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EUROPEAN ODYSSEY

7 Countries in 19 Days

L O N D O N

DAY 1 - Depart USA for London (In flight meals)

Your European Odyssey begins with an overnight flight from the USA.

DAY 2 - London (Breakfast)

Arrive in London and relax at the hotel or go out to see the sights. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers.

DAY 3 - London: City Tour (Breakfast)

This morning we leave for a city tour of London with a local guide. Relax on your luxury coach as you are driven around London to see its most famous sights and orientate yourself with the city. See Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Enjoy some of London's most famous sites including Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and much more. Free time this afternoon to explore.

- * Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace
- * Shopping on Oxford Street for the best London fashions
- * See the British crown jewels and the darker history of England at the Tower of London
- * See a play at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre
- * See the best views of the city on the London Eye
- * Afternoon tea at Fortnum & Mason's

P A R I S

DAY 4 - London * Channel Crossing * Paris (Breakfast, Dinner)

We'll cross the English Channel by ferry on our way to Paris, France. Tonight, enjoy a dinner at a traditional French bistro.

DAY 5 - Paris: City Tour (Breakfast)

This morning's city tour will give you insight into such landmarks as the Louvre, Musee d'Orsay and the Place de la Concorde. Travel along the Champs-Élysée to the Arc de Triomphe and gaze upon the Eiffel Tower dominating the skyline. Free time this afternoon in Paris.

Optional Excursion: Parisian cabaret show to see the famous can-can performed. If you have seen the film Moulin Rouge you will know what to expect at a Paris cabaret show. See dancers, acrobats, comedians, and more! As part of your entrance you will also receive a glass of French champagne.

DAY 6 - Paris: FREE DAY (Breakfast)

Enjoy a full free day in Paris. You can experience the beauty of Notre Dame, Sacre Coeur, the fashion district or the bohemian artist neighborhood of Montmartre.

- * Visit the Louvre Museum and see the Mona Lisa and the setting for the 'Da Vinci Code'
- * See the Doors Jim Morrison's grave at Pere Lachaise cemetery
- * Enjoy the cafes and bars in the trendy Latin Quarter
- * Shopping along the Champs-Élysées
- * Visit the famous Royal Palace of Versailles and its magnificent gardens

B R U S S E L S

DAY 7 - Paris * Brussels (Breakfast)

We arrive in the capital of Belgium and the headquarters of the European Union. Be tempted by the delights of Brussels as we visit a chocolatier to see how Belgium chocolates are made! You will walk around the Grand Place and be dazzled by one of Europe's grandest squares.

R H I N E V A L L E Y

DAY 8 - Brussels * Rhine River Cruise * Rhine Valley (Breakfast, Dinner)

Cross into Germany and the famous Rhine Valley. See fairy-tale landscapes of mountaintop medieval castles, vineyards and villages on our included Rhine River cruise. A beer and bratwurst dinner is on the menu tonight.

M U N I C H

DAY 9 - Rhine Valley * Munich (Breakfast)

This afternoon you will arrive in Munich, the home of Oktoberfest! Enjoy the culture of one of Europe's most famous destinations.

ALPINE RETREAT

DAY 10 - Munich * Alpine Retreat (Breakfast, Dinner Daily)

A true highlight of the tour is heading into the heart of the Austrian Alps and our Alpine Retreat, where you can relax in picturesque surroundings and enjoy the amenities. Tonight enjoy an Alpine show and party as we welcome you to Austria!

Enjoy free time in Munich for the rest of the afternoon and evening. Perhaps take a look at:

- * BMW museum
- * English Gardens
- * Shopping in Marianplatz

DAY 11 & 12 - Alpine Retreat (Breakfast, Dinner)

Enjoy all the facilities of the hotel and a beautiful Alpine village. Do as little or as much as you want – from Spa treatments to hiking or an optional whitewater rafting excursion – the choice is yours. Austrian specialties will be on the menu every night.

Optional Excursion: Whitewater rafting

CASTLE STAY

DAY 13 - Alpine Retreat * Salzburg - City Tour * Castle Stay (Breakfast, Dinner)

The city of Salzburg in Austria is the birthplace of Mozart and was the setting for the movie "The Sound of Music." After a city tour, you will have time to explore the picturesque old town before we move on to Plankenstein Castle. Plankenstein is a fully restored 12th century castle. Tonight enjoy a BBQ feast at the castle!

