

European Tour



For **SINGLES 45 Years and Over**

15 August to 3 September 2010 (20 days / 19 nights)

England • Belgium • Holland • Germany • Czech Republic • Slovakia • Hungary • Austria • Italy • Switzerland • France

European Tour

See Europe in the glory of summer, touring with Insight Vacations, visiting eleven countries and fully escorted with a tour director. This tour combines the classic highlights of Europe with two historic capitals at the heart of modern-day Eastern Europe, Prague and Budapest.

You will enjoy premium touring with Insight Vacations in the comfort of a luxury coach and accommodated only in first class hotels. There is an excellent selection of modern hotels contrasted with stays at hotels with historic heritage. It's summer in Europe and there's no better time to see the best of Europe!

Tour Highlights

- Embark on a scenic Rhine Cruise past sleepy villages, leafy vineyards and cliff-top castles
- In Vienna, walk in the steps of royalty with your local guide as you visit Schönbrunn Palace
- Enjoy a fascinating gondola ride along the romantic canals in Venice
- Admire the art treasures of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
- Explore the wonders of ancient Rome as you overlook the Forum and visit the Colosseum
- Enjoy an exhilarating ride by cog-wheel train and cable-car to the summit of Mount Pilatus
- Ascend by elevator to the viewing platforms of the Eiffel Tower for a panoramic view of Paris

Tour Pace

This is a well paced tour with two-night stays in the eight key cities, allowing time for sightseeing, exploration at your own pace or optional excursions if you wish. The travelling days have been well planned with plenty of stops both for refreshment and photo opportunities.

Fellow Passengers: On this tour, there is the comfort of knowing you'll be sharing the tour with other like-minded singles with our special group booking 'for singles'. Plus, we 'go the extra mile' and offer a pre-departure contact service to our group of guests (see itinerary page for details).

The logo for aRendezvous, featuring a green swoosh above the word 'aRendezvous' in a red and green font.



Bookings close
15 May 2010
or before places sell out



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- 19 nights first class hotels
- 19 enhanced or buffet breakfasts
- 7 dinners plus tea or coffee
- All sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Services of a professional Tour Director
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach
- Porterage
- Tips to restaurants where a meal is included on itinerary
- Service charges and local taxes on services on itinerary*
- Stylish Insight ticket wallet with tour documentation

* except local airport and border taxes

Tour Prices

| Prices Per Person* | Twin Share | Single Room |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Tour Price** | \$5725 | \$7505 |
| Pre/Post Tour accommodation*** | \$174 | \$320 |

Early Payment Discount****

Pay In Full 10 Months Prior To Your Tour departure date and SAVE \$440
Pay In Full 6 Months Prior To Your Tour departure date and SAVE \$295

* All prices are in Australian Dollars.

** Single supplement is \$1780.

*** Victoria Park Plaza, London (239 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1EQ). The four-star hotel offers guests superior accommodations in a prime location. It is centrally located, just two minutes from Victoria Station and is within easy walking distance of some of London's main tourist attractions.

**** Tours must be paid in full for this discount to apply. Discounts apply to the land-only portion of your tour. ***** These prices are at 2009 price levels and are subject to 2010 price increases.

***** Payment in full at 2009 prices by 1 October 2009 will secure the 2009 prices.

About Us

At A Rendezvous for Singles we offer holiday groups for single travellers, visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe. From short tropical escapes, adventure trips and leisurely touring, all trips are age-matched and enjoyed with a group of like-minded people.

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Itinerary for European Tour

Day 1 (London to Brussels). Drive to Dover and bid farewell to the white cliffs as you cross the channel to France. Continue to medieval Bruges. Follow the picturesque canals and cobbled streets to the Market Square, with its octagonal bell tower. Then it's on to Brussels with its gilded buildings in the Grand Place and Mannekin Pis statue. During your stay your Tour Director will introduce you to the world of Belgian beer! Handy to know at tonight's Welcome Drink.

Day 2 (Brussels to Amsterdam). Drive to Amsterdam and pass Dam Square and the Mint tower en route to a demonstration of diamond cutting. Visit the fishing village of Volendam and learn how clogs and cheese are made before returning to Amsterdam. **BB**

Day 3 (Amsterdam to Würzburg). Head into Germany to see Cologne's soaring Gothic cathedral. Continue via Bonn to the scenic Rhine Gorge to join your Highlight cruise. Glide past vineyards and medieval castles to see the Loreley Rock before continuing on to Würzburg with its Baroque Residenz palace, Marienberg fortress and statue-lined bridge. **BB D**

Day 4 (Würzburg to Prague). Stop in Nuremberg to see the charming blend of stone and timbered dwellings and the massive town ramparts before continuing east to the Czech border. Pass Pilsen, known for its beer, to reach the 'golden city' of Prague. **BB D**

Day 5 (Prague Sightseeing). A local guide introduces the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle and St Vitus' Cathedral before descending to the Old Town Square, with its Astronomical Clock. Later, there is time to shop for fine Bohemian crystal. **BB**

