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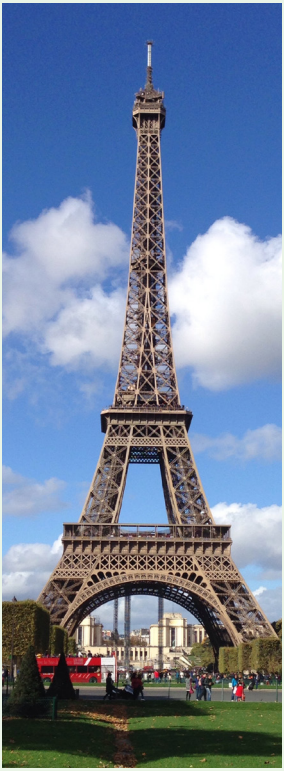
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Our mission *is to encourage Americans to broaden their cultural horizons through engaging and exciting travel experiences in Europe and beyond.*

Our tours are for small groups of up to 18 passengers and include daily activities and sightseeing, 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, 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, we aim 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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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 49th year of traveling to Europe and the 26th 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 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 always do it and have had years of practice to refine our skills. We know what we are doing when it comes to European travel!

More bang for your buck. I pledge to offer an amazing experience that includes many cultural, dining, and tourist activities. 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.

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 serving amazingly fresh, 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 trusted guides who share my love for European travel. We love personal interaction and sharing our 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 to 18 people. A small group is more flexible than a typical big-bus group, allowing us to see, do, and experience more. We provide a unique travel experience by treating you 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 each day to experience the sights and immerse ourselves in the destination's culture. 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 to you. Even if my tour costs change or the exchange rate jumps, we will never ask for more money.

Choice accommodations with class. I choose hotels that are clean, safe, have private baths, and are centrally located to the sights and/or 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. You can rest assured I have personally selected all our hotels for their quality, cleanliness, comfort, and location. Occasionally, you may have to walk up and down stairs, bring your own hair dryer, and even do without cool air conditioning. However, the payoff is a safe, centrally located hotel offering professional service, cleanliness, a good night's sleep, and an authentic European experience.

Travel protection and support. Your deposit is fully refundable for a specified period, as outlined in your tour contract. You'll get full details when you sign up for a tour. Should you need to cancel your tour, a full refund is available within 30 days of the date we receive your application and payment or deposit. Deposits and payments can be applied to future tours if you must cancel within 90 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.

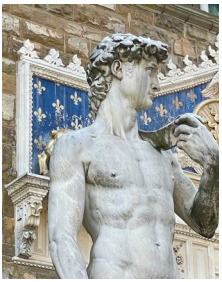


THE ESSENCE OF ITALY

10 days - ROME to FLORENCE



The Essence of Italy tour visits my all-time favorite destinations in Italy in ten days. In Rome, visit the essential tourist sights and famous destinations. The Cinque Terre is a seaside vacation where the mountains fall into the sea. Volterra, my favorite Tuscan hilltown, is filled with friends and history. An evening in Siena will have you living like a local. Finally, you'll have two days in Florence, walking in the footsteps of Michelangelo.





DAY 1: ROME COLOSSEUM - *Dinner*
DAY 2: THE VATICAN AND ROME
DAY 3: THE CINQUE TERRE -*Dinner*
DAY 4: THE CINQUE TERRE
DAY 5: VOLTERRA - *Dinner*
DAY 6: VOLTERRA
DAY 7: SIENA
DAY 8: FLORENCE
DAY 9: FLORENCE - *Dinner*
DAY 10: Yout tour ends today at noon.

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Key Elements: Nine nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Four authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and much more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Walking tours in Rome, Volterra, Siena, and Florence; Entrance to the Rome Colosseum and Forum; Guided tour in the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome; Cinque Terre orientation and a train and trail pass; Guided wine tasting in Tuscany; Guided tour of the Galleria Accademia in Florence (Michelangelo's David) and much more.

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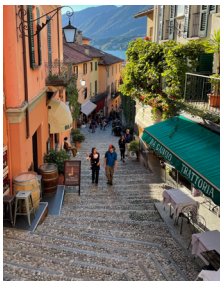
THE BEST OF ITALY

15 days - ROME to MILAN



Follow my ESSENCE of Italy route. Then, visit canal-laced Venice, followed by relaxing on beautiful Lake Como and looking at Milan's bustling city center.

DAY 1: ROME COLOSSEUM - *Dinner.*
DAY 2: THE VATICAN AND ROME
DAY 3: THE CINQUE TERRE - *Dinner.*
DAY 4: THE CINQUE TERRE
DAY 5: VOLTERRA - *Dinner.*
DAY 6: VOLTERRA
DAY 7: SIENA
DAY 8: FLORENCE
DAY 9: FLORENCE-*Dinner.*
DAY 10: VENICE - *Dinner.*
DAY 11: VENICE
DAY 12: LAKE COMO - *Dinner.*
DAY 13: LAKE COMO
DAY 14: MILAN - *Dinner.*
DAY 15: Tour ends today at noon.





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Key Elements: Fourteen nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Seven authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and much more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Walking tours in Rome, Volterra, Siena, Florence, Venice, and Milan; Entrance to the Rome Colosseum and Forum; Guided tour in the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica; Cinque Terre orientation and a train and trail pass; Guided wine tasting in Tuscany; Guided tour of the Galleria Accademia in Florence; Entry Basilica San Marco in Venice; and more.



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TUSCAN VILLA VACATION

10 days - FLORENCE & VOLTERRA









Join a small group of travelers for a vacation in Tuscany. Enjoy seven nights at the modern 21st-century Podere Marcampo near Volterra, Italy. Each day, we will explore the sites and experiences within driving distance. If you've been to Italy and seen the sights but were frazzled with a breakneck pace, this is your vacation experience!