VENICE

DAY 14 - Castle * Venice (Breakfast)

After a scenic drive, you will enter Venice. Step back 800 years in time as you stroll through the streets and admire the stunning architecture. See St. Mark's Basilica and Square, the Rialto Bridge and more. (Overnight in Venice-Mestre.)

Free time in Venice allows you to explore the intricate streets and canals. Some of the things you can do with your time in Venice:

- * Seek out the Rialto Bridge
- * St Mark's Basilica, one of the great cathedrals in the world
- * Climb the Campanile in St Mark's Square which will give you some great views of the city
- * Sit at one of the famous cafes in St Mark's Square and have an espresso with the locals, or perhaps a gelati ice cream

Optional Excursion: Take a real Venetian gondola ride – it is an experience you'll never forget! A singer and musician will accompany you as you move through the canals of Venice.

F L O R E N C E

DAY 15 - Venice * Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

Upon arrival in Florence, our local guide will introduce you to the “art capital of the world.” The Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, Santa Croce and Piazzale Michelangelo are all part of your initial taste of the city. You will taste more treats tonight at our Florentine pizza party.

DAY 16 - Florence: FREE DAY (Breakfast, Dinner)

You have a totally free day to enjoy all that Florence has to offer. Michelangelo’s David, the Uffizi Gallery, the enchanting Boboli Gardens and more await you today!

- * *Galleria dell’ Accademia, home of Michelangelo’s sculptural masterpiece, David*
- * *Uffizi Gallery, known as one of the finest art galleries in the world*
- * *Piazza Della Signoria is the main square in Florence and an open air museum*
- * *Boboli Gardens is the perfect place to relax and get some of the best views of Florence*
- * *Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge) is a famous landmark and shopping area*

R O M E

DAY 17 - Florence * Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

On arrival in Rome this afternoon our local guide will show us some of the most famous historical sites in the world: Caesar’s Forum, Vatican City and St. Peter’s, the largest cathedral in the world. Our famous Roman Banquet dinner awaits tonight.

DAY 18 - Rome: FREE DAY (Breakfast)

The “eternal city” of Rome will offer you many options on your free day. From shopping on the Via Veneto to having gelato at the Spanish Steps, Rome has something for everyone!

- * *Going inside the Coliseum and seeing where the Gladiators used to fight*
- * *The Spanish Steps*
- * *Visiting the Vatican Museum, which contains the Sistine Chapel, with Michelangelo’s painted ceiling*
- * *Walk along the Via Veneto for shopping and great places to eat*
- * *Piazza Navona is one of Rome’s places to be seen.*
- * *Toss three coins in the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to Rome!*

Watch Rome come alive at night on a special illumination drive and perhaps a stop for some gelati ice cream!

DAY 19 - Rome * Return Home (Breakfast)

Say “farewell” to our friends who are returning back home today.

GREECE ADD ON

Island of Poros & Athens 5 Days

DAY 19 - Rome * Ferry to Greek Island Retreat (Poros) (Breakfast)

For those continuing on your graduation tour, you will board an overnight ferry to sunny Greece. While enjoying the amenities of the ferry, gaze upon the blue waters of the Mediterranean.

DAYS 20 - 22 - Greek Island Retreat (Breakfast, Dinner Daily)

After arriving in Greece enjoy the relaxing journey through the Greek countryside on your way to our Greek Island Retreat. This evening you will experience the Greek way of life, which is to relax and have fun! Enjoy the pool and facilities of the hotel. If water sports are your thing, there is a nearby club offering great deals to parasail, water ski, go tubing and more! The last night on the island means our famous Toga Party. Greek dancing, anyone?

DAY 23 - Greek Island Retreat * Athens (Breakfast, Dinner)

You will head back to Athens, the capital of the ancient world, where our local city guide will escort the group through the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Our farewell dinner will be in a local Greek taverna, where the memories of the European Odyssey will be shared by all.

DAY 24 - Return Home (Breakfast)

This morning we depart Athens for the return journey back to the USA!