Day 6 (Prague to Budapest). Drive through the wine-producing area of South Moravia into Slovakia and stop in its fortified capital, Bratislava. After free time to explore, cross into Hungary and follow the River Danube to Budapest. **BB**

Day 7 (Budapest Sightseeing). With a Budapest guide, climb up to the old Castle District. See the murals in Matthias Church beside the Fisherman's Bastion, which affords a grand view over the Danube and the Parliament. See the Royal Palace of Buda, then cross over to Pest to visit Heroes' Square. Spend the afternoon at leisure. **BB D**

Day 8 (Budapest to Vienna). Heading out of Budapest, survey the bridges over the Danube from the lofty citadel atop Gellert Hill. Continue through peaceful farmland, dotted with orchards and vineyards to the Austrian border and Vienna. **BB**

Day 9 (Vienna Sightseeing). A Premium Highlight visit takes you inside the fabulous Schönbrunn Palace. On a guided city tour, see the Parliament, Winter Palace and Opera House along the Ring Road. Finish with an explanation of the history and culture of the Viennese café. **BB**

Day 10 (Vienna to Venice). Cross over the Semmering Pass and across the border into Italy. Arrive at your hotel on Venice's fashionable Lido. **BB D**

Day 11 (Venice Sightseeing). Cruise by private launch to St Mark's Square to see the Doges' Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St Mark's Basilica, followed by a Venetian glass-blowing demonstration. Enjoy a fascinating Highlight gondola ride along the canals. The afternoon is at leisure. **BB**

Day 12 (Venice to Rome). Head south into the Apennine Mountains and follow the course of the Tiber to the Eternal City of Rome. As night falls, join your fellow passengers for a Dine-Around evening of local cuisine offered from a selection of restaurants. Enjoy a short group tutorial on the wines that compliment your evening meal. **BB DA**

Day 13 (Rome Sightseeing). Join a local guide to visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, complete with a Tour of St Peter's Basilica to see Michelangelo's the Pieta. Now cross the Tiber to visit the Colosseum and see the Forum. The afternoon is at leisure. **BB**

Day 14 (Rome to Florence). Head north into the peaceful landscapes of Tuscany, driving to Piazzale Michelangelo for views over Florence. After a leather-work demonstration, spend the afternoon exploring this beautiful city. **BB D**

Day 15 (Florence Sightseeing). A local guide takes you to Santa Croce Basilica to see the tombs of Galileo and Michelangelo. Continue to the lofty Cathedral where Giotto's 14C Campanile is said to be the most beautiful bell-tower in the world. See the 'Gates of Paradise' on the Baptistery and visit Signoria Square with its open-air gallery of Renaissance sculpture. **BB**

Day 16 (Florence to Lucerne). Head north through the scenic Italian Lake District, glimpsing Lake Como as you cross into Switzerland. Enjoy magnificent mountain scenery as you travel on to lake-side Lucerne. **BB**

Day 17 (Lucerne Sightseeing). Walk with your Tour Director to the emotive Lion Monument, carved into a cliff to commemorate the Swiss Guards who lost their lives during the French Revolution. Spend time shopping or strolling along the Chapel Bridge to the richly ornate Jesuit Church. Embark on a Premium Highlight excursion to the summit of one of Switzerland's most famous mountains, Mount Pilatus. Admire the views over the snow-capped Jungfrau and Eiger peaks before returning to Lucerne. **BB D**

Day 18 (Lucerne to Paris). Leave Switzerland and skirt the Jura Mountains into the Burgundy wine region before continuing on to Paris. **BB**

Day 19 (Paris Sightseeing). Sightseeing with a local guide shows you the highlights of the city. See the Gothic Notre Dame cathedral, then drive past the immense facades of the Louvre to the Place de la Concorde, its centre occupied by a giant Egyptian obelisk. Continue along the elegant Champs Élysées to Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe. Now ascend the Eiffel Tower for

fine views over Paris. The afternoon is at leisure; perhaps some shopping or visit the superb Louvre museum? **BB**

Day 20 (Paris to London). Cross the battlefields of World War One en route to Calais and your voyage back to Dover. The tour ends after a short drive back to London. **BB**



MEAL KEY

- BB** Buffet Breakfast
- L** Lunch
- D** Hotel Dinner
- DA** Dinner Around Option

NOTES. We reserve the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate. Any hotels are advised are to be used as a guide only and are subject to change should circumstances dictate.

PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE. With your permission, we share your first name, state and email (or other preferred contact method) to the rest of our guests prior to departure. It's a popular choice, especially as many of our guests' book as solo travellers. It provides the opportunity to get in touch with others in the group prior to travel. This contact list is provided after bookings close.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Full terms and conditions are available on the holiday website. Information was correct at the time of publishing however some details may change without notice. This holiday is provided exclusively to A Rendezvous for Singles by Travelling Fit (Lic No. 2TA06522).

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