



23 Tour Itineraries for Fully-Guided Small Groups



6-18 Passengers 8-18 day all-inclusive tours



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Our mission is to encourage Americans to broaden their cultural mindset through engaging and exciting travel experiences in Europe. Our tours are for small groups of up to 18 passengers and include daily activities and sight-seeing, yet allow time to experience the locale on your own. No need to worry about tips and gratuities; we'll take care of those.

Our hotels are clean and safe, have private baths, and are central. Eating well is a priority, so we include all breakfasts and half of your dinners. Our tour leaders and local guides are experts who share our destinations' art, history, culture, and experiences. Our booking conditions are generous and flexible, with opportunities to change or cancel if needed.

We strive to provide a stress-free, informative, and exciting travel experience. Overall, aiming to empower our guests with knowledge, guidance, and confidence to embrace the adventure, seize the moment, and, most of all, have fun!



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More bang for your buck. I pledge to offer an amazing experience that includes a lot of cultural, dining, and tourist experiences. The price you pay is all-inclusive, meaning you will not be “nickel and dimed” with annoying optional excursions, driver and guide tips, and other unexpected expenses that often pop up on group tours. You get what you pay for, and my goal is to dish out fantastic travel experiences at reasonable prices.

MY TOURS SURPASS MANY OTHERS... HERE'S WHY.

I plan and design all my tours, and I continuously revise and tweak to improve the overall tour experience. This year marks my 46th year of traveling to Europe and the 23rd year of organizing my tours. I know my European destinations like the back of my hand and am passionate about sharing them with you!

Expect a fun, educational, and expertly planned tour experience. I labor over every little detail of my tour itineraries and leave nothing to chance. I'll try not to waste your time waiting needlessly in a line, hunting for a site, or running around trying to find a hotel. My goal is to plan a tour, so you can sit back, relax and enjoy the experience, worry-free.

Take the stress and worry out of travel. I believe you can do, see, and experience more on a group tour than if you tried to pull it all together yourself. Think about the time, money, stress, and effort you'd invest in pulling off a two-week tour to Europe. Then consider that we do it all the time and have had years of practice to refine our skills. We know what we are doing when it comes to European travel!

Eating well is a priority! Breakfast is included every morning, and we include about half of your lunches or dinners. I've spent years poking around Europe's nooks and crannies in search of excellent food, good wine, better beer, and sparkling water. I guarantee you'll experience some outstanding restaurants that serve up amazingly fresh and local dishes in an unpretentious manner.

Enjoy tour guides with a passion for teaching and travel. I still lead many of my tours, but when I can't, I choose guides who share my love for European travel. We love personal interaction and sharing tour experiences with you. Our goal is to make sure you have a fantastic tour and get wrapped up in the joy of travel.



Strictly Small Groups. My groups range in size from 6 - 18 people. A small group is more flexible than the typical big bus groups, and this allows us to see, do, and experience more. We provide a unique travel experience by ensuring that you are treated as individuals seeking to learn about your destination. Small group travel is the only way to go!



My tours are for active folks. We will put in several miles of walking and standing every day to experience the sights and immerse ourselves into the culture of the destination. But don't worry, you will have plenty of time to slow down and experience the locale on your own and at your own pace too!

Enjoy free time to explore on your own. Each day you'll have opportunities to do a little exploring on your own. Visit another museum, enjoy a quiet dinner, or find a place to relax and enjoy the ambiance.

Best Price Guarantee. Once you pay your deposit, the advertised price is guaranteed for you unconditionally. Even if my tour costs change or there is a jump in the exchange rate, we will never ask for more money.

Choice accommodations with class. I choose hotels that are clean, safe, have private baths, and are located near the sights and city centers. Often, they are family-run establishments that represent the local “flavor” of the area.

Many of the hotels host our tour groups year after year and have developed a close relationship with us. Occasionally, you may have to walk up and down stairs, bring your hairdryer, and even do without cool air conditioning. However, the payoff is a safe and centrally located hotel providing professional service, cleanliness, a good night's sleep, and an authentic European experience.

Travel protection and support. Your deposit is fully refundable for a certain period according to your tour contract. You'll get full details when you sign up for a tour. Should you have to cancel your tour, a full refund is available up until 120-days before your tour begins. Deposits and payments can be applied to future tours if you must cancel within 120 days of your departure. If Exploring Europe cancels a tour, you will receive a full refund or credit for a future tour, it's your choice.





The Essence of Italy tour visits my all-time favorite destinations in Italy in ten days. Beginning in Rome, you'll visit the essential tourist sights and famous destinations. Then, travel to the delightful villages of the Cinque Terre to experience a seaside vacation where the mountains fall into the sea. Volterra, my favorite Tuscan hilltown, is sure to win you over to "la dolce vita" lifestyle. A full day and evening in Siena will have you living like a local. Finally, you'll have two days in Florence walking in the footsteps of Michelangelo and exploring the roots of the Renaissance.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: BUON GIORNO A ROMA!

Visit the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Group dinner. *Sleep 2 nights in Rome. Dinner.*

DAY 2: THE VATICAN AND ROME

Early entry, and guided tour of the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica. Guided walk through Rome and a free evening.

DAY 3: TO THE CINQUE TERRE

Travel by train to the Ligurian coast. After settling in, we'll get you oriented to the region and set up with walking and transportation passes. *Sleep 2 nights in the Cinque Terre. Dinner.*

DAY 4: THE CINQUE TERRE

You'll have the entire day on your own to explore the Cinque Terre.

DAY 5: VOLTERRA

Join a local guide on a walking tour of Volterra followed by a wine tasting in our favorite enoteca. *Sleep 2 nights in Volterra.*

DAY 6: VOLTERRA

You'll have the entire day on your own to enjoy Volterra. Tonight, let's meet for dinner at David's favorite restaurant. *Dinner.*

DAY 7: SIENA

Join an informative walking tour in Siena. Afterwards, you'll have the remainder of the day and evening to savor Siena on your own. *Sleep 1 night in Siena.*

DAY 8: FLORENCE

Enjoy a guided walking tour followed by a visit to the Galleria Accademia, home of Michelangelo's masterpiece, *David*. The remainder of the day is free for independent sightseeing and dining. *Sleep 2 nights in Florence.*

DAY 9: FLORENCE

You'll have the entire day to explore more of Florence on your own. Tonight, join your group for a farewell to Tuscany feast at a favorite ristorante. *Dinner.*

DAY 10: TOUR OVER AFTER BREAKFAST

Breakfast is included, but there are no planned group activities. *Ciao e Buon Viaggio!*

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David McGuffin's
THE BEST OF ITALY
in 15 days

The Best of Italy tour visits my all-time favorite destinations in Italy in fifteen days. Beginning in Rome, you'll visit the essential tourist sights and famous destinations. Then, travel to the delightful villages of the Cinque Terre to experience a seaside vacation where the mountains fall into the sea. Volterra, my favorite Tuscan hilltown, is sure to win you over to "la dolce vita" lifestyle. A full day and evening in Siena will have you living like a local. Then, you'll have two days in Florence walking in the footsteps of Michelangelo and exploring the roots of the Renaissance. Venice, the romantic canal-laced city, rounds out the "big three" tourist cities. Finally, we will cap off the tour relaxing on beautiful Lake Como in addition to taking a quick look at Milan's bustling city center.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: BUON GIORNO A ROMA!
 Visit the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Group dinner. *Sleep 2 nights in Rome. Dinner.*

DAY 2: THE VATICAN AND ROME
 Early entry, and guided tour of the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica. Guided walk through Rome and a free evening.

DAY 3: TO THE CINQUE TERRE
 Travel by train to the Cinque Terre. Orientation and train/walking pass. *Sleep 2 nights in the Cinque Terre. Dinner.*

DAY 4: THE CINQUE TERRE
 You'll have the entire day on your own to explore the Cinque Terre.

DAY 5: VOLTERRA
 Join a local guide on a walking tour of Volterra followed by a wine tasting in our favorite enoteca. *Sleep 2 nights in Volterra.*

DAY 6: VOLTERRA
 You'll have the entire day on your own to enjoy Volterra. Dinner tonight at David's favorite restaurant. *Dinner.*

DAY 7: SIENA
 Join an informative walking tour in Siena. Then you'll have the remainder of the day and evening to savor Siena on your own. *Sleep 1 night in Siena.*

DAY 8: FLORENCE
 Guided walking tour and visit to the Galleria Accademia, home of Michelangelo's masterpiece, *David*. Free afternoon. *Sleep 2 nights in Florence.*

DAY 9: FLORENCE
 You'll have the entire day to explore more of Florence on your own. Tonight, join your group for a farewell to Tuscany feast at a favorite ristorante. *Dinner.*

DAY 10/11: VENICE
 Visit St. Mark's Square and its famed church followed by dinner. The second day is totally free for you to explore more on your own. *Sleep 2 nights in Venice. Dinner.*

DAY 12/13: LAKE COMO
 Train to Lake Como followed by an orientation walk and dinner. The second day is event-free to allow you to experience your home village or go farther afield. *Sleep 2 nights at Lake Como. Dinner.*

DAY 14: MILAN
 Join a walking tour of the city center and a grand farewell dinner to cap off your tour. *Dinner.*

DAY 15: TOUR ENDS TODAY
 Breakfast is included but there are no planned activities for today. *Ciao e buon Viaggio!*

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VILLA VACATION IN TUSCANY (add Rome)

Join a small group of travelers for a fantastic holiday and Tuscany tour experience. We will set up for seven nights at the modern 21st century Podere Marcampo near Volterra, Italy. The Agriturismo “Villa” comes complete with all the “perks” such as modern rooms, WIFI, air conditioning, TV, and a private pool. This all sits smack-dab in the middle of a hilltop vineyard with broad sweeping vistas of the Tuscany countryside.

Each day we will venture out to explore the sites and experiences within driving distance. One of the perks is to simply experience *la dolce vita*, the sweet life of doing nothing and enjoying your vacation!

If you’ve been to Italy and seen the sights but were frazzled with a breakneck pace...this is the next vacation experience for you! If you are looking for a real vacation...this is the next vacation experience for you.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

OPTIONAL POST-TOUR IN ROME

Experience Rome in 2 days with your Exploring Europe guide. Visit the Colosseum, and Forum, Vatican Museum, St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome city, and more. Hotel, lunch, dinner, and fast train to Rome is included.

DAY 1: FLORENCE - Join an introductory walking tour weaving together famous squares and quaint neighborhoods. *Sleep 1 night in Florence. Dinner.*

DAY 2: CHIANTI - Visit the American Cemetery in Florence and travel *La Strada di Chianti* (the Chianti road). After lunch, visit San Gimignano, before arriving at Agriturismo Podere Marcampo where we will set up for the week in our own villa resort. *Sleep 7 nights at Marcampo. Lunch.*

DAY 3: VOLTERRA - Enjoy most of the day winding down and relaxing at Marcampo and joining a tour of the vineyard and winery and a tasting of their award winning and locally produced wines. Later, we will go to Volterra for a guided walk followed by a chance to do a little exploring on your own.

