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Amazing Europe

*Conditions apply

17 Day 16 Night

Visiting: England, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Vatican, France, Monaco, Luxembourg and Belgium.



Inclusions:

- Return economy flight from Melbourne - London / Paris Melbourne.
- All transfers & meals as per itinerary.
- 14 nights accommodation at 3-4 star hotel
- Professional Chinese Tour Leader
- Tipping for Tour Leader & Driver

Exclude:

Airport Taxes \$600/person, Admission Fees \$220/person & visa fees (if required)

Day 1 Thursday 22 of Sep 2011 Take off to Europe

Depart from Melbourne at 3:00pm. Arrive at Kuala Lumpur at 9:10pm. Connect to your flight to London at 11:40pm.

Day 2 Friday 23 of Sep 2011 Hello London (Lunch)

Arrive at Heathrow airport London at 5:50am, you will be transfer to your hotel. Since rooms at the hotel will normally be ready only by 2 pm we hop on to our coach for first morning glimpse of the city famous sights. Along the way, you will see Trafalgar square, home of the English pigeons. The dome of National gallery, the church of the Royalities at St. Martins in the Fields overlooking the street that leads you to 10 Downing Street, Westminster Abbey and Parliament house. We then pass by Covent Garden, home of My Fair Lady, the Strand and up St. Paul's Cathedral to Tower of London and the symbol of the city. - The Tower Bridge. At 11:15 am. During the summer, changing of the guard ceremony, in-front of the Buckingham Palace is a must for everyone. After the tour, it is lunch in Chinatown for some mouth watering duck rice. Return to hotel for check in and a restful day.

Day 3 Saturday 24 of Sep 2011 (Continental Breakfast / Dinner) London/Calais/Warre

After breakfast, transfer to the port of Dover where we cross the English Channel to Belgium. As we set off for the Capital of Belgium Brussels, the city and its surrounding has much to offer for lovely picture stops before we enjoy a welcome Chinese dinner.

Day 4 Sunday 25 of Sep 2011 (Continental Breakfast / Lunch) Warve/Full day Holland Excursion

An exciting day ahead as we visit the "Pan-cake country" Holland. Passing by the city of Oosterhout or Meerkerk, we come to Amstelveen, also the cottage industries of Clog making. Learn and be amazed by the vast information you shall gain simply just going through the demonstration on how the wooden clog are made. Not too far away is the thatched windmill, still a home to one gentle elderly lady. Where could you stand striding a dyke, where the river flows on the right is obviously higher than the land on your left? Later in town, stroll through Dam square to see The New Church, the Royal Palace, and along the canal-laced city of Amsterdam. Purchase a ticket to board a glass-domed boat to cruise along the canal.

Day 5 Monday 26 of Sep 2011 (Continental Breakfast / Dinner) Warve/Luxembourg/Rhine area of Bretten

Luxembourg is a Grand -duchy, an independent country with a population of about 400,000 and an area of 2586 sq. km. We visit the city, which occupies a dramatic and commanding site on a high bluff above the narrow valleys of the Aklzette and the Petrusse. Here it offers a fine view of over the city. Stroll along the Rue Notre Dame and the Hotel de Ville, to Place Guillaume with many churches and also the Biblio Nationale and Cathedral. If you are a coin or stamp collector, here is your chance to get some of the latest stamp designs. Continue to Germany, the Student Prince City of Heidelberg, where time is spent on the Hauptstrasse for window browsing and to enjoy the Student City. Not far above the valley of the Neckar, is the 13C old red sandstone castle and its huge balcony.

Day 6 Tuesday 27 of Sep 2011 (Continental Breakfast / Dinner) Rhine Falls/Lucerne region

Down south we go, in to the Garden Country of Europe -Switzerland. Our stop at the canton of Schaffhausen allows us to witness the spectacular Rhine Falls. Optional boat ride to the middle of the Falls. The village of Flulen, by lake side of Lucerne is our home for the next two nights. Situated in the middle of the Canton of Uri, amidst the grandeur of the Alps and the Vierwaldstattersee. Regardless of the time in the year, visitors are in for treats of charm and beauty.

Day 7 Wednesday 28 of Sep 2011 (Continental Breakfast / Dinner) Lucerne Lake/Schwyz scenic route/Lake Zurich/Vaduz-Liechtenstein

Lake Lucerne area is a perfect example of what Switzerland is all about. As we drive towards the region of Schwyz, we soon enter Lucerneold visit the Lion Monument commemorating the bravery of Swiss Guards; the Old wall with its 11 watch towers; the Kappell Bridge and the beauty of its Rococo Churches. There are numerous Swiss watches show halls; chocolate shops to spend a good few hours. You will have an opportunity to visit the famous Mt. Titlis on the world's first revolving jumbo cable car, a ride to its summit at 10000 feet above sea level is exhilarating (optional). Later, we enter a Country with only a dozen police work force. Walk along the main street of Vaduz, its capital, you must not miss the castle perching on top of the hill where the Royal Family still resides. There is the coin and stamp museum, one of the main income of this country where each month a new set is distributed around the world for collectors and enthusiast. Return in the evening for dinner in hotel.

Day 8 Thursday 29 of Sep 2011 (Continental Breakfast / Dinner) The Alps/Innsbruck/Veneto region

The ascending of the Alps from Brenner to St. Anton is another day of delightful journey. At the other end of the mountain passes, we are in Austria and the capital of the Tyrol Province. Innsbruck. Surrounded by the awe inspiring Alpine mountains, often snow-capped in spring, Innsbruck is indeed a jewel in its own accord. Stop by the old centre this morning, to marvel at the "the golden roof ", it is an impressive sight. There is also the Arch de Triumph ; the Hofkirche mausoleum, the Hofburg Royal Palace built by Maria Theresa and a host of splendid Baroque buildings. Drive through the region of Tyrol, at the famous Austrian Europa Bridge. In the evening, we pass by the city of Romeo and Juliet - the historic city of fair Verona and settle down in the old city of Vicenza.



