

EUROPE ESCAPE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Tour Overview

 Start Point Rome	 End Point Rome	 Meals 11 Breakfasts 6 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully-guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Start of tour in Rome - Venice

Ciao! Meet up with your tour leader and group in Rome and hit the road. Arrive in Venice and prepare to be wowed! Keep an eye out for St. Mark's Square, the Rialto Bridge and Grand Canal. Enjoy a free evening. See Venice the traditional way on a water taxi and gondola ride by joining the Evening in Venice excursion!

Included:

- Explore Venice

Optionals:

- An Evening in Venice

Day 2: Innsbruck - Munich - Bavaria

 Breakfast, Dinner  Mercure Munich Neuperlach Sued (or similar)

Continue onto the next exciting destination. Take a trip through the spectacular Brenner Pass and admire gorgeous countryside en route. Stop in Innsbruck before arriving in Munich, Germany, this afternoon. Set off on an orientation tour of this Bavarian capital to see the highlights. This evening, enjoy an authentic taste of Germany during an included dinner at a local restaurant.

Included:

- Enjoy a scenic drive along Brenner Pass
- Visit Innsbruck
- Embark on Munich orientation tour
- Enjoy dinner in a historic Bavarian restaurant

Day 3: Bavaria - Rhine Valley (Christmas Eve)

 Breakfast, Dinner  Mercure Hotel Frankfurt Eschborn Helfmann Park. (or similar)

It's Christmas Eve and the adventures continue to the picturesque Rhine Valley! Arrive and embark on a Rhine River cruise. Admire the views of the dramatic cliffs, medieval towns and castles along the river banks. After, visit a local wine merchant for a Rhine Valley wine tasting. This evening, celebrate Christmas Eve with an included dinner at a local restaurant!

Included:

- Cruise along the Rhine River
- Indulge in a Rhine Valley wine tasting

Day 4: **Rhine Valley - Amsterdam (Christmas Day)**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hampton by Hilton Amsterdam Schiphol (or similar)

Merry Christmas! En route to Amsterdam, stop at an iconic Dutch windmill before discovering two Dutch icons: cheese and clogs! Visit a local farm to learn how these items are crafted. Arrive in Amsterdam and embark on a twilight canal cruise and admire the Amsterdam Light Festival displays! After, join the group for a delicious Christmas dinner.

Included:

- Visit the iconic Riekermolen windmill
 - Enjoy a cheese and clogs demonstration
 - Cruise along the canals in Amsterdam
 - Enjoy Christmas Dinner in Amsterdam
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Day 5: **Amsterdam - Ghent - Paris**

 Breakfast, Dinner  B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème (or similar)

This morning, experience Ghent, Belgium. This picturesque port city is renowned for its well-preserved medieval architecture! Grab a bite to eat and stroll through the historic centre. Next up is Paris! Embark on a driving tour of the French capital. See iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum and the Arc de Triomphe before enjoying a local dinner.

Included:

- Visit Ghent
 - Embark on a driving tour of Paris
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Day 6: **Paris: Free Day**

 Breakfast  B&B HOTEL Paris Nord 18ème (or similar)

Today is yours to explore Paris as you wish. Join the highly recommended Paris Like Locals optional excursion for a fun-filled day tour complete with a macaron tasting, visits to a perfume museum and Galeries Lafayette as well as free time in the Latin Quarter. Why not finish off with an evening in Montmartre and a Cabaret show? C'est magnifique!

Optionals:

- Paris Like Locals
 - An Evening in Montmartre
 - Parisian Cabaret with drinks
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Day 7: **Paris - Burgundy - Swiss Alps**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Alpenrose Hotel and Gardens (or similar)

Departing Paris, enjoy a lunch stop in Burgundy in the heart of French wine country. Here, try the famous wine or visit the beautiful Hospices de Beaune. After, prepare to be amazed by the views of the Swiss Alps where the tour will stay for the next two days. Soak up the spectacular alpine surroundings and festive spirit!

Included:

- Visit Beaune in Burgundy
 - Enjoy a scenic Swiss Mountain Drive
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Day 8: **Swiss Alps: Free Day**

 Breakfast  Alpenrose Hotel and Gardens (or similar)

Make the most of a free day in the Swiss Alps! Don't miss the chance to join the 'Jungfrauoch: Journey to the Top of Europe' optional excursion! At Jungfrauoch, you can play in the snow, admire the breathtaking panoramas, visit the Sphinx Observatory and even explore an Ice Palace! Warm up tonight with the optional Alpine Dinner Experience.

Optionals:

- Jungfrauoch: Journey to the Top of Europe
- Alpine Dinner Experience

Day 9: **Swiss Alps - Lake Como - Tuscany**

 Breakfast  Antica Tabaccaia Resort (or similar)

The trip continues to Italy! Stop at Lake Como, a beautiful destination in the Italian Lake District complete with picturesque lakeside villages, sparkling blue waters and impressive mountain backdrops. Find a spot for lunch and soak up the dreamy scenery. Afterwards, head to Tuscany, a region famous for its food, wine, art and architecture. Settle in at the hotel.

Included:

- Visit the picturesque Lake Como

Day 10: **Pisa - Florence - New Year's Eve in Rome**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Excel Roma Montemario (or similar)

Start celebrating New Year's Eve with a visit to the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa! Then, head to the enchanting city of Florence for a locally-guided walking tour of the birthplace of the Renaissance. Join the Taste of Tuscany excursion for a delicious lunch before journeying back to Rome. Ring in the new year with your group during dinner tonight!

Included:

- See the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Discover Florence with a local guide
- Spend New Year's Eve in Rome

Optionals:

- Taste of Tuscany

Day 11: **Rome: Free Day**

 Breakfast  Excel Roma Montemario (or similar)

Kick off the brand new year with a free day in Rome. Known as "The Eternal City", Rome was once at the centre of the Roman Empire. Join the Conquer the Capital excursion to tick off multiple Rome highlights including the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and the Colosseum followed by a delicious local dinner and gelato tasting!

Optionals:

- Festive Rome: Conquer the Capital

Day 12: **End of tour in Rome**

 Breakfast

After 12 days filled with festive Christmas and New Year fun, the tour comes to an end after breakfast today in Rome. We hope you enjoyed this festive trip and that we can welcome you back to Europe again in the future! Be sure to swap details with your fellow travellers before you say farewell for now!

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