DAY 1: FLORENCE - *Dinner*
DAY 2: CHIANTI/VOLTERRA - *Lunch*
DAY 3: VINEYARDS & WINE
DAY 4: SIENA & MARCAMPO
DAY 5: VOLTERRA & WINE
DAY 6: LUCCA & PISA
DAY 7: COOKING CLASS @ Winery
DAY 8: TUSCANY TOURING
DAY 9: FLORENCE - *Dinner*
DAY 10: Your tour ends today at noon.

Key Elements: Seven nights in a superior Tuscan winery villa; Two nights in Florence; Breakfast daily; Four or more authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Florence guided walking tour; Guided tour of the Accademia, home of Michelangelo's David; The American Cemetery at Florence; Chianti region driving tour; walking San Gimignano orientation; Volterra, Siena, Lucca, and Pisa walking tours; Two guided wine tastings; Comprehensive Cooking Winery class; and much more!

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TUSCAN VILLA AND ROME

12 days - FLORENCE - VILLA - ROME



Enjoy all the fun and experiences described during the Tuscan Villa Vacation with the bonus of two nights in ROME. After nine days of exploring Florence and Tuscany, join an Exploring Europe guided tour in Rome.

It is a quick train ride down to Rome, where you'll spend two days visiting the Eternal City's major attractions, such as the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, The Vatican Museum, the Pantheon, and more.





DAY 10: Train to ROME
DAY 11: ROME - *Dinner*
DAY 12: Your tour ends today at noon.



Key Elements: High-Speed Train from Florence to Rome; Two nights in a superior hotel; Breakfast daily; Multi-course dinner in Rome; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Rome Colosseum entry; Vatican Museum guided tour; St. Peter's Basilica entry; Rome history walking tour; and more.

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Plus, everything mentioned in the Tuscan Villa Vacation package.

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THE BEST OF SICILY

11 days - PALERMO to CATANIA







My Best of Sicily Tour includes the popular tourist sights, but the cultural experiences, small villages, and unique destinations often make the most vivid travel memories. We've come up with a balanced mix of both. Sicily will provide an intense dose of Italian culture supercharged with a Sicilian flair.

DAY 1: PALERMO - *Dinner*
DAY 2: PALERMO
DAY 3: TRAPINI - Lunch
DAY 4: TRAPANI
DAY 5: AGRIGENTO - *Dinner*
DAY 6: SYRACUSA
DAY 7: SYRACUSA - Dinner
DAY 8: ETNA/TAORMINA - *Dinner*
DAY 9: TAORMINA
DAY 10: CATANIA - *Dinner*
DAY 11: Your tour ends today at noon.

Key Elements: Ten nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Six authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Walking tour in Palermo; Entrance and tour at Monreale Cathedral; Segesta Temple; Erice orientation walk; Visit to the Salt Flats; Visit to the island of Mozia; Valley of the Temples tour; Villa Romana Casale; Ortygia neighborhood walk; Syracuse Neopolis Archaeological Park; Etna Winery and Tasting; WWII Landing Museum; Taormina Greek Theatre and walking tour; and more.

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AMALFI AND ISLANDS

9 days - ISCHIA ISLAND - SORRENTO

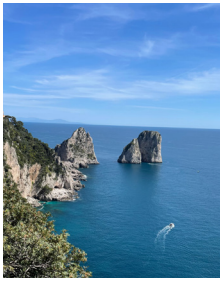


Visit the three islands in the Bay of Naples, the excavations of ancient Pompeii, and several villages along the beautiful Amalfi coast.

Slow down, relax, and unwind because in the south, 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, 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!





DAY 1: ROME-ISCHIA - Dinner
DAY 2: ISCHIA ISLAND
DAY 3: CAPRI ISLAND - Dinner
DAY 4: PROCIDA ISLAND
DAY 5: POMPEII/SORRENTO - Dinner
DAY 6: AMALFI COAST
DAY 7: SORRENTO - Dinner
DAY 8: ROME - Dinner
DAY 9: Your tour ends today at noon.



Key Elements: Seven nights in superior spa resort hotels; One night in Rome; Breakfast daily; Five authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides.

Included Tours & Admissions: Ischia Island driving tour; La Mortella Gardens; Capri walking and bus tour; Procida walking tour; Pizza in Naples; Pompeii guided tour; Amalfi Coast driving tour; Farmhouse winery dinner and cheese demo; Rome Colosseum entry and more!

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THE BEST OF THE MED

11 days - BARCELONA to CINQUE TERRE







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, the Luberon and Provence, and jet-setting adventures along the French Riviera.

Cap off your tour with three relaxing days on the beautiful Italian Riviera.

DAY 1: BARCELONA - *Dinner*
DAY 2: BARCELONA
DAY 3: CARCASSONNE
DAY 4: ARLES
DAY 5: LUBERON - *Dinner*
DAY 6: LUBERON
DAY 7: NICE - *Dinner*
DAY 8: CINQUE TERRE - *Dinner*
DAY 9: CINQUE TERRE
DAY 10: CINQUE TERRE - *Dinner*
DAY 11: Your tour ends today at noon.

Key Elements: Ten nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Five authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides.

Included Tours & Admissions: Guided walking tour in Barcelona; Visit Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia; Walking tour of medieval Carcassonne; Walking tour of historic Arles; entrance to the Roman Amphitheatre in Arles; Entrance to visit the Pont du Gard; Nice orientation walk; Cinque Terre village orientation and train and trail travel card; and more!

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THE BEST OF FRANCE

11 days - PARIS-BURGUNDY-LOIRE-NORMANDY-MSM



This Best of France tour distills the country to my top destinations in and around Paris. We'll begin 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.



