# **Glimpse of Europe**



## Day 1 | Arrive Amsterdam



Start your unforgettable European adventure in Amsterdam. If you can tear your eyes from its scenic canals, you'll be staring at the city's teetering gabled homes that proclaim their birthyear with pride on their colourful facades. There's no better way to immerse yourself fully in Amsterdam's gezelligheid than taking an optional canal cruise in a glass-topped boat this evening.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express - North Riverside

## CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Taste of Amsterdam & Holland -** Experience an immersive tour led by a Local Guide through Holland's postcard-perfect countryside and the buzzing streets of Amsterdam. Swing by an age-old farm for a taste of authentic Gouda cheese and watch skilled craftspeople create handcrafted wooden shoes. Then, visit a working windmill for a special tour led by the Miller himself!

### Adult: 44.00 EUR

Amsterdam Discovery Canal Cruise - Get ready to tick a big one off your bucket list with a private cruise down Amsterdam's legendary canals. Together with your Local Guide, you'll glide under fairy-tale bridges and past dreamy merchant houses, all under a glass-topped boat. It's Amsterdam from the best seat in the house – chilled, charming, and oh-so-Dutch.

Adult: 38.00 EUR

## Day 2 | Amsterdam - Cologne - Rhine Cruise - Rhineland



From Amsterdam's leafy canals to the towering spires of Cologne, your morning will be jam-packed with sights you'll want to capture on camera as you head east into the lush landscapes of Germany. View the imposing Gothic Cologne Cathedral then head to Boppard where you'll board your river cruise down the Rhine. Pass storybook villages, terraced vineyards and medieval castles where feuding lords must have surveyed their lands once upon a time. Watch the soul-stirring scenery of the Rhine Valley unfold as you kick back and watch the world go by. Arrive later at your hotel where you'll join your travel companions for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: NH Mannheim Viernheim

## Day 3 | Rhineland – Black Forest – Rhine Falls – Lucerne Region



Straight out of a Brothers Grimm fairy tale, Germany's Black Forest is the perfect backdrop for this morning's scenic drive. You'll see why its enchanting landscapes have inspired myths and fables throughout the centuries before crossing into Switzerland. A quick stop in Schaffhausen means there's time to capture the cascading waters of the Rhine Falls, Europe's biggest waterfall, before you arrive in the scenic region of Lake Lucerne. This evening, consider a Choice Experience to a Swiss folklore show which will highlight many Swiss traditions including yodelling and alpine horn playing.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: City Brunnen

#### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Swiss Folklore Evening with Dinner - Tonight's the night for a tasty Swiss meal, including the famous cheese fondue, in a typical restaurant. But it's not just about the food; get ready for a side of entertainment with a traditional folklore show. Picture this: yodeling, flag-throwing, and Alpine horn-blowing. It doesn't get more Swiss than that! Two drinks are also included.

# Adult: 111.00 CHF

Swiss Dinner Party in Old Lucerne - Tonight's all about diving into the heart of Swiss culinary delights. Get ready for a mouth-watering cheese fondue experience at a typical local restaurant. With a lakeside view and a cozy terrace setting, you're in for a treat. Savor a hearty Swiss feast while soaking in the relaxed environment. Two drinks are included. Adult: 104.00 CHF

## Day 4 | Lucerne orientation and free time



Join your Travel Director for an orientation through the Old Town and to the ancient Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument. See the mournful, mortally wounded lion hewn from rock to commemorate the sacrifice made by the Swiss Guards who died defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution, then enjoy some time on your own. You'll then have the full day to discover why Lucerne earned its place on the 'Grand Tour' of Europe. You could choose to ascend to the alpine heavens, joining an optional scenic cruise across Lake Lucerne, then travel by railway and cable car into the mountains for exhilarating views.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: City Brunnen

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Mount Pilatus And Lake Cruise - Embrace the great outdoors as we travel to Mount Pilatus, ascending to the towering summit by a thrilling cog-wheel train. Soak in the spectacular views and breathe in pure air, marvelling at the magic of the Swiss scenery. Then, we'll descend by cable-car before taking a scenic lake cruise. It doesn't get much better than this! Note: from mid-November to mid-May the ascent will be by a series of cable cars. Adult: 121.00 CHF

\* On certain departures this optional experience may be operated in reverse.

