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AMSTERDAM/THE NETHERLANDS

01 - TUE. **Londres.-**

Welcome to Europamundo! Upon arriving at the airport, we will be waiting to **transfer** you to your hotel. Check the information boards in the hotel reception area for details of the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travelers.

02 - WED. **London.**

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Visit London. Changing of the Guard. Evening transfer to Soho.

Get to know **LONDON** on a locally **guided tour** featuring style, culture and history. See the Houses of Parliament, the River Thames, the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace, where we will be able to watch the famous "Changing of the Guard" (depending on the season). Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, we will take a walk through **Leicester Square, China Town and Soho**, with a lively atmosphere, theatres and entertainment. There are several restaurants to choose where you can dine. Return to the hotel.

03 - THU. **London - Colchester - Ferry.-**

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: British Museum. Pleasant hill scenery. Ferry crossing.

After breakfast we will go to the British Museum, one of the oldest museums in the world. At lunch time we transfer to Camden, a district famous for having one of the most varied and extravagant street markets in London where we can see relics from cultures all around the world. Enjoy some leisure time. At around 16.00 we will leave for **COLCHESTER**, known as the most ancient city in England. Time for a stroll. We will then board the **ferry in Harwich**, taking a night voyage to the Netherlands.

Note: Because the ferry used has a limited number of cabins, sometimes the stage may undergo modifications and it might go from London to Amsterdam either by a day ferry, sleeping in Antwerp, or by train or plane to Amsterdam.



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04 - FRI. Ferry- Volendam - Amsterdam.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Picturesque typical village of Volendam. Visit to Amsterdam.

At around 08:00 in the morning we will reach the **Netherlands (Hoek Van Holland)**, making a stop in **VOLENDAM**, a very picturesque fishing village. After this, we travel to **AMSTERDAM** where we will enjoy a **panoramic visit** of the city to see its narrow canals, its official buildings and parks. We will also see the technique of **diamond cutting**. Time for dinner in **Rembrandtplein**, an area with many restaurants from all corners of the world and near the red-light district with its liberal values.

05 - SAT. Amsterdam - Brussels - Bruges - Paris.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Belgium.

Today we will leave for Belgium's Capital, **BRUSSELS**, taking time in the Grand Place and making a stop to photograph the Atomium. Continuing to **BRUGES**, the marvelous Flemish city known as the Venice of the North. Our journey will take us to France. Arriving in **PARIS** at the end of the day.

06 - SUN. Paris.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Transfer to Versailles Palace. Funicular ride included to Montmartre district. City tour in Paris.

Early in the morning, we will leave for **Versailles**, the immense palace of the kings of France. After that, we will return to Paris at lunch time where we provide a transfer to the **Montmartre district**. We will ascend **by funicular** to the hill and admire the spectacular view of Paris from the top. This neighborhood is known for its painters, artists, and its cabarets... Sit down for lunch and enjoy a magical atmosphere. Then, a **scenic guided tour** to discover the history, main boulevards and the breathtaking monuments of Paris will take place. Return to hotel. Optionally you can attend a variety show.

07 - MON. Paris.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Eiffel Tower and boat cruise in the City of Lights.

We go to the center of Paris, starting by the **Eiffel Tower** area. You will have the opportunity to go up to the second floor of this remarkable metal monument (**ticket included**). Then, we enjoy a **boat cruise along the River Seine**, which divides the north of Paris from the south. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore as you choose.

08 - TUE. Paris - Semur - Beaune - Lyon.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Vineyards in Beaune and Bourgogne region. Funicular ride in Lyon.

Today we travel to the center of France, to the Bourgogne region, famous for its wines. Making a stop in **SEMUR EN AUXOIS**, a small medieval town listed surrounded by impressive walls. After this we will visit **BEAUNE**, located in the center of the Bourgogne region, with its streets full of flowers, hospice and wine museum all points of interest. Continuing on, we will arrive to **LYON** in the mid-afternoon, the capital of Roman Gallia on the banks of the Rhône (its historic center has been declared a World Heritage site). We include a funicular climb to Notre Dame de Fourvière where we have a great view of the city. Enjoy some leisure time to walk around.