DAY 4: SIENA - Enjoy the day visiting Siena and exploring another facet of medieval history.

DAY 5: VOLTERRA - Meet at a local enoteca wine bar for a guided lesson on Tuscan wines, including tastings! Return to Marcampo where you’ll have the remainder of the afternoon and evening to relax and enjoy the villa. *Light lunch provided with wine tasting.*

DAY 6: LUCCA - Enjoy an orientation walking tour of Lucca through the cobbled streets and Roman-era ruins. Free time to shop, dine and explore the impressive fortified city walls on foot or by bike.

DAY 7: COOKING CLASS -

Join local chefs in a hands-on cooking lesson featuring multiple recipes and courses. Then sit down and enjoy the meal you’ve prepared. *Lunch.*



DAY 8: VOLTERRA - Today is all about relaxing and enjoying Tuscany. You may want to go to Volterra to visit one of the museums, do some last-minute shopping or simply enjoy *la dolce vita* at Marcampo. Tonight, we will feast at a favorite restaurant in Volterra. *Dinner.*

DAY 9: FLORENCE - The highlight of today is a visit to experience Michelangelo’s masterpiece, the statue of David. You will have the afternoon to explore more of Florence on your own. Then we will top off our tour with a grand farewell feast recalling tour memories and toasting new friends. *Dinner.*

DAY 10: TOUR ENDS TODAY It is simple to reach Florence’s airport or train station by taxi or bus. Or, enjoy 2 additional days in Rome.

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My **Best of Sicily Tour** is an adventure visiting my best destinations on the island. We will tour all the main tourist sights, but often it is the cultural experiences, small villages, and unique destinations that make the most vivid travel memories. We've come up with a balanced mix of both. Beginning in Palermo, enjoy a lively and vibrant city, ancient churches, and bustling markets. Visit the ancient Greek sites of Segesta, Agrigento, Taormina, and Syracuse. Along the way, experience the culture, cuisine, and sense of community only found in small villages and hilltowns. Sicily will provide an intense dose of Italian culture supercharged with a Sicilian flair.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: WELCOME TO PALERMO! – Join a neighborhood walking tour and dinner at a favorite restaurant. *Sleep 2 nights in Palermo. Dinner.*

DAY 2: MONREALE AND THE MARKETS Tour the hilltop Monreale Cathedral and stroll through the local street markets. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening on your own.

DAY 3: GREEK TEMPLES AND ERICE Visit Segesta, home of a magnificent Greek temple and theatre. Enjoy the mountaintop village of Erice with its fortress and fantastic views. *Sleep 1 night in nearby Trapani. Dinner.*

DAY 4: THE SALT FLATS AND MOZIA Visit a coastal area where salt has been harvested for thousands of years. Explore Mozia, a small coastal island and the home of an ancient Phoenician civilization.

DAY 5: THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES Today we will take a look at many of the 2500 year old Greek temples scattered throughout the valley. *Sleep 1 night near Agrigento. Dinner.*

DAY 6: A ROMAN VILLA & SYRACUSA The Villa Romano Casale was built in the 4th century and contains well-preserved and detailed mosaic floors. Then travel to Syracuse, known by the Greeks as their most beautiful city. *Sleep 2 nights in Syracuse. Dinner.*

DAY 7: GREEK THEATRE - Enjoy a visit to an archaeological park for a look at an impressive Greek theatre carved out of solid rock. The remainder of the day is event-free to allow you to experience Syracuse and Ortygia on your own.

DAY 8: MONT ETNA & TAORMINA Heading north, travel the slopes of Mt. Etna, an active volcano, enroute to Taormina. In Taormina, enjoy a delightful evening passeggiata and dinner. *Sleep 2 nights in Taormina. Lunch or Dinner.*

DAY 9: GREEK THEATRE– This morning, we will visit a well-preserved Greek theatre that is still used today for open-air performances. Enjoy a free afternoon to shop, relax in a café, take a walk in the park or visit the cliff-top village of Castelmola.

DAY 10: CATANIA– After breakfast, travel down to Catania where we will visit the Museum dedicated to the 1943 Allied Landings in Sicily (Museo dello Sbarco). Later, you're free to wander through Catania's fish market and enjoy the beautiful Baroque city center. We'll gather for a farewell dinner at a local ristorante to cap off your Sicilian tour experience. *Sleep 1 night in Catania. Dinner.*

DAY 11: HEADING HOME

Breakfast is provided this morning but there are no planned activities. Catania's airport is just a short taxi ride away. *Arrivederci!*

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AMALFI & ISLANDS

in 9 days



MyAmalfi & Islands tour visits the three islands in the Bay of Naples, the excavations of ancient Pompeii, and several villages along the beautiful Amalfi coast. Slow down, relax, and unwind because we will stay in only two hotels, and both have pools, spas, grand vistas, and seaside ambiance. Visit the islands of Capri, Ischia, and Procida during the first four days, then set up for three nights on the mainland, in the village of Sorrento. We'll cap off our experience with a final night in Rome. If you enjoy a slow pace, the seaside, and incredible scenery, this is the perfect way to experience Italy!

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Rome to Ischia - Meet your Exploring Europe tour guide at the Rome Airport and travel to Naples. At the port of Naples, board your ferry and cruise to the beautiful island of Ischia. Enjoy a free afternoon exploring the village. Later, we'll meet for a welcome dinner at our hotel. *Sleep 4 nights on Ischia. Dinner. Bus: 3 hours. Ferry: 1 hour.*

Day 2: Ischia Island and La Mortella - Ischia is an island paradise of thermal baths, lush forests, quaint seaside villages, and gardens. Today, enjoy a guided tour around the island and a stop at the botanical gardens, La Mortella. Enjoy a free afternoon and evening on your own.

Day 3: Capri and Anacapri - Today, we will take the ferry to Capri island! Enjoy a full day guided tour with time to explore on your own as well. If feeling adventurous, hire a tour boat to visit the famous Blue Grotto. Back in Ischia, enjoy a dinner with the group. *Ferry: 1 hour.*

Day 4: Procida - The island of Procida is celebrating winning the title of Italian Capital of Culture 2022. The Bay of Naples' smallest island is also its best-kept secret. After an orientation walk with your tour guide, you'll have time to explore this beautiful island on your own. Back in Ischia, enjoy an evening on your own.

Day 5: Naples, Pompeii, and Sorrento - Ferry back to the mainland, and enjoy lunch at a traditional pizzeria. Then, visit Pompeii, where a local guide will show us around this ancient city covered for centuries, with volcanic ash. Following the tour, we'll drive to Sorrento, a charming town overlooking the Bay of Naples, and have dinner together. *Sleep 3 nights in Sorrento. Dinner. Boat: 1 hour. Bus 1.5 hours.*

Day 6: Amalfi Coast Driving Tour - Its cliffs plunge steeply into the deep blue sea, broken up only by bursts of verdant vegetation and little towns clinging to the narrow roads. Star-studded resort towns like Positano, Amalfi, and Ravello are some of the most sought-after destinations in all of Italy. Returning to Sorrento, enjoy dinner on your own. *Bus: 5 hours with sightseeing stops.*

Day 7: Sorrento and the Countryside - The historic seaside town of Sorrento hangs precariously over the Bay of Naples. Enjoy the day walking the tiny pedestrian streets filled with local shops, inviting restaurants, and a clifftop promenade. Later, visit a farmhouse outside Sorrento, tour the cantina, the mill, and the production of local cheese. Then, we will sit down to dinner at the farmhouse table. *Dinner.*

Day 8: Rome - Bullet train to Rome followed by lunch at the local Mercato Centrale. Explore the sites of ancient Rome and take a guided walking tour through the Colosseum and Forum. Later, enjoy a farewell dinner at a favorite restaurant. *Sleep 1 night in Rome. Walking: moderate. Dinner.*

Day 9: Your tour is over after breakfast. Your guide will be available to help you with travel connections and your flights back home. *Bon viaggio!*

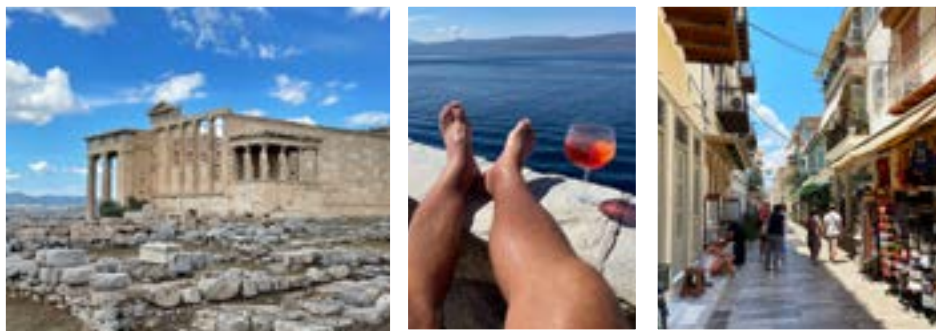
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THE BEST OF GREECE

in 9 days



Greece is a country surrounded by water, with plenty of outdoor activities, and rich history. I've designed this tour to visit Athens and see the sights on a relaxed schedule. But more importantly, you'll get out of the big city, and experience small towns, quaint islands, and the must-see island of Santorini. This Best of Greece tour is the perfect nine days of sightseeing and cultural experiences offering a worry-free look into the history, culture, music, and cuisine of Greece.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Greece! –Let's head north to the barren slopes of Mount Parnassus to explore Delphi, the 2500-year-old home of fortune-telling oracles, temples of worship, and Olympic-like stadiums and theatres. Enjoy dinner together and overnight in peaceful Delphi town. *Sleep for 1 night near Delphi. Driving: 4 hours. Dinner.*

DAY 2: The Gulf of Corinth and Peloponnese – It is a beautiful drive through the mountains and across the gulf to the Peloponnese Peninsula. This afternoon, after the tourist crowds dissipate, visit Olympia, the site of the first Olympic games more than 2700 years ago. We will set up tonight near Mount Olympia. *Sleep for 1 night near Olympia. Driving: 5 hours. Dinner.*

DAY 3: Ancient Corinth and Nafplio – We will do a bit of driving today across the Peloponnese to Ancient Corinth. Then, it's onward to Nafplio for a relaxing two days. *Sleep for 2 nights in Nafplio. Driving: 4 hours. Dinner.*

DAY 4: Mycenae and Nafplio – Take a walk through an ancient, fortified city seeing the Lion's Gate, "cyclopean" walls, and buried tombs. Returning to Nafplio, you'll have the remainder of the day to poke around town, hike to the hilltop fortress, or relax at a beach or hotel pool. *Walking: moderate. Driving: 1.5 hours.*

DAY 5: Epidavros and Hydra – Drive to nearby Epidavros to look at Greece's most well-preserved theater, seating 15,000 spectators. After a ferry ride across the gulf, we will step onto traffic-free Hydra. Enjoy the afternoon and evening getting to know the little town. We'll pick a taverna for dinner to enjoy together tonight. *Sleep for 2 nights on Hydra. Driving: 2.5 hours. Dinner.*

DAY 6: Hydra –No group plans for today. So, enjoy shopping in the village, sitting at the harbor with a drink and "people-watching," taking a donkey ride, hiring a boat, or basking in the sun at one of the many beaches.

