklife is for real here, from haunting fado melodies to everyone’s evening *paseo*, all adding extra flavor to your *vinho verde* as the Atlantic surf rolls in.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Portugal

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Portugal” dinner together • Sleep in Lisbon 3 nights

## DAY 2

### Neighborhoods of Lisbon

Walking tour through Lisbon’s downtown neighborhoods • Free afternoon to explore more of Lisbon or nearby Sintra • Fado performance • Dinner together

## DAY 3

### Seafaring Belém and the Gulbenkian

Tour of Belém, including the Monument to the Discoveries and Monastery of Jerónimos • Visit to the world-class Gulbenkian Museum

## DAY 4

### Historic Évora

Travel to Évora • Walking tour of Évora’s old town • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Évora • Sleep in Évora 1 night

## DAY 5

### Olives, Oaks and Óbidos

Travel to Óbidos • Visit to a working olive and cork farm • Olive oil tasting • Lunch together, including some of the estate’s wines • Óbidos neighborhood orientation walk • Sleep in Óbidos 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Royal Intrigue, Alcobaça and Nazaré

Visit to Alcobaça to tour the ornate Baroque-Gothic Cistercian Monastery of Santa María • Free time to explore the towns of Nazaré and Sítio before returning to Óbidos for the evening

## DAY 7

### Batalha and Fátima

Travel to Coimbra • Visit to Batalha’s grand Monastery of Santa María and the nearby pilgrimage site of Fátima • Walking tour through Coimbra, including its 700-year-old university • Dinner together • Sleep in Coimbra 2 nights

## DAY 8

### Classic Coimbra

Visit to the Roman ruins of Conímbriga • Free afternoon to discover more of Coimbra • Coimbra-style fado performance

## DAY 9

### Douro Wine Country

Travel to the Douro Valley, Portugal’s

most famous wine-making region • Winery visit with port wine tasting and lunch • Dinner together • Sleep in the Douro Valley 1 night

## DAY 10

### Vineyard Views and Porto

Travel through terraced wine country to Porto • Panoramic bus tour of Porto • Porto food tour • Porto boat cruise on the Douro River • Sleep in Porto 2 nights

## DAY 11

### Savoring Proud Porto

Walking tour of Porto, including visits to the Stock Exchange Palace and São Francisco Church • Free afternoon to explore more of Porto • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 12

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Adeus!*

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 21 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Lisbon walking tour • Fado performance • Monastery of Jerónimos • Monument to the Discoveries • Gulbenkian Museum • Évora walking tour • Olive oil tasting • Cork farm • Alcobaça Monastery • Nazaré day trip • Batalha’s Monastery of Santa María • Fátima • Conímbriga Roman ruins and museum • Coimbra University tour • Coimbra musical performance • Port wine tasting and lunch • Porto panoramic bus tour • Porto food tour • Porto river cruise (*weather permitting*) • Porto walking tour • Porto’s Stock Exchange Palace...and more

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**\$2,195–\$2,395 + air**  
Single Supplement \$825

## BEST OF LONDON in 7 DAYS

**MORE THAN 20 DEPARTURES**  
from April through December 2021

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and sign up at [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com).



### CITY GETAWAYS

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a very active tour! Most days are moderate to strenuously paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including hilly terrain and lots of stairs.



London has just what you need for a quick escape: cheap, direct flights; the best live theater scene on the planet; an inviting pub on every corner; and the simple pleasure of conversing with Europeans with (almost) no language barrier.

Join us for an exciting getaway to London Town. You'll settle into a centrally located hotel for the entire week. From this comfy sightseeing springboard, you'll be entertained with tales of the city's outrageous history, trade wisecracks with a "Beefeater," whisper across the immense dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, be thrilled by the courageous story of Britain's "finest hour"...and much more.

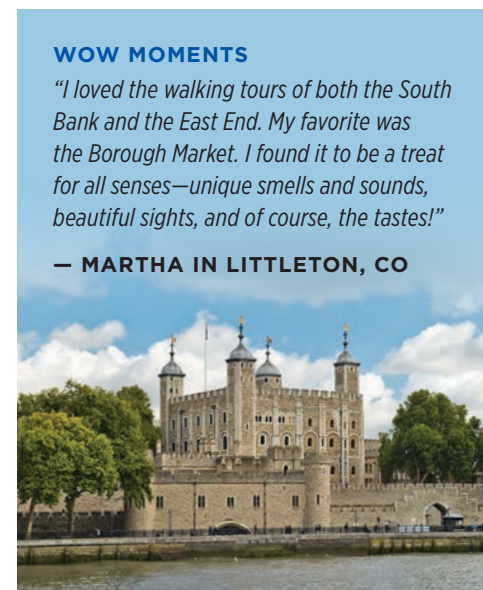
Imagine the fun of hearing Big Ben while strolling along the Thames, taking afternoon tea or sipping a foamy pint with the locals, ogling the Tower's crown jewels, wandering with royal abandon around Windsor Castle, and tasting your way through an ethnic tapestry of culinary delights.

With a colorful cast of characters—from Shakespeare to Monty Python—and an expert guide at your service, London is an exuberant, long-running performance you've simply got to experience.

### WOW MOMENTS

*"I loved the walking tours of both the South Bank and the East End. My favorite was the Borough Market. I found it to be a treat for all senses—unique smells and sounds, beautiful sights, and of course, the tastes!"*

— MARTHA IN LITTLETON, CO





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to London

Meet your tour guide and group • London panoramic bus tour • Dinner together • Sleep in London 6 nights

### DAY 2

#### Westminster and Whitehall

Underground/Tube orientation • Guided tour of Westminster Abbey • Walking tour along Whitehall • Churchill War Rooms • Free evening

### DAY 3

#### The Tower and The City

Opening ceremony and guided “Beefeater” tour of the Tower of London • Walking tour of The City, the oldest part of London and now its

financial heart • Afternoon tea together • Visit to British Museum • Free evening

### DAY 4

#### Historic Windsor Castle

Tour of Windsor Castle including the Royal Family’s castle, St. George’s Chapel and the surrounding park • Free afternoon to explore the town of Windsor or return to London for more sightseeing

### DAY 5

#### East London and St. Paul’s

Food tour through East London’s Spitalfields neighborhood • Guided tour of St. Paul’s Cathedral • Free evening

### DAY 6

#### Borough Market and the South Bank

Guided tour of Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre • Walking tour along the South Bank to Borough Market • Free afternoon • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 7

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

Cheerio!

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 18 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

London neighborhood walk and Tube orientation • Visitor Oyster Card for Underground (Tube) and bus transportation • London panoramic bus tour • Westminster Abbey • Whitehall walking tour • Afternoon tea • British Museum • Opening ceremony at the Tower of London • Tower of London “Beefeater” tour • “City” walking tour • St. Paul’s Cathedral • East London food tour • Churchill War Rooms • Windsor day trip • Windsor Castle • Globe Theater • Borough Market • South Bank walking tour...and more

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**\$3,995–\$4,395 + air**  
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## BEST OF SOUTH ENGLAND in 13 DAYS

**MORE THAN 12 DEPARTURES**  
from May through October 2021

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 **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a very active tour! Most days are moderate to strenuously paced with 2-8 miles of walking, including hilly terrain and lots of stairs.



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**O**ur Best of South England tour brings you to the very roots of British history and culture, away from the stress of the cities. It was along this crescent of land, never far from the sea, where William came to conquer, Nelson sailed to victory, Becket met with martyrdom, and Arthur became legendary. It's also home to quietly can-do attitudes, where a gardener's knowledge rivals a PhD, where a craftsman gets misty-eyed caring for an old locomotive, and where common fishermen in weather-worn boats sailed off to rescue an army in 1940.

Starting in Canterbury and ending in Bath (with easy connections to London), your Rick Steves guide will introduce you to locals who have talents to share and stories to tell. You'll learn about and taste their delicious seafood and hearty ales crafted from generations-old recipes.

You'll marvel at the sights as well, from the iconic White Cliffs and St. Michael's Mount to historic Dover Castle, to the moorlands and deep forests of Dartmoor, to ancient stone circles, cliff-perched villages, cobbled lanes, secluded seaside coves, time-tripping steam trains and great sailing ships. It'll be a fine holiday. Let's go off together, shall we?





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to England

Meet your tour guide and group • Canterbury neighborhood walk • “Welcome to England” dinner together • Sleep in Canterbury 3 nights

### DAY 2

#### Canterbury Cathedral

Tour of Canterbury Cathedral • Meet with the Cathedral’s stained glass or stone masonry conservators • River Stour punt tour

### DAY 3

#### Dover Castle and White Cliffs

Visit to Dover Castle and tour of the WWII-era Secret Wartime Tunnels • Visit to White Cliffs of Dover • English beer tasting

### DAY 4

#### Battles and Beaches

Travel to the village of Alfriston • Visit to Battle Abbey • Free time in the town of Battle • Walk along the South Downs Way to Beachy Head • Sleep in Alfriston 1 night

### DAY 5

#### The Great Ships of Portsmouth

Travel to Salisbury • Visit to the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, including the HMS *Victory*, the *Mary Rose* Museum and historic boat workshop • Dinner together • Sleep in Salisbury 2 nights

### DAY 6

#### Soaring Salisbury Cathedral

Tour of Salisbury Cathedral, including its Chapter House and the Magna Carta • Free evening in Salisbury

### DAY 7

#### Stonehenge and the Jurassic Coast

Travel to Dartmoor National Park • Tour of Stonehenge • Scenic drive along the Jurassic Coast • Dinner together • Sleep in Dartmoor National Park 2 nights

### DAY 8

#### Dartmoor National Park

Driving and walking tour in Dartmoor National Park • Visit to the Merrivale Stone Rows • Lunch together • Tour of a village church

### DAY 9

#### Castles and Cornwall

Travel to Cornwall • Visit to Tintagel Castle ruins • Dinner together • Traditional Cornish folk music performance • Sleep in a Cornish town 3 nights

### DAY 10

#### Coastal Cornwall

Cliff-top walk along the Cornish coast • Visit to a Cornish fishing village

### DAY 11

#### St. Michael’s Mount

Pasty-making demonstration and lunch • Visit to the island of St. Michael’s Mount

### DAY 12

#### Georgian Bath

Travel to Bath • Bath walking tour • Farewell dinner together • Sleep in Bath 1 night

### DAY 13

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Cheerio!*

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 23 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Canterbury orientation • Canterbury Cathedral • Meet with stone and stained-glass conservators • River Stour punt tour • Dover Castle and Wartime Tunnels • White Cliffs of Dover • English beer tasting • Battle Abbey • South Downs Way–Beachy Head walk • Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, including HMS *Victory* and the *Mary Rose* Museum • Salisbury Cathedral • Stonehenge • Jurassic Coast • Dartmoor National Park walk • Merrivale Stone Rows • Village church tour • Tintagel Castle • Pasty-making demonstration • Cornish fishing village • Cornwall coastal walk • St. Michael’s Mount • Traditional Cornish folk music performance • Bath walking tour...and more

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## BEST OF ENGLAND in 14 DAYS

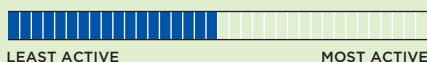
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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a moderately active tour! Most days are moderately paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including some hills and stairs.



 ur Best of England tour delivers just the right mix of urban Brit-thrills and thatch-happy village charm.

From bustling London to the castles of Wales, your guide will bring the icons of Britain to life. And from windswept Roman lookouts to desolate prehistoric stone circles, you'll venture far from the madding crowds, immersed in the wonder of this history-drenched island.

Wander with wonder through the Lake District, where Wordsworth's poems still shiver in trees and ripple on ponds. Attend an evensong service sung by an angelic boys' choir, powered by a thunderous pipe organ, and draped in medieval grandeur.

Imagine reviewing each splendid day over a pint, throwing a few darts with your new pub chums. To help keep you rested for the next day's adventure, all stops are for two or three nights, in a mix of centrally located hotels and charming guesthouses.

Julius Caesar toured Britain two millennia ago. A thousand years ago, the Normans came and William stayed. Decades ago, American GIs adopted this island as their home away from home. Now it's your turn.





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to England

Meet your tour guide and group • Bath neighborhood walk • Traditional roast dinner together • Sleep in Bath 3 nights

### DAY 2

#### Roman and Georgian Bath

Walking tour of Bath, including its medieval abbey square and Royal Crescent • Tour of Roman Baths • Free afternoon

### DAY 3

#### Glastonbury and Wells

Travel to Glastonbury and Wells • Visit to Glastonbury Abbey • Picnic lunch together • Guided tour of Wells Cathedral

### DAY 4

#### Stone Circles and the Cotswolds

Travel to the Cotswold village of Stow-on-the-Wold • Walk through Avebury's prehistoric stone circle • Guided tour of Blenheim Palace • Sleep in Stow-on-the-Wold 2 nights

### DAY 5

#### Cotswold Villages

Scenic Cotswolds drive through market villages • Guided tour of Stanway House • Free afternoon in Stow or country walk • Pub dinner together • Evening of local folk music

### DAY 6

#### Wonderful Wales

Travel to Conwy in North Wales • Visit to Stokesay Castle • Orientation

walk of Conwy • Dinner together • Sleep in Conwy 2 nights

### DAY 7

#### Sheepdogs, Castles and Highlands

Welsh sheepdog demonstration at working farm • Guided tour of Caernarfon Castle • Snowdonia National Park scenic drive • Free evening in Conwy

### DAY 8

#### Gardens and Lakes

Travel to England's Lake District • Visit to Bodnant Garden • Keswick orientation • Traditional fish and chips dinner together • Sleep in Keswick 2 nights

### DAY 9

#### The Lake District

Free day for hiking, walking and boating in the Lake District • Guided walk to Castlerigg stone circle

### DAY 10

#### Hadrian's Wall

Travel to York • Guided tour of Vindolanda • Walk along Hadrian's Wall • Walking tour of The Shambles,

York's medieval center • Indian dinner together • Sleep in York 2 nights

### DAY 11

#### York Minster and the Medieval City

Guided tour of York Minster • Free afternoon and evening

### DAY 12

#### Westminster Abbey and Regal London

Travel by train to London • Guided tour of Westminster Abbey • London Tube orientation • Sleep in central London 2 nights

### DAY 13

#### Tower of London and the River Thames

Guided tour of the Tower of London with a Beefeater • Boat cruise on the Thames • Free afternoon • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 14

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Cheerio!*

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 26 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Bath walking tour • Roman Baths • Glastonbury Abbey • Wells Cathedral • English beer tasting • Avebury stone circle • Blenheim Palace • Cotswolds loop drive • Stanway House and grounds • Cotswolds country walk • Local folk music • Stokesay Castle • English cream tea • Welsh sheep farm • Caernarfon Castle • Snowdonia National Park scenic drive • Bodnant Garden • Lake District boat cruise • Castlerigg stone circle • Hadrian's Wall walk • Vindolanda • York walking tour • York Minster • Tower of London "Beefeater" tour • Thames River cruise • Westminster Abbey... and more

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## HEART OF SCOTLAND in 8 DAYS

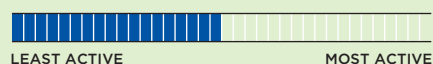
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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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**F**or a speedy and satisfying look at Scotland, consider this bonnie wee itinerary—which distills the highlights from our full two-week Best of Scotland tour into eight exciting days. With its misty glens, brooding countryside castles, beautiful landscape, and irrepressible spirit, it's easy to fall in love with this faraway corner of Britain.

