

# 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.



**23 DAYS • 13 COUNTRIES** FROM **US\$2799**<sup>PP\*</sup> **US\$122**<sup>P/DAY\*</sup>

**SAVE PAY EARLY & SAVE UP TO US\$185**

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### NIGHTS

22 nights in quad-share hotel/hostel accommodation



### INCLUDED MEALS

22 breakfasts (B), 11 dinners (D)



### INCLUSIONS

See p.54 for more info on our standard inclusions.



### ME TIME OPTIONALS

- M** Past & Present Tour, Budapest
- M** Traditional Tastes of Venice
- M** Cabaret Show & Champagne, Paris



### NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES

- Locally guided tour of Auschwitz & Birkenau concentration camps
- Private boat through the canals of Venice
- Special access Rome sightseeing tour



### 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.** As an intro to Dutch culture, see how clogs are made & try some of the famous Dutch Edam at a cheese farm. Afterwards, check out Amsterdam's myriad of museums, trendy cafés & fun nightclubs. (B)

- Visit a cheese farm & clog maker's house
- M** Evening canal boat cruise

**DAY 3: Amsterdam to Berlin.** Motor down the autobahn & get ready for a dose of uber cool in 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** Historical walking tour

**DAY 5: Berlin to Prague.** Bite into some local fare, like bratwurst, in Dresden on your way south to Prague, an ever-

modernising 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
- 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 price beer & Bohemian crystal beads. (B)

**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 coffee. (B,D)

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

**DAY 9: Vienna to Krakow.** Back through the Czech Republic to Poland, then it's on to the lively city of Krakow. (B,D)

- M** Guided tour of the amazing salt mines

## HOW MUCH & WHEN

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 1	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 4	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 are based on quad-share accommodation, for more information see p.54.

No sleeping bag is required as bed linen is provided.

You need to bring your own towel on this trip.

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

● Spend New Year's Eve in Paris.

■ Spends New Year's Eve in Rome.

▲ Spend New Year's Eve in Venice.

◆ Spend New Year's Eve in Krakow.

✦ Spends New Year's Eve in Vienna.

✧ Spend New Year's Eve in Berlin.

✪ Spend New Year's Eve in Amsterdam.

\* This trip visits cities during the Christmas markets.

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

- Sightseeing of the cathedral & Royal Castle on Wawel Hill
- Locally Guided Tour of Auschwitz & Birkenau concentration camps

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

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

**M** Evening Danube river cruise & dinner

**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)

**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

**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
- M** Traditional Tuscan evening

**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 Swiss 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 Swiss Alp 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** French cabaret show & champagne
- M** Traditional Parisian dinner

**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)