Swiss Countryside & Carriages - Cruise through the rolling green hills of Switzerland in style and enjoy a delightful countryside tour on a horse-drawn carriage ride. As you clop through quaint villages, gear up for a farm visit where local treats await. Mingle with local farmers and get a front-row seat to the Swiss countryside's charm. Adult: 77.00 CHF

\* Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Day 5 | Lucerne Region – Paris



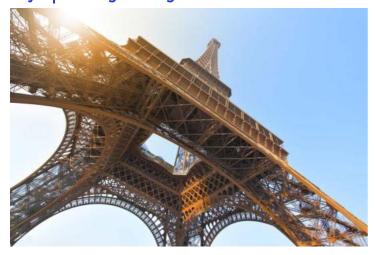
Enjoy a brief second encounter with the Rhine River when you head north, passing Basel en route to France. Admire the scenic views of the Burgundy wine region that follow your journey north to the French capital. Get a head start on your sightseeing and delve into Paris's grand past, dynamic present and exciting future on your own this evening. Why not join a Choice Experience, including a scenic river cruise and an illuminations drive, stopping at all the best photo spots?

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Novotel Pont de Sèvres

## CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Seine Cruise and Paris Illuminations - Get ready to see Paris in its evening glory, famously known as the 'City of Lights.' Hop on for a leisurely cruise down the River Seine, where the Grand Palais and the Eiffel Tower come to life in a whole new light. Later, lean back for a laid-back drive around Paris, showcasing the city's beauty at night. Adult: 47.00 EUR



#### Day 6 | Paris sightseeing and free time

Embrace elegance today with a full day to get under the skin of the City of Lights. Your Travel Director will deliver an excellent introduction during your sightseeing tour which includes views of the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower and Champs-Élysées. There's time to see the sights on your own this afternoon. You could choose to hit the shops or tread in the footsteps of Picasso and Dalí in Montmartre, exploring its maze of streets and Artists' Square. Tonight, the frills and flounces of the Can-Can girls at a cabaret promise an entertaining evening should you wish to join this Choice Experience.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Novotel Pont de Sèvres You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Montmartre Village and Artists' Square - Montmartre, dominated by the soaring Sacre Coeur Basilica, is Paris's treasure not to be missed. Wander its quirky streets with a Local Guide who'll help you explore hidden galleries and the iconic Artist's Square – a playground for legends like Toulouse Lautrec and Picasso. Dive into the local scene: haggle over one-of-a-kind art, get a taste of local eats, and soak up the real Montmartre vibe on this eye-opening tour. Adult: 47.00 EUR

Montparnasse and Latin Quarter - Led by a Local Guide, you'll experience Paris, the 'City of Lights,' from a whole new angle atop the Panoramic Observation Deck. Then, dive into the heart of the Latin Quarter, where medieval cobblestone alleys await. Sidewalk bistros, boutiques, and hidden squares are all part of the adventure to explore. Adult: 44.00 EUR

La Nouvelle Eve Cabaret and Dinner - Get ready to be dazzled in the heart of Montmartre at Nouvelle Eve, the iconic spot you've seen in "Emily in Paris" and the backdrop for ultra-chic fashion events including Dolce & Gabbana, Christian Louboutin & Vivienne Westwood. Celebrating 125 years of elegance, this Parisian revue theatre offers more than just a night out—it's an experience. Feast your eyes and taste buds with an a la carte menu and a cabaret show that brings the French Cancan to life in all its sparkling glory.

Adult: 163.00 EUR

# Day 7 | Depart Paris



After breakfast, say farewell to your fellow travellers at the end of your holiday.

Meals: Breakfast