We'll start our journey in the vast Highlands, where dreams of Scotland are set. With a dramatic backdrop of ever-changing views, we'll cruise Loch Ness searching for mythical monsters, explore the medieval ruins of Urquhart Castle, ponder evocative Culloden Battlefield, learn about life in prehistoric crannogs, stroll through a stretch of primeval forest, and taste a wee dram (or two) at a whisky distillery. Then we'll stop off in the golf mecca and prestigious university town of St. Andrews on our way to Scotland's historical, cultural and political capital, Edinburgh. There, we'll take a regal walk up the Royal Mile, soak in the stunning vistas from Edinburgh Castle, and contemplate Scotland's tenacious independent streak.

Our Heart of Scotland tour is designed to tick the boxes on all the clichés—kilts, bagpipes, whisky, and haggis—but also go beyond them, diving deep into Scotland's unique culture and natural beauty.





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Scotland

Meet your tour guide and group • Inverness neighborhood walk • “Welcome to Scotland” dinner together • Sleep in Inverness 2 nights

### DAY 2

#### Castles and Culloden

Boat cruise on Loch Ness (monster sightings possible) • Tour of Urquhart Castle • Afternoon tea • Visit to Cawdor Castle and gardens • Guided tour of Culloden Battlefield

### DAY 3

#### The Rugged, Romantic Highlands

Travel to Pitlochry • Visit to a whisky cooperage • Lunch together • Sheepdog demonstration at a working sheep farm • Dinner together • Sleep in Pitlochry 2 nights

### DAY 4

#### Crannogs and Whisky

Guided tour of Scotland’s unique crannogs (prehistoric defensive homesteads built on piers out over the lochs) • Black Linn Falls and Hermitage walk • Tour and tasting at a whisky distillery

### DAY 5

#### Charming St. Andrew

Travel to Edinburgh • Visit to St. Andrews, Scotland’s oldest university town and mecca for golfers • Edinburgh neighborhood orientation • Sleep in Edinburgh 3 nights

### DAY 6

#### Edinburgh’s Historic Heart

Walking tour of the Royal Mile • Visit to Edinburgh Castle • Free afternoon • Scottish musical evening

### DAY 7

#### The Politics of Scotland

Tour of the Scottish Parliament • Visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse • Free afternoon • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 8

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

Cheerio!

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 18 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Inverness walking tour • Loch Ness cruise • Urquhart Castle • Cawdor Castle • Afternoon tea • Culloden Battlefield • Whisky cooperage • Sheepdog demonstration • Scottish musical evening • Scottish crannogs • Hermitage walk • Whisky distillery tour and tasting • St. Andrews • Edinburgh orientation • Edinburgh’s Royal Mile walking tour • Edinburgh Castle • Scottish Parliament • Palace of Holyroodhouse...and more

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## BEST OF SCOTLAND in 14 DAYS

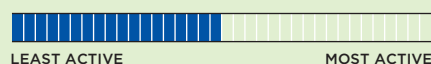
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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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**W**ith its dynamic cities, evocative Highlands, lonesome landscapes, and chatty village charm, Scotland is ideal for an engaging, edge-of-the-world escape. You'll discover a land and culture that are strongly persistent... and persistently lovable. While we also offer a more concise eight-day itinerary, this two-week tour is the full package—allowing us to really dig deeply into Scotland's rich cultural heritage, natural wonders and often-overlooked urban charms.

On our 14-day journey along mossy mountains, windswept isles, mysterious lochs, and heathered meadows, we'll taste the whisky, hear the bagpipes and feel the winds of a vivid and hard-fought history. We'll go time-tripping through evocative stone castles, savor the many-faceted charms of Edinburgh, get to know Glasgow (one of our favorite underrated "second cities"), and gaze across Loch Ness...searching for the one monster we wish were real.

Your guide will also see to it that Scotland "gets personal" with you, from stories of heroes great and small, to heartfelt hospitality, to traditional music in the pubs that puts a wee and knowing glint in every eye.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Scotland

Meet your tour guide and group • Glasgow neighborhood and metro orientation • “Welcome to Scotland” dinner together • Sleep in Glasgow 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Cosmopolitan Glasgow

Walking tour of Glasgow city center, including the Gothic cathedral, George Square and Merchant City • Free afternoon and evening to explore Glasgow’s museums and West End

## DAY 3

### Stirling and Seaside Oban

Travel the banks of Loch Lomond to Oban • Visit to Stirling Castle • Oban orientation • Free evening • Sleep in Oban 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Inspiring Isle of Iona

Ferry ride to the Isle of Iona • Visit to the 800-year-old Iona Abbey • Free time to explore the island • Return to Oban

## DAY 5

### Into the Highlands

Travel through the Scottish Highlands to Skye • Scenic drive through Glencoe Valley • Dinner together • Sleep near the Isle of Skye 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Over the Sea to Skye

Scenic driving tour of the Isle of Skye, including the Trotternish Peninsula,

Museum of Island Life and harbor town of Portree • Dinner together

## DAY 7

### Castles and Cruises

Travel to Inverness • Tour of Urquhart Castle • Boat cruise on Loch Ness (monster sightings possible) • Inverness orientation • Sleep in Inverness 2 nights

## DAY 8

### Battle of Culloden

Guided tour of Culloden Battlefield, site of the last full-scale pitch battle on British soil • Free afternoon to explore Inverness • Dinner together

## DAY 9

### Speyside and the Cairngorms

Whisky cooperage tour • Tour of Highland conservation at Rothiemurchus Estate in the heart of Cairngorms National Park • Sleep in Cairngorms National Park 1 night

## DAY 10

### Sheepdogs and Whisky

Sheepdog demonstration at a working sheep farm • Whisky distillery tour and tasting • Dinner together • Scottish piper performance • Sleep in or near the village of Kenmore 2 nights

## DAY 11

### Crannogs and Storytelling

Guided tour of Scotland’s unique crannogs (prehistoric, defensive homesteads built on piers out over the lochs) • Visit to Dunkeld’s medieval cathedral • Free time to explore

Dunkeld • Dinner together • Scottish storytelling evening

## DAY 12

### St. Andrews

Visit to St. Andrews, Scotland’s oldest university town • Free time to explore St. Andrews • Georgian Edinburgh orientation • Free evening • Sleep in Edinburgh 2 nights

## DAY 13

### Conquering Edinburgh

Walking tour of the Royal Mile • Visits to Edinburgh Castle and the National Museum of Scotland • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 14

### Tour Over After Breakfast

Cheerio!

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 24 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Glasgow neighborhood walk • Glasgow walking tour • Stirling Castle • Iona Abbey • Glencoe • Isle of Skye driving tour • Museum of Island Life • Urquhart Castle • Loch Ness cruise • Inverness orientation • Culloden Battlefield • Whisky cooperage • Highland estate • Sheepdog demonstration • Scottish distillery tour and tasting • Scottish Crannogs • Dunkeld Cathedral • Scottish piper performance • Scottish storytelling evening • St. Andrews • Georgian Edinburgh orientation • Edinburgh’s Royal Mile walking tour • Edinburgh Castle • National Museum of Scotland...and more

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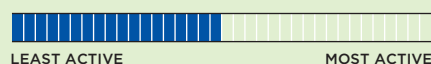
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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# HEART OF IRELAND in 8 DAYS

**T**ight on time? The Heart of Ireland in 8 Days—Rick’s personal “best of” distillation of our two-week Best of Ireland tour—starts in Ennis (just down the road from Shannon Airport) and ends in Dublin.

We’ll start with a thrill, marveling at the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, leaning into the wind where Europe crashes into the sea. Then we’ll travel to the Dingle Peninsula for two days of local artisans and Gaelic traditions—and two nights of friendly pubs and Irish music. A scenic drive across the island takes us to Ireland’s spiritual heart—the Rock of Cashel—and on to Kilkenny, where we’ll learn about its medieval history. Then we’re off to Ireland’s capital, with a quick stop at the ancient monastic site at Glendalough. In Dublin we’ll hear about the past and present, from the days of Viking raids and the hard centuries of British occupation, to its remarkable literary legacy and the modern city of today.

Each day along the way, in the good hands of your Rick Steves guide and local experts, you’ll be amazed at all you’ll experience in a mere week of touring the Emerald Isle. But most of all, it’s the people you meet and the stories you hear that will steal your heart.





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Ireland

Meet your tour guide and group • Cliffs of Moher • “Welcome to Ireland” dinner together • Sleep in Ennis  
1 night

### DAY 2

#### Ennis to Dingle Town

Travel to Dingle • Visit to the village of Adare • Dingle walking tour • Dinner together • Irish musical evening • Sleep in Dingle 2 nights

### DAY 3

#### The Dingle Peninsula

Crystal cutting demonstration • Guided tour along Sleat Head Drive • Gallarus Oratory • Visit to the Great Blasket Centre

### DAY 4

#### The Rock of Cashel and Kilkenny

Travel to Kilkenny • Guided tour of the ruins of the Rock of Cashel • Kilkenny Castle • Sleep in Kilkenny  
1 night

### DAY 5

#### Medieval and Monastic Heritage

Travel to Dublin • Visit to the monastic ruins of Glendalough • Dublin orientation walk • Dinner together • Sleep in Dublin 3 nights

### DAY 6

#### The Historic Heart of Dublin

Walking tour through the heart of Dublin, including the Book of Kells • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Dublin

### DAY 7

#### Prehistoric Tombs and Dublin

Tours of the Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum, and the ancient “passage tombs” of Brú na Bóinne • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 8

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Slán leat!*

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## 18 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Cliffs of Moher • Village of Adare • Dingle walking tour • Irish music evening • Dingle's Sleat Head Drive • Crystal cutting demonstration • Great Blasket Centre • Gallarus Oratory • Irish whiskey tasting • Rock of Cashel • Kilkenny orientation • Kilkenny Castle • Glendalough • Dublin walking tour • Trinity College • Book of Kells • Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum • Brú na Bóinne archaeology site...and more

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## BEST OF IRELAND in 14 DAYS

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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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**T**his is a land—and a tour—that celebrates life. On a sacred scrap of land your local guide, blessed with the gift of gab, picks a three-leafed clover and tells tales of St. Patrick as if she knew the man. In a village pub, you help “stomp the paint off the floor” to the rhythm of the folk band: fiddle, tin whistle and goat-skin drum. Then all suddenly goes quiet as someone sings a heartfelt lament. As your goose bumps fade, you realize you’re rubbing elbows with the soul of Ireland.

Then there are the great sights, starting with a time-tripping stroll through Dublin’s rich history, from its Viking days to the stirring fight for independence. In the far west, where Europe crashes into the sea, you’ll marvel at the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. In Galway and Dingle, the friendliness of this land—where English is a second language and the smell of peat fires perfume the evening air—will steal your heart. You’ll sail with us to the windswept Aran Islands—then be beckoned back to the “mainland,” where our route through the north is spiced with rugged vistas, fading signs of the past decades’ “Troubles” and a truly *Titanic* experience.

For 14 memorable days, you’ll be welcomed as one of the family.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Ireland

Meet your tour guide and group • Dublin orientation walk • “Welcome to Ireland” dinner together • Sleep in Dublin 2 nights

## DAY 2

### The Historic Heart of Dublin

Walking tour through the heart of Dublin • Visit to Trinity College for an illuminating look at the Book of Kells • Free time to explore more of Dublin

## DAY 3

### Kilmainham Gaol and Ruins

Travel to Kinsale • Visit to Kilmainham Gaol • Guided tour of the ruins of the Rock of Cashel • Dinner together • Sleep in Kinsale 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Kinsale and Charles Fort

Walking tour of Kinsale • Guided tour of Charles Fort overlooking the harbor • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Kinsale

## DAY 5

### Killarney National Park and Dingle

Travel to Dingle • Scenic drive through Killarney National Park • Visit to a working sheep farm • Irish whiskey tasting • Dinner together • Sleep in Dingle 3 nights

## DAY 6

### Gaelic Heritage

Guided tour along Sleat Head Drive • Gallarus Oratory • Crystal cutting

demonstration • Visit to the Great Blasket Centre • Free evening to explore Dingle’s thriving music scene

## DAY 7

### Roam the Dingle Peninsula

The day is all yours to explore the Dingle Peninsula, walk the local lanes, ride a bicycle along the Dingle Loop or sail to the rugged Blasket Islands

## DAY 8

### Cliffs of Moher and the Burren

Travel to Galway • Visit to the dramatic Cliffs of Moher • Guided tour of the rocky moonscape of the Burren • Dinner together • Sleep in Galway 2 nights

## DAY 9

### Galway and the Aran Islands

Ferry to Inishmore, largest of the Aran Islands • Free time for a minibus tour of the island, including Dun Aengus fort, or hire a pony cart or bike to explore Inishmore on your own

## DAY 10

### Connemara Countryside

Travel to the Connemara region • Stop in the charming town of Cong to visit the abbey ruins and Ashford Castle’s School of Falconry • Sleep in Westport 1 night

## DAY 11

### To Northern Ireland

Travel to Northern Ireland • Tour of Derry with a local guide sharing stories about “The Troubles” and the infamous “Bloody Sunday” of 1972 • Dinner

together • Sleep in Portrush 1 night

## DAY 12

### Antrim Coast

Travel to Belfast • Explore Giant’s Causeway • Visit to the ruins of Dunluce Castle • Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge • Sleep in Belfast 2 nights

## DAY 13

### Belfast and the Titanic

Visit the *Titanic* Belfast interactive experience • Guided coach and walking tour of historic Belfast, including Shankill and Falls Road • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 14

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Slán leat!*

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## 29 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Dublin walking tour • Trinity College • Book of Kells • Kilmainham Gaol • Rock of Cashel • Kinsale walking tour • Charles Fort • Sheep farm • Irish whiskey tasting • Crystal cutting demonstration • Dingle’s Sleat Head Drive • Great Blasket Centre • Gallarus Oratory • Irish musical evening • Burren nature walk • Cliffs of Moher • Boat ride to Aran Islands • Aran Islands minibus tour • Dun Aengus fort • Connemara drive • Cong • Ashford Castle School of Falconry • Drumcliff • Derry coach and walking tour • Giant’s Causeway • Dunluce Castle • Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge • *Titanic* Belfast (when available) • Belfast coach and walking tour...and more

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## BEST OF SCANDINAVIA in 14 DAYS

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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a fairly active tour! Most days are light to moderately paced with 2–6 miles of walking, including some hills and stairs.