DAY 7: Athens – We'll hop on a ferry and, within about two hours, arrive at your Athens city-center hotel. Then, join a local guide for an informative and scenic tour of the ancient Acropolis and Agora. The remainder of the day and evening are free to explore more of Athens on your own. *Sleep for 2 nights in Athens. Walking: moderate. Boat or Drive: 2 hours.*

DAY 8: Athens – There are no group plans today, so Explore the Forum, medieval streets of the Plaka, and more on your own. Later, we will meet for a farewell dinner at a favorite restaurant. *Dinner.*

DAY 9: Tour over after breakfast - We will get you back to the Athens Airport this morning by about 8:00 am.

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THE BEST OF GREECE AND SANTORINI *in 12 days*

Bonus Features include: Round-trip flights Athen to Santorini, Santorini beach front hotel for 3 nights, Santorini 6 hour sunset cruise, 2-night stay on the island of Hydra, and more.



My Best of Greece tour weaves my favorite Greek destinations into this itinerary. You'll get a solid introduction to the culture, history, art, and architecture made famous by the Greeks. Athens, the Parthenon, Ancient Agora, and the Plaka neighborhood are essential sites and we'll dedicate the better part of two days exploring this capital city. Shaking off the big city, we will spend the remainder of our time visiting relaxing beaches, pristine islands, ancient windswept sites of worship, fishing villages, and laid back towns. My Best of Greece tour provides the perfect mix of sightseeing, education, and relaxation.

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Greece! – Experience Delphi, the 2500-year-old home of fortune-telling oracles, temples of worship, and Olympic-like stadiums and theatres. Enjoy dinner together and overnight in peaceful Delphi town. *Sleep 1 night in Delphi. Dinner.*

DAY 2: The Peloponnese – It is a beautiful drive through the mountains and across the gulf to the Peloponnese Peninsula. This afternoon, we will visit Olympia, the site of the first Olympic games more than 2700 years ago. *Sleep 1 night near Olympia. Dinner.*

DAY 3: Ancient Corinth and Nafplio – Today we'll drive across the scenic Peloponnese to Ancient Corinth, a stop on the Apostle Paul's missionary journey in the 1st century. Then, it's onward to Nafplio for a relaxing two days. *Sleep 2 nights in Nafplio. Dinner.*

DAY 4: Mycenae and Nafplio – Today, we will take a walk through this ancient, fortified city seeing the Lion's Gate, "cyclopean" walls, and buried tombs. Returning to Nafplio, you'll have the remainder of the day on your own in town.

DAY 5: Epidavros and Hydra – This morning, we will drive to nearby Epidavros to look at Greece's most well-preserved theater, seating 15,000 spectators. Later, take a short twenty-minute ride across the gulf, and step onto traffic-free Hydra. Enjoy the afternoon and evening getting to know the little town. *Sleep 2 nights on Hydra. Dinner.*

DAY 6: Hydra –No group plans today. So, enjoy shopping in the village, sitting at the harbor with a drink and "people-watching," taking a donkey ride, hiring a boat, or basking in the sun at one of the many beaches.

DAY 7: Athens – Arrive at your Athens city-center hotel around midday. Join a guide for an informative and scenic walk through the Plaka neighborhood and the sacred Parthenon hill slopes. *Sleep 2 nights in Athens.*

DAY 8: Athens and the Acropolis – Enjoy a guided tour at the Acropolis. You'll have the remainder of the afternoon to explore more of Athens on your own. Later, meet for a farewell to Athens group dinner. *Dinner.*

DAY 9: Santorini – Take a short flight to the island of Santorini and set up in the seaside village of Perivolos. Nothing to do here but bask in the sun, swim at the beach and enjoy the views. *Sleep 3 nights on Santorini.*

DAY 10: Santorini – A local guide will show us around the island of Santorini. Later, board our private catamaran for a 6-hours sunset cruise on the caldera. Enjoy dinner and drinks on the boat and plenty of time to jump in and take a swim. *BBQ Dinner.*

DAY 11: Santorini –There are no scheduled plans for today. Tonight, enjoy a grand farewell dinner at our beachfront hotel. *Dinner.*

DAY 12: Heading Home – Your tour ends at the Athens Airport in plenty of time to connect with flights bound for the USA.



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THE BEST OF THE MED

in 11 days



The **Best of the Med** tour weaves together three countries, five cultures, four languages and some of the best scenery along the Mediterranean coast. You'll begin with two action-packed days in Barcelona. Then, head to France to experience medieval castles, Roman ruins and jet-setting adventures along the French Riviera. Cap off your tour with three relaxing days on the beautiful Italian Riviera.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Spain – Join your Exploring Europe guide for a stroll down Las Ramblas and through the Barri Gòtic learning of Rome's influence in the city's history. *Sleep 2 nights in Barcelona. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Art and Culture – Today, we will tour Antoni Gaudí's modernista architecture, *La Sagrada Família*, and walk along the Avenue of Discord. Then you'll have the remainder of the day all to yourself to explore on your own.

DAY 3: Vive la France – Travel along coastal Spain and France. Experience a walking tour in La Cité of Carcassonne, Europe's largest medieval fortified city. *Sleep 1 night in Carcassonne.*

DAY 4: Arles – Enjoy a walking tour lacing together this town's impressive history. The well-preserved Roman arena is second only to Rome's famous Colosseum. *Sleep 1 night in or near Arles. Dinner.*

DAY 5: Pont du Gard & the Luberon – Visit to the *Pont du Gard*, a well-preserved Roman-era aqueduct. This is quite possibly the ancient world's best-preserved technological and architectural structure. Later, we will settle into our hotel in the Luberon area and have dinner together. *Sleep 2 nights in the Luberon. Dinner.*

DAY 6: Provençal Hill Towns – Today experience small towns, sweeping vistas, and a Provençal outdoor market.

DAY 7: The Riviera and Nice – Arrive in Nice for an orientation walk and a free afternoon and evening. *Sleep 1 night in Nice.*

DAY 8: Nice and Italy – Enjoy some free time this morning in Nice. Later, we'll hop on a train bound for the Italian Riviera where you will arrive in time for an Italian dinner. *Sleep 3 nights on the Italian Riviera. Dinner.*

DAY 9: Enjoy the Italian Riviera – You'll have the entire day to explore the Cinque Terre on your own. Your guide will be available to help you plan hikes, trains, and schedule activities.

DAY 10: Enjoy the Italian Riviera – Enjoy another day visiting the five Cinque Terre villages, basking in the sun, sightseeing on the train or ferry boats. We'll meet tonight for a grand farewell dinner! *Dinner.*

DAY 11: Your tour ends today after breakfast. Pisa airport is just an hour away via train.

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My **Best of Spain Tour** connects the varied cultures and rich history of the largest nation on the Iberian Peninsula. You'll experience the "drippy" architecture of Gáudi in Barcelona, the Royal Palace and Prado Museum in Madrid, the massive Alhambra in Granada, and the jaw-dropping Cathedrals in Toledo and Sevilla. Along the way we'll visit sleepy little towns, far off the beaten tourist path, to experience the diverse cultures of the country. This, coupled with authentic dining experiences and laid back sightseeing strategies, makes this my best way to experience Spain in 13 days.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: BARCELONA - Enjoy an orientation paseo including the modernista architectural style of Antonio Gaudí's "Block of Discord." *Sleep 2 nights in Barcelona. Dinner.*

DAY 2: BARCELONA - Stroll through Barcelona's Gothic Quarter and the grand harbor promenade. Later, visit Gaudí's architectural masterpiece, La Sagrada Familia. You'll have the remainder of the day to explore more of the city on your own.

DAY 3: FAST TRAIN TO MADRID - In Madrid, experience a panoramic look at this capital city. Join a local guide for a tour of the massive Palacio Real. *Sleep 2 nights in Madrid. Dinner.*

DAY 4: MADRID - Guided tour of the Museo del Prado. Then, enjoy a stroll through the massive El Retiro Park. The remainder of the day and evening is free for you to discover more of Madrid on your own.

DAY 5: EL ESCORIAL AND SEGOVIA - After breakfast, we will head to the hills, making a stop in El Escorial, home of the impressive 16th-century palace of King Phillip II. Later, in Segovia, enjoy a walking tour of the compact town center and a tasty dinner together. *Sleep for 1 night in Segovia. Dinner.*

DAY 6: TOLEDO - Toledo, once the capital of Spain, is now a tourist's delight. Enjoy visiting the cathedral, shopping streets, and some of El Greco's most famous works. *Sleep 1 night in Toledo.*

Day 7: LA MANCHA TO GRANDA- We will plan to arrive in Granada in time to visit the lavish tombs of Ferdinand and Isabella who took Spain into the age of exploration of the Americas. *Sleep 2 nights in Granada. Dinner.*

DAY 8: THE ALHAMBRA - Perhaps the greatest of all "Moorish" palaces, the Alhambra will wow you with its style and artistic flair.

DAY 9: THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST - Today we will head south to the sun-soaked Costa del Sol and set up in the pleasant town of Nerja. With no sightseeing plans, we'll take an orientation walk around the small little town and have the whole day and evening to rest, relax, and enjoy. *Sleep 1 night in Nerja.*

DAY 10: ANDALUCÍA - The mountains between Granada and Sevilla are loaded with whitewashed villages perched high in the hills. We'll set up for the afternoon and evening in my favorite, Arcos de la Frontera. *Sleep 1 night in Arcos. Dinner.*

DAY 11: SEVILLA - Join a walk through the whitewashed lanes of the Barrio Santa Cruz, with a glimpse at the "weeping Madonna" and the largest gothic-era church in the Christian world. Flamenco performance tonight! *Sleep in Sevilla for 2 nights.*

DAY 12: THE ROYAL ALCÁZAR - You'll have all day to poke around Sevilla on your own. *Dinner.*

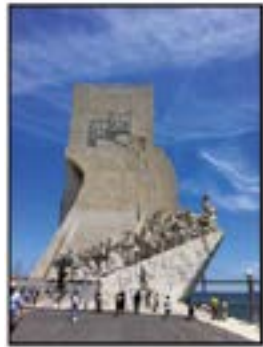
DAY 13: YOUR TOUR ENDS AFTER BREAKFAST THIS MORNING.