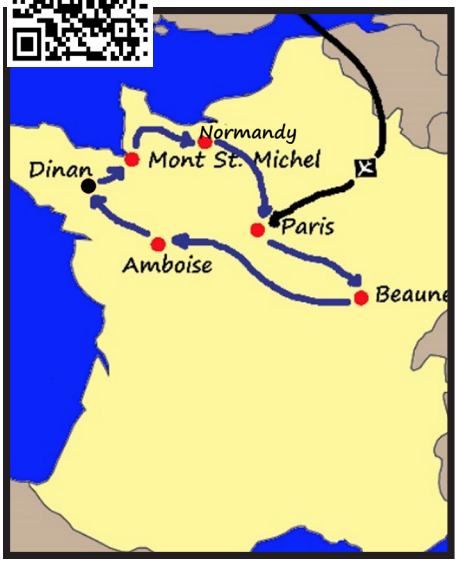


DAY 1: PARIS - *Dinner*
DAY 2: PARIS
DAY 3: PARIS
DAY 4: BURGUNDY - *Dinner*
DAY 5: LOIRE VALLEY - *Dinner*
DAY 6: LOIRE VALLEY
DAY 7: MONT ST. MICHEL
DAY 8: NORMANDY - *Dinner*
DAY 9: NORMANDY
DAY 10: PARIS - *Dinner*
DAY 11: Your tour ends today at noon.

Key Elements: Ten nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Five authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides.

Included Tours & Admissions: Seine River Cruise; Eiffel Tower admission; Louvre Museum entrance; Paris historic center walking tour; Montmartre/Pigalle walking tour; Métro transportation in Paris; Champs Elysées orientation; Vézelay orientation; Beaune walking tour to the vineyards; Chateau Chenonceau tour; Dinan orientation; Mont St. Michel orientation; D-Day Beaches driving tour; and much more.

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THE BEST OF SPAIN

13 days - BARCELONA to SEVILLE







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 little towns far off the beaten tourist path to experience the country's diverse cultures.

DAY 1: BARCELONA- *Dinner*
DAY 2: BARCELONA
DAY 3: MADRID- *Dinner*
DAY 4: MADRID
DAY 5: SEGOVIA- *Dinner*
DAY 6: TOLEDO
DAY 7: GRANADA
DAY 8: GRANADA- *Dinner*
DAY 9: NERJA
DAY 10: ANDALUCÍA VILLAGE
DAY 11: SEVILLA
DAY 12: SEVILLA- *Dinner*
DAY 13: Your tour ends today at noon.

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Key Elements: Twelve nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Five authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides.

Tours & Admissions: Barcelona Walking tour & La Sagrada Familia; Madrid Walking Tour, Palacio Real & Prado Museum; Segovia Walking Tour; Toledo Walking Tour & Cathedral; Granada Walking Tour & Alhambra; Nerja Orientation Walk; Sevilla Walking Tour; Flamenco Show, and the Alcázar.

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THE BEST OF PORTUGAL

11 days - LISBON to PORTO



Enjoy a laid-back and worry-free experience while connecting Portugal's important destinations and landmarks. We will visit the capital of Lisbon and connect its history with great explorers and navigators. Then let's get out into the countryside to learn about Portugal, its people, and its rich history that connected the ancient world to the new world.





DAY 1: LISBON- *Dinner*
DAY 2: LISBON & BÉLEM
DAY 3: SINTRA & LISBON
DAY 4: OBIDOS & FATIMA- *Dinner*
DAY 5: FÁTIMA - *Lunch*
DAY 6: COIMBRA & AVEIRO
DAY 7: DUORO RIVER- *Dinner*
DAY 8: DUORO RIVER
DAY 9: PORTO
DAY 10: PORTO- *Dinner*
DAY 11: Your tour ends at noon

Key Elements: Ten nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Five authentic multi-course meals; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides.

Included Tours & Admissions: Comprehensive walking tour in Lisbon; Fado music experience; Belém walking tour; Fátima, Porto, Coimbra, Aveiro, Lamego, and Amarate orientation walks; Duoro Wine Valley driving tour; several wine tastings; Porto walking tour; and more!

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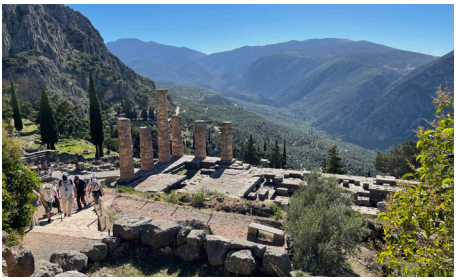


THE BEST OF GREECE

9 days - ATHENS to ATHENS

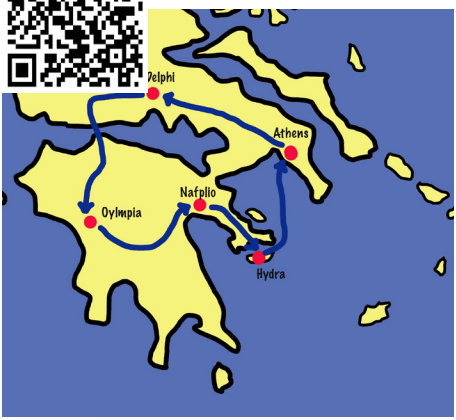


My Best of Greece tour weaves my favorite Greek destinations into this itinerary. We begin in the countryside at Delphi, home of the ancient Oracle and her temples. After crossing the Bay of Corinth, we'll spend several days on the Peloponnese Peninsula, visiting ancient temples, worship sites, historic cities, and theatres. Hopping on a ferry, enjoy a short ride to traffic-free Hydra Island for two days of relaxation. Then it is off to Athens, where we'll dedicate two days to exploring this capital city. My Best of Greece tour perfectly combines sightseeing, education, and relaxation.



DAY 1: DELPHI- *Dinner*
DAY 2: OLYMPIA - *Dinner*
DAY 3: NAFPLIO - *Dinner*
DAY 4: NAFPLIO
DAY 5: HYDRA - *Dinner*
DAY 6: HYDRA
DAY 7: ATHENS
DAY 8: ATHENS - *Dinner*
DAY 9: Your tour ends today at noon.

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Key Elements: Eight nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Five authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and much more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Athens Plaka walking tour; Acropolis tour; Acropolis Museum entrance; Delphi tour; Ancient Olympia tour; Mycenae tour; Epidavros entry; Nafplio orientation; Hydra orientation; Ferry transfers to and from Hydra; and more.