**S**candinavia is Europe's most prosperous, highly taxed, sparsely populated, pristine, and progressive corner.

You'll marvel at how distinct and livable its big cities are. Stately Stockholm—with its forested parks, regal museums and palace grandeur—retains the trappings of a former superpower. Playful Copenhagen—with its *Little Mermaid*, people-friendly pedestrian center and Tivoli Gardens amusement park—is the fun capital. Adventurous Oslo—with Leif Eriksson's longboats, Heyerdahl's *Kon-Tiki* and Nazi resistance heroes—stands at the head of its fjord, inspiring visitors with a gutsy Viking spirit. And Bergen is the perfect medieval trading town—complete with ruddy cheeks, boardwalks and dried-cod ambience.

Your guide will reveal the quieter Nordic nooks, too. You'll enjoy a thatch-happy Danish island tour around the ship-in-a-bottle port of Ærøskøbing, catch your breath high atop icy Jotunheimen ("Giant's Home") in the heart of Norway, and dodge the spray of waterfalls as your fjord cruise winds its way along the pristine beauty of the North Sea coast.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Sweden

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Scandinavia” dinner together • Sleep in Stockholm 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Stockholm’s Old City and the Vasa

Walking tour through Stockholm’s Gamla Stan (Old City) • Boat cruise across the harbor • Vasa Ship Museum visit • Free late afternoon and evening to explore more of Stockholm

## DAY 3

### Modern Stockholm and Cozy Kalmar

Travel to Kalmar • Guided tour of Stockholm’s City Hall, home of the Nobel Prize banquet • Stop along the Göta Canal for lunch • Sleep in Kalmar 1 night

## DAY 4

### Kalmar Castle and Copenhagen

Travel to Copenhagen via the five-mile Öresund bridge and tunnel • Guided tour of Kalmar Castle • Copenhagen orientation walk • Dinner together • Sleep in Copenhagen 2 nights

## DAY 5

### Playful and Progressive Copenhagen

Walking tour of Copenhagen • Free afternoon to visit the National Museum, wander through Tivoli Gardens or experience the counterculture of Christiania

## DAY 6

### Viking Ships and Ærø Island Charms

Travel to Ærø Island • Visit to Roskilde’s Viking Ship Museum and Roskilde Cathedral • Scenic ferry ride to the island of Ærø • Traditional Danish feast together • Sleep on Ærø 2 nights

## DAY 7

### All Day to Explore Ærø Island

Free morning • Bus tour of the island • Smørrebrød lunch together • Tour of the Old Merchants’ Court • Learn about island life from a local resident • Free evening

## DAY 8

### Overnight Ferry to Oslo

Return to Copenhagen and travel to Oslo via overnight ferry • Tour of Rosenborg Castle • Sleep on the ferry 1 night

## DAY 9

### Historic and Artistic Oslo

Walking tour around Oslo’s harbor and historic heart • Oslo Pass to visit museums on your own • Visit to Frogner Park, home to Gustav Vigeland’s sculptures • Dinner together • Sleep in Oslo 2 nights

## DAY 10

### Norway’s Seafaring Past

Boat cruise across the harbor to Bygdøy peninsula • Guided tour of the Viking Ship Museum • Free time to see the Maritime Museum and museums devoted to the Fram polar explorer and Thor Heyerdahl (*Kon-Tiki* and *Ra II*) • Free evening in Oslo

## DAY 11

### Maihaugen and Giant’s Country

Travel to Jotunheimen Mountains • Guided tour of Maihaugen Open-Air Folk Museum • Scenic afternoon drive through Norway’s farmland and forests • Dinner together • Sleep in Jotunheimen Mountains 1 night

## DAY 12

### Fjord Country and Bergen

Travel to Bergen • Scenic drive through the Jotunheimen Mountains • Sognefjord ferry cruise • Lunch together • Sleep in Bergen 2 nights

## DAY 13

### All Day in Charming Bergen

Walking tour of historic Bergen, starting at the Bryggens Museum and through the old Hanseatic wharf area • Fløibanen funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen • Free afternoon to explore more of Bergen • Norwegian farewell feast together

## DAY 14

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Farvel!*

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## 22 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Walking tour of Stockholm including historic Gamla Stan • Vasa Ship Museum • Stockholm City Hall • Kalmar Castle • Copenhagen walking tour • Roskilde Cathedral • Roskilde Viking Ship Museum • Ærø Island bus tour • Ærøskøbing Old Merchants’ Court • Rosenborg Castle • Oslo walking tour • 24-hour Oslo Pass covering transportation and entry to nearly every major sight, including the Norwegian Resistance Museum • Frogner Park sculpture garden • Bygdøy Viking Ship Museum • Norwegian Maritime Museum • Kon-Tiki Museum • Fram Museum • Maihaugen Open-Air Folk Museum • Jotunheimen scenic drive • Sognefjord cruise • Bergen walking tour • Fløibanen funicular to Mount Fløyen...and more

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## BEST OF ST. PETERSBURG, TALLINN & HELSINKI in 9 DAYS

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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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**D**iscover a formerly forbidden corner of Europe, where a blend of east and west has created a region unlike any other.

Estonia's Tallinn has shaken off its Soviet overcoat to reveal a charmingly Germanic "romantic road" personality underneath—punctuated by cozy squares and whimsically decorated merchant homes.

Helsinki, Finland, is just a streamlined ferry ride away. This progressive capital, built around its bustling harbor and tidy tangle of Neoclassical and Art Nouveau streets, has become one of Europe's fastest-growing high-tech cities. Your guide will take you on eye-opening walks, including a visit to an island open-air museum.

Then we'll hop aboard a train to St. Petersburg, Russia. The once-gloomy Leningrad is reinventing itself as the elegant showpiece that Peter the Great had always intended. We'll explore the masterpiece-packed Hermitage and Peterhof Palace, with its beautifully restored fountains. And you'll have plenty of free time to stroll along the canals and crane your neck at Europe's most ornate onion-domed churches.

We're Tallinn you, when we Finnish, you won't want to be Russian home.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Tallinn

Meet your tour guide and group • “Welcome to Tallinn” dinner together • Sleep in Tallinn 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Historic Tallinn

Walking tour of Tallinn, including Old Town, the onion-domed Russian Cathedral and Museum of Occupation • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Tallinn

## DAY 3

### Over the Baltic Sea

Travel by ferry to Helsinki • Visit to Peter the Great’s Kadriorg Park, Rusalka Monument and Estonia’s famous Song Festival stage • Panoramic bus tour of Helsinki • Visit to the Sibelius Monument, the Seurasaari Open-Air Folk Museum and the “Church in the Rock” • Dinner together • Sleep in Helsinki 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Helsinki’s Old Town

Walking tour of Helsinki, including Market Square, the Lutheran Cathedral, the Art Nouveau train station and the Esplanade • Boat excursion to Suomenlinna fortress • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Helsinki

## DAY 5

### All Aboard to Russia

Travel by train to St. Petersburg • Lunch together • Bus tour of St. Petersburg’s city center • Visit to the Peter and Paul Cathedral and Church on Spilled Blood • Dinner together • Sleep in St. Petersburg 4 nights

## DAY 6

### The Hermitage

Guided tour of The Hermitage, including the General Staff Building • Free afternoon and evening to continue exploring or catch some Russian ballet at the Mariinsky Theatre

## DAY 7

### Peterhof Palace and WWII Leningrad

Travel to the town of Peterhof • Guided tour of Peterhof Palace and gardens • Tour of Museum of the Defense and Siege of Leningrad • Visit to the Monument to the Heroic Defenders

## DAY 8

### St. Petersburg’s Sights

Walking tour of St. Petersburg • Free afternoon to explore more of St. Petersburg • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 9

### Tour Over After Breakfast

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### MORE INFORMATION

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## 22 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Tallinn walking tour • Russian Orthodox Cathedral • Museum of Occupation • Kadriorg Park • Rusalka Monument • Song Festival stage • Helsinki panoramic bus tour • “Church in the Rock” (Tempeliaukio Church) • Sibelius Monument • Seurasaari Open-Air Folk Museum • Helsinki walking tour • Suomenlinna fortress • Lutheran Cathedral • St. Petersburg panoramic bus tour • Peter and Paul Cathedral • Church on Spilled Blood • Hermitage Museum • Peterhof Palace and gardens • Siege Museum • Monument to the Heroic Defenders of Leningrad • St. Isaac’s Cathedral • St. Petersburg walking tour... and more

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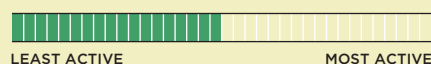
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### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## HEART OF BELGIUM & HOLLAND in 11 DAYS

**T**he greatest cities of the Low Countries—Amsterdam, Ghent, Delft, and Bruges—are a delight to experience. From the rattle of bikes on cobbles and the fragrance of flower-carpeted squares, to that first sip of a hand-crafted beer at a sunny sidewalk cafe—this tour immerses you into an enchanting, slow-down-and-smell-the-tulips world.

Beginning in medieval Ghent, you'll enjoy 11 days of this happy lifestyle. Our walking tours will create a vivid tapestry of Golden Age history and contemporary European lifestyles, and get you rubbing elbows with globally minded people whose attitudes are at the cutting edge of Europe.

Oh, and the sights you'll see: medieval Ghent, thought-provoking Flanders Fields, beautiful Bruges, a traditional Belgian brewery, a high-tech 21st-century sea barrier, the quaintness of Delft, and the colorful whirlwind of the world's largest flower auction. Then, of course, there's Amsterdam, with the inspirational Anne Frank House and the masterpieces of Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Van Gogh—all against a backdrop of tree-lined canals, flower boxed windows, and a lilting soundtrack of carillon bells.

It sounds like a dream, but you'll discover...it all rings true.





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Belgium

Meet your guide and group • Canal boat cruise of Ghent • Traditional Belgian dinner together • Sleep in Ghent  
2 nights

### DAY 2

#### The Medieval Masterpiece of Ghent

Walking tour of historic center of Ghent with a local guide • Tour of St. Bavo's Cathedral • Guided tour of the Museum of Industry

### DAY 3

#### Flanders Fields and Beautiful Bruges

Travel to Bruges • Tour of Flanders Fields American Cemetery in Waregem • Driving tour of the WWI battlefields around Ypres • Lunch and dinner together • Sleep in Bruges 3 nights

### DAY 4

#### Gothic Bruges

Walking tour of Bruges • Visit to the Memling Museum and medieval hospital • Chocolate demonstration and tasting • Afternoon brewery tour and beer tasting

### DAY 5

#### Free Day in Bruges

Free day to explore more of Bruges with your included Bruges Museum Pass

### DAY 6

#### Challenging the Sea

Travel to the traditional Dutch town of Delft • Guided tour of the Maeslant storm surge barrier, which protects

the Dutch lowlands from the North Sea • Dinner together • Sleep in Delft  
2 nights

### DAY 7

#### Delectable Delft

Guided walking tour of Delft • Delftware demonstration • Visit to the Gothic Old and New Churches • Free afternoon and evening

### DAY 8

#### Tulips, Countryside and Bustling Amsterdam

Travel to Amsterdam • Visit to the Aalsmeer Flower Auction • Amsterdam neighborhood walk • Traditional *rijsttafel* dinner together • Sleep in Amsterdam 3 nights

### DAY 9

#### Vibrant and Historic Amsterdam

Visit to the Anne Frank House •

Historic tour of Amsterdam • Free evening

### DAY 10

#### Amsterdam's Art

Guided tour of the Rijksmuseum • Free afternoon to visit the Van Gogh Museum, the Rembrandt House Museum or stroll through Vondelpark • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 11

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

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## 18 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Ghent canal cruise • Ghent walking tour • St. Bavo's Cathedral • Ghent Museum of Industry • Flanders Fields WWI sites • Bruges walking tour • Bruges Memling Museum • Chocolate demonstration and tasting • Bruges Museum Pass • Belgian brewery tour and tasting • Deltaworks and Maeslant sea barrier • Delft walking tour • Delft Old and New Churches • Delftware demonstration • Aalsmeer Flower Auction • Historic Amsterdam tour • Anne Frank House • Rijksmuseum...and more

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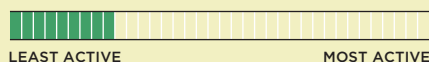
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**CITY GETAWAYS**

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## BEST OF MUNICH, SALZBURG & VIENNA in 8 DAYS

If you're a little tight on time—or you're itching for that perfect off-season get-away—this eight-day adventure delivers a delightful dose of Austrian and Bavarian scenery, traditions and culture.

It starts with your Rick Steves guide taking you through the historic heart of Munich, bringing Bavaria's history to life and your beer hall dreams to a frothy reality with visits to the legendary Hofbräuhaus beer hall and the centuries-old Viktualienmarkt. A week later you'll be dazzled by the royal elegance of Vienna's palaces, opera house and café culture. And in between? We'll take you on a merry meander through the forested hills, crystal-clear lakes and farm-dotted valleys of one of Europe's prettiest regions. Along the way you'll relax on the sparkling shore of Lake Hallstatt, sip a little schnapps, visit an historic mountain villa, embrace the Baroque of Mozart's Salzburg and Melk's abbey, and cruise the famous blue Danube.