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David McGuffin's
THE BEST OF PORTUGAL
in 11 days



My **Best of Portugal Tour** provides a laid-back and worry-free experience while connecting the important destinations and landmarks in Portugal. There is a lot to see and do, but the travel distances are not far, the people are friendly, and the culture and ambiance are unmatched anywhere in Europe. We will visit the capital of Lisbon and connect its history with great explorers and navigators. Then we will get out into the countryside and seaside to learn about Portugal, its people, and its rich history that transformed the ancient world into the new world.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: LISBON – Take an orientation walk around our neighborhood followed by dinner together. *Sleep 3 nights in Lisbon. Dinner.*

DAY 2: LISBON – Join an extensive walking tour visiting three of Lisbon's neighborhoods including a panoramic view from the Castle São Jorge. You'll have some time this afternoon to poke around on your own. Later, experience dinner and a performance of fado, the soulful traditional singing of ancient Portugal. *Dinner.*

DAY 3: LISBON AND BELÉM – Just three miles from Lisbon, Belém holds a few essential sights from Portugal's dynamic "Age of Discovery." Visit gigantic Monument of Discoveries, the Belém Tower, and the impressive Monastery of Jerónimos. You'll have the remainder of the day and evening to explore more.

DAY 4: NAZARÉ AND FATIMA – Leaving the city, we will head to the countryside to visit Fátima and laid-back Nazaré. After a day of sightseeing, we'll meet tonight for dinner. *Sleep for 2 nights in Nazaré. Dinner.*

DAY 5: NAZARÉ – You'll have the entire day to enjoy seaside Nazaré and Sitio, its hilltop neighbor.

DAY 6: COIMBRA – We will begin with an orientation tour of the town, and then you'll be cut loose to enjoy dinner and make more discoveries on your own.

DAY 7: COIMBRA – Join a walk to Coimbra's old university. Enjoy the afternoon and evening on your own. We'll meet late this evening for a fado performance in a unique style known only to Coimbra.

DAY 8: WINE AND THE DUORO VALLEY – We will drive to Portugal's famous winemaking region. Visit an old family estate, learn about growing vines and making port. Later, arrive at our hotel to enjoy dinner together. *Sleep 1 night in the Duoro Valley region. Dinner.*

DAY 9: PORTO – After a lazy morning, we will travel through the lush terraced wine country to Porto. Join a tour including the port and downtown. After setting up at our hotel, you'll have the evening free on your own. *Sleep in Porto for 2 nights.*

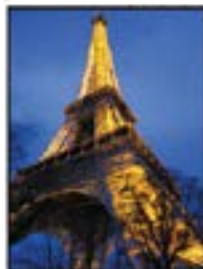
DAY 10: PORTO – Enjoy a scenic cruise on the Duoro River this morning. We will meet tonight for a grand farewell feast, capped off with a bit of Port. *Dinner.*

DAY 11: TOUR OVER AFTER BREAKFAST – Your tour guide will be happy to assist in making transportation connections to the airport or train station. Enjoy your journey!

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This **Best of France** tour distills the country down to my top destinations in and around Paris. We'll begin (and end) with the very best of Paris. Sandwiched in between are some of the best sites, food, wine, and experiences in the country: the vineyards and cathedrals of Burgundy, the Loire Valley's elegant châteaux, Brittany's quaint villages, Normandy's magnificent Mont St. Michel, and the D-Day battlefield beaches.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Paris - On our walking tour, you'll discover the wonder and history of the Notre Dame Cathedral, the opulence of the nearby Ile St. Louis and reflect on the atrocities of WWII at La Mémorial des Martyrs de La Déportation. Cap off your day with a sightseeing cruise on the Seine River. *Sleep 3 nights in Paris. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Paris - Enjoy an ascent up the Eiffel Tower this morning. Then we'll head up to the artsy neighborhood of Montmartre to experience this quaint bohemian village and the nearby Sacré Coeur church. Enjoy a free evening on your own.

DAY 3: Paris and the Louvre - Enjoy the morning at the Louvre museum to experience what some consider the world's best collection of art. Then, stroll through the adjacent gardens ending on the famous Champs Elysées where you can enjoy the evening and dinner on your own.

DAY 4: Burgundy - Vézelay is a small hill town known for its Abbey and as a major starting point for pilgrims on the Way of St. James to Santiago de Compostela. In Beaune, experience an orientation walk and a little independent time before dinner. *Sleep 1 night in Beaune. Dinner.*

DAY 5: The Loire and Amboise - In Amboise, you have time on your own for sightseeing and dinner. *Sleep 2 nights in Amboise.*

DAY 6: Chateau Chenonceau - Visit the Château de Chenonceau, an elegant, river-straddling, 16th-century castle. You'll have plenty of free time to roam through the gardens and pathways. Later, return to Amboise for a group dinner. *Dinner.*

DAY 7: Brittany and Mont Saint Michel - In Dinan, enjoy a walk through town surrounded by half-timbered houses and learn about the

Bretons' Celtic heritage. Later, arrive at the Abbey Mont St. Michel. *Sleep 1 night on or near Mont St. Michel.*

DAY 8: Normandy and Bayeux - After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Mont St-Michel and its hill-top abbey. Then, we will travel to Bayeux to have a look at the famous tapestry, embroidered with detailed scenes of the Battle of Hastings in 1066. *Sleep 2 nights in Normandy.*

DAY 9: The D-Day Beaches of Normandy - We will spend the day touring the Normandy beaches and battlefield sites. *Dinner.*

DAY 10: Paris - Enjoy the ride back to Paris this morning. Your guide will be available to assist with sightseeing hints and suggestions such as museum entrances, shopping, and tours. This evening, we will meet for a grand farewell feast. *Sleep 1 night in Paris. Dinner.*

DAY 11: Tour over after breakfast - Paris' airports are well connected by a network of taxis, shuttles or public transportation. Your guide will help you with post-tour planning if needed. *Au revoir!*

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The **Best of London and Paris** tour provides an opportunity to settle in and experience two of Europe's major capital cities. London presents a relatively stress-free introduction with non-stop flights from North America, almost no language barrier and easy transportation. All this coupled with our comprehensive itinerary and an opportunity to experience some of the best theatre in the world makes London a perfect beginning to this tour. The EuroStar high-speed train will zip you from London to Paris in less than three hours. In Paris, we've included all the major tourist sights and must-see attractions, but there is also plenty of time to slow down and enjoy the experience.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to London - We will begin in Westminster for a walking tour passing the major sights from the Thames to Picadilly Circus. Later, enjoy an open-top bus tour of London followed by dinner. *Sleep 4 nights in London. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Buckingham Palace, Westminster and London - Join a local guide for a full day of touring London. Experience the ceremonial changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace., tour Westminster Abbey, and the Tower of London. This would be a good evening to check out London's theatre scene.

DAY 3: A Jaunt to the Countryside - Experience a full day in Windsor and entrance to Windsor Castle.

DAY 4: Free day in London- There are no planned group activities for today. We'll get you pointed in the right direction and help with any sightseeing information you may need. Dinner and your evening activities are all up to you!

DAY 5: Eurostar Train and Paris - Off to Paris aboard the Eurostar high-speed train through the Chunnel. In Paris, we will focus on Paris' historical center to discover the wonder and history of Notre Dame Cathedral, the opulence of the nearby Ile St. Louis and reflect on the atrocities of WWII at Le Mémorial des Martyrs de la Déportation. Cap off your day with a dinner and a sightseeing cruise on the Seine River. *Sleep 4 nights in Paris. Dinner.*

DAY 6: The Eiffel Tower and Montmartre - Enjoy an ascent up the Eiffel Tower's second level this morning for far-reaching vistas of the sprawling metropolis of Paris. Then, we'll head up to the artsy neighborhood of Montmartre and the nearby Sacré Coeur church.

DAY 7: The Louvre -Enjoy a visit to the Louvre Museum to experience what some consider the world's best collection of art. You will have several hours to explore the art, history and wonder of this magnificent palace and museum. Then, we'll stroll through the adjacent gardens ending on the famous Champs-Elysées where you can enjoy the evening on your own.

DAY 8: Paris - Today is free to explore more of Paris on your own. Your guide will be available to assist with sightseeing hints and suggestions such as museum entrances, shopping, and tours. Later, we'll meet for an aperitif followed by a farewell feast where we can recount tour memories and toast our friendship. *Dinner.*

DAY 9: Heading Home - Your tour ends today after breakfast. There are no group activities scheduled for today. Your tour guide will be available to help plan your journey home or on to other adventures in Europe. *Au revoir!*

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The Best of London, Paris, and Rome tour provides an opportunity to settle in and experience three of Europe's major capital cities. Enjoy varied cultures, diverse dining experiences, contrasting architectural styles, all of which are tied together by a common element, the Romans!

You'll have four nights in each city, plenty of time to see the sights, and to slow down and experience the locale. The Eurostar high-speed train will zip you from London to Paris in less than three hours. Then we will take a quick flight from Paris down to Rome.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to London - Begin in Westminster for a walking tour passing the major sights from the Thames to Picadilly Circus. Later, enjoy an open-top bus tour of London followed by dinner. *Sleep 4 nights in London. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Buckingham Palace, Westminster and London - Join a local guide for a full day of touring London. Experience the ceremonial changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, tour Westminster Abbey, and the Tower of London.

DAY 3: A Jaunt to the Countryside - Experience a full day in Windsor and entrance to Windsor Castle.

DAY 4: Free day in London - There are no planned group activities for today. We'll get you pointed in the right direction and help with any sightseeing information.

DAY 5: Eurostar Train and Paris - Off to Paris aboard the Eurostar high-speed train through the Chunnel. In Paris, we will focus on Paris' historical center to discover the wonder and history of Notre Dame Cathedral, the opulence of the nearby Ile St. Louis. Cap off your day with a sight-seeing cruise on the Seine River followed by dinner together. *Sleep 4 nights in Paris. Dinner.*

DAY 6: The Eiffel Tower and Montmartre Enjoy an ascent up to the Eiffel Tower's second level this morning. Then, we'll head up to the artsy neighborhood of Montmartre and the nearby Sacré Coeur church.

DAY 7: The Louvre - Enjoy the Louvre Museum to experience what some consider the world's best collection of art. Then, we'll stroll on the famous Champs-Élysées where you can enjoy the evening on your own.

DAY 8: Paris - Today is free to explore more of Paris on your own. Your guide will be available to assist with sightseeing hints and suggestions. Later, we'll meet for a group dinner. *Dinner.*

DAY 9: Rome - Fly from Paris to Rome. Enjoy a guided tour of the Roman Colosseum and Forum. Group dinner. *Sleep 4 nights in Rome. Dinner.*

DAY 10: The Vatican - You will appreciate a crowd-free, early entry, and guided tour of the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon on your own.

