

INSIGHT VACATIONS

Highlights of Europe

Classic Group

14 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED

Cruise Amsterdam's canals, discover Stanserhorn's wildlife, dine with Romans and enjoy fast-track entry to the Vatican.



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Guest Review Rating

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - December

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/highlightseurope](https://www.insightvacations.com/highlightseurope)

DAY 1 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR AND ONTO AMSTERDAM

Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Your comfortable rail journey takes you through the Channel Tunnel to Brussels, en route to Amsterdam. Alternatively, if you're joining in Amsterdam meet your Travel Director in the evening. Get to know your fellow guests as you cruise along some of the tree-lined canals to explore the heart of the Old City, before enjoying a pleasant evening of dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Hilton, Amsterdam

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 | THE RHINE VALLEY AND HEIDELBERG

Take a scenic drive through the Rhine Valley to see quaint villages, hilltop castles and hear the legend of the Lorelei Rock. Follow the Neckar River to Heidelberg and visit Heidelberg Castle with a Local Expert. (B)

Hotel: Marriott, Heidelberg

DAY 3 | MOUNTAIN-RINGED INNSBRUCK

Stop beneath the royal castles of Hohenschwangau and King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein, rumoured to have inspired Walt Disney's iconic castle. In Innsbruck, tour the architectural jewels of the Old Town, seeing the Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B)

Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savour a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini. Continue to the romantic city of Venice. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Indigo - Sant'Elena, Venice

DAY 5 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square and admire the richly decorated Basilica. (B) (RS)

DAY 6 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Pass through Tuscany and Umbria, to reach the Eternal City of Rome. Enjoy a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. Gaze in awe at the world's best-preserved Byzantine mosaics, illuminated for this evening's experience, and see the first sculpture by Bernini. You're invited into the home of a Roman local to experience Italian hospitality at its best. (B) (D)

Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) **RELAXED STARTS:** (RS) **HOTELS:** On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

Join a Local Expert for a tour of the Vatican Museums and the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel. Your visit includes fast-track entry. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. **(B)**

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Highlights of Europe did not disappoint. So many amazing experiences! Absolutely adored our Travel Director. Looking forward to travelling with Insight Vacations for another tour!
OUR GUEST KARLA.
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DAY 10 | THE ALPS AND ONTO LUCERNE

Cross the Swiss border before exploring Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Astoria, Lucerne

DAY 11 | LAKESIDE LUCERNE

View the emotive Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 12 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through the rural French country side of Alsace and Burgundy regions, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine. **(B)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

DAY 8 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE

On arrival in Florence, a Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo. Continue to Piazza della Signoria. In your free time, perhaps visit the Accademia Gallery with an art historian and see Michelangelo's David? Savour an authentic meal at a local trattoria in the heart of Florence. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Firenze, Florence

DAY 13 | THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

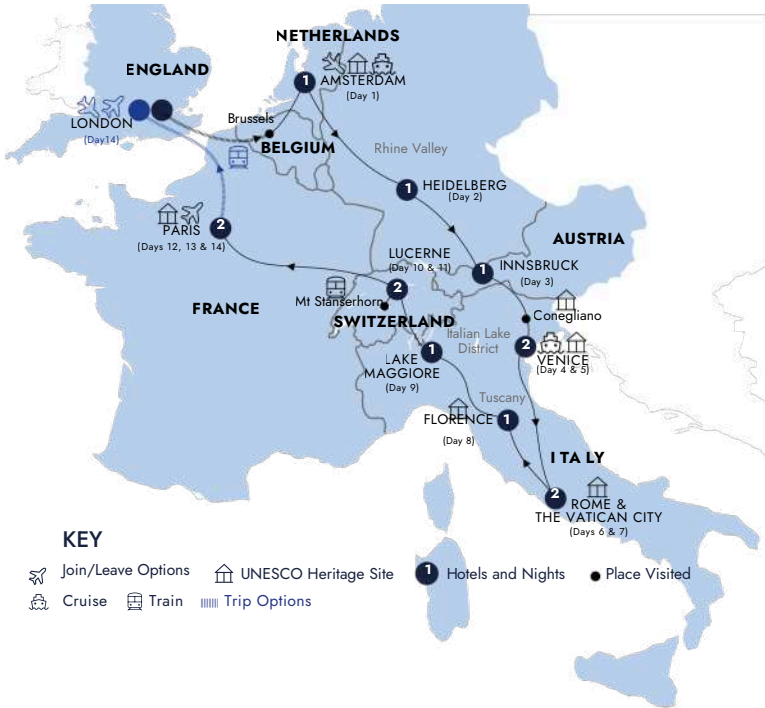
Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join an avid food lover to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Enjoy dinner at the historic restaurant La Coupole. Delight in French cuisine and delicious wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District. For your Dine-Around evening, enjoy your preferred dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Simplon, Baveno

DAY 14 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. You may choose to depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar option. **(B)**
TRANSFERS: Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th Century.

Heidelberg | Venture inside the magnificent castle built in red sandstone, overlooking the Student Prince's town and the Neckar Valley.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Rome | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistry adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

Paris | *Insight Choice* Join an avid food lover to explore small shops and sample local treats, or explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Stanserhorn | Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, and gain a deeper understanding of the local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Rome | Experience the Italian way of life for yourself, join your local host for a truly Italian home-cooked meal.

Florence | Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina dinner in the city known for its delicious cuts of steak.

Paris | Rendezvous with your newfound friends at La Coupole for a rousing dinner with wine.