And hold on to your lederhosen, because winter departures will get an especially colorful bonus: Christmas markets!





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Bavaria

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Germany” dinner together • Sleep in Munich 2 nights

### DAY 2

#### Marvelous Munich

Walking tour through Munich’s historic city center including the Hofbräuhaus and Viktualienmarkt • Free afternoon and evening in Munich to explore the English Garden, take in a museum or (on winter tours) enjoy the *Gemütlichkeit* of Munich’s Christmas markets

### DAY 3

#### Scenic Drive into Austria

Travel to Salzburg • Trumer Pils brewery tour • Lunch together • Salzburg orientation walk • Dinner together • Sleep in Salzburg 2 nights

### DAY 4

#### Splendid Salzburg

Morning walking tour including Salzburg’s most famous shopping lane, Getreidegasse, 17th-century Baroque cathedral and picturesque gardens • Apple strudel baking lesson and lunch • Schnapps tasting • Free afternoon and evening for hiking up the fortress hill for a panoramic view or (on winter tours) for wandering through Salzburg’s Christmas markets

### DAY 5

#### Lovely Lakes and Hallstatt

Travel to the lakeside village of Hallstatt across the pristine waters of Austria’s Salzkammergut lakes district • Visit Habsburg Kaiservilla • Boat cruise • Free afternoon to explore Hallstatt • Dinner together • Sleep in Hallstatt 1 night

### DAY 6

#### Melk Abbey, the Danube and Vienna

Travel to extravagant, opulent Vienna •

Tour of Melk Abbey • Danube River cruise • Orientation walk through historic Vienna, including St. Stephen’s Cathedral • Sleep in Vienna 2 nights

### DAY 7

#### Historic and Royal Vienna

Tours of the Third Man Museum and Vienna’s famous opera house (when available) • Free afternoon to explore another world-class museum or two, or slow down to enjoy sipping a coffee in the city where Europe’s café scene was born • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 8

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Auf Wiedersehen!*

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## 16 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Munich walking tour • Hofbräuhaus beer hall • Viktualienmarkt • Trumer brewery tour • Salzburg walking tour • Salzburg Cathedral • Apple strudel baking lesson • Christmas markets • Habsburg Kaiservilla • Lake Hallstatt boat cruise • Schnapps tasting • Melk Abbey • Danube River cruise (*season permitting*) • Vienna walking tour • Vienna Opera House (*when available*) • Third Man Museum ...and more

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## BEST OF SWITZERLAND in 12 DAYS

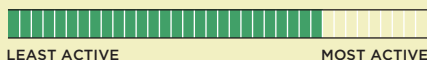
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### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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**O**n our 12-day adventure across Switzerland, you'll experience the unrivaled natural beauty that sweeps across a land that's wedged neatly between Germany, Austria, France and Italy. Steeped in history, accented with distinct regions and seasoned with hearty cuisine, Switzerland melds the best of all worlds—and adds a healthy dose of chocolate, cows and cable cars.

All along the way, your Rick Steves guide will have you delighting in the majesty, diversity and cultural quirks that make this place so...Swiss. From the lakeside towns of Luzern and Lausanne to the flowerbox-perfect villages of Appenzell and Mürren to hundreds of hiking trails surrounded by towering, cut-glass peaks and the moo-lodious tunes of cowbells—you'll find yourself in a nature-lover's nirvana. You'll even get to know the Italian side of Switzerland's personality on sunny Lake Lugano.

But nature is just the first course. You'll also get to peek under its peaks, marvel at its well-armed commitment to neutrality, and savor a daily dose of cheese, chocolate and cog-wheel trains. Been to Switzerland? Treat yourself to a generous second Alping.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Switzerland

Meet your tour guide and group • Luzern orientation walk • “Welcome to Switzerland” dinner together • Sleep in Luzern 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Luxurious Luzern

Walking tour of Luzern, including its medieval core and famous pedestrian bridges • Boat cruise on Lake Luzern and visit to Rütli Meadow • Free evening to explore more of Luzern

## DAY 3

### Storybook Appenzell

Travel to Appenzell • Visit to the Swiss Army’s Fortress FÜRIGEN • Orientation walk of Appenzell • Dinner together • Sleep in Appenzell 1 night

## DAY 4

### Ebenalp and Italian Switzerland

Travel to Lugano • Gondola lift to the Alpine peak of Ebenalp • Bellinzona visit • Orientation walk of lakeside, palm-treed Lugano • Sleep in Lugano 2 nights

## DAY 5

### Free Day on Lake Lugano

Free morning and afternoon to visit nearby Swiss and Italian villages, make your way up a mountain lift, or relax in Lugano • Lake Lugano boat cruise • Ticino cooking class and dinner together

## DAY 6

### The Mighty Matterhorn and Lausanne

Travel to Lausanne • Visit to the village of Zermatt at the base of the Matterhorn • Dinner together • Sleep in Lausanne 2 nights

## DAY 7

### Lake Geneva’s Château de Chillon

Lake Geneva boat cruise • Guided tour of Château de Chillon • Lavaux wine tasting • Free evening

## DAY 8

### Cheese, Cows and the Heart of the Alps

Travel to Switzerland’s Berner Oberland along the Jaun Pass route • Visit to a local cheese farm • Gondola ride to our clifftop hotel in Mürren • Dinner together • Sleep in Mürren 2 nights

## DAY 9

### Schilthorn and Hiking in the Berner Oberland

Gondola ride up to the 10,000-foot top of the Schilthorn • The rest of the day is yours to wander through the serene valley or take a brisk mountain hike

## DAY 10

### Swiss Chocolate and Bern

Travel to Bern • Chocolate tasting • Neighborhood orientation walk • Sleep in Bern 2 nights

## DAY 11

### The Swiss Capital of Bern

Guided walking tour of Bern’s city center • Swiss culture Q&A • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 12

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Auf Wiedersehen!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 20 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Luzern walking tour • Lake Luzern boat cruise • Rütli Meadow • Fortress FÜRIGEN • Appenzell orientation walk • Ebenalp mountain excursion • Bellinzona • Lugano orientation walk • Lake Lugano boat cruise • Ticino cooking class • Zermatt • Lake Geneva boat cruise • Château de Chillon • Lavaux wine tasting • Cheese farm • Schilthorn mountain excursion • Hiking orientation for day in the Berner Oberland • Bern walking tour • Swiss culture Q&A • Chocolate experience...and more

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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## BEST OF GERMANY in 13 DAYS

**T**he Best of Germany begins with the sound of seagulls in Hamburg, a city that tickles tourists with its people-friendly harbor, avant-garde architecture, Las Vegas-style nightlife and a nearly Nordic vibe.

It's the perfect springboard to the rich variety that Germany has in store for us. With an expert Rick Steves guide at your side, we'll take you daydreaming through the fairy-tale forests of the Brothers Grimm, meandering along half-timbered hamlets and "robber-baron" castles on the romantic Rhine, and clinking frothy mugs of beer together in Bavaria—home of the Hofbräuhaus, giant gingerbread cookies, well-worn lederhosen, and oompah bands that remind you why tubas and accordions are a match made in *Himmel*.

And that's not all. We'll time-trip our way through Germany's best-preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, walk in the revolutionary footsteps of Martin Luther in Erfurt and Wartburg Castle, reflect on sobering Nazi-era sites in Nürnberg, delve deep into the tumultuous events of World War II in rebuilt Dresden, and marvel at the unbridled modernity of 21st-century Berlin.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Germany

Meet your tour guide and group • Hamburg neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Germany” dinner together • Sleep in Hamburg 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Hamburg’s Old Town and Harbor

Walking tour of the historic core of Hamburg including St. Nicholas Church Memorial and Elbphilharmonie concert hall • Hamburg harbor boat tour • Free evening to explore Hamburg’s neighborhood cuisine scene

## DAY 3

### Germany’s Fairy Tale Highway

Travel to Lower Saxony • Visit to Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp Memorial • Scenic drive along Germany’s Fairy Tale Highway • Sleep in Lower Saxony 1 night

## DAY 4

### Cologne and the Romantic Rhine

Travel to the Rhine Valley • Visit to Cologne’s cathedral • Dinner together • Sleep in Rhine Valley 2 nights

## DAY 5

### Rhine Castles and River Cruise

Rheinfels Castle tour • Rhine River cruise • Bacharach walking tour • Germany Q&A

## DAY 6

### Medieval Rothenburg

Travel to Rothenburg ob der Tauber •

Night Watchman’s tour • Sleep in Rothenburg 1 night

## DAY 7

### Fascism and Historic Bavaria

Travel to Munich • Visit to Nürnberg’s WWII Zeppelin Field and Nazi Documentation Center • Dinner together • Sleep in Munich 2 nights

## DAY 8

### Marvelous Munich

Walking tour through Munich’s historic Old Town, including the Hofbräuhaus beer hall • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Munich

## DAY 9

### Road to Reformation

Travel to Erfurt • Visit to Wartburg Castle • Dinner together • Sleep in Erfurt 2 nights

## DAY 10

### In the Footsteps of Luther

Walking tour of Erfurt, including its

Augustinian Monastery • Free afternoon to explore more Luther sights

## DAY 11

### Baroque Dresden and Dynamic Berlin

Travel to Berlin • Walking tour of Dresden • Visit to the Frauenkirche • Sleep in Berlin 2 nights

## DAY 12

### Berlin’s Historic Heart

Walking tour of historic Berlin, including Germany’s Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie • Free afternoon to explore more of Berlin • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 13

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Auf Wiedersehen!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 20 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Hamburg walking tour • St. Nicholas Church Memorial • Hamburg’s Elbphilharmonie • Hamburg harbor boat cruise • Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp Memorial • Fairy Tale Highway drive • Cologne Cathedral • Rheinfels Castle • Rhine River cruise • Bacharach walking tour • Germany Q&A • Rothenburg Night Watchman’s walking tour • Munich walking tour • Hofbräuhaus • Nürnberg Zeppelin Field and Nazi Documentation Center • Wartburg Castle • Erfurt walking tour including its Augustinian Monastery • Dresden walking tour • Dresden’s Frauenkirche (*when available*) • Historic Berlin walking tour...and more

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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## BEST OF GERMANY, AUSTRIA & SWITZERLAND in 14 DAYS

**D**ust off your hiking boots and practice your *prost-ing*. We've put together the ultimate two-week, Teutonic travel adventure—where mountains, Mozart, hot springs, fresh air, and frothy beer mugs all come together in a totally yodel-y travel fest.

You'll see all the biggies, of course: Munich offers majestic palaces, traditional beer gardens, jumbo pretzels, and fairy-tale castles nearby. In Salzburg, go climb the fortress, shop for a dirndl, listen to Mozart, or pedal a rented bike into the countryside singing “do, re, mi.” In Vienna, immerse yourself in WWII and Habsburg history, savor the café scene with a slice of Sacher Torte, and be wowed by the artistry of Klimt and Rubens.

And you'll connect in a way mainstream tours don't: spending an afternoon communing with Mother Nature—on foot or by boat—in postcard-pretty Lake Hallstatt, hiking across mile-high meadows in the Swiss Alps, and soaking in the 2,000-year-old spa town of Baden-Baden. You'll even mosey down the Mosel, wink at the blue Danube, and (if you're ready for that extra travel thrill) scream down the mountain on a tiny luge sled.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Germany

Meet your tour guide and group • Trier orientation walk • “Welcome to Germany” dinner together • Sleep in Trier 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Roman Ruins and Mosel Wines

Walking tour of the historic Roman and medieval heart of Trier • Mosel wine tasting at local winery • Free evening to explore Trier

## DAY 3

### Burg Eltz and Baden-Baden

Travel to Baden-Baden • Guided tour of Burg Eltz • Lunch together in the village of Beilstein • Orientation walk of Baden-Baden • Free evening to explore town including the spas, riverside promenade and ornate casino • Sleep in Baden-Baden 1 night

## DAY 4

### Black Forest and Beyond

Travel to Switzerland’s Berner Oberland country • Mountain luge ride • Guided tour of the Black Forest Open-Air Museum • Gondola ride to our clifftop hotel in Mürren • Dinner together • Sleep in Mürren 3 nights

## DAY 5

### The Schilthorn and Hiking in the Swiss Alps

Schilthorn mountain excursion • Free afternoon to explore the Swiss Alps, take a brisk mountain hike or take a narrow-gauge railway to Kleine Scheidegg

## DAY 6

### More of the Berner Oberland

Visit to Trümmelbach Falls, a series of waterfalls inside the mountain • Free afternoon to explore more of the Swiss Alps • Dinner together

## DAY 7

### Scenic Drive into Bavaria

Travel to Bavaria • Stop for lunch along the way • Dinner together • Sleep in Munich 2 nights

## DAY 8

### All Day to Explore Munich

Walking tour through Munich’s historic Old Town • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Munich

## DAY 9

### Neuschwanstein and Salzburg

Travel to Salzburg • Guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle • Lunch together • Orientation walk through Salzburg’s historic center • Dinner together • Sleep in Salzburg 2 nights

## DAY 10

### All Day to Soak Up Salzburg

Walking tour of Salzburg including the Getreidegasse, Salzburg Cathedral and Mirabell Gardens • Free afternoon and evening for exploring more of Salzburg

## DAY 11

### Austria’s Lovely Lake District

Travel to scenic Lake Hallstatt • Boat cruise • Free afternoon to explore Hallstatt • Dinner together • Sleep on Lake Hallstatt 1 night

## DAY 12

### Lessons of History

Travel along the Danube Valley to Vienna • Visit to the thought-provoking Mauthausen concentration camp • Historic Vienna walking tour • Sleep in Vienna 2 nights

## DAY 13

### All Day in Classy Vienna

Tour of Vienna’s Opera House (when available) and Third Man Museum • Free afternoon to explore more of Vienna • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 14

### Tour Over After Breakfast

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## 19 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Trier walking tour • Mosel wine tasting • Beilstein • Burg Eltz castle • Black Forest Open-Air Museum • Trümmelbach Falls • Schilthorn mountain excursion • Orientation for hiking in the Swiss Alps • Munich walking tour • Neuschwanstein Castle • Mountain luge ride (weather permitting) • Salzburg walking tour • Salzburg Cathedral • Lake Hallstatt boat cruise • Mauthausen concentration camp memorial • Vienna transportation pass • Historic Vienna walking tour • Vienna Opera House (when available) • Third Man Museum... and more

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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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# BEST OF BERLIN, PRAGUE & VIENNA in 12 DAYS

**A**ny listing of Europe’s great cities must include Berlin, Prague and Vienna. If you’ve yet to explore this historic heart of Europe...a banquet of travel thrills awaits you.

