

# EUROPEAN TRAIL



## WHY THIS TRIP?

Experience the hype of Eastern Europe plus tick off some of the dolce vita classics as you take your time across the continent.



- Places visited
- ① Nightstops
- Optional start city
- Optional end city
- Optional start/end city
- Ⓜ 17 World Heritage sites visited

**23 DAYS • 13 COUNTRIES** FROM **US\$2799<sup>PP\*</sup>** **US\$122<sup>P/DAY\*</sup>** **SAVE** PAY EARLY & SAVE UP TO **US\$285**

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### NIGHTS

22 nights quad-share hotel/ hostel accommodation



### INCLUDED MEALS

22 breakfasts (B), 11 dinners (D)



### INCLUSIONS

See p.173 for more info on our standard inclusions.



### ME TIME OPTIONS

- M** Pierogi Dinner, Krakow
- M** River Cruise with Dinner, Budapest
- M** Historical Walking Tour, Berlin



### NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES

- Explore windmills, canals & dikes by bike (summer departures only)
- Locally guided tour of Auschwitz & Birkenau Concentration Camps
- Private motorboat to the historic islands of Venice



**FREE WIFI**  
Available on all Contiki coaches

### DAY 1: Start London or Amsterdam.

Meet up with your Contiki Team this morning in London (or later this afternoon in Amsterdam). Ferry across the English Channel & head to the vibrant city of Amsterdam via Belgium. (D)

- See the White Cliffs of Dover
- See Amsterdam's canals & gable houses by night

### DAY 2: Amsterdam.

Hop on a bike & pedal past windmills in the scenic village of Edam (summer only), world-famous for its namesake cheese. Afterwards, check out Amsterdam's myriad of museums, trendy cafés & notoriously fun nightclubs. (B)

- Visit a cheese farm & clog maker's house
- M** Canal cruise

### DAY 3: Amsterdam to Berlin.

Motor down the autobahn & get ready for a dose of über-cool Berlin. Tonight, enjoy this cutting-edge city's exploding arts, bar & club scene. (B,D)

- See the Tiergarten, Alexanderplatz, Russian War Memorial, Brandenburg Gate & historic Reichstag building

### DAY 4: Berlin.

Savour the mix of old & new in this ever-changing city. You'll find historical significance in everything from the streets to the grand monuments. (B)

- Take in commemorative artwork & the remains of the Berlin Wall
- See the site of Checkpoint Charlie
- M** Cold War & Cold Drinks

## HOW MUCH & WHEN

### SUMMER 2017 CODE: CCEL

Start	Finish	Trip	Food	Total
London or Ams'dam	Paris or London	US\$ pp*	Fund US\$ pp*	Cost US\$ pp*
<b>2017</b>				
Apr 1	Apr 23	2559	420	2979
Apr 15	May 7	2559	420	2979
Apr 29	May 21	2559	420	2979
May 6	May 28	2635	420	3055
May 13	Jun 4	2635	420	3055
May 20	Jun 11	2709	420	3129
May 27	Jun 18	2709	420	3129
Jun 3	Jun 25	2709	420	3129
Jun 10	Jul 2	2709	420	3129
Jun 12	Jul 4	2709	420	3129
Jun 17	Jul 9	2869	420	3289
Jun 19	Jul 11	2869	420	3289
Jun 21	Jul 13	2869	420	3289
Jun 24	Jul 16	2869	420	3289
Jun 26	Jul 18	2869	420	3289
Jun 28	Jul 20	2869	420	3289
Jul 1	Jul 23	2869	420	3289
Jul 3	Jul 25	2869	420	3289
Jul 5	Jul 27	2869	420	3289
Jul 8	Jul 30	2869	420	3289
Jul 10	Aug 1	2869	420	3289
Jul 12	Aug 3	2869	420	3289
Jul 15	Aug 6	2869	420	3289
Jul 22	Aug 13	2869	420	3289
Jul 29	Aug 20	2869	420	3289
Jul 31	Aug 22	2869	420	3289
Aug 5	Aug 27	2869	420	3289
Aug 12	Sep 3	2775	420	3195
Aug 19	Sep 10	2775	420	3195
Aug 21	Sep 12	2775	420	3195
Aug 26	Sep 17	2775	420	3195
Sep 2	Sep 24	2775	420	3195
Sep 9	Oct 1	2775	420	3195
Sep 16	Oct 8	2775	420	3195
Sep 30	Oct 22	2775	420	3195

### WINTER 2017/18 CODE: WWEL

Start	Finish	Trip	Food	Total
London or Ams'dam	Paris or London	US\$ pp*	Fund US\$ pp*	Cost US\$ pp*
<b>2017</b>				
Oct 21	Nov 12	2459	450	2909
Oct 23	Nov 14	2459	450	2909
Oct 28	Nov 19	2459	450	2909
Nov 4	Nov 26	2425	450	2875
Nov 11	Dec 3	2425	450	2875
Nov 18	Dec 10	2425	450	2875
Nov 20	Dec 12	2425	450	2875
Nov 25	Dec 17	2425	450	2875
Dec 2	Dec 24	2425	450	2875
Dec 4	Dec 26	2425	450	2875
Dec 9	Dec 31	2425	450	2875
Dec 11	Jan 2	2425	450	2875
Dec 16	Jan 7	2495	450	2945
Dec 18	Jan 9	2495	450	2945
Dec 22	Jan 13	2495	450	2945
Dec 24	Jan 15	2495	450	2945
Dec 28	Jan 19	2495	450	2945
Dec 30	Jan 21	2495	450	2945
<b>2018</b>				
Jan 6	Jan 28	2495	450	2945
Jan 13	Feb 4	2495	450	2945
Jan 20	Feb 11	2349	450	2799
Jan 27	Feb 18	2349	450	2799
Jan 29	Feb 20	2349	450	2799
Feb 3	Feb 25	2349	450	2799
Feb 10	Mar 4	2349	450	2799
Feb 17	Mar 11	2349	450	2799
Feb 24	Mar 18	2349	450	2799
Mar 10	Apr 1	2399	450	2849
Mar 17	Apr 8	2399	450	2849

\* Prices above are based on quad-share accommodation, for more information see p.170.