Part of the groups will be accommodated in Chambéry, a city near Lyon. In these cases, we will leave at the end of the afternoon for **CHAMBERY** and accommodation. We will then have some time early in the morning to visit the capital of Savoy, a medieval-style city with beautiful historic center and a large castle.

09 - WED. Lyon - Geneva - Neuchatel- Zurich.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Scenic tour around the lakes and vineyards of Switzerland.

A beautiful stage awaits us as we set off for Switzerland. Arrival in **GENEVA**. The guide will take us to the Palais des Nations (the European headquarters of the United Nations), the beautiful "Jardin Anglais" (with its quaint flower clock), and the "Jet d' Eau", the tallest fountain in Europe. After lunch, we will continue travelling through Switzerland by the beautiful **Leman and Neuchatel lakes**. We will drive the scenic road alongside the three large lakes, with their magnificent vineyards overlooking the mountains. We will stop in **NEUCHATEL**, where you can enjoy a walk by the lake, the historic town center or visit its beautiful, 10th century castle. We will then head to **ZURICH**. Arrival in the late afternoon.

Note: depending on the number of passengers travelling from Geneva to Zürich, this part of the trip might be done by train - in which case, there will be no stop in Neuchatel.

10 - THU. Zurich- Rapperswill- Zurich.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Zurich. Cruise on the Lake Zurich. Train.

With our guide, we will have a tour of **ZURICH**, the most populated city of Switzerland, and the country's financial



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and cultural capital. The city of the banks has twice been declared the city with the best quality of life in the world. Afterwards, we will include a cruise of almost two hours on **Lake Zürich**. The boat makes brief stops to allow us to see the villages on the way. We get off in **RAPPERSWILL**, a picturesque little village overlooked by its mediaeval castle. We go back to Zurich **by train** and appreciate the efficiency and punctuality of the Swiss railways.

Note: Depending on the number of travelers, the transfers to the center and from the station may be made on public transport.

11 - FRI. Zurich - Grindelwald - Lucerne - Zurich.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Admire the fantastic landscapes. Cable car included to Grindelwald. Lunch included.

Today's journey has beautiful landscapes with high mountains and lakes. Breathtaking scenery in the region of Interlaken. We will stop in **GRINDELWALD** where we will have time for a coffee before taking the **cable car** up to mountain. We will walk along the winding path which will lead us to the suspended bridge. Dare to walk across the bridge amongst the fantastic scenery enjoying glaciers all around us. We will have **lunch up in the mountain (included)** before heading back down. We continue to **LUCERNE**, one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. In the evening we have time to stroll around, enjoying the city and to have dinner before returning to the hotel in Zurich.

Note: The guide will offer you the possibility of a full day optional visit, leaving in the morning and, after some free time to discover Lucerne, we take a rotating cable car to reach the top of Mount Titlis. At the alpine summit, at over 3000m above sea level, you will enjoy breathtaking views of the glacier and the Alps.

12 - SAT. Zurich - Lugano- Morcote - Milan.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Spectacular alpine landscapes, quaint villages and lakes.

We will leave Zurich early in the morning and cut across the Alps in order to reach the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland. Alongside the route we will get to see beautiful lakes and snow-capped mountains. **LUGANO**. Arrival in the cosmopolitan capital of the Italian Switzerland built next to its beautiful lake. Time to have a stroll and grab lunch. Next, we will reach the enchanting little town of **MORCOTE** famous for its flowery stone houses. We will then travel to Italy. Arrival in **MILAN** where the guide will take us to the impressive Duomo Square. Here you will find a variety of local and international restaurants to have dinner at. Transfer to the hotel.

13 - SUN. Milan- Pisa- Rome.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Coast of Liguria, Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Today we continue our journey towards **PISA**. On a **little tourist train**, we will travel to the Piazza Dei Miracoli (Square of Miracles), where there will be time to admire one of the most alluring and beautiful art complexes in Italy, including the well-known Leaning Tower of Pisa. Then, we continue to **ROME**, arriving at the end of the day.