Our tour begins in reunited, exuberant Berlin. The ominous wall is long gone—replaced by a gleaming, people-friendly downtown with an eye on the future while honoring its hard-fought past. Devastated during WWII, Dresden has risen from the rubble and resumed its place as a cultural capital of Europe. Its mighty cathedral—rebuilt with the help of caring people throughout the world—inspires all who visit.

The “golden city of a hundred spires,” Prague celebrates the best beer in Europe, a year-round music festival ambience, and the finest Art Nouveau anywhere. In the nearby countryside, you’ll enjoy castle-topped Český Krumlov, lassooed into a tight, cobbled peninsula by a babbling river.

A century after its waltz-filled belle époque, Vienna remains the romantic home of Brahms, outrageously decadent desserts, prancing Lipizzaner stallions, a gaggle of Strausses, a vibrant café culture, and still-lingering royal intrigue.

You’ll be hard-pressed to find a classier dozen days anywhere.





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Berlin

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Berlin” dinner together • Sleep in Berlin 3 nights

### DAY 2

#### Berlin’s Historic Heart

Walking tour of the historic heart of Berlin including the Brandenburg Gate and thought-provoking memorials tracing the city’s history from World War II to today • Turkish lunch and Q&A • Free evening

### DAY 3

#### Today’s East Berlin

Walking tour of East Berlin • Visits to Otto Weidt’s Workshop and National Memorial to the Berlin Wall • Free afternoon to explore more of Berlin

### DAY 4

#### Resurrected Dresden

Travel to Dresden • Walking tour of Dresden • Visit the Frauenkirche • Free afternoon and evening • Sleep in Dresden 1 night

### DAY 5

#### Terezín and Prague

Travel to the Czech Republic • Tour of Terezín Concentration Camp Memorial • Visit to Nelahozeves Castle, birthplace of composer Antonín Dvořák • Lunch together • Orientation walk through Prague’s Old Town and to the Charles Bridge • Dinner together • Sleep in Prague 3 nights

### DAY 6

#### The People’s Prague

Historical walking tour of Prague’s Old Town Square, ending in the Josefov neighborhood • Free afternoon to explore with your Jewish Museum in Prague pass

### DAY 7

#### Royal Prague

Guided tour of Prague’s Castle complex including St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace and Golden Lane • Czech beer tasting

### DAY 8

#### Delightful Český Krumlov

Travel to the centuries-old town of Český Krumlov • Orientation walk of the town • Tour of Český Krumlov Castle’s Baroque Theater • Dinner together • Sleep in Český Krumlov 1 night

### DAY 9

#### Melk and Vienna

Travel to Vienna • Tour of Melk Abbey • Danube River cruise • Dinner together • Sleep in Vienna 3 nights

### DAY 10

#### Habsburg Vienna

Tour of the Hofburg Imperial Apartments • Walking tour of Vienna’s historic city center • Free afternoon and evening

### DAY 11

#### Historic Vienna

Visit to Vienna’s Opera House (when available) • Guided tour of the Belvedere Palace • Traditional Viennese farewell dinner together

### DAY 12

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Auf Wiedersehen!*

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 23 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Historic Berlin walking tour • East Berlin walking tour • Otto Weidt’s Workshop (*when available*) • National Memorial to the Berlin Wall • Berlin cultural Q&A • Dresden walking tour • Frauenkirche (*when available*) • Nelahozeves Castle • Terezín Memorial • Historic Prague walking tour • Czech beer tasting • Prague Castle • St. Vitus Cathedral • St. George’s Basilica (*when available*) • Jewish Museum in Prague pass • Český Krumlov Castle and Baroque Theater • Melk Abbey • Danube River cruise • Historic Vienna walking tour • Belvedere Palace • Habsburg Vienna walking tour • Vienna Opera House (*when available*) • Hofburg Imperial Apartments...and more

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## BEST OF PRAGUE & BUDAPEST in 8 DAYS

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**CITY GETAWAYS**

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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**W**e've brought together Eastern Europe's must-see cities—Prague and Budapest—for an eye-opening, eight-day adventure.

Bursting with Mozart, swirling with Dvořák and brewing Europe's best beer, Prague will teach you a lesson in good living—in a zesty, heart-of-Europe style. And since it escaped the bombs of World War II, this “golden city of a hundred spires” will surround you with mighty castles, swirling Baroque churches, a fascinating Jewish Quarter and slinky Art Nouveau architecture.

A scenic coach ride takes us to the “yin” of Prague's “yang”—the energetic, cosmopolitan city of Budapest. Here your expert guide will open doors that reveal some of Europe's most dazzling courtyards, bustling market halls and quietly poignant reminders of a city's struggles against half a century of fascism and communism.

You'll also get swept up in the unexpected elegance of today's Budapest—a panorama bathed in floodlights as you glide along the Danube, the perfect “dessert” after sampling Hungary's deliciously zesty cuisine.

Prague and Budapest: two remarkable cities...one unforgettable getaway.





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Prague

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk and visit to the historic Charles Bridge • “Welcome to Prague” dinner and musical performance together • Sleep in Prague 4 nights

### DAY 2

#### Prague of Kings and Nobles

Guided tour of Prague’s Castle complex including St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace, St. George’s Basilica, and the Golden Lane • Free afternoon and evening

### DAY 3

#### Jewish and Art Nouveau Prague

Walking tour through the Josefov neighborhood, Prague’s Jewish Quarter • Spanish Synagogue visit • Guided tour

of the classy concert halls and salons of the city’s Municipal House • Free evening

### DAY 4

#### Revolutionary Prague

“Velvet Revolution” walking tour • Dinner and cultural performance together, such as a classical concert or the quirky Czech Black Light Theater

### DAY 5

#### On to Budapest

Travel to Budapest, passing through ancient Moravia and modern Slovakia • Pest walking tour • Dinner together • Sleep in Budapest 3 nights

### DAY 6

#### Bustling Budapest

Walking tour of Heroes’ Square • Hungarian cooking class and

lunch • Visit to Great Market Hall (Nagyvásárcsarnok) • Boat cruise along the Danube • Free evening

### DAY 7

#### Elegance of Empire

Walking tour of Castle Hill including Matthias Church • Free time to soak in the ornate, public thermal baths or explore more of Budapest • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 8

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Viszontlátásra!*

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 19 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Prague Castle Orchestra performance • Prague Castle • St. Vitus Cathedral • St. George’s Basilica (*when available*) • Old Town orientation walk • Municipal House (*when available*) • Jewish Museum in Prague pass • Spanish Synagogue • Josefov neighborhood (Jewish Quarter) walking tour • Velvet Revolution walking tour • 3-day Prague transportation pass • Cultural performance • Buda Castle district and Matthias Church • Pest walking tour • Great Market Hall • Hungarian cooking class • Heroes’ Square walking tour • Danube River cruise • 3-day Budapest transportation pass...and more

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## BEST OF EASTERN EUROPE in 15 DAYS

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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a very active tour! Most days are moderate to strenuously paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including hilly terrain and lots of stairs.



**A**re you ready to make some new discoveries? No other tour packs in as much cultural diversity, breathtaking modern history and the eye-opening perspectives of so many inspirational local guides as Eastern Europe.

Countries and cultures once shrouded in Iron Curtain gloom have a fresh, exotic feel today as they rush to redefine what it is to be European. This is an ideal time for travelers to dive into the very heart of “the new Europe”—right as its beat quickens.

This popular tour takes you to the great historic capital cities of Prague, Kraków, Ljubljana and Budapest, plus salt-of-the-earth villages and stunning natural beauties. You’ll enjoy a fascinating montage of home-grown guides who will connect you with weathered farmers and “velvet revolutionaries.” And, from borscht to *žurek*, you’ll find the cuisine as fun and memorable as the people.

No introduction can do this tour justice. Read through the itinerary to see all we have in store for you, from your first afternoon in lively Prague to our finale, 15 days later, beside Slovenia’s picture-perfect Lake Bled (with nearby flights to the rest of Europe, and your reluctant return home).





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Prague

Meet your tour guide and group • Walking tour of Prague's Old Town • "Welcome to Prague" dinner together • Sleep in Prague 2 nights

### DAY 2

#### Royal, Prestigious Prague

Tour of Prague Castle, including St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica, and the Golden Lane • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Prague and experience the quirky Czech Black Light Theater

### DAY 3

#### Moravian Countryside and Kraków

Travel to Poland through scenic Moravia • Kraków orientation walk • Dinner together • Sleep in Kraków 3 nights

### DAY 4

#### Historic Kraków

Walking tour through Wawel Castle and Cathedral ending in the heart of Kraków • Visit to St. Mary's Church • Free afternoon to explore more of Kraków

### DAY 5

#### Lessons of the Past

Visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp • Free time to explore more of Kraków

### DAY 6

#### Drive to Eger

Travel to Hungary • Drive across

Slovakia into the scenic Tatras mountains and through Hungary's "Bull's Blood" wine region • Lunch together along the way • Hungarian dinner together • Sleep in or near Eger 1 night

### DAY 7

#### Hungary, Great and Small

Travel to Budapest • Local village school visit and cafeteria lunch • Hungarian wine tasting • Dinner together • Sleep in Budapest 3 nights

### DAY 8

#### Bustling Budapest

Walking tour of Budapest • Free time to explore the Great Market Hall • Boat cruise along the Danube • Free evening

### DAY 9

#### Old Budapest

Walking tour of Castle Hill including the Royal Palace and Matthias Church • Free time to soak in the public thermal baths

### DAY 10

#### Natural Wonders of Croatia

Travel to Croatia • Family-style lunch together • Dinner together • Sleep in or near Plitvice Lakes National Park 1 night

### DAY 11

#### From the Forests to the Sea

Travel to Rovinj • Scenic hike in Plitvice Lakes National Park • Dinner together • Sleep in seaside Rovinj 2 nights

### DAY 12

#### Free Day in Rovinj

The day is all yours to enjoy the sun,

beach, gelato, seafood, and seaside ambience of Rovinj • Early evening happy hour

### DAY 13

#### Slovenian Countryside and Ljubljana

Travel to Lake Bled • Visit to Ljubljana • Ljubljana walking tour • Free afternoon and evening • Sleep in Bled 2 nights

### DAY 14

#### Delightful Lake Bled

Boat ride to Lake Bled's island • Visit to island church • Free afternoon to hike to the castle, walk around the lake, or rent a bike • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 15

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Na svidenje!*

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 19 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Historic Prague walking tour • Prague Castle • St. Vitus Cathedral • St. George's Basilica (when available) • Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp • Kraków walking tour • Kraków's Wawel Cathedral • Kraków's St. Mary's Church • Eger orientation walk • Local school visit • Hungarian wine tasting • Pest walking tour • Walking tour of Buda's Castle Hill • Matthias Church • Danube River cruise • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Adriatic happy hour • Ljubljana walking tour • Lake Bled boat cruise (weather permitting)...and more

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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## BEST OF POLAND in 10 DAYS

**E**scape the crowds and embrace the understated elegance of ready-for-prime-time Poland, where lively, cosmopolitan urban centers and people-friendly squares bookend tiny farm villages and countryside, layering dynamic culture, dramatic history and a determined spirit.

Starting with royal Gdańsk, continuing on to vibrant Warsaw and ending in colorful Kraków, we'll experience Poland's three best cities plus a handful of cobbly-quaint towns and impressive sights custom-made to wow. We'll travel the spiritual (and geographical) spine of the country, tracing the red-brick trail from mighty Malbork and tasty Toruń to Częstochowa's reverent Jasna Góra monastery. Along the way, we'll sample the staples of Poland's resolve—vodka, Chopin, pierogis and more—converse with proud locals, and feel the pulse of today's emerging culture in this land of surprises.

Trendy, hip and steeped with tradition, Europe's newest frontier awaits on our Best of Poland in 10 Days tour.





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Poland

Meet your tour guide and group • Gdańsk orientation walk • “Welcome to Poland” dinner together • Vodka tasting • Sleep in Gdańsk 2 nights

### DAY 2

#### Gdańsk’s Golden Age and Solidarity

Historic Gdańsk walking tour including its famous shipyard and the European Solidarity Center • Free evening to explore more of Gdańsk and the Tri-City

### DAY 3

#### Red Brick and Gingerbread

Travel to Toruń • Guided tour of Malbork Castle • Toruń orientation walk • Visit to Toruń Gingerbread Museum • Sleep in Toruń 1 night

### DAY 4

#### Poland’s Countryside and Capital

Travel to Warsaw • Visit to a traditional open-air museum • Lunch together • Warsaw orientation walk • Visit to the Palace of Culture and Science • Chopin concert • Dinner together • Sleep in Warsaw 3 nights

### DAY 5

#### Historic and Contemporary Warsaw

Walking tour through Warsaw’s historic center • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Warsaw

### DAY 6

#### Polish Pride and Jewish Culture

Walking tour through Warsaw’s WWII

Ghetto • Visit to Museum of the History of Polish Jews • Dinner together

### DAY 7

#### Pilgrims’ Path to Kraków

Travel to Kraków • Visit to Częstochowa’s Jasna Góra monastery • Kraków orientation walk • Kazimierz klezmer concert and dinner together • Sleep in Kraków 3 nights

### DAY 8

#### Historic Kraków

Walking tour through Wawel Castle and Cathedral • Visit to St. Mary’s Church • Pierogi-making class

### DAY 9

#### Schindler’s Factory and a Taste of Communism

Tour of Kraków’s Nowa Huta

district • Visit to Oskar Schindler’s Factory • Free time to explore more of Kraków • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 10

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Na zdrowie!*

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## 20 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Historic Gdańsk walking tour • Gdańsk Shipyard • European Solidarity Center • Vodka tasting • Malbork Castle • Toruń Gingerbread Museum • Polish open-air museum • Warsaw’s Palace of Culture and Science • Chopin music concert • Historic Warsaw walking tour • Warsaw Ghetto walk • Museum of the History of Polish Jews • Jasna Góra monastery • Kazimierz klezmer concert • Historic Kraków walking tour • Wawel Castle and Cathedral • St. Mary’s Church • Pierogi-making class • Nowa Huta • Schindler’s Factory museum... and more

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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## BEST OF THE ADRIATIC in 14 DAYS

Our Adriatic adventure explores a corner of Europe with some of its grandest natural wonders—and some of its most captivating recent history. During our two weeks together, we'll mix up a hearty stew of Slavic culture with a dash of Mediterranean romance.

