

ITINERARY and LIST OF ACTIVITIES.

(Included Meals: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)

Day 1 – 04 September 2022 (Sun) – Arrival in Brussels, Belgium (1 night in Brussels)

Currency: Euro

Welcome to Belgium and the thriving capital city of Brussels! Meet your Tour Director and enjoy a group transfer from the airport to your hotel. This evening join together for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

Day 2 – 05 September (Mon) – Brussels – Waterloo – Luxembourg (2 nights in Luxembourg City)

Currency: Euro

After breakfast, a local guide joins you for your orientation tour of the city. Features include the Rue Royale, the Parliament Buildings, the Royal Palace, and St. Michael's Cathedral. Continue on foot and enter GRAND'PLACE to admire its baroque guild houses and the gothic Town Hall. You won't want to leave Brussels without touching the statue of Everard t'Serclaes, a 14th-century hero, for good luck, and taking pictures of the tiny but world-famous statue of Manneken Pis. Continue just outside the city to WATERLOO. Visit the site where Napoleon was defeated and European history changed course, and relive the famous Battle of Waterloo. Later, arrive in Luxembourg, capital of one of Europe's smallest sovereign states. (B)

Day 3 – 06 September (Tue) – Luxembourg

Morning sightseeing with your Local Guide covers the city's past and present—from the fortifications and the Old Town, perched high atop a sandstone outcrop with striking views of the Alzette and Pétrusse Gorges, to the modern administrative center of European institutions. Visit the CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY, see the turreted Grand Ducal Palace, take a stroll along the panoramic cliff path known as "the most beautiful balcony in Europe," and see the GRAVE OF GENERAL PATTON. (B, D)

Day 4 – 07 September (Wed) – Luxembourg – Rüdesheim, Germany – Rhineland (1 night in Rhineland)

Currency: Euro

Take the morning to explore Luxembourg on your own. This afternoon, enter Germany and the Rhine Valley, where a true highlight is in store. Enjoy a WINE TASTING at Breuer's Rüdesheimer Schloss in the capital of the Riesling wine country, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Then continue to your hotel in the heart of Rhineland. (B, D)

Day 5 – 08 September (Thu) – Rhineland – Black Forest – Rhine Falls, Switzerland – Vaduz, Liechtenstein (2 nights in Vaduz)

Currency: Swiss Franc

As you continue south, discover the wonders of Germany's fairytale Black Forest. Join an expert local guide and travel into the thick pine and fir forests to the VOGTSBAUERNHOF OPEN-AIR MUSEUM to learn how people have lived and worked in Black Forest farmhouses over the past four centuries. This living-history museum features a farmhouse dating back to 1612, as well as historic buildings dedicated to dairy and livestock farming, textiles, woodworking,

forestry, glassblowing, and other trades. Enjoy a traditional lunch and sample Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte, the delectable world-famous Black Forest cherry cake! Finish your day by visiting a workshop of a local WOODCARVER who produces traditional cuckoo clocks and other elaborate hand-crafted items. Continue to Vaduz, and the pocket-sized Principality of Liechtenstein. (B, L)

Day 6 – 09 September (Fri) – Vaduz

Nestled right along the Rhine River, the capital city also boasts the location of the national parliament. Despite being one of the very few capital cities in Europe without an airport or railway station, the city has a very lively tourism industry. Your Tour Director will take you on a tour of cities more famous landmarks. Afterwards, head to the KUNSTMUSEUM LIECHTENSTEIN which houses the principalities Fine Art Gallery. A local guide joins you here to make the most of your visit. The balance of your day is at leisure to explore. While it is not open to the public, make sure to get a picture of Vaduz Castle that sits atop a steep hill in the middle of the city. It is here where the reigning Prince of Liechtenstein resides. (B, D)

Day 7 – 10 September (Sat) – Vaduz – Milan, Italy – Bergamo (1 night in Bergamo)

Currency: Euro

Cross into Italy and to the to the dynamic city of Milan, where a local guide will take you for a pleasant walk to see La Scala Opera House, the glass-domed GALLERIA, and the magnificent gothic Duomo. Leave Milan and stop at Busseto to see Giuseppe Verdi's birthplace. Arrive in Bergamo, where dinner at a local restaurant awaits. (B, D)

Day 8 – 11 September (Sun) – Bergamo – Bologna – City of San Marino, Republic of San Marino (2 nights in San Marino)

Currency: Euro

As we head south, visit Bologna, well-known for its food and its 800-year-old university. It is considered one of the most attractive cities in Italy. Join your Local Guide for a tour of the historic city center with its impressive medieval and Renaissance buildings and two leaning towers. Visit one or two of the food and culinary shops for which the city is famous. Enjoy a typical BOLOGNESE LUNCH with wine at a local restaurant before continuing to the Republic of San Marino, a microstate within the country of Italy. (B, L)

