

# INSIGHT VACATIONS


*The Art of Travelling in Style*


## FLAVOURS OF EUROPE





## KEY


 Central  
Hotels + Nights

 Scenic  
Hotels + Nights


 Place Visited

 Optional Place  
Visited

 Trip Option

 Cruise

 Train

 Join/Leave Options

 Included Flights

 UNESCO  
Heritage Site

## Day 1 | Welcome to the Eternal City of Rome



Rome is one of the world's most historic cities, filled with classical antiquities, medieval buildings, renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers to your hotel depart Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport. Then this extraordinary city is yours to discover. Later, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and enjoy the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers.

**Meals:** Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Bettoja Hotel Massimo D'Azeglio, Rome.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Rome By Night - Illuminations Drive** - Join our Local Specialist for a classic journey through one of the most fascinating cities in the world. Rome by night is a vision with its ancient monuments, classical buildings, palaces and churches beautifully illuminated against the evening sky. A wonderful introduction to the Eternal City!

**Adult:** 35.00 EUR

## Day 2 | Rome with the locals



Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and pizzazz, and your morning walking tour with a Local Expert includes this in abundance. Toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain and see the best-preserved monument from the Roman period - the Pantheon, before enjoying free time to do as the Romans do, in Piazza Navona. In the evening, enjoy a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. Admire the stunning 9th-century Byzantine mosaics illuminated for this exclusive visit.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Bettoja Hotel Massimo D'Azeglio, Rome.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Rome Of The Ancient Christians** - Outside the ancient Roman city walls, we'll visit the early Christian Catacombs, underground cemeteries carved out of soft Tufa Stone, with our Local Expert. Nearby, we'll also visit one of the major basilicas of Rome, St Paul's, the burial place of St Paul the Apostle, famous for its Byzantine Mosaics. \* Please note: on some departures, the Catacombs are offered with a visit to St Peter in Chains to view the magnificent 'Moses' sculpture by Michelangelo, instead of St Paul's.

**Adult:** 45.00 EUR

**Roman Dinner Party** - Enjoy an evening of delicious Roman cuisine with drinks and a great Italian ambiance.

**Adult:** 73.00 EUR

### Day 3 | The Vatican and Florence



Start the day with your Local Expert as they introduce you to the grandeur of the city, starting with the Vatican State, the richest community in the world. Visit the Vatican Museums, full of priceless treasures collected by the Popes. Insight provides special priority entry to avoid the crowds and admire the Papal art collection. Once inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Next door, visit St. Peter's Basilica to admire Michelangelo's emotive 'Pietà' and see Bernini's intricately carved Papal Altar. Your travels continue with a drive to the Chianti Hills, to arrive at the city of Florence. A Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo, where the Gates of Paradise adorn the baptistery. Continue to Piazza della Signoria, the political heart of the city. Lined with fountains and statues, it acts as an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Take time to gaze at Neptune and David as you explore the historic city center.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hotel Indigo Florence

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

**Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli** - Through the Chianti hills, we'll drive past vineyards to a delightful hamlet. Our destination is the ancient stone house of Machiavelli, where the great political theorist wrote his immortal work, 'The Prince'. After a welcome drink and a visit of the villa and its wine-cellars, we'll enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines.

**Adult: 74.00 EUR**

**Tuscan Dinner & Cooking Demonstration** - Florence and Tuscany are renowned for their rich gastronomic heritage. Tonight we'll travel into the hills near Florence to the northernmost part of the Chianti, where a local chef will introduce you to the dishes that make Tuscan cuisine famous throughout the world. This wonderful cooking demonstration, with superb food and wine, will provide warm and genuine Tuscan hospitality.

**Adult: 76.00 EUR**

### Day 4 | The Cinque Terre and Italian Riviera



The famous Italian Riviera and the Cinque Terre are a highlight of your journey. Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes. With a Local Expert, appreciate the views as you approach one of the picturesque fishing villages by boat (weather permitting). Please note that the cruise is weather dependent. Spend time exploring the old medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach. Continue by train to Levanto, then on to your resort in Rapallo.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Grand Hotel Bristol Resort & Spa, Rapallo.

## Day 5 | Across the Alps to Lucerne



Pass Milan as you head north for the Italian Lake District via Lake Lugano. Continue into the heart of the Swiss Alps, passing through the Gotthard Tunnel, one of the longest road tunnels in the world. Travel alongside towering mountains and past rushing torrents, down to scenic Lake Lucerne, where you are at leisure for the rest of the afternoon.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Lake Lucerne Cruise and Drinks** - Widely considered to be the loveliest of the mountain lakes, much of the shoreline of Lake Lucerne can only be fully appreciated from the water. Admire the spectacular homes of the fortunate few, privileged to live on its scenic shores, as we cruise gently by. Two drinks will be served during the trip.