We'll introduce you to Slovenia, from charming Ljubljana and fairy-tale Lake Bled to the cut-glass Julian Alps.

You'll get a taste of Croatia's Istria with its unspoiled hill towns, fine wines, Roman ruins—and a local dialect that's more Venetian than anything you'll hear in Venice; its pristine, waterfall-laced Plitvice Lakes National Park—renowned for its breathtaking beauty; and its Dalmatian Coast, where you'll discover the sun-soaked harborside jewels of Dubrovnik, Split and the island of Korčula.

You'll also be inspired in once-war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina, where engaging Mostar has many lessons to teach about sectarian strife, recovery and reconciliation, as well as a vital Muslim culture.

The Adriatic has become one of Europe's hottest destinations. Dive in and get to know this long-overlooked, stunning and fascinating region.





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Ljubljana

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Ljubljana” dinner together • Sleep in Ljubljana 2 nights

### DAY 2

#### Architectural Riches of Ljubljana

Walking tour through the heart of Ljubljana including stops at native son Jože Plečnik’s most famous buildings • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Ljubljana

### DAY 3

#### Slovenia’s Lakes and Alps

Travel to Slovenia’s Julian Alps • Stop in Lake Bled • Scenic drive to the Soča River Valley • Dinner together • Sleep in Bovec 1 night

### DAY 4

#### Crossing Paths with Hemingway

Travel to Croatia’s Istrian Peninsula • Guided tour of Kobarid’s WWI Museum • Slovenian-style lunch together • Slovenian wine tasting • Sleep in an Istrian hill town 2 nights

### DAY 5

#### Istrian Peninsula

Guided tour of Pula including its first-century Roman amphitheater • Visit the seaside town of Rovinj • Dinner together in the town of Brtonigla

### DAY 6

#### Opatija and Plitvice

Travel to Plitvice Lakes National Park •

Stop in seaside Opatija, with free time to enjoy its manicured parks and belle époque villas • Dinner together • Sleep in or near Plitvice Lakes National Park 1 night

### DAY 7

#### Lakes to the Coast

Travel to Split • Hike in Plitvice National Park among the forests, stone cliffs, lakes, and waterfalls • Scenic drive along the Dinaric Alps to the Dalmatian Coast • Sleep in Split 2 nights

### DAY 8

#### The Roman Heart of Split

Walking tour through Split’s Old Town • Visit Diocletian’s Palace including Cathedral of St. Dominus and Jupiter’s Temple • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Split

### DAY 9

#### Eye-Opening Bosnia-Herzegovina

Travel to Bosnia-Herzegovina • Stolac walking tour including *stećci* tombstones • Lunch together • Blagaj visit • Mostar orientation walk and dinner together • Sleep in Mostar 1 night

### DAY 10

#### Mostar and the Dalmatian Coast

Travel to Korčula • Walking tour of Mostar including its rebuilt Old Bridge, Kujundžiluk bazaar and a mosque • Visit to a Serbian Orthodox Monastery • Orientation to Korčula and free evening • Sleep in Korčula 2 nights

### DAY 11

#### Island Relaxation

The day is all yours to explore Korčula, go for a swim, or simply relax • Late afternoon happy-hour boat cruise together

### DAY 12

#### Rural Dalmatia and the Pearl of the Adriatic

Travel to Dubrovnik • Croatian family farm visit • Dubrovnik orientation • Sleep outside Dubrovnik’s old city wall in the Lapad district 2 nights

### DAY 13

#### Dazzling Dubrovnik

Walking tour of Dubrovnik including the promenade and old harbor • Entrance to Dubrovnik walls • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 14

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Do viđenija!*

#### MORE INFORMATION

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## 21 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Ljubljana walking tour • Bled Castle • Kobarid Museum • Slovenian wine tasting • Pula walking tour • Pula amphitheater • Rovinj • Opatija • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Split walking tour • Diocletian’s Palace • Stolac walking tour • Mostar walking tour • Mostar mosque and Old Bridge • Blagaj • Serbian Orthodox Monastery • Korčula orientation • Korčula boat cruise • Croatian family farm visit • Dubrovnik walking tour • Dubrovnik walls entrance...and more

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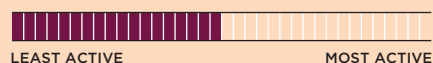
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 **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a moderately active tour! Most days are light to moderately paced, but two days are strenuous, with 2–8 miles of walking, lots of stairs and hilly terrain.



## BEST OF BULGARIA in 12 DAYS

**O**ur Best of Bulgaria tour takes you to a fascinating, rapidly-changing corner of Europe, where one nation's European dream takes on a surprising shape when it's rooted in a custom blend of Ottoman, Orthodox and Soviet soil.

You'll see shiny BMWs competing for lane space with horse-drawn carts. You'll stroll through rustic mountain villages with the tang of wood smoke in the air, valleys of vineyards and sleek seaside resorts. You'll be pleasantly surprised by the rich local cuisine—an offbeat blend of Slavic and Mediterranean—and taste wines that are the toast of the Balkans.

The history buff in you will marvel at Bulgaria's ancient Thracian tombs, impressive Roman ruins, mystical medieval monasteries, and traditional mosques. And nowhere in Europe will you see such colorful, perfectly preserved treasures of iconic religious art.

Our expert guide will bring all this art and history to life—and open doors to personal connections, introducing you to locals who are as eager to shake your hand as you are to meet them.

Bulgaria has long been one of Rick Steves' special passions, and this tour is a dream come true. Join us and you'll quickly see why!





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Bulgaria

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation walk • “Welcome to Bulgaria” dinner together • Sleep in Sofia 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Exploring Sofia

Walking tour through Sofia, including the President’s Building and Sofia Synagogue • Tour the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral • Meet with a local politician • Free afternoon and evening to explore more of Sofia

## DAY 3

### Rila Monastery

Travel to Rila • Visit to a Roma community • Walking tour of Rila Monastery • Drive through the scenic Rilska Valley • Dinner together • Sleep near Rila 1 night

## DAY 4

### Bessa Valley Wines

Travel to Plovdiv • Visit to a Bessa Valley winery • Wine tasting • Dinner together • Sleep in Plovdiv 2 nights

## DAY 5

### Renaissance Plovdiv

Walking tour of Plovdiv’s old town, including Trajan’s second-century Roman amphitheater and elegant “Bulgarian Renaissance” homes • Visit Dzhumaya Mosque, Bulgaria’s oldest • Free afternoon and evening in Plovdiv

## DAY 6

### Kazanlak and Nesebar

Travel to the Black Sea • Stop in Kazanlak to visit a fourth-century B.C. Thracian tomb • Dinner together • Sleep in Nesebar 2 nights

## DAY 7

### Nesebar and the Black Sea

Walking tour of Nesebar • Free afternoon and evening to relax on the beach, take a boat ride, or stroll around town

## DAY 8

### Treasures of Varna

Travel to Varna • Tour of the Varna Archaeological Museum • Free afternoon and evening in Varna • Sleep in Varna 1 night

## DAY 9

### Over the Balkan Range

Travel to Bulgaria’s medieval capital of Veliko Tarnovo • Visit the Madara Horseman rock carving • Arbanasi village visit • Dinner together • Sleep in Veliko Tarnovo 2 nights



## DAY 10

### Veliko Tarnovo

Walking tour of Veliko Tarnovo • Free time to explore more of Veliko Tarnovo’s medieval streets • Evening folk performance

## DAY 11

### Village to City

Travel to Sofia • Visit to the village of Glogovo, a community that converted to Islam under the Ottoman Turks • Traditional lunch prepared by the villagers • Farewell dinner together in Sofia • Sleep in Sofia 1 night

## DAY 12

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Radvayte se na pytuvaneto!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 17 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Sofia walking tour • Alexander Nevsky Cathedral • Meet with government official • Dupnitsa Roma community visit • Rila Monastery • Bessa Valley wine tasting • Plovdiv walking tour, including Roman Theater • Dzhumaya Mosque • Kazanlak Thracian tomb • Nesebar walking tour • Varna Archaeological Museum • Madara Horseman • Arbanasi • Veliko Tarnovo walking tour • Tsarevets Citadel • Folk performance • Meet with Glogovo villagers... and more

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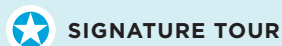
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## ATHENS & THE HEART OF GREECE in 14 DAYS

**MORE THAN 35 DEPARTURES**  
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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a very active tour! Most days are moderate to strenuously paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including hilly terrain and lots of stairs.



Greece offers an odyssey of time-travel thrills: cliffs plunging into the Aegean where Odysseus sailed, marble monuments where Plato pondered, octopuses just off the boat, tomatoes fresh from the garden, black-clad grannies in the sun, and backgammon in the shade.

Our route mostly hugs the shore, offering the best of both worlds: stunning coastal vistas, classic harbors, sugar-cube villages, and a taste of the country's rugged interior. We've included the "biggies"—like Athens and Delphi—along with plenty of time to explore some fascinating, less-discovered corners of Greece.

From the thrilling top of Athens' Acropolis, you'll imagine Socrates and Aristotle walking in the shade of the ruins at your feet. But the true grandeur of Ancient Greece survives in its evocative countryside. You'll see Delphi, Olympia, Epidavros, and Mycenae along with god-dwelling mountains, once-cruel Venetian fortresses and romantic seaside harbors.

The whitewashed, traffic-free island of Hydra is our laid-back grand finale. Work on your tan, sip ouzo, play backgammon with new friends, and munch fresh octopus in a harborside taverna. *Opa!* Life just keeps getting better.





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Greece

Meet your tour guide and group • “Welcome to Athens” dinner together • Sleep in Athens 2 nights

### DAY 2

#### Athens’ Acropolis

Walking tour of the Acropolis and guided tour of the Acropolis Museum • Free afternoon and evening to explore the Plaka’s labyrinth of inviting streets, squares, shops, and cafés

### DAY 3

#### Delphi

Travel to Delphi • Guided tour of the mystical ruins of Delphi • Dinner together • Sleep in Delphi 1 night

### DAY 4

#### Peloponnese Mountains

Travel to the Peloponnese • Scenic ride through the Vouraikos Gorge on a cog railway • Fresh trout lunch together • Traditional music and dance performance • Dinner together • Sleep in the mountain village of Lagkadia 1 night

### DAY 5

#### Ancient Olympia

Travel to the Mani Peninsula • Walking tour of ancient Olympia, site of the world’s first Olympics • Lunch together • Sleep in a seaside village on the Mani Peninsula 2 nights

### DAY 6

#### Seaside Discoveries

The day is all yours to explore, hike along the ancient cobbled paths, or just relax on the beach

### DAY 7

#### Mani Villages

Travel around the Mani Peninsula, home to generations-long clan wars, salt-of-the-earth villages, and unique *pyrgospita*—tower houses • Lunch together • Sleep in Monemvasia 2 nights

### DAY 8

#### Medieval Monemvasia

Orientation to Monemvasia’s Lower Town • Free time to swim, explore more of the romantic walled town, or hike to the Upper Town for sweeping Aegean views • Cooking demonstration • Dinner together

### DAY 9

#### Byzantine Mystras

Travel to the harbor town of Nafplio • Guided tour of the ruins of Mystras • Stop in Sparta for lunch together • Greek wine and ouzo tasting • Sleep in Nafplio 2 nights

### DAY 10

#### Mycenae and Nafplio

Walking tour of the fortified city of Mycenae • Free afternoon to explore the colorful alleyways of Nafplio • Dinner together

### DAY 11

#### Ancient Epidavros

Travel to the island of Hydra • Stop in Epidavros for its ancient theater • Sleep on Hydra 2 nights

### DAY 12

#### Island of Hydra

The day is all yours to wander Hydra’s narrow streets and harbor promenade, swim at a nearby beach or hire a boat for the day • Sunset happy hour

### DAY 13

#### Athens’ National Archaeological Museum

Travel to Athens by ferry • Guided tour of Athens’ National Archaeological Museum • Free afternoon to explore more of Athens • Farewell dinner together • Sleep in Athens 1 night

### DAY 14

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Antío!*

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 17 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Acropolis • Acropolis Museum • Ancient Delphi • Scenic Diakofto–Kalavryta Railway • Olive and olive oil tasting • Ancient Olympia • Mani Peninsula villages • Monemvasia orientation • Cooking demonstration • Byzantine Mystras • Nafplio orientation • Wine and ouzo tasting • Ancient Mycenae • Folk music evening • Theatre of Epidavros • Hydra orientation • National Archaeological Museum...and more

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## BEST OF ISTANBUL in 7 DAYS

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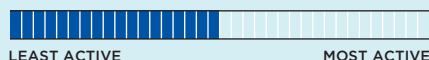
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**CITY GETAWAYS**

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a moderately active tour! Most days are moderately paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including some hills and stairs.



Istanbul is one of the world's greatest cities, period. Where else can you walk in the footsteps of Roman emperors and Ottoman sultans; wander a neighborhood that's home to such international icons as the Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque and Topkapı Palace; or sip tea with a merchant as you bargain hunt your way through a twisted warren of lanes in the Grand Bazaar—the world's oldest shopping mall?

Imagine hopping a ferry to another continent as you take in a spine-tingling skyline bristling with minarets. Or taking an after-dinner stroll with your guide through the hanging laundry, bubbling hookahs and hollering vendors of old Constantinople's Golden Horn. And meeting some of the planet's friendliest people, whether you're chatting with a fisherman on a bustling bridge, learning about Islam from a modern Muslim, or tossing handmade dice on a backgammon board with a grizzled old Turk.

On our most exotic city tour, you'll walk through doorways that only an Istanbul "insider" can open—your Turkish Rick Steves guide.

It's one week you'll simply never forget: the Best of Istanbul in 7 Days.