Day 9 – 12 September (Mon) – San Marino

Comprised of a land area of just over 24 square miles, the country derives its name from Saint Marinus, a stonemason from 275 AD who built a small church on the highest peak of state, Monte Titano. Join a Local Guide and visit some of the more prominent sights: the Palazzo Pubblico (town hall) located in city center; the Basilica Di San Marino, dedicated to Saint Marinus; and the three towers: Guaita, Cesta, and Montale that sit on the three peaks of Monte Titano. Even though the microstate is landlocked in Italy, the Sammarinese cuisine itself has a number of sought-after dishes by visitors. Tonight, dinner is prepared at a local restaurant so you can try it out! (B, D)

Day 10 – 13 September (Tue) – San Marino – Assisi, Italy – Rome (2 nights in Rome)

Currency: Euro

Cross the Apennine Mountains to peaceful Assisi. With a local guide at your disposal, visit ST. FRANCIS' BASILICA, the hub of a religious order devoted to the ideals of humanity, forgiveness, simplicity, and love for all God's creatures. Then, continue to Rome, the "Eternal City." (B)

Day 11 – 14 September (Wed) – Rome

Excursion to Vatican City. Guided sightseeing starts at VATICAN CITY, the Holy See's independent city state within Rome. Continue with a visit to the VATICAN MUSEUMS and SISTINE CHAPEL with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment. Stand in awe before SAINT PETER'S SQUARE created by Bernini in the 17th Century as you become familiar with ST. PETER'S BASILICA. See from the exterior Castel Sant'Angelo, the traditional fortress of the Popes. End your day by visiting the amazing COLOSSEUM, where gladiators once fought. (B)

Day 12 – 15 September (Thu) – Rome – Florence – Lucca (1 night in Lucca)

An easy morning drive to Florence, "Cradle of the Renaissance." Meet your Local Guide, and visit the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS with Michelangelo's celebrated David. Continue your walking tour through the historic center. Stand in awe in front of the magnificent cathedral, admire Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gates of Paradise," and sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE. End the day in Lucca, with a walk through this quaint medieval town with its ramparts, and explore the center at your own pace. (B)

Day 13 – 16 September (Fri) – Lucca – Cinque Terre – Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco (2 nights in Monte Carlo)

Currency: Euro

Continue today to CINQUE TERRE, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The name dates back to the 15th century and is derived from five medieval little villages standing on stony spurs along five miles of the rocky coastline: Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza, and Monterosso. Then, follow the Italian Riviera and arrive in Monte Carlo for your overnight stay. Although it's the second-smallest sovereign state in the world, covering a square mile in area, a third of the population are millionaires! (B)

Day 14 – 17 September (Sat) – Monte Carlo

History and glamour come together today. With your expert guide, stroll through the narrow streets of the Old Town, visit the cathedral where Princess Grace Kelly is buried, and see Prince Albert's palace. You will have free time to explore around Casino Square. Later, reach the Rock of Monaco, a 203-foot monolith overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, where your dining experience awaits with a 3-course dinner at one of the best restaurants in town. (B, D)

Day 15 – 18 September (Sun) – Monte Carlo – Cassis, France – Aix-en-Provence – Avignon (1 night in Avignon)

Currency: Euro

Follow the coastal route toward Cassis. A small fishing port lined with cafés and restaurants, stop here to explore the town before reaching Aix-en-Provence, one of France's most elegant cities. The birthplace of painter Cézanne, the city has always attracted artists from all over the world. Join your Tour Director for a walking tour through the center of the town and wander

through the maze of small streets and along shaded Cours Mirabeau. Continue to Avignon, the medieval residence of several popes and antipopes. (B)

Day 16 – 19 September (Mon) – Avignon – Carcassonne – Andorra la Vella, Andorra (2 nights in Andorra la Vella)

Currency: Euro

During your guided walking tour through the OLD TOWN, take pictures of the magnificent Palace of the Popes and the famous bridge, and browse through the colorful shops that sell traditional products made in Provence, like cloth, honey, herbs, and nougat candy. Next is the beautifully preserved, medieval, walled town of Carcassonne. Here you can enjoy a leisurely walk by the ancient battlements before you cross the border into the Principality of Andorra, a sovereign landlocked microstate on the Iberian Peninsula and its capital city of Andorra la Vella, the highest capital city in Europe with an elevation of 3,356 feet above sea level. (B)

Day 17 – 20 September (Tue) – Andorra la Vella

On your guided walking tour of the city, first visit the OLD TOWN - the Barri Antic – which includes streets and buildings dating from 1278. It's most notable building is the parliamentary house CASA DE LA VALL, constructed in the early sixteenth century. Also visit the ESGLESIA DE SANT ESTEVE CHURCH located in the more picturesque part of the city. Enjoy a time at leisure to further explore. Gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 18 – 21 September (Wed) – Andorra la Vella – Barcelona, Spain (1 night in Barcelona)

Currency: Euro

Cross the border and arrive in Barcelona, Spain's second-largest city and host of the Olympic Games in 1992. Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the Columbus Monument, Plaza de Catalunya, and Paseo de Gràcia. Highlights are a visit to the spectacular SAGRADA FAMILIA BASILICA, Gaudí's masterpiece, and a panoramic view of the city and harbor from Montjuïc Hill. Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant to say adios to your traveling companions. (B, D)

Day 19 – 22 September (Thu) – Departure from Barcelona

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. A group transfer is provided to the airport for your journey home. (B)