

## EUROPE TOUR – 5 DAYS

### DAY 1 : Paris - Reims - Luxembourg

We'll venture out of Paris and into the rolling countryside of Champagne, famous the world over for its sparkling white wine. A hefty dose of history, tradition and architecture is yours for the taking in Reims, where every king from the 11th century on was formally anointed. Our last stop on this day is Luxembourg, the world's only remaining grand duchy. Highlights include the Adolphe Bridge, Place de la Constitution and the Alzette River Valley. We will stay overnight in Luxembourg or a neighboring city.

#### Visiting Attractions

- Luxembourg
  - Reims
  - Paris
  - Place de la Constitution
  - Pont Adolphe



### DAY 2 : Luxembourg - Trier - Koblenz - Frankfurt

Our first stop is historic Trier, Germany's oldest city and the former capital of the Western Roman Empire. Trier is also the hometown of Karl Marx, the father of Communist thought. We'll visit his former residence, which now houses the Karl Marx Haus museum. After a lesson in ideology, we'll make our way to Porta Nigra, the largest and most well-preserved Roman city gate north of the Alps. After an

exciting morning in Trier, we'll drive to Koblenz, the town located at the confluence of the Rhine and Mosel Rivers. In the summertime you will have the option of joining a scenic river cruise on the Rhine. We'll make a short stop in Ruedesheim to see the Niederwalddenkmal, a monument built in the late 19th century to commemorate the founding of the German Empire. Then it's off to Frankfurt, the largest financial center in all of Europe. There you will see the Old Opera House (Alte Oper); Roemerberg, the historic heart of Frankfurt; St. Paul's Church, where Germany's first united constitution was drafted by the freely-elected National Assembly; and Die Zeil, Germany's busiest shopping street.

### Visiting Attractions

- Frankfurt
  - Koblenz
  - Trier
  - Porta Nigra
  - Karl Marx House
  - Rhine River
  - Rudesheim
  - Romer Platz
  - Alte Oper



### **DAY 3 : Frankfurt - Bonn - Cologne - Amsterdam**

We will first make our way to Bonn, the former capital of West Germany. There we will visit Beethoven House and University of Bonn, then head to Cologne to see the iconic Cologne Cathedral, followed by a stroll along the shopping street Schildergasse. After lunch we will depart for Holland, staying overnight in Amsterdam or a neighboring city.

#### **Visiting Attractions**

- Amsterdam
  - Cologne
  - Bonn
  - Beethoven-Haus
  - Cologne Cathedral

### **DAY 4 : Amsterdam - Zaanse Schans - Amsterdam**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will tour all the major attractions in Dam Square, including the Royal Palace and the National Monument. You will have the option of hopping onto a glass-topped boat for an hour-long cruise through the storied canals. We will then visit Coster Diamond Factory to see how diamonds are cut and prepared for market, using techniques that have been in use since the 16th century. Our first stop in the afternoon will be Zaanse Schans, the windmill capital of Holland. There we will visit the Wooden Shoe Workshop & Museum and the Cheese Farm to see how clogs and cheese are made. Back at the hotel, you might be interested in an optional tour of Amsterdam's world-famous Red Light District.



### Visiting Attractions

- Amsterdam
  - Amsterdam Canals
  - Volendam
  - Keukenhof Gardens
  - Coster Diamonds Factory
  - Wooden Shoe Workshop & Museum
  - De Catherina Hoeve (The Cheese Farm)
  - Amsterdam Red Light District

### DAY 5 : Amsterdam - Brussels - Paris

After breakfast we'll head to Brussels, the Belgian capital and political center of the European Union. Our first stop will be the Atomium monument, a cell-shaped structure of stainless steel spheres and tubes built for the 1958 World's Fair. Then it's on to Grand Place and Town Hall, the crowning achievement of Gothic civil architecture. After a look at Manneken Pis, the famous tinkling cherub, we'll head to the French border and make a beeline for Paris.

### Visiting Attractions

- Paris
  - Brussels
  - Atomium
  - Grand Place
  - Manneken Pis

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## **Package Includes**

- 4-night hotel accommodations
- 4 breakfasts (coffee or tea, juice and bread)
- Ground transportation in air-conditioned motorcoach
- Professional tour guide

## **Package Excludes**

- ✓ Mandatory Service Fee - min. EUR 7.00/day per person, payable to the guide on Day 1
- ✓ From 5/1/2018 onwards, a city entrance tax and overnight city tax of EUR15 per person, per day will need to be paid for Paris. This amount will need to be paid in cash to the tour leader prior to entering the city.
- ✓ Airfare Starting from LKR 90,000 including taxes per person
- ✓ Extra night needed according to the flight times