DAY 11: Baroque Art and Trastevere - Today you'll take a walking tour visiting famous fountains, the Pantheon, and lively squares. This evening join a walking feast foodie tour of the Trastevere neighborhood. *Foodie Tour.*

DAY 12: Free Day in Rome - You'll have the entire day to experience more of Rome on your own. Later, we'll meet for a grand farewell dinner. *Dinner.*

DAY 13: Tour ends today after breakfast.

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Short on time, but still want to really experience Ireland? This Taste O' Ireland tour is the perfect eight days of sightseeing and cultural experiences offering a worry-free journey of the history, culture, music, and cuisine of Ireland.

I've designed this tour to visit my favorite places and have distilled the island into a taste of my favorite destinations. This tour kicks off in Dublin, where you'll get a solid introduction to Irish history, culture, and charm. Then we will head out into the countryside to experience three distinct regions. You'll visit ancient monastic sites, fairy forts, geological wonders, and charming villages, all the while enjoying some of the best food, music and craic on the island!

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Dublin – Join your Exploring Europe guide for a scenic overview tour of Dublin City. Enjoy a stop at the famous Guinness Brewery for a look at the production process and a visit to the panoramic Gravity Bar. The remainder of the evening is free for you to enjoy more of Dublin or return to the hotel and settle in. *Sleep 2 nights in Dublin. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Dublin City - After breakfast, enjoy a city walking tour of Dublin City and a visit to Trinity College, followed by a look at the “illuminated” Book of Kells. The afternoon and evening are scheduled to be event-free. *Walking: moderate.*

DAY 3: Glendalough and Kilkenny - Today's first stop is the ancient monastic site of Glendalough, located in the beautiful Wicklow Mountains. We'll take a peaceful walk along the lakes and through the forest while learning about the monastery and its role in history. Then, travel to the medieval town of Kilkenny where you will have some free time to experience the town, castle, cathedral and shops. *Sleep 1 night in Kilkenny. Dinner.*

DAY 4: A Bit of Blarney and Kerry – The castle, known for its famous “Blarney Stone,” is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Ireland. After an opportunity to “kiss the Blarney Stone,” you will enjoy a visit to the Blarney Woolen Mills. Later, we will make our way to Dingle at the far southwest tip of Ireland. Tonight enjoy dinner and a bit of traditional music in a local pub. *Sleep 2 nights in Dingle. Dinner.*

DAY 5: The Dingle Peninsula – Today, experience some of Ireland's wildest natural beauty and oldest pre-historic settlements on our driving tour of the Sleat Head. Back in Dingle, you'll have the afternoon and evening for shopping, dinner and music on your own.

DAY 6: The Cliffs of Moher and Galway - Today, experience the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher where you'll find yourself teetering on the edge of a series of 700-foot cliffs perched on the North Atlantic. Then we'll take a scenic drive along the Atlantic coast around Galway Bay and through the rocky terrain known as the Burren. Once in Galway City, enjoy an overview driving tour of the region's highlights. Then, you'll have the remainder of the evening to do some exploring on your own passing your time shopping, wandering the pedestrian area, listening to local busker musicians and experiencing the “pulse” of this vibrant city. *Sleep 1 night in Galway.*

DAY 7: The Aran Islands - Today, enjoy an excursion, by boat, to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands (weather permitting). Once on the island, experience a driving tour of its natural and historical sites and an opportunity to look around in the craft shops. Back in Galway, let's gather for a grand farewell dinner at a favorite restaurant. *Driving: 3 hours. Boat: 2 hours.*

DAY 8: Your tour is over after breakfast – Dublin and Shannon Airports are within easy reach by fast and modern airport coaches. Your guide can help with any post-tour plans and travel connections if needed. *Sláinte!*

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This **Best of Ireland** tour is the perfect twelve days of sightseeing and cultural experiences offering a worry-free journey to experience the history, culture, music, and cuisine of Ireland.

We'll kick off with a driving and walking tour of Dublin, where you'll get a solid introduction to Irish history, culture, and charm. Then we will head out into the countryside to experience four distinct regions. You'll visit ancient monastic sites, fairy forts, geological wonders, and charming villages. Enjoy some of the best fresh local food on the island all seasoned with local traditional Irish music.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Dublin — Join your Exploring Europe guide for a scenic overview tour of Dublin City and a stop at the famous Guinness Brewery and its panoramic Gravity Bar. *Sleep 2 nights in Dublin. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Dublin City - Enjoy a city walking tour and a visit to Trinity College and the “illuminated” Book of Kells. The afternoon is scheduled to be event-free for you to experience more of Dublin on your own.

DAY 3: Glendalough and Kilkenny – Glendalough, located in the beautiful Wicklow Mountains, is the site of an ancient monastery founded by Kevin, an early missionary. In Kilkenny, you will have some free time to experience the town, castle, cathedral, and shops. *Sleep 1 night in Kilkenny. Dinner.*

DAY 4: A Bit of Blarney and Kerry – Today, we will travel to the little village of Blarney. The castle, known for its famous “Blarney Stone,” is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Ireland. Enjoy dinner and a traditional pub session. *Sleep 2 nights in Dingle. Dinner.*

DAY 5: The Dingle Peninsula – Experience some of Ireland’s wildest natural beauty and oldest pre-historic settlements on our driving tour of the Sleat Head.

DAY 6: The Cliffs of Moher – The Cliffs of Moher are a series of 700-foot cliffs perched on the North Atlantic. We'll also take a scenic drive through the rocky terrain known as the Burren. *Sleep 2 nights in Galway.*

DAY 7: The Aran Islands - Today, enjoy an excursion, by boat, to Inishmor, the largest of the Aran Islands (weather permitting).

DAY 8: Connemara and Kylemore Abbey – On our scenic drive, we will make a stop at the neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey. *Sleep 1 night in Westport.*

DAY 9: Northern Ireland – In Derry, meet a local guide who will share stories about struggles between the Protestants and Catholics. *Sleep 1 night in County Antrim.*

DAY 10: The Antrim Coast – Visit the Giant’s Causeway, Carrick-a-Rede rope footbridge (weather permitting) and the crumbling Dunluce Castle. *Sleep 2 nights in Belfast. Dinner.*

DAY 11: The Titanic and Belfast – Visit the Titanic Belfast Visitor’s Experience, situated on the exact spot where the “indestructible” ship was built. Then, join a walking tour of historic Belfast City, followed by an informative driving tour with reminders of the “Troubles” that divided this city in past decades. Tonight, let’s get together for dinner to share our memories of the Emerald Isle. Driving: 1 hour.

DAY 12: Your tour is over after breakfast – Breakfast is included today, but there are no plans beyond that. Your guide can help with any post-tour plans and travel connections if needed. Sláinte!

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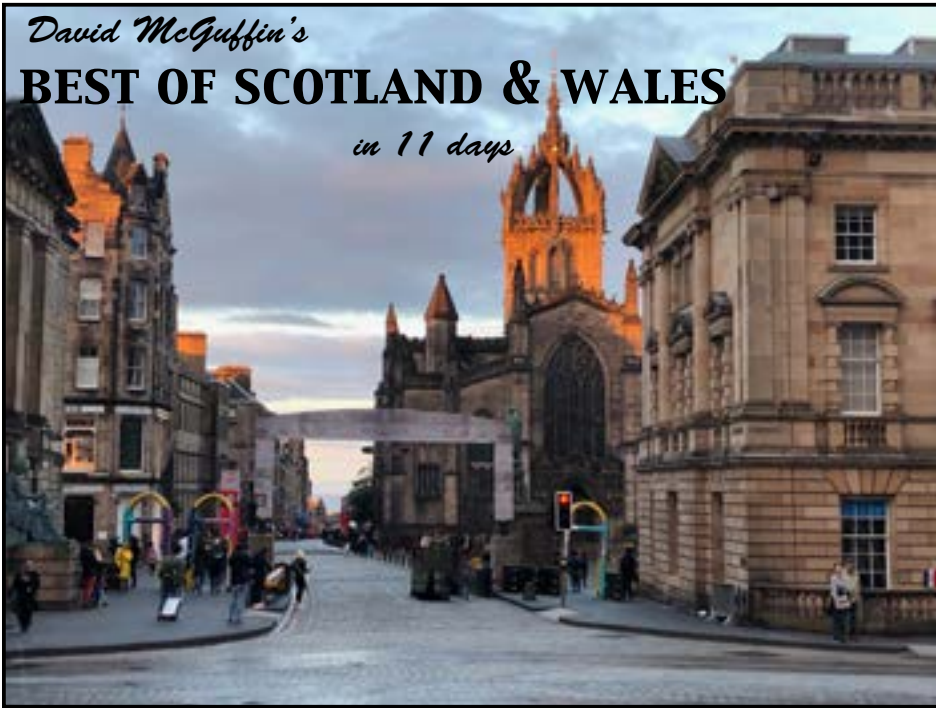


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David McGuffin's

BEST OF SCOTLAND & WALES

in 11 days



This tour begins visiting my favorite destinations in Scotland. Enjoy the grandeur of Edinburgh and its cliff-hanging castle, St. Andrews (the home of golf), and the vast rugged beauty of the Scottish Highlands. We'll wrap up our tour on the west coast visiting the port town of Oban, the remote Hebrides Islands, and Loch Lomond.

In England, experience the serenity and beauty of the Lake District. Then enjoy three days in North Wales experiencing medieval castles, quaint villages, beautiful gardens and steam locomotives.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Edinburgh – Enjoy an orientation walk around the famous Royal Mile and a Hop-On-Hop-Off Edinburgh Bus Pass for an open-top bus tour of Edinburgh. *Sleep 2 nights in Edinburgh. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Edinburgh - Today, we will see the best of Edinburgh on foot by strolling the Royal Mile, visiting the Castle, and the new Georgian town. The remainder of the day is entirely yours to explore more of Edinburgh on your own.

DAY 3: The Countryside — Today, cross the famous Firth of Forth and visit the tiny burg of Culross. Later, travel to St. Andrews, the home of golf and the famous Old Course. After lunch, enjoy a ride across some of the most scenic mountains in Scotland on our way to the Highlands. *Sleep 1 night in the Scottish Highlands. Dinner.*

DAY 4: The Highlands – Drive through the rugged Cairngorms National Park this morning. Later, tour the haunting Culloden Battlefield and ancient staning stones. *Sleep 1 night in or near Inverness.*

DAY 5: The Highlands and Oban - Experience the wild, rugged beauty of Loch Ness on a scenic boat cruise followed by a visit to Urquhart Castle. *Sleep 2 nights in Oban. Dinner.*

DAY 6: The Hebrides Isles — Today, we will board the ferry to the Isle of Mull and eventually Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. Here, you will have several hours to experience the 800-year-old abbey where the Book of Kells was written and fabricated by the local monks.