14 - MON. Rome.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: City tour of Rome. Imperial Forums (admission price included). Evening transfer to the Trastevere area.

In the morning, we have a **scenic tour**, which will be a great introduction to "The Eternal city". We will visit the tiny state of the Vatican, the epicenter of Christianity in the world. You will be able to visit St. Peter's Basilica. We include the **entrance** to the **Imperial Forums**, an impressive architectural complex formed by monumental buildings and squares, center of the political activity of Imperial Rome.

At the end of the evening we arrange a **transfer to Trastevere** area for a stroll in the narrow cobbled streets of the district with hidden treasures, such as some modest medieval churches, small shops with the most peculiar of objects or scenes of daily life. Many trattorias (informal Italian eating establishments) and osterias (inns) imbued with the Italian spirit will be ready to serve you local dishes. Other restaurants serving Indian, Chinese and international food can be found in this area. Return to hotel.

Note: on many occasions during the low season, as well as in some specific dates of the rest of the year, instead of the entrance to the Imperial Forums, we will enter the Roman Colosseum, symbol of Rome.

15 - TUE. Rome - Florence.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Tour with a local expert from Florence. View from Piazzale Michelangelo.

Today we will leave Rome, heading north. This route has beautiful landscapes. Arriving in **FLORENCE**, we head straight to the impressive **Piazzale Michelangelo**.



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lo. In the evening we take a **tour with a local expert**, walking through the historic center, taking in places such as the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, and Plaza della Signoria. This city is truly an outdoor museum. Enjoy some leisure time to explore. In the evening you will have time for dinner, as, in this district you can find many restaurants serving international cuisine.

16 - WED. Florence - Venice.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Boat on Venice's Canal. Visit and admission to the St. Mark's Basilica. Admire the technique of crafting Murano Glass.

Today we enjoy stunning mountain landscapes while crossing the Apennine Mountains. We will arrive in **VENICE** and take the boat and cross the Giudecca to the Island of Venice. With a **local guide**, we will visit the marvelous **St. Mark's Square** and enter the **Basilica (entrance included)**. Afterwards, we will visit the Murano Glass Factory. It is fascinating to see the technique of how this ancient glass is made. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore. Accommodation in the Mestre district.

17 - THU. Venecia.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



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Departure Dates

- APR23: 04, 11, 18, 25
- MAY23: 02, 09, 16, 23, 30
- JUN23: 06, 13, 20, 27
- JUL23: 04, 11, 18, 25
- AUG23: 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
- SEP23: 05, 12, 19, 26
- OCT23: 03, 10, 17, 24, 31
- NOV23: 07, 14, 21, 28
- DEC23: 05, 12, 19, 26
- JAN24: 02, 09, 16, 23, 30
- FEB24: 06, 13, 20, 27
- MAR24: 05, 12, 19

Prices per person

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Expected Hotels

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

The price includes

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance, hotel and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** LONDON, AMSTERDAM, PARIS, ROME, FLORENCE, VENICE
- **Excursion:** Versailles in Paris (entrance not included)
- **Boat:** River Seine in Paris, Zurich lake, to the island of Venice
- **Evening transfer:** Leicester/ Soho area in London, Rembrandtplein in Amsterdam, Trastevere in Rome
- **Transfer:** Camden district in London, Montmartre District in Paris, Versailles Palace in Paris (entrance not included), Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence
- **Ticket admission:** Diamond Cutting Workshop in Amsterdam, 2nd Floor Eiffel Tower in Paris, Imperial Forums of Rome, Saint Mark's Basilica and Murano Glass Factory in Venice
- **Train:** Rapperswil / Zurich, Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa
- **Ferry:** Harwich (UK) to Hoek Van Holland (NL)
- **Funicular:** To Montmartre district in Paris, Lyon, Cable Car to Grindelwald First
- **1 Lunch Included in:** LUCERNE