You need to bring your own towel on this trip.

Trip starts 7:30am (7:00am in Winter) in London or 5:00pm in Amsterdam & ends approx. 10:00am at Paris CDG Airport or approx. 6:30pm in London.

★ This trip visits cities during the Christmas markets.

**DAY 5: Berlin to Prague.** Bite into some local fare, like bratwurst, in Dresden on your way south to Prague, a contemporary hub of Eastern European revival. (B,D)

- See the rebuilt Baroque architecture of the Royal Residence, Zwinger Palace, Opera House & Frauenkirche in Dresden
- See Hradčany Castle, the Cathedral of St. Vitus, Charles Bridge & Wenceslas Square
- Visit the Old Town Square & see the Astronomical Clock

**DAY 6: Prague.** Snake through this medieval city's maze of cobbled streets & discover Gothic architecture, bargain-priced beer & Bohemian crystal beads. (B)

**M** Prague bike tour

**DAY 7: Prague to Vienna.** Head south through the Czech countryside to Austria's cultural capital, Vienna. (B)

- See the Sedlec Ossuary (bone church) near Kutná Hora

**M** A classic night out

**DAY 8: Vienna.** Viennese culture is everywhere as you explore the city. You'll enjoy wandering through this picturebook city & encounter its music, lively cafés, parks, incredible architecture & of course, delicious strudel. (B,D)

- See Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburg Palaces, St. Stephen's Cathedral & the State Opera House
  - Scenic drive along the historic ring road
- M** Schnaps Museum

**DAY 9: Vienna to Krakow.** Today we head to the city of Krakow with a sombre stop at Auschwitz Concentration Camp Memorial to pay tribute to Poland's tumultuous past. (B,D)

- Locally guided tour of Auschwitz & Birkenau concentration camps

**DAY 10: Krakow.** Go local & explore the buzzing market stalls & pavement cafés of this city's unspoiled medieval Old Town. (B)

- Sightseeing of the cathedral & Royal Castle on Wawel Hill

**M** Salt mines tour

**DAY 11: Krakow to Budapest.** Head south through Slovakia, stopping off in picturesque Banská Bystrica before crossing into Hungary & Budapest to the "Paris of the East." (B)

- Sightseeing of Buda, Pest, the Royal Palace, the Church of St. Matthias, the Chain Bridge & Fisherman's Bastion

**DAY 12: Budapest.** All your senses are surrounded by the history of this fascinating city split by the river Danube into hilltop Buda & the bustling Pest. (B)

**M** Past & Present tour

**DAY 13: Budapest to Ljubljana.** Today we're making our way to Slovenia's capital with its young, vibrant student culture. (B)

- See Ljubljana's castle & old town
- Visit Lake Bled (summer only)

**DAY 14: Ljubljana to Venice.** Soak up the amazing scenery found only in the Julian Alps before heading to Venice. Explore the "floating city's" tight alleyways & canals to find grand squares, art-filled palazzos & interesting little shops. (B)

- See the Bridge of Sighs, the Doge's Palace & St. Mark's Square
- See Venice's iconic canals & gondolas

**DAY 15: Venice to Rome.** Leave enchanting Venice & criss-cross the Apennine Mountains on the road to Rome. (B,D)

- See the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Piazza Venezia, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon & Piazza Navona

**DAY 16: Rome.** Tap into 'La Dolce Vita' of the "Eternal City" & explore this living museum of history. You could hit the shops & get in the know on Italian fashion or simply hit the streets with a camera & capture the atmosphere. (B,D)

**DAY 17: Rome to Florence.** You could explore the Vatican this morning, before we're on the road through rural Umbria's rolling hills & terraced vineyards to Renaissance Florence. (B,D)

- See St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City
- M** Locally guided tour of the Vatican museums

**DAY 18: Florence.** A Local Guide gives you the inside track on striking buildings & sacred art in this atmospheric city. (B)

- See the Duomo, Basilica Santa Croce, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery & Piazza della Signoria
- Florentine leather craft demonstration

**DAY 19: Florence to Swiss Alps.** Make a stop in Pisa to see its iconic tower, catch a glimpse of magical Lake Como &

stop for chocolate in the stunning Swiss Alps. (B,D)

- See the Leaning Tower of Pisa

**DAY 20: Swiss Alps.** Chill for a day the way you want in the breathtaking Swiss Alps – camera essential. (B,D)

**DAY 21: Swiss Alps to Paris.** Leave the lush alpine views behind as we head through the stunning Burgundy region to the "City of Lights", Paris. (B,D)

- See the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the Champs-Élysées & Notre Dame Cathedral

**DAY 22: Paris.** Indulge in sophisticated Paris where you'll find magic, romance & history amongst the city's legendary icons. (B)

- Visit a French perfumery
- M** Cabaret show with champagne

**DAY 23: End Paris or London.** Your trip ends in Paris this morning, or choose to take a complimentary transfer to central London & extend your stay. (B)