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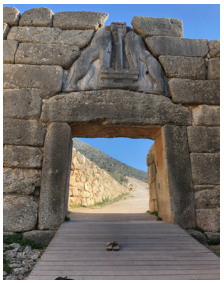
BEST OF GREECE+SANTORINI

12 days - ATHENS to ATHENS



My Best of Greece & Santorini tour visits my favorite Greek mainland and island destinations. This tour includes everything mentioned in my 9-day Best of Greece tour.

Then, we will hop on a short flight to Santorini, home of white-washed villages on an ancient volcanic caldera, for three nights.



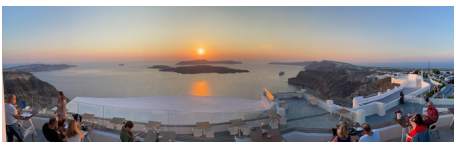




DAY 1: DELPHI- *Dinner*
DAY 2: OLYMPIA - *Dinner*
DAY 3: NAFPLIO - *Dinner*
DAY 4: NAFPLIO
DAY 5: HYDRA - *Dinner*
DAY 6: HYDRA
DAY 7: ATHENS
DAY 8: ATHENS - *Dinner*
DAY 9: SANTORINI
DAY 10: SANTORINI
DAY 11: SANTORINI - *Dinner*
DAY 12: Fly to Athens

Key Elements: Twelve nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Six authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; Round Trip Flight to Santorini; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and much more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Santorini bus and walking tour; A four-hour Catamaran Sunset Cruise with dinner and swimming on the Caldera; and more.



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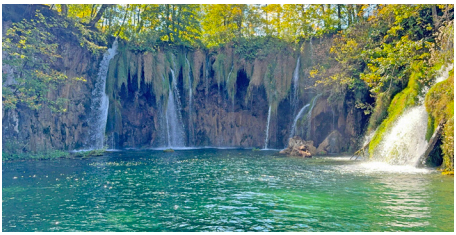
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CROATIA LAND AND SEA

13 days - BUDAPEST to DUBROVNIK







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Budapest brims with Hapsburg charm, tempting thermal bathes, and a cuisine unlike any other in Europe. Croatia's Baranja region overflows with culture, fine wine, grandeur churches, and Lippizzaner horses. Zagreb, Croatia's capital, is elegant and refined, a Habsburg mix of Vienna and Budapest. The Plitvice National Park is an unusual mix of tropical greenery, azure lakes, and cascading waterfalls. Sinj is famous for "Our Lady of Sinj," a religious relic and the Alka knights' history. These experiences and off-the-beaten-path routes will open your eyes to the diversity of Croatia.

DAY 1: BUDAPEST- Dinner
DAY 2: BUDAPEST
DAY 3: OSIJEK -Dinner
DAY 4: ZAGREB
DAY 5: PLITVICE - Lunch
DAY 6: SINJ & SPLIT - embarkation
DAY 7-13: ADRIATIC CRUISE

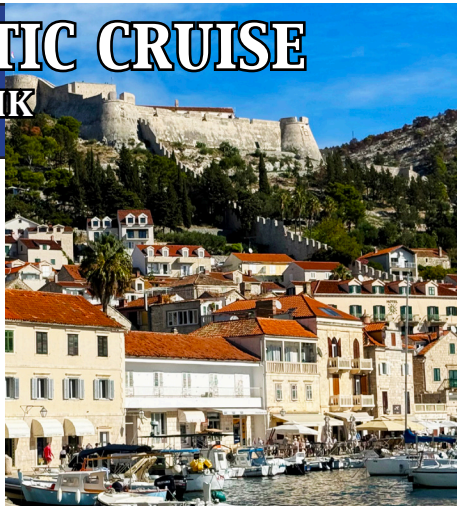
Key Elements: Five nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Four authentic multi-course lunches or dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; Plus all mentioned

Included Tours & Admissions: Two Budapest walking tours; Danube River Cruise; Baranja Driving tour; Winery visit; Vineyard dinner with traditional tambura musicians; Lippizzaner horse training facility and farm; Zagreb walking tour; Plitvice Lakes walking orientation; Sinij Cathedral; Alka Knights Museum; Plus all mentioned

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CROATIA ADRIATIC CRUISE

8 days - SPLIT to DUBROVNIK



Croatia is a diverse country stretching from the confluence of the Danube and Drava Rivers near Hungary to its azure Adriatic shores. It boasts a rich history and culture that has evolved over millennia.

This eight-day cruise along Croatia's Adriatic coast features a luxury yacht that will exceed expectations. 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 in Croatia.



DAY 1: SPLIT HARBOR- *Dinner*
DAY 2: SPLIT-TROGIR - *Lunch*
DAY 3: BOL-HVAR -*Lunch*
DAY 4: VIS - *Lunch*
DAY 5: KORCULA -*Lunch*
DAY 6: SLANO - *Dinner*
DAY 7: DUBROVNIK - *Lunch*
DAY 8: DISEMBARKATION



Key Elements: Seven nights on a Deluxe Superior 36-passenger (or fewer) ship; Breakfast daily; Six Lunches; Captain's Dinner with Live Music; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and much more!

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Included Tours, Admissions, and Events: Biševo Blue Cave; Mljet National Park entrance; Time on your own in Trogir, Vis, Hvar, and Korčula; Daily cabin cleaning service; Free Wi-Fi on board; Elegance Rooftop Jacuzzi (Sun deck); and more.

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LONDON+PARIS CITY

9 days - LONDON & PARIS

The London and Paris City tour lets you settle in and experience two of Europe's major capital cities. London is full of history, theatre, and Royal experiences. The EuroStar high-speed train zips you from London to Paris in less than three hours. We've included all the major tourist sights and must-see attractions in Paris, but there is plenty of time to slow down and enjoy the City of Light!