DAY 7: Loch Lomond and England — We will take the “low road” down toward Loch Lomond and eventually to the Lake District National Park in England. *Sleep 1 night in the Lake District.*

DAY 8: Northern Wales – Drive into Northern Wales and set up in our home village. Enjoy an orientation walking tour and a visit to the local castle. *Sleep 3 nights in North Wales. Dinner.*

DAY 9: North Wales – Visit colorful Bodnant Gardens (weather permitting) where you can spend several hours enjoying the flora and fauna. Then enjoy a working woolen mill in the village of Trefriw where you'll learn how raw wool is transformed into fabric. We will end our day in the delightful village of Betws-y-Coed, a picture-perfect setting with lots of shops, waterfalls, wooded paths and cafes.

DAY 10: Trains, Slate Mines and Castles – This morning, we will hop on an old-fashioned train powered by a steam locomotive to explore Snowdonia National Park. We will finish up our sightseeing with a visit to a slate mine near the village of Blaenau Ffestiniog. After a busy day, you'll enjoy our grand farewell dinner to cap off your Celtic tour experience. *Dinner.*

DAY 11: Heading Home – After breakfast, we will get you to the local train station or Manchester airport. Or, why not consider extending your travels and join us in London and Paris or Ireland.

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BEST OF IRELAND & SCOTLAND

in 14 days



David has designed this travel experience to pair his Taste of Ireland and Best of Scotland itineraries. This tour is the perfect fourteen days of sightseeing and cultural experiences, offering a worry-free journey experiencing the history, culture, music, and cuisine of Ireland and Scotland.

This tour begins in Dublin, where you'll get a solid introduction to Irish history, culture, and charm. Then we will head out into the countryside to experience three distinct regions. You'll visit ancient monastic sites, fairy forts, geological wonders, and charming villages while enjoying some of the best food, music, and craic on the island! After a quick flight across the Irish Sea, experience the capital city of Edinburgh, its castle, and streets steeped in history and lore. Then, enjoy another four days and nights in the highlands and islands, visiting St. Andrews, Pitlochry, Inverness, Oban, and the Hebrides.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Dublin – Join a scenic overview tour with a stop at the famous Guinness Brewery and Gravity Bar. Enjoy a traditional dinner at a favorite Dublin pub. *Sleep for 2 nights in Dublin. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Dublin City - Join a city walking tour and a visit to Trinity College and the Book of Kells. Free afternoon and evening.

DAY 3: Glendalough and Kilkenny - Visit the monastery of Glendalough, in the beautiful Wicklow Mountains. Later, travel to Kilkenny, where you will have free time to experience the town, castle, cathedral, and shops. Group dinner included tonight. *Sleep 1 night in Kilkenny. Dinner.*

DAY 4: A Bit of Blarney and Kerry – The castle, known for its famous “Blarney Stone,” is one of Ireland’s most popular tourist destinations. Later, arrive in Dingle for sightseeing and dinner. *Sleep for 2 nights in Dingle. Dinner.*

DAY 5: The Dingle Peninsula – Enjoy a driving tour of the Sleat Head Scenic road. Back in Dingle, you'll have the afternoon and evening for shopping, dinner, and music.

DAY 6: The Cliffs of Moher and Galway - Experience the Cliffs of Moher teetering on the edge of the North Atlantic. In Galway, enjoy an overview driving tour. Free evening. *Sleep 1 night in Galway.*

DAY 7: The Aran Islands - Take an excursion, by boat, to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands (weather permitting). Once on the island, join a driving tour of its natural and historical sites and an opportunity to look around in the craft shops.

DAY 8: We will take a short flight across the Irish Sea to Edinburgh. – Enjoy an orientation walk and bus tour. Later, meet for a group dinner. *Sleep for 2 nights in Edinburgh. Dinner.*

DAY 9: Edinburgh -Today, we will see the best of Edinburgh's Royal Mile and Castle. The remainder of the day is yours to explore more of Edinburgh on your own.

DAY 10: Culross, St. Andrews, and the Countryside —Visit the tiny burg of Culross, a filming spot for *Outlander*. Then, visit St. Andrews, the home of golf. We'll set up for the evening in a little village where you can enjoy dinner and lots of peace. *Sleep 1 night in the Scottish Highlands. Dinner.*

DAY 11: The Highlands – Tour the haunting Culloden Battlefield and ancient standing stone circle. *Sleep 1 night in Inverness.*

DAY 12: The Highlands and Oban -Experience the wild, rugged beauty of Loch Ness on a panoramic boat cruise, followed by a visit to Urquhart Castle. Arrive in Oban for dinner. *Sleep for 2 nights in Oban. Dinner.*

DAY 13: The Hebrides Isles —Ferry to the Isle of Mull and Iona where the Book of Kells was penned. Return to Oban for free evening.

DAY 14: Heading Home – We will have you at Glasgow Airport by 11:00 a.m.

Specific itinerary details are subject to change.



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BEST OF IRELAND-SCOTLAND-WALES

in 18 days



This tour is the perfect eighteen days of sightseeing and cultural experiences, offering a worry-free journey experiencing the history, culture, music, and cuisine of Ireland, Scotland, England, and Wales.

Beginning in Dublin, you'll learn about Irish history, culture, and charm. Out in the countryside, experience Ireland's natural wonders, its people some of the best food, music, and craic on the island! After a quick flight across the Irish Sea, experience the capital city of Edinburgh, its castle, and streets steeped in history and lore. Enjoy another four days and nights in the highlands and islands, visiting St. Andrews, Pitlochry, Inverness, Oban, and the Hebrides. Then, enjoy a quiet moment in England's Lake District, before visiting North Wales with medieval castles, slate mines, and scenic vistas.

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Dublin – Join a scenic overview tour with a stop at the famous Guinness Brewery and Gravity Bar. *Sleep for 2 nights in Dublin. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Dublin City - Join a city walking tour and a visit to Trinity College and the Book of Kells. Free afternoon and evening.

DAY 3: Glendalough and Kilkenny - Visit the monastery of Glendalough, and Kilkenny. *Sleep 1 night in Kilkenny. Dinner.*

DAY 4: A Bit of Blarney and Kerry – Kiss the Blarney Stone. Later, arrive in Dingle. *Sleep for 2 nights in Dingle. Dinner.*

DAY 5: The Dingle Peninsula – Enjoy a driving tour of the Sleat Head Scenic road.

DAY 6: The Cliffs of Moher and Galway - Experience the Cliffs of Moher teetering on the edge of the North Atlantic. In Galway, enjoy an overview tour. *Sleep 1 night in Galway.*

DAY 7: The Aran Islands - Take an excursion, to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands (weather permitting).

DAY 8: Take a short flight across the Irish Sea to Edinburgh. – Enjoy an orientation walk and bus tour. Later, meet for a group dinner. *Sleep for 2 nights in Edinburgh. Dinner.*

DAY 9: Edinburgh - Edinburgh Castle, and the new Georgian town.

DAY 10: Culross & St. Andrews — Visit the Culross and St. Andrews. *Sleep 1 night in the Scottish Highlands. Dinner.*

DAY 11: The Highlands – Visit Culloden Battlefield and ancient standing stones. *Sleep 1 night in or near Inverness.*

DAY 12: The Highlands and Oban - Loch Ness scenic boat cruise followed by a visit to Urquhart Castle. *Sleep 2 nights in Oban. Dinner.*

DAY 13: Isle of Mull and Iona where the Book of Kells was penned.

DAY 14: England Lakes — *Sleep 1 night in the Lake District.*

DAY 15: Northern Wales – Set up in our home village. Walking tour and dinner. *Sleep 3 nights in North Wales. Dinner.*

DAY 16: North Wales – Bodnant Gardens for he flora and fauna. Visit a woolen mill in the Trefriw and the village of Betws-y-Coed.

DAY 17: Trains, Slate Mines and Castles – Ride an old-fashioned steam train to explore Snowdonia National Park. Visit a slate mine deep under a mountain. *Dinner.*

DAY 18: Heading Home – After breakfast, we will get you to the local train station or Manchester airport.

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This tour kicks off in the grand imperial city of Vienna, famous for castles, kings, music, and cuisine. Then, you'll have two relaxing days in Salzburg's famous city center. A visit to Neuschwanstein Castle and nearby Reutte rounds out the fifth day of the tour. We'll head to Switzerland for my favorite alpine village experience in the beautiful Lauterbrunnen valley. Then we will take a turn to the north and follow the Rhine River valley through the Black Forest to the quaint little town of Rothenburg. Finally, visit Hitler's first concentration camp in Dachau before capping off your tour with two days in Munich, the capital city of Bavaria.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Vienna - Take a walking tour through the historic heart of Vienna with your guide. *Sleep 2 nights in Vienna. Dinner.*

DAY 2: Vienna - Today we will concentrate on the royal Habsburgs and their importance to this city. You will visit the Opera House, the Hofburg Palace, the Imperial Apartments and the Royal Treasury. The remainder of the day and evening is free to explore on your own.

DAY 3: Salzburg & The Sound of Music - We will head west along the Danube tracing the route of the Habsburg tradesmen. In Salzburg, enjoy a driving tour hitting the highlights of the popular movie, The Sound of Music. Later, stroll through the historic old town taking in several famous musical sights and churches. *Sleep 2 nights in Salzburg. Dinner.*

DAY 4: Salzburg - We'll spend most of the morning on a historical walking tour of Salzburg's old town. Then you will have the remainder of the day and evening to explore more of Salzburg on your own.

DAY 5: Neuschwanstein Castle - Schloss Neuschwanstein, is the fantasy castle of Bavaria's King Ludwig II. You'll recognize it as Walt Disney's model for Cinderella's Castle. *Sleep 1 night in Reutte. Dinner.*

DAY 6: Liechtenstein and Switzerland - Driving through lush mountain meadows and alpine foothills, we will arrive in the tiny country of Liechtenstein in time for lunch. Later, arrive in the Swiss Alps. *Sleep 2 nights in Lauterbrunnen. Dinner.*

DAY 7: Enjoy the mountains! - You may want to hike or ride a lift to a mountain summit, or even play in the snow. The hills are filled with alpine villages, shops, restaurants, hiking trails, and mountain lifts.

DAY 8: The Black Forest & Rothenburg - Today we will leave the Alps and head up the Rhine River valley. Along the way, enjoy a stop for lunch in the Black Forest town of Freiburg. *Sleep 2 nights in Rothenburg. Dinner.*

DAY 9: Rothenburg - You will have the entire day to do a little exploring on your own in Rothenburg.

