

European Whirl

12 Days

9 Countries

16 Meals

From US\$3025

Per person,
twin share

The *tring-tring* of bicycles sounds the start of your European Whirl. Kick back on the canals of Amsterdam and Venice, in the quiet lakeside beauty of Lucerne and among the Tuscan hills near Florence, with flavours of Italian Chianti setting the tone for an unforgettable trip.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Rome, Florence and Paris with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Innsbruck, Venice and Lucerne
- **Visit** a glassblowing factory in Venice and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome
- **View** the canals in Amsterdam, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck, St. Mark's Square in Venice, the ancient sites in Rome, the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne and the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris
- **See** the Lorelei Rock and the vineyards of Burgundy
- **Scenic Cruise** along the canals of Amsterdam, the Rhine River and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice



Day

2 Journey to the Rhineland and a Scenic Cruise
Drive to Boppard where we board a cruise along the Rhine to St. Goar, passing vineyard-clad hills and medieval castles perched above riverside towns. Arriving in the Baroque city of Heidelberg, we explore its iconic and unexpected highlights before travelling to our Rhineland hotel. **(B, D)**

Hotel: Sinsheim

3 Off to Innsbruck Head to Innsbruck, where you'll admire Emperor Maximilian's famous Golden Roof and perhaps indulge in an evening of Tyrolean entertainment. **(B) Hotel: Rumer Hof**

4 Onwards to the Canals of Venice Cross the Brenner Pass and continue to Venice. Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square, viewing the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. *Dive Into Culture* and enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience where you'll witness the craft of glassblowing before a free afternoon. (B,)

Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

5 All Roads Lead to Rome Travel south across the Veneto Plain, passing Bologna and the dramatic Apennine Mountains as well as the green and golden fields of Lazio before reaching Rome, the 'Eternal City'. En route, we **Connect With Locals** over lunch at a **Be My Guest** experience and enjoy true Tuscan hospitality with a local family on their private estate in the Chianti countryside. **(B, BMG, ☺)**

Hotel: A. Roma Lifestyle

6 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City

Our first stop today sees us discover the divine beauty of the Vatican City. We'll visit St. Peter's Basilica with a *Local Specialist* to view Michelangelo's Renaissance masterpiece, the Pietà. We continue to Ancient Rome to view the iconic Colosseum and Circus Maximus, once the site of exhilarating chariot races centuries ago. The afternoon is yours to explore the city on your terms. **(B)**

7 Continue to Renaissance Florence Travel north to the 'Cradle of the Renaissance', Florence. Delve into the rich Medici heritage of this beautiful medieval city with your *Local Specialist*. Visit what was once the political hub of the city, Piazza della Signoria, with its impressive sculptures and stunning *palazzi*. View the imposing Duomo, crowned by Brunelleschi's dome, and the Baptistery, renowned for its sculptured bronze doors. **(B) Hotel: Hilton Metropole**

8 Across the Alps to Lucerne Drive across the Alps into Switzerland, where the next two nights are spent in Lucerne. Tonight, why not consider an optional Swiss Folklore Show? **(B) Hotel: Grand Europe**

9 Explore Lucerne This morning, view the mournful, mortally wounded lion hewn from rock to commemorate the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI. **Walk along the flower-lined 14th-century covered Chapel Bridge**, crossing the

river Reuss. Or join an exciting Optional Experience to one of the surrounding peaks for breathtaking views. **(B, D)**

10 On to Captivating Paris Crossing the border into France this morning, we travel past the picturesque vineyards and country towns of Burgundy en route to the 'City of Lights'. Spend some time this evening strolling along the Seine and grand boulevards in search of a cosy bistro for fine French cuisine or consider an Optional Experience to a colourful Parisian cabaret. **(B) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel**

11 Discover the Sights of Paris Join a *Local Specialist* today for a sightseeing tour of this romantic city. View the sophisticated Champs-Élysées, Place de la Concorde, the 19th-century Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame Cathedral, then enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Our European Whirl almost at its end, we spend the evening with fellow travellers and our Travel Director, enjoying a Farewell Dinner in a local bistro. **(B, FD)**

12 Farewell Paris Today bid *adieu* to your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your memorable experience. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

Please note: Your coach returns to London from Paris on day 12. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer.

OBERAMMERGAU

Consider including the Oberammergau Passion Play on your trip. Premium tickets are included. Departures, as noted in the date panel, will operate as per the regular European Whirl trip, excluding days 3 - 4, as per below.

3 Experience the Oberammergau Passion Play Performance Journey to Oberammergau for a Trip Highlight and display of unwavering faith – the Oberammergau Passion Play. Take your premium seats for this poignant performance. **(B, RD)**

4 Onwards to the Canals of Venice
Continue to Venice. Here you will cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square before you *Dive Into Culture* during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B, ☎, 🍷)

Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

Oberammergau Accommodation: Trafalgar has secured accommodation either in Oberammergau or close by. Single and triple rooms are not available for the Oberammergau stay. Solo travellers and triple-share guests will be matched and accommodated in a twin room with a fellow solo Trafalgar traveller, of the same gender.

Trip code: **OEWHI**

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- † **Oberammergau:** The Passion Play is available for purchase on these departures.
- These departures may vary in itinerary, hotels, and inclusions in line with seasonal changes.
- ★ **Festive Meals:** Christmas and New Year's Eve dinners have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the festive season.

Trip code: **EWHIA**