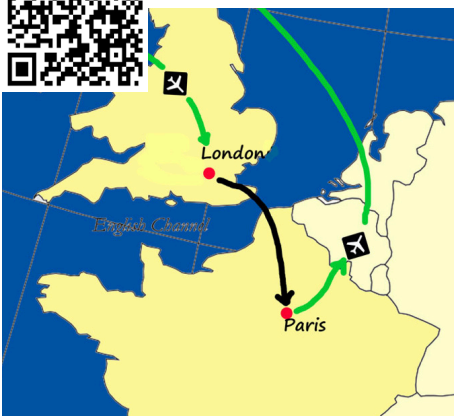




DAY 1: LONDON- *Dinner*
DAY 2: LONDON
DAY 3: LONDON
DAY 4: LONDON
DAY 5: PARIS - *Dinner*
DAY 6: PARIS
DAY 7: PARIS
DAY 8: PARIS - *Dinner*
DAY 9: Your tour ends today at noon.

Key Elements: Eight nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Three authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; EuroStar Chunnel Train; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and much more!

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Included Tours & Admissions: LONDON- Westminster Walking tour; Double-Decker Bus tour; Westminster Abbey Tour; Tower of London Tour; Watch the Changing of Guards; River Thames Cruise; Windsor Castle Tour. PARIS- Latin Quarter and Notre Dame Walking Tour; Notre Dame Basilica Entry; River Seine Cruise; Louvre Museum Entrance; Eiffel Tower Ascent; Montmartre Walking Tour; Sacre Cour Basilica Entry; and more!

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LONDON+PARIS+ROME CITY

13 days - LONDON & PARIS & ROME



The London, Paris, and Rome City tour lets you settle in and experience three of Europe's major capital cities. This tour includes everything mentioned in my 9-day London & Paris City Tour.

Then, jet to Rome for four days of history, culture, and cuisine. You'll visit the "biggies," such as the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Pantheon, and still have time to slow down and experience La Dolce Vita.

DAY 1-8: see London/Paris City Tour



DAY 9: Fly to ROME- *Dinner*
DAY 10: ROME
DAY 11: ROME
DAY 12: ROME - *Dinner*
DAY 13: Your tour ends today at noon.



Key Elements: Twelve nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Six authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; EuroStar Chunnel Train; Flight to Rome; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and much more!

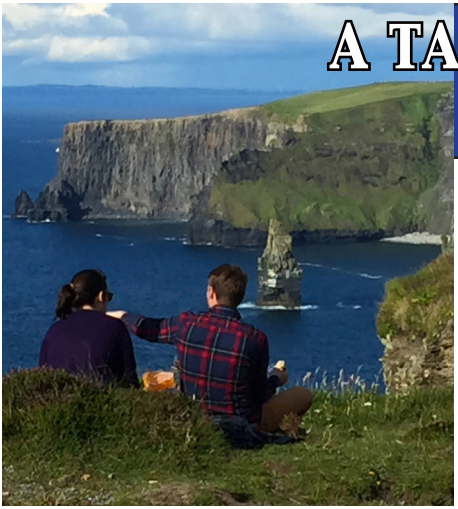
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Included Tours & Admissions: Everything mentioned in the London & Paris City Tour. PLUS-



ROME - Colosseum & Forum tour; Baroque Rome Walking tour; The Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica tour; Trastevere Foodie tour; and more!

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A TASTE OF IRELAND

8 days - GALWAY to DUBLIN

The Taste of Ireland tour is the perfect eight days of sightseeing and cultural experiences, offering a worry-free journey of Ireland's history, culture, music, and cuisine. We'll introduce you to Ireland's history, culture, and charm in Galway. Then, we will head to 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 island's best food, music, and craic!





DAY 1: GALWAY- *Dinner*
DAY 2: GALWAY-ARAN ISLAND
DAY 3: DINGLE -*Dinner*
DAY 4: DINGLE
DAY 5: KILKENNY - *Dinner*
DAY 6: DUBLIN
DAY 7: DUBLIN - *Dinner*
DAY 8: Your tour ends today at noon.

Key Elements: Seven nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Four authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Dublin walking tour; The Guinness Storehouse and Gravity Bar; Entrance to the Book of Kells and Trinity College Experience; Glendalough Monastic site and the Wicklow mountains; entrance to Blarney Castle and its famous kissing stone; Dingle Peninsula Driving Tour; The Blasket Centre; The Cliffs of Moher experience; Galway City orientation tour; Full-day excursion to Inishmore Aran Island; and more!

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THE BEST OF IRELAND

12 days - BELFAST to DUBLIN



Ireland is the land of forty shades of green, all the sheep you'll ever want to count, and a warm welcome on every doorstep! This tour is the perfect twelve days of sight-seeing and cultural experiences, offering a worry-free journey of Ireland's history, culture, music, and cuisine.

DAY 1: BELFAST - *Dinner*
DAY 2: BELFAST
DAY 3: COUNTY ANTRIM
DAY 4: WESTPORT
DAY 5: GALWAY- *Dinner*
DAY 6: GALWAY-ARAN ISLAND
DAY 7: DINGLE - *Dinner*
DAY 8: DINGLE
DAY 9: KILKENNY - *Dinner*
DAY 10: DUBLIN
DAY 11: DUBLIN - *Dinner*
DAY 12: Your tour ends today at noon.





Key Elements: Eleven nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Five authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and much more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Dublin walking; Guinness Storehouse & Gravity Bar; Book of Kells & Trinity College; Glendalough Monastic site & Wicklow mountains; Blarney Castle & its famous kissing stone; Dingle Peninsula Driving Tour; Blasket Centre; Cliffs of Moher; Galway City orientation; Inishmore Aran Island; Connemara National Park driving tour; Kylemore Abbey; Derry walking tour; The Giant's Causeway; Dunluce Castle; Titanic Belfast Experience; Belfast driving and walking tour; and more!