### WOW MOMENTS

*"The Hagia Sofia was my favorite. The tile work is incredible and the preservation of the history of the building is such a gift—I found the experience to be very humbling."*

— MARGARET IN SAN ANTONIO, TX





### DAY 1

#### Welcome to Istanbul

Meet your tour guide and group • Orientation walk through Karaköy district including the Galata Bridge • Introduction to Islam and tour of Rüstem Paşa Mosque • “Welcome to Istanbul” dinner together • Sleep in Istanbul 6 nights

### DAY 2

#### The Ottoman City

Guided tour of the Ottoman sultans’ opulent Topkapı Palace and Harem • Walking tour of the Old Town of Sultanahmet including the Grand Bazaar, Mosque of Süleyman the Magnificent and the exotic Egyptian Spice Market

### DAY 3

#### Byzantine Constantinople

Tours of the Hagia Sophia Mosque and the Chora Church • Walking tour of

the lively Fener neighborhood on the Golden Horn • Dinner together

### DAY 4

#### Contemporary Istanbul

Walking tour of the New District, with its silk shops, trendy boutiques and tea houses • Culinary treasure hunt lunch • Walking tour of Galata neighborhood • Optional visit to a Turkish bath

### DAY 5

#### The Bosphorus and a Taste of Asia

Traditional Turkish brunch together • Scenic cruise on the continent-dividing Bosphorus strait • Visit to the vibrant Kadıköy district on the Asian side of the strait

### DAY 6

#### Art and Archaeological Treasures

Guided tour of the gorgeous Iznik tiles, Greek and Roman sculptures, and

colorful Babylonian friezes of the Istanbul Archaeological Museum • Free afternoon to explore more of Istanbul’s sights • Farewell dinner together

### DAY 7

#### Tour Over After Breakfast

Güle güle!

### MORE INFORMATION

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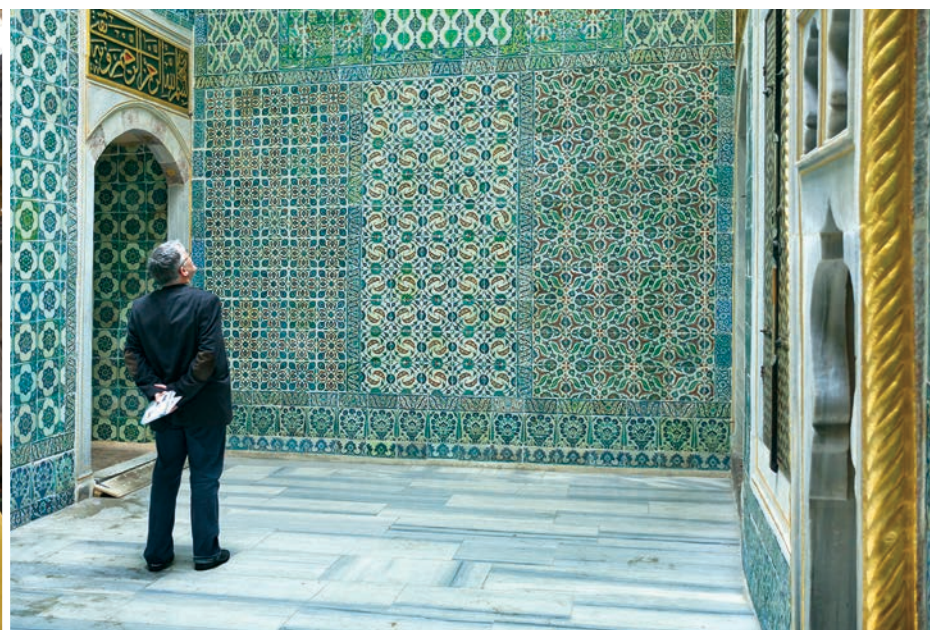
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## 15 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Rüstem Paşa Mosque (Blue Mosque under renovation) • Sultanahmet walking tour • Topkapı Palace and Harem • Local artisan demonstration at Grand Bazaar • Mosque of Süleyman the Magnificent • Egyptian Spice Market • Hagia Sophia Mosque • Chora Church • City walls walking tour • Golden Horn walking tour • New District walking tour • Traditional Turkish brunch • Bosphorus cruise • Kadıköy district walking tour • Istanbul Archaeological Museum...and more

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**\$2,595–\$2,695 + air**  
Single Supplement \$675

## BEST OF TURKEY in 13 DAYS

**MORE THAN 15 DEPARTURES**  
from April through October 2021

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and sign up at [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com).

### CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is one of our most active tours! Most days are strenuously paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including hilly terrain and lots of stairs.



**T**urkey offers travelers the best of all worlds: awe-inspiring ancient history, fairy-tale scenery, plentiful sunshine and some of the most welcoming people you'll ever hope to meet.

Our Turkish Rick Steves guides have a gift for making their country's rich culture and heritage come to life in personal ways, opening doors for you that independent travelers will never know existed.

You'll walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, discuss religion with a Muslim scholar in a mosque, savor the best of Turkish cuisine, hike through a timeless Cappadocian canyon, admire intricate carvings in a medieval caravanserai, experience the dizzying dance of a Whirling Dervish and enjoy a delicious home-prepared lunch with a local family.

In Istanbul, you'll be engulfed in the spiritual hubbub of towering mosques, be captivated by the steamy intrigue of the sultan's palace and harem and shop till you drop in the exotic Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market.

If you're looking for new kinds of travel delights—and a broader world perspective—you've found it all in the Best of Turkey.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Turkey

Meet your tour guide and group • Orientation walk through Istanbul's historic Sultanahmet district • Guided tour of the Hagia Sophia Mosque • "Welcome to Turkey" dinner together • Sleep in Istanbul 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Exploring Istanbul

Visit to the Egyptian Spice Market • Scenic boat cruise on the Bosphorus waterway • Free time in the New District • Visits to Istanbul's legendary Grand Bazaar and the Mosque of Süleyman the Magnificent

## DAY 3

### Topkapı Palace and Ankara

Travel to Ankara, Turkey's modern capital city • Guided tour of the opulent Topkapı Palace and Harem • Sleep in Ankara 1 night

## DAY 4

### Anatolia and Cappadocia

Travel to Cappadocia • Guided tour of the world-class Anatolian Civilizations Museum • Visit to Atatürk Mausoleum • Dinner together • Sleep in the village of Mustafapaşa 3 nights

## DAY 5

### Ancient Churches of Göreme

Walking tour of Mustafapaşa • Visit to the Göreme Open-Air Museum • Home-prepared, Cappadocian-style lunch together • Turkish carpet-weaving demonstration • Dinner together

## DAY 6

### Countryside Charms

Cappadocia valley scenic walk • Guided tour of Kaymaklı underground city

## DAY 7

### Mosque Visit and Mevlâna's Konya

Travel to Konya • Meet with an imam • Stop to admire the intricate carvings of a medieval caravanserai • Guided tour of the poetry-filled Mevlâna Museum • Sleep in Konya 1 night

## DAY 8

### Ancient Aspendos

Travel to Antalya • Konya walking tour • Guided tour of the ancient theater at Aspendos • Antalya neighborhood orientation walk • Sleep in Antalya 2 nights

## DAY 9

### Seaside Antalya

The day is all yours to enjoy the impressive ancient Greek sculptures in the Antalya Museum, explore the narrow cobbled streets of Antalya's old town and Roman harbor, or experience a traditional Turkish bath

## DAY 10

### Wonderland of Pamukkale

Travel to Pamukkale • Visit to the farmers market in the town of Korkuteli • Free time to explore Pamukkale • Dinner together • Whirling Dervish performance • Sleep in the Pamukkale area 1 night

## DAY 11

### Ancient Aphrodisias and Kuşadası

Travel to the Aegean Coast • Guided tour of the ancient city of Aphrodisias • Lunch together • Sleep in Kuşadası 2 nights

## DAY 12

### Roman City of Ephesus

Guided tour of the ancient city of Ephesus • Free afternoon to visit Mary's House, check out the excellent Ephesus Museum in nearby Selçuk, or relax back in Kuşadası • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 13

### Tour Over After Breakfast

Güle güle!

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 24 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Multi-day Museum Pass, allowing free admission to museums and cultural sites throughout the country • Hagia Sophia Mosque • Egyptian Spice Market • Bosphorus cruise • Grand Bazaar • Mosque of Süleyman the Magnificent (Blue Mosque under renovation) • Topkapı Palace and Harem • Anatolian Civilizations Museum • Atatürk Mausoleum • Mustafapaşa walking tour • Göreme Open-Air Museum • Cappadocian home-prepared lunch • Cappadocia valley hike (weather permitting) • Kaymaklı underground city • Visit with imam • Carpet-weaving demonstration • Medieval caravanserai • Mevlâna Rumi Museum • Konya city tour • Aspendos ancient theater • Whirling Dervish performance • Pamukkale orientation • Aphrodisias • Ephesus...and more

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# BRING THE FAMILY!





## Family Europe: London to Florence in 13 Days

### Family Europe: Amsterdam to Venice in 10 Days

**M**any parents have a special kind of travel dream: taking their kids to Europe. The sights, the history, the cities, the cultures...sharing all this as a family experience is nearly impossible to top. And opening your kids' minds to a world beyond what they're used to—this can have a big impact on their values and their future.

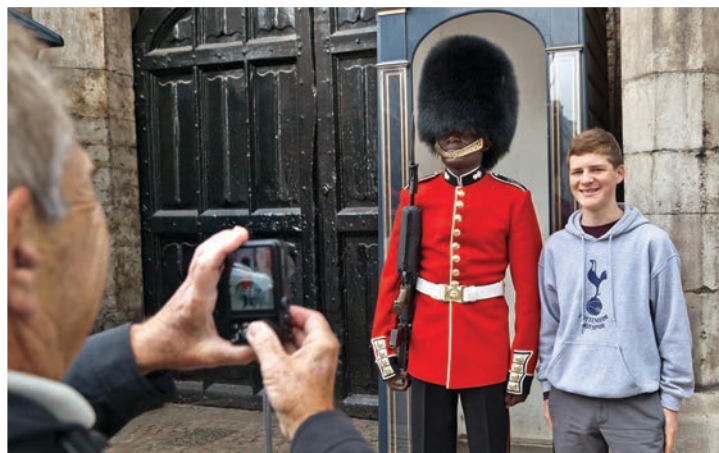
But let's face it: The logistical headaches of doing this on your own can be daunting. Managing transportation, accommodations and sightseeing arrangements can stretch your energy and patience to the limit. And kids—chained to their parents and missing their friends back home—can turn a family adventure into an ordeal. It doesn't need to be this way.

Rick Steves will make your family's big trip to Europe as low-stress for you as it is engaging for your kids—and a friendly social experience for everyone. Teens are welcome on all Rick Steves tours, but if your family includes a younger child or two, we have the perfect fit: our pair of "Family Europe" itineraries.

Our Family Europe tours—London to Florence in 13 Days and Amsterdam to Venice in 10 Days—are specially designed with families in mind. They're different from their "non-family" counterparts, with kid-friendly lectures and activities and a minimum age of 8 instead of 13 (plus a \$200 discount for each child under 18).

Led by an experienced, engaging guide and a tour assistant, a typical Family Europe group might include four pre-teens, 10 teenagers and 14 grownups (often a mix of couples, single parents and grandparents). Each day's schedule is taken care of, so you can relax. Kids tend to take over the back half of the bus and a couple of dinner tables, freeing you to have conversations with other adults. This creates a fun, easy-going foundation for your dream vacation.

Above all, Rick Steves Family Europe tours are designed to be eye-opening learning experiences. Look elsewhere for scavenger hunts and theme parks. We'll connect you and your kids to the art, history, food, and culture of Europe in ways that will resonate for your family long after your flight home.



## FAMILY EUROPE

### DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...

"This was a trip of a lifetime! I still find myself daydreaming about all the places we traveled and the experiences we shared with our family and new friends. The family tour was the perfect way for us to introduce traveling abroad to our children (10 and 13) and we can't wait to go on another Rick Steves tour."

— **KELLI IN BELLEVUE, WA**

"This tour far exceeded our expectations! There is no way we could have planned and packed so much sightseeing and cultural experiences into the same time frame ourselves. Meeting and getting to know the other great families on our tour just added to the overall experience."

— **ANN IN LUDINGTON, MI**

"The tour was absolutely fantastic. A perfect blend of group activities and 'alone' time. The guides did an excellent job of appealing to both kids and adults. My kids grew so much on this trip by really experiencing Europe. And they can't stop talking about the luge and the pasta-making demonstration."

— **NICOLE IN CHICAGO, IL**

"Our tour experience was beyond our expectations. From the preparedness of our guide...to the accommodations...to the ease of travel by coach taking the worry out of the equation. We were able to enjoy every moment as a family and experience the culture and uniqueness of each location we visited. We are converted disciples of the Rick Steves experience. Thank you for giving our family two of the greatest weeks of our lives."

— **BRETT IN FEDERAL WAY, WA**





**\$4,395–\$4,495 + air**  
Single Supplement \$875

## FAMILY EUROPE: LONDON TO FLORENCE in 13 DAYS

**MORE THAN 3 DEPARTURES**  
from June through August 2021

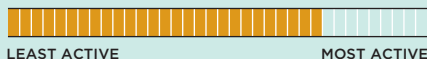
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**FAMILY TOUR**

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

This is a very active tour! Most days are moderate to strenuously paced with 2–8 miles of walking, including hilly terrain and lots of stairs.



**R**ick Steves Family Europe: London to Florence in 13 Days delivers a colorful mix of must-see cities (London, Paris, Florence) and stroll-around charms (Burgundy, the Swiss Alps, Italy's Cinque Terre). Along the way, you and your kids will encounter some fascinating bits of art, history and culture—along with a couple of castles, a boat, a mountain cogwheel train, plenty of hiking and even a swimming pool or two.

Our small-group style of travel will open doors to places that are off-limits to large “mainstream” tour groups. As you ride across Europe, you’ll have plenty of extra room to stretch out and relax in our big, comfortable bus (the kids will be sure to take over the back half!). To help keep you all well-rested from start to finish, every stop is for two consecutive nights.