DAY 10: Munich - Before arriving in Munich, we will start our tour on a somber note as we visit Hitler's first concentration camp in Dachau. Then, let's head directly to Munich's bustling city center for a walking tour of the city's highlights and an opportunity to take a break at a famous beer garden. *Sleep 2 nights in Munich.*

DAY 11: Munich - Enjoy an event-free day in town. Tonight, we'll meet for a festive dinner at a favorite restaurant. *Dinner.*

DAY 12: So Long, Farewell - Your tour ends this morning after breakfast.

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CROATIA AND BUDAPEST- LAND AND SEA

in 13 days



Stradling the Danube River, Budapest brims with Hapsburg charm, tempting thermal bathes, and a cuisine unlike any other in Europe. Croatia's Baranja region is off-the-beaten-path, yet worthwhile for its unique culture, tasty cuisine, grand churches, and Lipizzaner horses. Zagreb, Croatia's capital, is elegant and refined, mixing Vienna's and Budapest's charms. The Lakes of Plitvice National Park are an unusual mix of tropical greenery, azure lakes, and cascading waterfalls. On the seaside, join an eight-day cruise aboard a luxury yacht along Croatia's Adriatic coast. Fast and versatile, our ship will take you where the bigger vessels can't go, from historic towns to secluded beaches. This itinerary, combined with David McGuffin's expertise, is the perfect island-hopping cruise and inland experience in Croatia, with a bonus visit to Hungary's capital.

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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1/2: BUDAPEST- Get to know Budapest on a guided walk and a welcome dinner followed by a panoramic Danube sightseeing cruise. Visit Castle Hill for a birdseye view of the city and visit Matthias Church. Then, why not enjoy a soak in a thermal bath and have a free evening? *Sleep for 2 nights in Budapest. (D on day 1, B on day 2)*

DAY 3: BUDAPEST TO OSIJEK- The past and present converge in Croatia's Baranja. Far from tourist crowds, learn about the culture, taste the wine, and relax. *Sleep 1 night in Osijek. (B, D)*

DAY 4: THE COUNTRY & CAPITAL- Đakovo, is known for its colorful folklore tradition, Lipizzaner horses, and the majestic cathedral. Enjoy lunch together, and later, visit Zagreb and have dinner. *Sleep 1 night in Zagreb. Driving: 3 hours. (B, L, D)*

DAY 5: PLITVICE LAKES - Croatia's oldest and biggest national park is known for its pristine forests, stunning waterfalls, and dozens of turquoise lakes. Stroll the wooden pathways along turquoise lakes and jaw-dropping waterfalls, visiting one of Europe's premier UNESCO world heritage sites. *Sleep 1 night near Plitvice Lakes. (B,D)*

DAY 6: SINJ AND SPLIT- Visit the church where local lore tells the story of Our Lady of Sinj saving the village from the Ottoman army in 1715. Then, continue to Split to **board our ship for a seven-night cruise along coastal Croatia.** *Overnight in Split, (B,D).*

The M/S MAMA MARIJA II is a luxury yacht, perfect for our island-hopping cruise in Croatia. The ship features many fine amenities, including air-conditioned cabins, Wi-Fi, a restaurant, a bar, a sun deck, an elegant rooftop Jacuzzi, a swimming platform, and more. This yacht will take you where the bigger vessels cannot go, navigating through the narrow waterways into the heart of bustling Dalmatian cities, anchoring in unspoiled and hidden Adriatic bays, and docking in small Croatian island ports.

DAY 7-13: SAILING THE DALMATIAN COASTAL WATERS. Soon, you'll realize this is not only a tour but a vacation, too! Of course, we'll spend time with local guides sharing historic towns, churches, and cultural activities. Still, you'll mostly appreciate relaxing on the sun deck, lounging in your luxury cabin, our daily swimming stops, getting to know our Croatian crew and the excellent dining aboard the ship.

We will visit port towns, beaches, nature parks, caves, wineries, and more. Although many of our destinations are unknown to you now, you'll come to appreciate them as we progress through our route. The beautiful Golden Cape beach of Bol, the charming Venetian town of Korčula, and the pristine Biševo Blue Cave are just a few stops along the way.

Unpacking once for your seven-night cruise is indeed a pleasure. Put that suitcase away, and fill your cabin wardrobe with your stuff so you'll feel at home! Your air-conditioned cabin has a spacious, comfy bed and a roomy bath.

Each afternoon, we will sail into a port, dock, and step right off into the town center. There are no clumsy disembarkation protocols or tenders! You'll have the entire evening in town to dive into the culture, experience the cuisine, and enjoy the locale. Stay as long as you like; the yacht is here all night. Step back aboard and sleep soundly in your cabin when done for the evening. We'll be underway the following day as you wake for breakfast.

We'll top off your cruise experience with a Captain's dinner onboard and live music entertainment. The following day, sail along the old city walls for amazing views of Dubrovnik and spend a day experiencing the "Pearl of the Adriatic."

Itinerary details are subject to change, see: <https://davidmcguffin.com/tours/croatia-land-sea/>

CROISE POST OF CALL & SIGHTSEEING TOURS

**SPLIT - TROGIR - BOL - VIS
BIŠEVO BLUE CAVE - HVAR
KORČULA - MLJET - SLANO
DUBROVNIK**



This tour's focus are the **Christmas Markets** that pop up all over Germany and Austria during the first weeks of December. These outdoor markets feature unique decorations, beautifully handcrafted arts, and endless opportunities to sample some great food and drinks in souvenir mugs.

But there is more to this tour than snow and markets! Enjoy visiting many destinations that, in the busy tourist season, are packed shoulder-to-shoulder with sweaty tourists. Traveling "off-season" means easy access to castles and sights in Salzburg, Schwangau, Rothenburg, Munich, Nürnberg, and more. There has never been a better time to visit Europe's winter wonderland destinations.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

Sunday, Day 1: Austria – Begin your Christmas Market adventure at the Munich Airport. Our first stop is beautiful Mondsee, home of a small Christmas Market and the basilica made famous as the "wedding church" in the Sound of Music. Later, arrive at your Salzburg hotel followed by dinner at one of David's favorite Salzburg restaurants. *Sleep 2 nights in Salzburg. Dinner.*

Monday, Day 2: Salzburg – Enjoy a drive through the Saltzgammertour countryside visiting several sights made famous by the movie, The Sound of Music. Later, we will return to Salzburg to explore the Christmas Markets, the castle and the old town.

Tuesday, Day 3: Innsbruck and Tirol – Visit Innsbruck for lunch and a look around their Christmas Markets. Continue on a scenic alpine journey to Reutte. *Sleep 1 night in Reutte. Dinner.*

Wednesday, Day 4: Castle Neuschwanstein and Rothenburg, Germany – After breakfast, we will take a short drive to the village of Schwangau for a guided tour of Schloss Neuschwanstein, famous as the home of "Mad" King Ludwig II of Bavaria. Later, arrive in the picture-perfect village of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This village is charming any time of the year but at Christmas it is delightful. Enjoy the afternoon exploring the Christmas markets, visiting the shops and wandering the cobbled lanes. *Sleep 2 nights in Rothenburg. Dinner.*

Thursday, Day 5: Rothenburg – You will have the entire day to do more exploring on your own in Rothenburg. Enjoy a wander in the castle gardens, a walk on the medieval-era town walls, plenty of shopping, wine tasting, and of course their little Christmas Market located on the town square.

Friday, Day 6: Nürnberg Christkindl Market
Nürnberg is the home to Germany's most famous Christmas Market. The entire town square is filled with over 180 wooden stalls, loaded with homemade crafts, local food, mulled wine and Christmas cheer. Each stall is decorated with red and white cloth and has become the model for all other Christmas markets in Europe. Later, travel to Munich. Once in the city, enjoy a walking tour of the sights with the remainder of the afternoon to explore the Christmas Markets, churches and pedestrian-friendly shopping areas. *Sleep 2 nights in Munich.*

Saturday, Day 7: Munich - Enjoy an event-free day in town. You may want to visit the markets, Residenz Palace, a museum or just take in the holiday atmosphere. Tonight, we'll meet for a festive grand farewell dinner at one of our favorite restaurants. *Dinner.*

Sunday, Day 8: Your tour ends this morning after breakfast.

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Christmas Markets pop up all over Europe during the first weeks of December. Each year, we feature several winter wonderland tours during the holiday Christmas season. These outdoor markets feature unique decorations, beautiful, handcrafted arts, and endless opportunities to sample some great food and countless varieties of glüwein, punch, and spiced drinks, served piping hot in souvenir mugs. But there is more to this tour than snow and markets! Enjoy visiting many destinations that, in the busy tourist season, are packed shoulder-to-shoulder with sweaty tourists. Traveling “off-season” means easy access to the sights and markets in Alsace, Strasbourg, Freiburg, Bolzano, and Munich.

TOUR ITINERARY

Sunday: Alsace and Strasbourg – Meet your Exploring Europe guide and driver at the Frankfurt (FRA) Airport. Drive the *Route du Vin* in Alsace and visit a winery for a tasting. Later, arrive in Strasbourg, known as France’s Capitale de Noël, the Capital of Christmas. Enjoy an orientation walk visiting several markets and squares in town. Then, enjoy dinner together at a typical Alsatian restaurant. *Sleep 2 nights in Strasbourg. Dinner included.*

Monday: Strasbourg – After breakfast, enjoy a guided walk and visit to a historic church, the Cathedral, and canal-laced, Le Petit France neighborhood. Then enjoy the remainder of the day and evening on your own exploring and shopping in Strasbourg.

Tuesday: The Black Forest and Freiburg – We’ll take a scenic drive through the Black Forest with sightseeing and craft stops. Later, arrive in Freiburg in plenty of time to experience the pedestrian town and the Christmas Markets. We’ll give you an orientation walk, and then set you free for the evening. *Sleep 1 night in Freiburg.*

Wednesday: Lindau and Füssen – Lindau is situated on an island in Lake Constance. We’ll make a stop here to experience their Christmas Markets and the beautiful lakeside promenade with sweeping views of the lake and Swiss Alps. Then, visit Schwangau and arrive in Austria for dinner. *Sleep 1 night near Schwangau. Dinner.*

Thursday: The Italian Dolomite Mountains Today, we’ll drive across the mountains into Austria and then through the Alps to Italy. We’ll set up in the beautiful Tyrolean town of Bolzano, definitely Italian, but with an Austrian influence. The Christmas Markets in and around Piazza Walther are loaded with food, drinks, local crafts, and a festive spirit.