**Adult: 54.00 CHF**

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

**Swiss Evening** - There's nothing better than convening with friends around a pot of bubbling fondue with a glass of chilled white wine and having a good yodel! Join us for a tasty Swiss meal in a typical restaurant. While you dine, enjoy a lively folklore show of flag throwing, yodelling, Alpenhorn blowing and other great Swiss entertainment.

**Adult: 111.00 CHF**

**Swiss Dinner by the Lake** - Tonight, we'll enjoy a delicious Swiss meal that includes the famous Swiss cheese fondue in a typical local restaurant. Its lakeside location and well-placed terrace will ensure a relaxing evening enjoying the hearty Swiss menu. Two drinks are included.

**Adult: 104.00 CHF**

## Day 6 | Lucerne's Lakes, Mountains and Lion



In the morning, explore 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.

Upon return to Lucerne, see the town's proud Lion Monument, carved into a limestone cliff and dedicated to the heroic Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Then, take some time to stroll across the covered Chapel Bridge and see the baroque Jesuit church. The rest of the day is at leisure to shop for fine watches and delectable chocolates. Tonight, enjoy a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around Evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Carriages & Countryside** - In a typical rural community, meet local farmers for a delightful horse-drawn ride. Clip-clop your way through bright green pasture, where the angular spire of a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden storehouses still dot the landscape. Call in at a local farm where a wonderful spread of homemade drinks and snacks is served.

**Adult: 77.00 CHF**

*\* Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

## Day 7 | Sights and delights of Paris



Journey through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wines, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the impressive Eiffel Tower, the magnificent Notre-Dame Cathedral and the imposing facades of the Louvre. Discover the banks of the Seine with its many romantic bridges, see the obelisk in the centre of the Place de la Concorde and drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe. With the evening free, there are countless opportunities to enjoy the lively atmosphere of this glittering city. Why not visit one of the world-famous cabaret shows?

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

In Paris, depending on availability, you will be offered one of the below two cabaret:

*Please note both involve a pre-paid reservation. Cancellation within 24 hours will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee.*

**Moulin Rouge Cabaret and Dinner** - Enjoy dinner and cabaret, including wine and champagne, at the world-famous Moulin Rouge – the original Paris cabaret. Immortalized by the award-winning film of the same name, this Parisian institution features 60 dancers and entertainers and over 1000 costumes!

**Adult: 205.00 EUR**

**La Nouvelle Eve Cabaret and Dinner** - Nestled in the heart of Montmartre, Nouvelle Eve has been spotlighted by 'Emily in Paris' and has hosted events for high-fashion icons like Dolce & Gabbana, Christian Louboutin and Vivienne Westwood. An icon of Parisian elegance for 125 years, this chic revue theatre is your ticket to an unforgettable night. An a la carte meal and dazzling cabaret will bring the French Cancan to life before your eyes. Performances run from April 20 to October 26.

**Adult: 163.00 EUR**

## Day 8 | The food and flavours of Paris



Start your day with an Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. In the evening, indulge in refined French cuisine during your Celebration Dinner at the iconic restaurant La Coupole, frequently visited by the French entertainer Josephine Baker.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Notre Dame & Latin Quarter** - A guided drive through Paris' bohemian Left Bank, with our Local Expert, brings us to amazing Notre Dame. One of the world's most famous Cathedrals and the epitome of Gothic architecture, it is thankfully still standing after the tragic fire of 2019. While admiring its miraculously untouched Gothic features, we'll follow the progress of the restoration work as they reinforce the precious medieval structure before starting in on the challenge of replacing the roof. Afterwards, we'll take a stroll through the delightful Latin Quarter, a medieval maze of winding cobblestone alleyways where you'll have free time to enjoy the sidewalk bistros, boutiques, and hidden squares.

**Adult: 36.00 EUR**

**Seine Cruise and Illuminations** - The City of Light really lives up to its name when the city's monuments, buildings and bridges are lit up in all of their glory. First, a specially-designed sightseeing boat takes us for an unforgettable cruise along the Seine and beneath famous bridges to appreciate the Left and Right Banks and the Île de la Cité and St Louis. Then, we'll enjoy an illuminations tour, when the rubies and diamonds of the Champs Élysées and the Eiffel Tower are at their magnificent best.

**Adult: 47.00 EUR**

## Day 9 | Au Revoir Paris



Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport.

**Meals:** Breakfast