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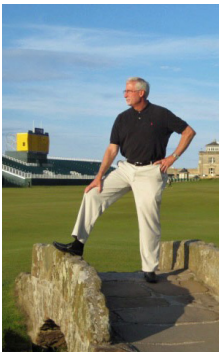


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IRELAND–SCOTLAND

14 days - GALWAY to EDINBURGH







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In Ireland, you'll visit Dublin, ancient monastic sites, fairy forts, geological wonders, and charming villages while enjoying some of the island's best food, music, and craic! After a quick flight across the Irish Sea, experience the capital city of Edinburgh. Then, enjoy another four days in the highlands and islands.

DAY 1: GALWAY- *Dinner*
DAY 2: GALWAY-ARAN ISLAND
DAY 3: DINGLE -*Dinner*
DAY 4: DINGLE
DAY 5: KILKENNY - *Dinner*
DAY 6: DUBLIN
DAY 7: DUBLIN - *Dinner*
DAY 8: Fly to EDINBURGH - *Dinner*
DAY 9: EDINBURGH
DAY 10: ST. ANDREWS-HIGHLANDS
DAY 11: HIGHLANDS - *Dinner*
DAY 12: OBAN
DAY 13: ISLANDS-OBAN -*Dinner*
DAY 14: Glasgow Airport by 10:00 am

Key Elements: Thirteen nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Seven authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; Flight from Dublin to Edinburgh; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Guinness Storehouse; Book of Kells and Trinity College; Glendalough Monastic site; Blarney Castle; Dingle Peninsula Driving Tour; The Blasket Centre; The Cliffs of Moher; Galway City tour; Inishmore Aran Island; Edinburgh Castle; Edinburgh HOHO Bus; St Andrews Walk; Culloden; Loch Ness Cruise; Urquhart Castle; Iona & Mull Cruise; and more.

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IRELAND-SCOTLAND-WALES

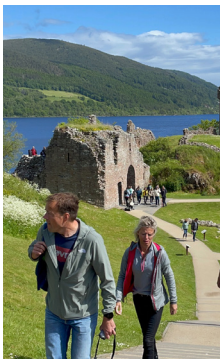
18 days - GALWAY to NORTH WALES

This tour is the perfect eighteen days of sightseeing and cultural experiences in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Enjoy all the experiences of Ireland and Scotland with the bonus of four nights in England and North Wales.



Crossing the border into England, enjoy a quiet evening in the Lake District before visiting North Wales with medieval castles, slate mines, cog railways, and scenic vistas.

DAY 1-13: Ireland & Wales Tour Route





DAY 14: OBAN-ENGLAND LAKES
DAY 15: NORTH WALES - Dinner
DAY 16: NORTH WALES
DAY 17: NORTH WALES - Dinner
DAY 18: Your tour ends at Manchester Airport by 10:00 am

Key Elements: Seventeen nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Nine authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; Flight from Dublin to Edinburgh; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Everything mentioned in our ireland and Scotland tour.

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Plus these attractions in North Wales - Bodnant Gardens entry; Conwy Castle entry; Trefriw Working Mill and Shop visit; Deep Slate Mine Guide Tour; Steam Locomotive excursion in Snowdonia National Park; and more.

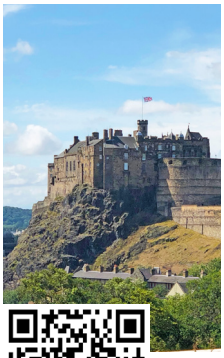
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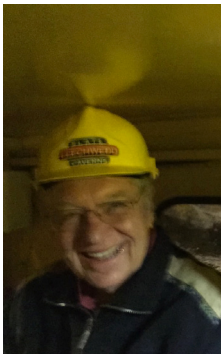
SCOTLAND AND WALES

11 days - EDINBURGH to MANCHESTER



Enjoy the grandeur of Edinburgh, its cliff-hanging castle, St. Andrews and the vast, rugged beauty of the Scottish Highlands. Then visit Scotland's west coast in the fishing village of Oban and the remote Hebrides Islands. In England, relax in 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.





DAY 1: EDINBURGH- Dinner
DAY 2: EDINBURGH
DAY 3: ST ANDREWS-HIGHLAND
DAY 4: INVERNESS- Dinner
DAY 5: OBAN
DAY 6: MULL & IONA- Dinner
DAY 7: LAKE DISTRICT
DAY 8: N WALES- Dinner
DAY 9: N WALES
DAY 10: N WALES- Dinner
DAY 11: Your tour ends at 10:00 am.

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Key Elements: Ten nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Five authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides.

Included Tours & Admissions: Edinburgh walking tour; Edinburgh Castle entry; Edinburgh Bus tour; Culross and manor house entrance; St. Andrews town & Old Course; Culloden Battlefield audio-guided tour; Loch Ness cruise; Oban orientation stroll; Isle of Mull and Iona cruise and tour; North Wales village walk and castle entrance; Bodnant Gardens; Trefriw Woolen Mills; Blaenau Ffestiniog Slate Mine; scenic steam train ride in Northern Wales; and more.

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GERMANY-AUSTRIA-SWISS

12 days - VIENNA to MUNICH



This tour starts in Vienna, famous for its castles, kings, and music. Then, relax for two days in Salzburg. Castle Neuschwanstein gives a taste of Bavaria's charm. In Switzerland, we'll head to my favorite alpine village in the Lauterbrunnen valley. Then, we will follow the Rhine River through the Black Forest to the quaint 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.





DAY 1: VIENNA- Dinner
DAY 2: VIENNA
DAY 3: SALZBURG- Dinner
DAY 4: SALZBURG
DAY 5: NEUSCHWANSTEIN- Dinner
DAY 6: SWISS ALPS - Dinner
DAY 7: SWISS ALPS
DAY 8: ROTHENBURG - Dinner
DAY 9: ROTHENBURG
DAY 10: DACHAU-MUNICH
DAY 11: MUNICH- Dinner
DAY 12: Your tour ends at noon today.