After an orientation walk around town, we’ll set you free to experience the town and dinner on your own including admission to the South Tirol Museum of Archaeology and the 5,000 year old Ötzi, The Iceman. *Sleep 2 nights in Bolzano (Bozen, in German). Dinner.*

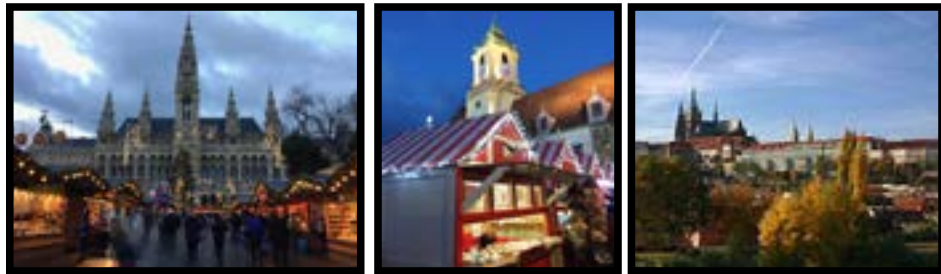
Friday: Alpine Villages, Funiculare, and “Snowball Express” Trains – After breakfast, let’s take a cable car up to the little resort village of Oberbozen. At an elevation of 4000 feet, it affords magnificent views of the Alps and Dolomites. Then we’ll board a narrow-gauge train to Klobenstein village. There are shops, stores, restaurants, and cafes to explore. Spend as much time up in the alpine villages as you like and take the train and cable car back to Bolzano at your leisure.

Saturday: Munich – Today, enjoy a scenic ride to Munich. Once in the city center, we’ll give you an orientation walk and set you free in Marianplatz, the main square and largest Christmas Market. Later, let’s meet for a grand farewell dinner, celebrating our tour successes and new friendships! *Sleep 1 night in Munich. Dinner.*

Sunday: Heading Home - Your tour ends today after breakfast at the hotel. The airport and train station are nearby, and your Exploring Europe guide will be happy to help you with your transfers. – Auf Wiedersehen!



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This is the perfect Winter/Christmas trip for those who have already experienced David's Classic Germany and Austria Christmas Markets. Eastern Europe presents a different experience offering varied handcrafted gifts, unique dining and cuisine, and an authentic look back to its recent Soviet-era heritage.

Traveling "off-season" means easy access to castles and sights in Budapest, Vienna, Bratislava, Prague, Munich, and more. Please consider joining us in Eastern Europe next December!

Your Adventure Starts Here!

TOUR ITINERARY

Sunday, Day 1: Munich Airport & Nürnberg

- Today, we will travel to Nürnberg, home of Germany's most famous Christmas Market. The town square has over 180 wooden stalls loaded with homemade crafts, local food, mulled wine, and Christmas cheer. Each stall is decorated with red and white cloth and has become the model for all other European Christmas markets. Enjoy a free afternoon. We will reconvene for dinner this evening to celebrate your winter holiday adventures. *Sleep 1 night in Nürnberg. Dinner.*

Monday, Day 2: Prague – We will get an early start on our journey to Prague, making a stop or two along the way. Once in Prague, we'll embark on an ambling walking tour through Prague's historic old town. We'll end our day with a traditional dinner in an authentic pub. *Sleep for 2 nights in Prague. Dinner.*

Tuesday, Day 3: Prague Castle – After breakfast, join your guide on a local tram crossing the Vltava River and up the hill to the largest castle complex in Europe. You'll visit St. Vitus Cathedral, the Royal Palace (when available), St. George's Basilica, and the "Golden Lane." Enjoy lunch and the remainder of the day and evening on your own to experience more of Prague and its Christmas Markets. Your guide will be available to help plan activities, such as a concert, dinner, or a performance at the unique Black Light Theatre.

Wednesday, Day 4: Vienna - Enjoy a scenic ride through the Czech countryside. Later, you'll arrive in Vienna, the capital city of Austria. Join an orientation walk with your guide and free time before dinner to explore the Christmas Markets. *Sleep for 2 nights in Vienna. Dinner.*

Thursday, Day 5: Vienna - After breakfast, we will begin a walking tour concentrating on the royal Habsburgs and their importance to this city. You will visit the Opera House (when

open), the Hofburg Palace, the Imperial Apartments, and the Royal Treasury. The remainder of the day and evening is free to explore another museum or a palace or slow down and enjoy the coffee café culture.

Friday, Day 6: Bratislava and Budapest – Bratislava, on the banks of the Danube River, is the capital of Slovakia. We'll stop here to experience the pedestrian-only 18th-century town known for its cheery cafes and Christmas Market vibe. Then it is on to Budapest, the capital city of Hungary. Enjoy a walking tour along the river in Pest town center. See the massive Parliament Building, several outdoor Christmas Markets, and the Great Indoor Market Hall. *Sleep for 2 nights in Budapest.*

Saturday, Day 7: Budapest – We will visit Castle Hill for a panoramic view of the city and countryside. You'll have the afternoon free to enjoy more of Budapest and perhaps take a relaxing plunge in a traditional public bath (swimming suit required). Later, we will meet for dinner to celebrate our final evening in Budapest. *Dinner.*

Sunday, Day 8: Your tour ends this morning - Have breakfast at our hotel. Your Exploring Europe tour leader will be available to assist with your exit plans, if needed. Merry Christmas!

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David McGuffin's Exploring Europe has a history of helping families, arrangements in Europe. We can tailor a travel experience to meet too far-fetched. If it is in Europe, we can help you plan it!

individuals, and specialty groups with independent and group travel your specific needs. No "group" is too small and no "travel dream"

EDUCATIONAL - MUSIC - ARTS

EXPLORING *Beyond* EUROPE



David McGuffin has thirty years experience as an educator in Florida public schools. He understands teachers and students, their travel style, and their need to experience diverse cultures, languages, history, and art.

After 22 years of Exploring Europe, we've ventured off the continent and beyond Europe. Beginning in 2025, David will plan, design, and lead a couple of tours a year featuring his favorite destinations beyond Europe.



Foreign Language, Art History Bands, Choirs, and Performing Arts can benefit from traveling with Exploring Europe.

If you can dream it, we will make it happen!

"Beyond" Europe premieres in May 2025 with an extremely small group Serengeti Safari Tour. Enjoy luxury guest tents, hospitable staff and local guides, great food, and all the wildlife you'll ever want to see. Keep up with davidmcguffin.com for details.

THE MOST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK AND VALUE FOR YOUR DOLLAR!

There are a lot of companies out there offering tours to Europe. I get to see many of them in action when leading my groups and always learn something from these “OTG” (other tour group) encounters. At times, I’ve gleaned some good ideas and tour strategies, but most often I see elements I sincerely hope to avoid on my tours.

Many OTG companies offer tours at unbelievably low prices designed to attract a clientele looking for a bargain at the lowest possible price. But, seasoned travelers know those bargain prices come with bargain service as well. When you add it all up, my Exploring Europe tours will always offer more bang for your buck and value for your dollar than most OTG companies.

My tours are not the “cheapest tours” to Europe. However, I pledge to offer a fantastic tour that includes many extraordinary experiences. Before investing your money on a vacation to Europe, consider the contrasts between the OTG and a David McGuffin Exploring Europe tour.

GROUP SIZE MATTERS

DAVID = 6-18 people traveling by private bus, speedy trains, or comfy minibus.

OTG = They try to pack all 48+ seats on a tour bus.

SIGHTSEEING COUNTS

DAVID = All sights, entrances, and admissions are included in the tour price.

OTG = Many sights not included, yet offered as an optional excursion for an extra cost.

TIPS, TACKY TOURIST STOPS, AND KICKBACKS

DAVID = All tips are included for our guides and drivers. We do not stop at tacky tourist stops along the way. Our drivers and guides do not accept kickbacks from anyone.

OTG= Guides and drivers work on a tight budget with a minimum salary. They are expected to make a “living” by offering their tour groups to merchants who, in turn, offer payment to the guides in the form of kickbacks. In essence, your tour becomes a big shopping spree with a little sightseeing.

ACCOMMODATIONS

DAVID = Our hotels are located in the city center, near the sights, and are generally small one-owner properties or belong to a respected European hotel chain. All have in -room bath facilities.

OTG = Big groups stay in big tourist hotels. These are often located far away from the city center without the possibility of sightseeing on your own time. However, there is usually an “optional” excursion offered into town... at an extra cost of course.

GUARANTEED TOUR PRICE

DAVID = My tour prices are guaranteed as soon as you send in your application and deposit. We will not raise your price, even if the exchange rate goes up, fuel becomes more expensive, or the group size is less than expected.

OTG = Many companies reserve the right to raise your price, even after your sign up and pay a deposit. Be sure to read their contract and check the nitty-gritty fine print.

DAVID MCGUFFIN’S TRAVEL BIOGRAPHY

David McGuffin went on his first trip to Europe in 1977 in college. With a group of his friends, that tour took him to Greece, Italy, and Israel. David says, “I was a travel rookie, having never ventured outside the Southeastern USA!” Imagine his excitement when boarding an airplane for his first flight ever. But that excitement paled compared to the wonder of touching down in Greece, a distant land he’d only read about in his Sunday School lessons!

Forget about jet lag. David was determined to make the most of this adventure. Each morning, he was up early, exploring the sights, neighborhoods, and “out of the way” lanes, searching for life beyond the typical tourist scene. Three weeks later, he returned home, was hooked on European travel, and determined to return someday.

For the next decade, David dreamed of returning to Europe, but the opportunity never seemed to come his way. It wasn’t until he married, had children, and began his career as a band teacher that the opportunity came knocking. David convinced fifteen of his band students and their parents to travel with him to Europe on an educational tour.

They enjoyed the tour experience, the varied cultures, and the local connections. But somehow, David knew there could be more. The student tour “package” and the concept of putting many people on a bus and showing them one sight after the other lacked cultural immersion and seemed more of a “canned” tour. David says, “I was looking for a more rewarding travel experience, more local character, more local food, more cultural diversity, and more value for my travel dollar.”

He studied Europe’s history, culture, and languages for the next few years. Pouring over maps of cities, towns, and countries, David tried to get a visual image of all there was to see and do. Soon, he began visiting Europe several times a year, applying what he learned to his explorations. David’s “on-the-ground” research took him to every major European city and hundreds of tiny “out of the way” locations. In these semi-undiscovered locales, it was here that his travel philosophy and style finally seemed to make sense.

Before long, David began organizing informal tours to Europe’s biggies like Rome, Paris, London, and Madrid. While touring the significant sights was necessary, He’d always throw in a few of his favorite little villages, restaurants, pubs, and hotels to add some contrast and flavor. Soon, David’s tour alumni were raving about “the little towns,” “that special dining experience,” or the “picnic with a fantastic view.” Finally, he’d found his niche, European travel designed to immerse his travel partners in the locale’s history, culture, and ambiance. In 2001, David established David McGuffin’s Exploring Europe, Inc. to offer European travel experiences. His company has been growing ever since! He still holds to his original tour values of immersing his travel partners in the ambiance of Europe! Nowadays, when traveling, he still looks for new destinations, great food, intimate hotels, and unique experiences to pass along to his travel partners. David is passionate about his travels in Europe and wants to share that passion with you!



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