

## THE ESSENCE OF EUROPE TOUR

A 13 day tour designed to introduce you to the wonders of Italy, The Alps, France and England. Highlights include Rome, Venice, Switzerland, Paris and London. This tour can operate from Rome to London or from London to Rome as you prefer.



### Day 1 – Arrival

After a warm welcome from your specialist tour guide, depart on a panoramic sightseeing tour of the major sites such as St. Peter's Basilica, the Coliseum, the Spanish Steps and the Piazza Navona. The rest of the day is free to relax and settle in.

Overnight Rome

### Day 2 – Rome

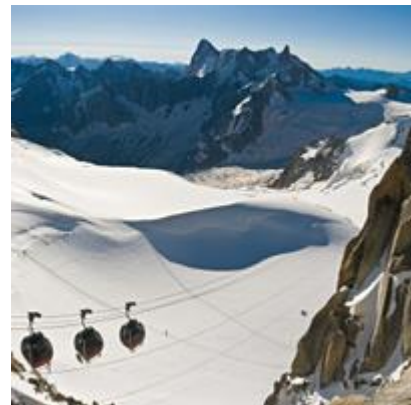
After breakfast, follow your local guide on a morning tour of the Vatican. Enjoy visits to the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore at your own pace.

Overnight Rome

### Day 3 – Assisi & Florence

Travel to Florence today, enjoying a visit to Assisi en route. Rich in history, Florence is one of the most enticing cities in Italy. Its rich culture and architecture is evident in the beautiful cathedral, the Duomo, and also in the Uffizi Gallery, the Galleria dell'Accademia and the Ponte Vecchio, a famous 14th century bridge.

Overnight Florence



### Day 4 – Florence

This morning enjoy a walking sightseeing tour of Florence with a visit to the Accademia, one of most important museums in Italy, home of Michelangelo's sculpture of David. After lunch, the afternoon is free to further discover Florence.

Overnight Florence

#### Day 5 – Lido di Jesolo

Travel to Venice this morning. The rest of the day is set aside to get acquainted with the city. You may want to spend your afternoon on the beach in Lido di Jesolo.

Overnight Venice

#### Day 6 – Venice

Today, tour Venice with your local expert guide. Venice is a legendary city that chose the waters of the lagoon for her regal existence of more than a thousand years. Following free time in Venice, return to mainland by vaporetto.

Overnight Venice

#### Day 7 – Chamonix

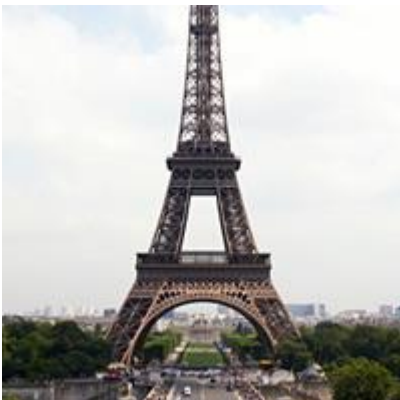
Today leave Venice and head to the city of Chamonix. Surrounded by the most spectacular scenery in the French Alps, Chamonix offers a wonderful taste of Alpine life. On arrival take time out to explore on your own.

Overnight Chamonix

#### Day 8 – Chamonix

After breakfast, have the morning free to get familiar with your surroundings. This afternoon, enjoy a cable car excursion to the roof of Europe. After dinner, leave Chamonix and journey to Paris travelling overnight.

Overnight: Sleeper train



#### Day 9 – Paris

On arrival in Paris the following morning, have an authentic French breakfast with fresh pastries and hot chocolate! Next get familiar with the French capital on a motorcoach overview of the major sites. This afternoon, visit the Louvre, the most famous and prized museum in France. The paintings, sculptures and

artefacts on display have been assembled over the last 5 centuries, but undoubtedly the most famous is Da Vinci's Mona Lisa. Tonight, spend the evening at the Eiffel Tower.

Overnight Paris

Day 10 – Disneyland Paris



Today, enjoy a full day excursion to Disneyland Paris, the second Disney resort to open outside the United States following Tokyo Disney Resort. Afterwards, return to Paris for overnight.

Overnight Paris

Day 11 – Paris to London

Today, travel through Northern France and cross the English Channel to the UK. Then continue to London and have the rest of the day at leisure to settle in.

Overnight London

Day 12 – London

After breakfast, depart for a panoramic sightseeing tour of notable landmarks. Drive past such famous sights as Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, then along the river to the Tower of London. The afternoon is set aside for last minute shopping and sightseeing.

Overnight London

Day 13 – Departure

Free time this morning before transferring to the airport for the flight home.

## **Included Highlights**

### **Accommodations:**

**11 Nights Hotel**

### **Sightseeing:**

**Panoramic Sightseeing tours of Rome, Paris and London, Walking tour of the Vatican, Florence, Venice, Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, Galleria dell'Accademia, Cable car excursion.**

### **Also Included:**

**Airport-hotel transfers, hotel and local taxes, baggage handling, touring by deluxe private motorcoach, services of a professional tour manager, local specialist guides, Vaporretto Passes, Eurostar Ticket.**