Key Elements: Eleven nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Six authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Walking tours in Vienna; Salzburg, Rothenburg, and Munich; Vienna Hofburg Palace tour; Sound of Music walking and driving tour; Castle Neuschwanstein guided tour; Swiss Alps orientation and free day for alpine experiences; Dachau WWII concentration camp visit; and more.

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David McGuffin's EXPLORING EUROPE

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Christmas Markets in Europe abound during the last six weeks of the year. These outdoor markets feature unique decorations, beautifully handcrafted arts, endless opportunities to sample great food, and countless varieties of glüwein, punch, and spiced drinks, served piping hot in souvenir mugs.

But there is more to these tours than snow-sprinkled markets! You'll enjoy visiting many destinations that, in the busy tourist season, are packed shoulder-to-shoulder with sweaty tourists. Traveling "off-season" means easier access to castles and sights, attractions, and festive markets. The weather, although chilly, contributes to the festive atmosphere. If you are looking for laid-back travel and off-the-beaten-path destinations, this is the best time to visit Europe's winter wonderland destinations.

THREE CONTRASTING CHRISTMAS MARKETS TOURS

I developed my first Christmas Market tour years ago for my teacher friends. We were ready for the winter school holidays, and a festive trip to snowy Germany and Austria seemed to be a perfect escape from muggy Florida. Our tours in December became very popular, so much so that our alumni asked me to find other "Christmas" destinations. During the pandemic, Charlotte and I found ourselves with flights booked to Germany but no tour passengers because we had to cancel our tours as most of Europe was shut down due to a of a resurgence of Covid-19. We flew to Munich anyway, rented a car, and began "Chasing Christmas." Each morning, I'd research what countries, regions, and towns had Christmas festivities or, in some cases, were even letting tourists cross their borders. Then, we'd hop in the car and drive, sometimes for hours, in search of glüwein and holiday cheer. During those few weeks in 2021, I developed two more festive Christmas Market routes that we've continued to this day!



Classic Christmas Markets



Christmas Central Europe



Christmas Western Europe

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CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS

8 days - GERMANY and AUSTRIA



Plan to arrive at the Munich Airport by 10:30, and we'll be underway to Salzburg soon thereafter. You'll visit many Christmas Markets on this tour route, but that's not all. We'll always introduce the history, culture, and notable attractions. Salzburg's churches and rock-top fortress, Innsbruck alpine ambiance, Hermann's hotel and exquisite dining, Ludwig's Neuschwanstein Castle, Munich's Bavaria style, and the fairytale charm of Rothenburg all contribute to a lifetime of wonderful memories.



DAY 1: MUNICH AIRPORT
to SALZBURG- *Dinner*
DAY 2: SALZBURG
DAY 3: INVERNESS AUSTRIA- *Dinner*
DAY 4: ROTHENBURG- *Dinner*
DAY 5: *ROTHENBURG*
DAY 6: MUNICH
DAY 7: MUNICH - *Dinner*
DAY 8: Your tour ends at noon today.

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Key Elements: Seven nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Four authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!



Included Tours & Admissions: Holiday Christmas Markets and walking city orientations in Salzburg, Innsbruck, Munich, Rothenburg, and Nürnberg; Salzgammergut driving tour and notable Sound of Music film sights; Castle Neuschwanstein guided tour; and more.

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CHRISTMAS CENTRAL EUROPE

8 days - GERMANY-PRAGUE-VIENNA-BUDAPEST



We suggest you arrive a day early in Munich and stay overnight downtown. On Day 1, we'll hop on a fast train to Nürnberg. Your adventure starts at Europe's largest Christmas market. All the markets have "Christmas" as a common theme, but each locale varies with its culture, language, and traditions. Three capital cities and millions of illuminated lights will have you singing *Jingle Bells* all the way home!



DAY 1: NÜRNBERG- *Dinner*
DAY 2: PRAGUE - Dinner
DAY 3: PRAGUE
DAY 4: VIENNA -Dinner
DAY 5: VIENNA
DAY 6: BUDAPEST
DAY 7: BUDAPEST - *Dinner*
DAY 8: Your tour ends at noon today.

Key Elements: Seven nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Four authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!

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Included Tours & Admissions: Holiday Christmas Markets and walking city orientations in Nürnberg, Prague, Vienna, and Budapest; Prague Castle admission; Hofburg Palace tour in Vienna; and more.



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CHRISTMAS WESTERN EUROPE

8 days - GERMANY-FRANCE-ITALY



Beginning at the Frankfurt Airport, we'll head across the Rhine River to the Alsatian wine country in France for a tasting and vineyard visit. Then, experience three countries, cultures, and languages as we hop through varied Christmas Markets, celebrating the festive holidays!



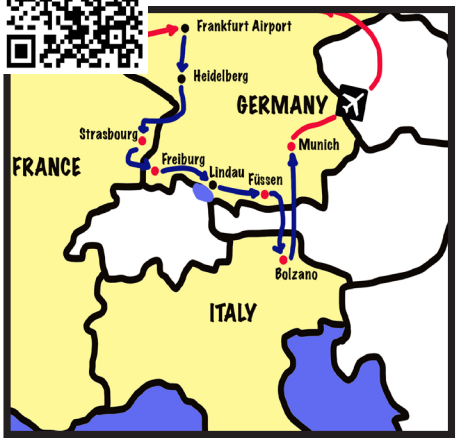


DAY 1: ALSACE-STRASBOURG- *Dinner*
DAY 2: STRASBOURG
DAY 3: FREIBURG
DAY 4: BAVARIA- *Dinner*
DAY 5: BOLZANO
DAY 6: BOLZANO
DAY 7: MUNICH - *Dinner*
DAY 8: Your tour ends at noon today.

Key Elements: Seven nights in superior hotels; Breakfast daily; Three authentic multi-course dinners; All group transportation; All-inclusive pricing; No hidden fees; Tips included; Professional tour guides; and more!