So bring the family! And (since our two Family Europe itineraries don’t overlap) you’re welcome to come back for seconds.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to London

Meet your tour guide and group • Neighborhood orientation • London panoramic bus tour • “Welcome to Europe” dinner together • Sleep in London 2 nights

## DAY 2

### The Thames and the Tower

Tour of the Tower of London • Thames River cruise • Free afternoon and evening

## DAY 3

### The Chunnel to Paris

Travel to Paris on the Eurostar train • Paris Métro orientation lesson • Dinner together • Seine River cruise • Sleep in Paris 2 nights

## DAY 4

### The Historic Heart of Paris

Pétanque lesson • Walking tour of the historic heart of Paris • Free afternoon and evening

## DAY 5

### Masterpieces and Rural France

Travel to Burgundy • Visit to the Louvre Museum • Free time for lunch in Paris • Dinner together • Sleep in Burgundy 2 nights

## DAY 6

### Building a Medieval Castle

Visit to Guédelon Castle • Stone-cutting workshop • Free time for lunch at Guédelon • Afternoon free for swimming and play • Medieval-themed dinner together

## DAY 7

### Scenic Drive to the Swiss Alps

Travel to Switzerland • Free time for lunch in France • Orientation for tomorrow’s free day • Fondue tasting • Swiss folk music • Dinner together • Sleep in the Lauterbrunnen Valley 2 nights

## DAY 8

### All Day in the Alps

The day is yours to join your guide for a hike or strike out on your own to enjoy the lovely meadows and snow-capped peaks of the Swiss Alps

## DAY 9

### Winding Our Way to Italy

Travel to Italy’s Cinque Terre • Orientation for tomorrow’s free day • Dinner together • Sleep in Monterosso al Mare 2 nights

## DAY 10

### Free Day in the Cinque Terre

All day is yours to enjoy the hiking trails, villages, beaches, and food of Italy’s Cinque Terre



## DAY 11

### The Culture and Art of Florence

Travel to Florence • Visit Pisa for lunch and exploration • San Lorenzo Market walk and tasting • Art class • Free time to explore more of Florence • Sleep in Florence 2 nights

## DAY 12

### The Renaissance and Michelangelo’s David

Renaissance walking tour of Florence’s historical center • Visit to the Accademia Gallery, home to Michelangelo’s David • Hands-on cooking class • Farewell dinner together

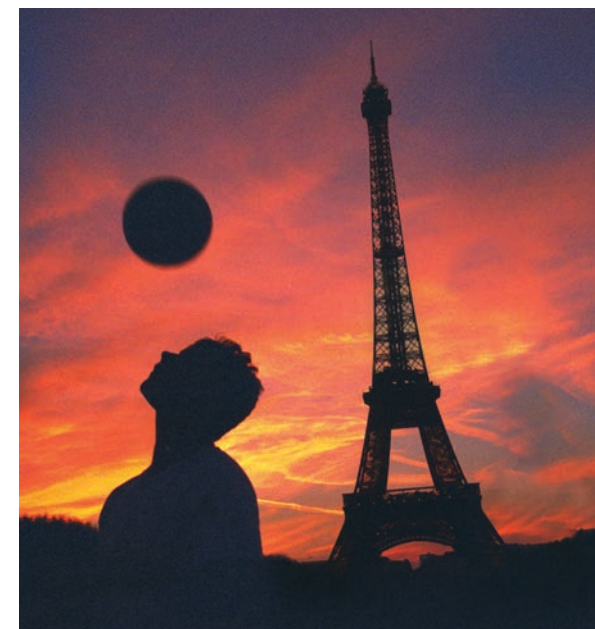
## DAY 13

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Grazie e ciao!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 20 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

London panoramic bus tour • Thames River cruise • Tower of London • London–Paris Chunnel train • Seine River cruise • Paris walking tour • Pétanque lesson • Louvre Museum • Guédelon Castle • Stone-cutting workshop • Medieval evening • Hiking orientation in the Swiss Alps (*weather permitting*) • Swiss fondue tasting • Swiss folk music • Orientation for “vacation” day in Cinque Terre • Pisa • Art class • Renaissance walking tour • Accademia Gallery including Michelangelo’s David • Tuscan cooking class... and more

For a complete list of what’s included, see page 6 or visit [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com)!





**\$3,195–\$3,395 + air**  
Single Supplement \$575

**MORE THAN 4 DEPARTURES**  
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**FAMILY TOUR**

## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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## FAMILY EUROPE: AMSTERDAM TO VENICE in 10 DAYS

**R**ick Steves Family Europe: Amsterdam to Venice in 10 Days delivers a colorful mix of must-see cities (Amsterdam, Munich, Venice), and stroll-around charms (the castle-studded Rhine Valley, half-timbered Rothenburg and flower-box villages in Austria). Along the way, you and your kids will encounter some fascinating bits of art, history and culture—along with fun how-to demonstrations, hiking, swimming, castles, boats, and an unforgettable mountain luge ride.

Our small-group style of travel will open doors to places that are off-limits to large “mainstream” tour groups. As you ride across Europe, you’ll have plenty of extra room to stretch out and relax in our big, comfortable bus. To help keep you all well-rested from start to finish, every stop but one is for two consecutive nights.

So bring the family! And (since our two Family Europe itineraries don’t overlap) you’re welcome to come back for seconds.





## DAY 1

### Welcome to Amsterdam

Meet your tour guide and group • Amsterdam walking tour • “Welcome to Europe” dinner together • Sleep in Amsterdam 2 nights

## DAY 2

### Eye-Opening Amsterdam

Guided tour of the Rijksmuseum • Canal cruise • Free afternoon and evening

## DAY 3

### To Arnhem and Germany

Travel to Bacharach • Visit to Arnhem Open-Air Museum • Dutch pancake lunch together • Dinner together • Sleep in Bacharach 2 nights

## DAY 4

### Rhine Castles and Cruising

Explore village of St. Goar • Rheinfels Castle tour • Rhine River cruise • Free afternoon and evening

## DAY 5

### Medieval Rothenburg

Travel to Rothenburg ob der Tauber • Rothenburg orientation • Afternoon free for sightseeing • Night Watchman’s tour • Sleep in Rothenburg 1 night

## DAY 6

### Munich and Austrian Tirol

Travel to Austria • Orientation and free time in Munich • Visit to Wieskirche • Dinner together • Sleep in or near Reutte 2 nights

## DAY 7

### Neuschwanstein and the Luge

Guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle • Free time for hiking and lunch • Mountain luge ride (weather permitting) • Dinner together

## DAY 8

### To Venice

Travel to Venice • Lunch stop in the

Tirolean village of Bolzano • Free evening • Sleep on the Lido in Venice 2 nights

## DAY 9

### Magical Maze of Venice

Walking tour of Venice • Venetian mask-making demonstration • St. Mark’s Square and Basilica • Free afternoon to explore Venice or swim on the Lido • Farewell dinner together

## DAY 10

### Tour Over After Breakfast

*Grazie e ciao!*

## MORE INFORMATION

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## 15 SIGHTSEEING EVENTS INCLUDED!

Amsterdam walking tour • Rijksmuseum • Amsterdam canal cruise • Arnhem Open-Air Museum • Rheinfels Castle • Rhine River cruise • Rothenburg orientation • Rothenburg Night Watchman’s walking tour • Munich orientation • Wieskirche • Neuschwanstein Castle • Mountain luge ride (weather permitting) • Venice walking tour • Venice mask-making demonstration • St. Mark’s Square and Basilica...and more

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# MY WAY<sup>®</sup> COULD BE YOUR WAY

**FLEXIBILITY AND FREEDOM**  
from logistics hassles make My Way a good fit  
for independent travelers, slower walkers  
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## My Way® Alpine Europe in 12 Days

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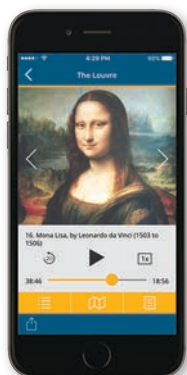
If you want to enjoy the freedom of independent travel—but let someone else handle all the hotel and transportation headaches—Rick Steves has created an “un-guided” travel experience that delivers the best of both worlds.

On a My Way® vacation, you’ll travel along a Rick Steves-designed route that connects some of Europe’s most fascinating, must-see destinations. You’ll get there comfortably, on an un-crowded, private bus that takes you from one centrally located hotel to the next. Once you’ve checked in, the rest of your time (and your budget) is under your control. You can enjoy a sightseeing day that’s as active or relaxing, as frugal or splurge-iful, as you want. This built-in flexibility makes My Way® a good fit for more adventurous travelers, as well as slower walkers and families with children as young as 8.

To help you along the way, every My Way® vacation comes with a travel-savvy tour manager to answer your questions. In addition, you get a free tour kit including a Rick Steves guidebook, moneybelt and earplugs. Plus, Rick’s free Audio Europe™ app includes self-guided walking tours of select places along the way. Oh, and we’ll include breakfast each morning, too.

For most people, we feel that Rick Steves fully guided tours offer an unbeatable value for the money. But if you’d rather not sightsee as part of a group, our My Way® style of travel lets you set your own daily pace and priorities and will help you experience the best of Europe—your way.

Browse through the next few pages to learn all about our four exciting My Way® itineraries for 2021.



MY WAY®

## DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...

“We are ‘tour leery’ people and this experience exceeded our expectations! All the hotels were so well located and the bus was extremely comfortable. I never felt rushed and we loved having the time to follow our own rhythm. Could not have hoped for a nicer group to travel with and our tour manager was super.”

— DEBORAH IN MONTCLAIR, NJ

“The ‘My Way’ tour freed us from having to worry about logistics, where to sleep and how to get to the next city. We could focus on what we wanted to see and when to see it. The tour manager was exceptionally helpful answering those last-minute questions about the next stop.”

— ZACHARY IN MILTON, WA

“This was my first trip to Europe, and it was a marvelous experience. Our tour manager was amazing! The ‘My Way’ tour was just right for us. We enjoy FULL days as well as being able to be flexible and change plans as we go along. This type of tour allowed us to see and do the activities we wanted in the time frame we wanted.”

— SHERRILL IN SHEBOYGAN FALLS, WI

“Although we have traveled numerous times in Europe and Japan, this was our first ‘organized tour’ of any kind—and we are so thrilled we chose the ‘My Way’ option. It was perfect to have transportation and hotels taken care of while still allowing us to choose how we spent our time. There was much more support and advice from our tour manager than I had expected. Her insights, advice and assistance made the experience so smooth.”

— SANDRA IN SEATTLE, WA





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#### ITINERARY

**Day 1 & 2: Salzburg and Austrian Alps**  
**Day 3 & 4: Italian Alps and Alpe di Siusi**  
**Day 5 & 6: German Alps and Bavaria**  
**Day 7, 8 & 9: Swiss Alps**  
**Day 10 & 11: French Alps and Chamonix**  
**Day 12: Tour Over After Breakfast**

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daily itinerary, visit [ricksteves.com](http://ricksteves.com)!  
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**Y**our My Way® adventure through the Italian, Swiss and French Alps begins in Austria's Sound-of-Music country and ends at the foot of France's stunning Mont Blanc—with flower-carpeted meadows in Italy's Dolomites, fairy-tale castles in Germany's Bavaria and cut-glass peaks in Switzerland's Berner Oberland laced together in between. Join us for My Way® Alpine Europe in 12 Days!

## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

**Design your own dream trip from these possibilities:** Stroll through Salzburg's Old Town • take a Sound of Music tour • day trip to Berchtesgaden • explore Bolzano • try a gelato • hike through the Alpe di Siusi's Alpine meadows • ride the Zugspitze gondola lift • tour Neuschwanstein Castle • glide down the Tegelberg luge • hike in the Swiss Alps • eat lunch at the top of the 10,000-foot Schilthorn • visit thundering Trümmelbach Falls • see mighty Mont Blanc • relax at a Chamonix café • ride to the 12,600-foot Aiguille du Midi viewpoint...and more...your way!





**MORE THAN 8 DEPARTURES**  
from May to September 2021

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#### ITINERARY

**Day 1 & 2: Paris**

**Day 3 & 4: Loire Valley**

**Day 5 & 6: Lyon**

**Day 7 & 8: Annecy and the French Alps**

**Day 9 & 10: Avignon and Arles**

**Day 11 & 12: Nice and the French Riviera**

**Day 13: Tour Over After Breakfast**

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**Y**our My Way® adventure through the very best of France begins in monumental Paris and ends in the sunny Riviera capital of Nice—with the intoxicating art, history, food and scenic wonders of the Loire Valley, Lyon, Annecy, the French Alps, the Pont du Gard and Avignon all laced together in between. Join us for My Way® France in 13 Days!

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

**Design your own dream trip from these possibilities:** Eiffel Tower • Louvre and Orsay museums • Sainte-Chapelle • cruise on the Seine • Loire châteaux of Blois, Amboise, Chenonceau, Chambord, Chaumont and Cheverny • Lyon's Museum of Fine Arts • Resistance and Deportation History Center • hike, bike or boat around Lake Annecy • Annecy market • Chamonix and Mont Blanc • Pont du Gard • Avignon's bridge and Palace of the Popes • Arles Roman Arena and Ancient History Museum • Old Nice • Chagall and Matisse museums in Nice • Antibes (Picasso Museum) • Eze (Exotic Garden) • Cap Ferrat (Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild) • Monaco (Royal Palace, casino, Oceanographic Museum)...and more...your way!





**MORE THAN 18 DEPARTURES**  
from April to October 2021

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#### ITINERARY

**Day 1 & 2: Venice**

**Day 3 & 4: Varenna**

**Day 5 & 6: Italian Riviera**

**Day 7 & 8: Florence**

**Day 9 & 10: Assisi**

**Day 11 & 12: Rome**

**Day 13: Tour Over After Breakfast**

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**Y**our My Way® adventure through the very best of Italy begins in romantic Venice and ends in eternal Rome—with the intoxicating art, history and *dolce vita* lifestyles of Lake Como, the Cinque Terre, Florence, and Assisi laced together in between. Join us for My Way® Italy in 13 Days!

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

**Design your own dream trip from these possibilities:** Get lost in Venice • pub-crawl dinner • St. Mark's Basilica and the Frari Church • evening gondola ride • Murano and Burano • ride ferries to explore towns along Lake Como • scenic hikes in the hills • hike, train or boat between Cinque Terre villages • Florence's San Lorenzo Market • Accademia and Uffizi Galleries • Bargello Museum • Duomo and Baptistry • lunch in a Tuscan hill town • stroll around Assisi • Basilica of St. Francis • Roman Forum, Colosseum and Pantheon • Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel • St. Peter's Basilica...and more...your way!





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#### ITINERARY

**Day 1 & 2: Barcelona**

**Day 3, 4 & 5: Madrid**

**Day 6 & 7: Granada**

**Day 8: Ronda**

**Day 9 & 10: Sevilla**

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