Day 9 Friday 30 of Sep 2011 A full day in Venice/Rovigo

(Breakfast / Dinner)

The romantic of Venice is all yours today. Get off at Tronchetto; take one of the ferries to cruise along the Grande Canal (optional). Disembark at St. Mark Square or Rialto Bridge, made popular by the play from Shakespeare "the Merchant of Venice". Not Winged Lion and statue of St. Mark, not too far from the forgetting the St. Mark's square, with the petite Bridge of Sigh. Return to hotel after a wonderful day in the Water city.

Day 10 Saturday 1st of Oct 2011 Florence/Rome area

(Continental Breakfast / Lunch)

Once along the Highway of the Sun, we speed southwards, towards the great PO plain and the Garden of Italy -Tuscany. The abundant of orchards, spreading as far as the eyes could see, one often fills with amazement on such extensive farming project. Yet the Italians did it year after year. Florence's great historical and artistic treasure is exhibited not only in her monuments, her churches; her manor houses, but also in her water and her air. In fact the entire city exudes intoxicating artistic aroma that only by living here forever is the only solution to satisfy the real connoisseur of antiquity. We have a panoramic view of this open air museum from the great balcony of Michelangelo hill before heading for the handicraft market, by Peruzzi leather factory before setting off for another great city the eternal Rome

Day 11 Sunday 2nd of Oct 2011 Full day in Rome

(Continental Breakfast / Dinner)

An early start to our Roman discovery for we have specially designed a route for an insights into one of Europe's earliest powers - the illustrious Roman Empire. It is a full day on foot, to tour the city. See: the ancient Roman Amphitheatre - the Colosseum, the Presidential Palace on Quirinal Hill, the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Venezia, Pantheon and the Monument of Victor Emmanuel II, regarded as the Father of Modern United Italy. Walk through St. Peter's Square and the Vatican City, the smallest sovereign state in the world. Not to be missed is a place to bask in the Roman atmosphere, right in Navona Square. Here, Bernini's art live in perpetuity, displayed proudly in the centre is his " Fountain of four Rivers". For those with a sweet tooth, take this opportunity to taste Italy's famous Tatufo ice-cream.

Day 12 Monday 3rd of Oct 2011 Pisa/Monaco/Nice

(Continental Breakfast)

Reluctantly leaving Rome, but ahead of you is yet another treasure of Italy. The famous Pisa and her leaning Tower. The old world wonder, the religious centre of this city owns three amazing monuments, completely decorated with white marble from the Carrara quarries, are certainly breadth stopping. We beckon you to explore the Baptistery as well as the Cathedral, you will be overwhelmed with awe by the intricacy of stone works. We then follow the coast line of the Italian Riviera, travelling through the holiday resort of Cinqueterre, made up of five isolated islands where inter-link only by way of boats, to the resort of the rich Italians at Portofino, Rapallo and Genova before we come in to the Principality of Monaco. A small independent state that is enclave within France. Brief stop shows you the Royal Palace and if lucky, you get a glimpse of the Royal Yacht by the harbor. This evening, enjoy the cool breeze as you sip your cafe or enjoy an ice cream along the promenade of English, this is Nice, and it is nice.

Day 13 Tuesday 4th of Oct 2011 Nice/Provence/Beaune

(Continental Breakfast)

Depart late today, so that you can enjoy more of the relax atmosphere in this Queen of the French Riviera. There are loads of things to do, from window shopping to pebble picking on the beach, and of course those lovely ladies are all out basking in the sun, totally oblivious to your presence. In the late morning, we head north through Provence and townships of Salon; Orange; Arles; Avignon and alongside the mighty river Rhone all the way in to the 2nd largest city of France - Lyon. This evening, we sleep amongst the vineyards of Beaune.

Day 14 Wednesday 5th of Oct 2011 Versailles Palace/Paris city tour

(Continental breakfast / Dinner)

Visit Versailles: Stop outside the Golden Gate of the Palace for own visit. Entrance fee payable at the gate. Versailles shows 20 apartments: the Queen's Bedchamber, Hall of Mirrors; King's Apartment, War and Peace room, the Chapel etc. With the balance of the day, we tour around Paris: See the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Trocadero Gardens, the Opera House and the Grande Dame of Paris Eiffel and more.
(Note: Paris and Versailles tours do not include admission fee)

Day 15 Thursday 6th of Oct 2011 Louvre/Paris or optional trip to Disneyland

(Continental Breakfast)

A choice of either you visits Disneyland this day on your own and meet back with main party this evening, or continue with the coach to visit the Louvre. See everything from miniatures to monumental canvases, and offering encyclopedic diversity: furniture, tapestries, ivories, gold and silver items, jewelry, glass, faience and porcelain, small bronzes, dating from the end of the Antique period to the middle of the XIXth century. Or there are vast list of places to see. It is indeed a day to plan with care making full use of your time in this great city.
(Note: Tour of Paris does not include admission fee)

Day 16 Friday 7th of Oct 2011 Depart Paris

(Continental Breakfast)

All happy days got to end, as we bid farewell to Europe. A coach will transfer you to Charles De Gaulle International airport this morning for your flight at 1200pm. After making your own checking in formalities, you are all set to fly home.

Day 17 Saturday 8th of Oct 2011 Arrive Australia

As the cabin door opens, you are home on Australian soil at 7:40pm. Friends and loved ones are all eager to hear your amazing vacation that you just had. We wish you well and see you on your next journey.

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