Included Tours & Admissions: Holiday Christmas Markets and walking city orientations in Strasbourg, Freiburg, Bolzano, and Munich; Black Forest driving tour; Cuckoo clocks shops; Triburg Waterfall entry; Dolomite Funicular ascent to alpine villages; and more.

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David McGuffin's
EXPLORING beyond EUROPE

11 days begins and ends at JRO Kilimanjaro

TANZANIA SERENGETI SAFARI







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Our tour begins in Arusha, in the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro, where you'll have a restful evening at a resort to acclimate to Tanzania. Then, we are off for a 9-day adventure beginning with the Ngorongoro Crater and the nomadic Maasai people. Enjoy a peek into their culture and homeland, and experience your first opportunity to see the wildlife.

Leaving the lofty crater, we will ride down to the Serengeti Plain and set up for five nights at the Dancing Duma Luxury Safari Camp. We'll venture out with local guides on a game drive safari in Land Rovers/Cruisers each day. Unlike other safari companies, who pack eight or more people in these vehicles, we insist on four people per vehicle, providing a roomy and pleasurable safari experience. In the evening, unwind in luxurious, eco-friendly safari camps in the middle of the wild. Then, settle into comfy-soft beds to drift to sleep to the sounds of the Serengeti.

Later, we will drive to the Northern Serengeti to experience the "great migration," where wild animals race across the Mara River while crocodiles lay in wait. After a quick flight, we will return to Arusha and our resort for an afternoon of sightseeing, shopping, and relaxation.

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ECUADOR AND GALÁPAGOS

12 days begins and ends at Quito

David McGuffin's
EXPLORING beyond EUROPE

We have collaborated with friends and travel partners in Ecuador to design this fantastic adventure. Join David and Charlotte McGuffin on this trek exploring capital cities, lush mountains, jungles of the Amazon, and the Galápagos. Along the way, you'll meet Indigenous people, photograph varied wildlife, visit historic churches, ancient temples and monuments, rugged mountains, waterfalls, and volcanoes, and cruise the Galápagos on our private chartered catamaran yacht, *The Anahi*. We've designed the tour in three segments, allowing flexibility to hop on or off depending on your time and budget.







★The tour begins with eight days of visiting Ecuador's capital, Quito, the mountains, the Equator Monument and "Middle of the World," the jungles of the Amazon, and the Chimborazo Volcano.

★Then, flying from the mainland to Baltra Island, we'll board The Anahi, our private yacht catamaran, for a five-day adventure around the Galapagos. Enjoy seeing and photographing diverse and rare wildlife, sea life, flora, and fauna.

★Still seeking more adventure in the Galápogos? Why not continue another four-days aboard The Anahi? It is the perfect opportunity to discover the extensive biodiversity of the Galápagos Islands and also a route that visits the places with the most significant history of the islands' first residents.

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HOP-ON

We've designed several of our tour routes to flow from one to the other seamlessly.
ate a trip. We often refer to these as our HOP-ON-HOP-OFF tour routes.
chure. But others, such as Rome to Venice or Greece and Italy, are possibilities, too.

THE BEST OF IRELAND & A TASTE OF IRELAND

HOHO in GALWAY



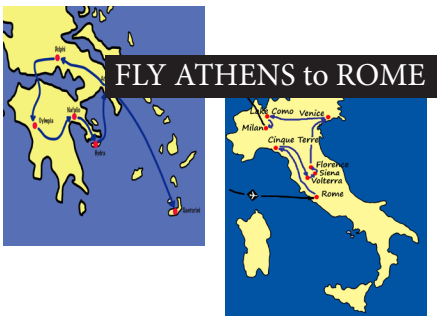
IRELAND-SCOTLAND-WALES

HOHO in DUBLIN/EDINBURGH



GREECE AND ITALY

BACK-TO-BACK TOURS



LONDON-PARIS-ROME

HOHO in PARIS

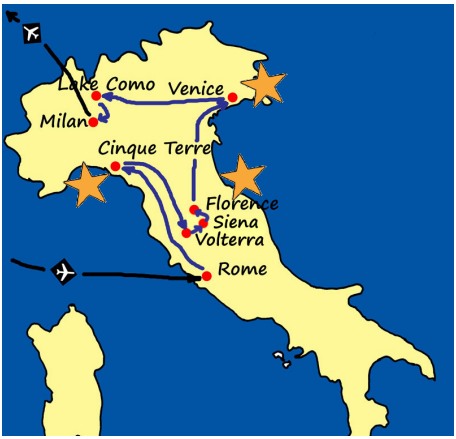


HOP-OFF

Other routes have logical stopping points for those short on time or wanting to abbrevi-
Routes such as our Ireland, Scotland, and Wales tours are clearly defined in this bro-
If you can dream it, we can usually make a HOHO route work. Here are a few examples.

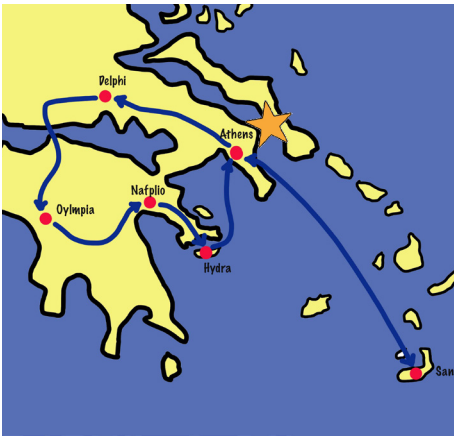
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THE BEST OF ITALY

FLORENCE/VENICE/5TERRE



GREECE

HOHO in ATHENS



TUSCAN VILLA AND ROME

HOHO in FLORENCE



ALL CROATIA & BALKAN TOURS

HOHO in many locations

Croatia Land & Sea- 13 days
Option to cruise only- 8 days

PRIVATE & CUSTOM ITINERARIES FOR SINGLES,





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!

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

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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 many 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 50+ 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 properties or a member of a respected European hotel group. 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 you 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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