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# **MAAZA TOUR (8 DAYS) - 2012**

Den Haag, Cologne, Rhine Cruise, Heidelberg, Black Forest, Rhine Falls, Mount Titlis, Lucerne, Interlaken, Geneva, Paris

DAY 1: London – Dover - Ferry – Calais – The Netherlands

This morning, at the check-in point, you will meet your Tour Manager and join the coach for a leisurely drive from London to Dover port, to board the ferry for the short channel crossing to Calais. Upon arrival, we proceed through Belgium and The Netherlands to visit Madurodam Model Village to see miniature Holland (or Keukenhof Gardens for arrivals in Holland between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>). En route you will see countryside and also the iconic windmills of Holland. After dinner, you may either rest at the hotel or join the additional excursion - Amsterdam by Night Tour. We proceed to the cosmopolitan city of Amsterdam for a canal cruise through the city's complex system of waterways. Later we return to our hotel. (Dinner)

DAY 2: The Netherlands - Cologne - Rhine Cruise - Mannheim / Frankfurt area

Today after breakfast, we depart east across The Netherlands and into Germany. We arrive at the famous city of Cologne where you can marvel Europe's largest Gothic twin spire cathedral. Continuing our drive into the Rhine valley we board a cruise ship for an unforgettable trip along the River Rhine, which traverses through four countries. Admire the majestic views, mountain top fairy tale castles and fortresses from a bygone era. Late evening check into our hotel for an overnight stop. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 3: Mannheim / Frankfurt area – Heidelberg – Black Forest – Switzerland: Rhine Falls

Depart this morning for Heidelberg, situated on the banks of the River Neckar, to see the Heidelberg Castle (photo stop). Joining the autobahn we enter into the enchanting Black Forest region, where you will marvel at the timeless serenity and unparalleled scenery around you. Our first stop is at scenic Lake Titisee where you have time to shop for cuckoo clocks. Continuing our drive, we pass through small idyllic villages before crossing the Swiss border. We stop at Schaffhausen to visit the majestic Rhine Falls. Later we check into our hotel for a two night stay. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 4: Switzerland: Engelberg – Mount Titlis – Lucerne

Driving through the Swiss alpine region and the winding mountain roads to the valley of Engelberg, we start our ascent to board the world's first revolving cable car, reaching the

peak of 10,000 feet and the highest viewpoint in central Switzerland – Mount Titlis (weather permitting). Visit the Glacier Grotto or enjoy a breathtaking panorama from the sun terrace. In the afternoon, we begin our descent, passing the glaciers and thawing ice, which create majestic waterfalls. Later we visit the town of Lucerne, to see the Chapel Bridge and the Lion Monument. You have some time to browse through the shops and maybe buy a souvenir for your family and friends. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### DAY 5: Switzerland: Interlaken – Lausanne / Geneva area

Today, we first drive to the town of Interlaken, the scene of many "Bollywood" films, where you have some time to browse through the shops. Here you can join the *additional excursion* - *Trummelbach Falls & Jungfraujoch - Top of Europe*. From Interlaken a short drive brings us to Lauterbrunnen, where we visit the Trummelbach Falls, the only accessible, mountain-interior glacier waterfalls in Europe. Later board the train for the scenic journey to Jungfraujoch - Top of Europe, the highest railway station in Europe at 3,454 metres (weather permitting). Visit the Ice Palace with ice sculptures or enjoy the panoramic views from the Sphinx Terrace. Early evening we begin our descent. Passengers who do not join the additional excursion will have free time in Interlaken. Later we drive to our hotel and checkin for an overnight stay. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### DAY 6: Geneva - Paris

Early morning, we depart for Geneva, Switzerland's truly international city and home to many international organizations. On our panoramic tour, we will see the main sights: UN buildings, English gardens, the Flower Clock and the Jet d'eau. Continue onto Paris, one of the most exciting and popular cities of Europe, renowned for it's fashion, perfumes, and of course the most talked about French champagne and wines. On arrival in Paris, we check into our hotel for a two nights stay. After dinner you may either rest at the hotel or join the *additional excursion – River Seine Cruise & Paris by Night Tour* (\*). Enjoy an amazing cruise on the River Seine - admire the spectacular facades from your covered boat. Later on our Paris by Night Tour we will see the main sights illuminated. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### DAY 7: Paris

Today you have the choice of two exciting day tours;

## Paris City Tour

This morning, on our orientation tour of Paris, we will be introduced to the main sights of this beautiful city: Hotel des Invalides, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the Opera. Later we proceed to Versailles, to visit the magnificent Gardens at the Palace of Versailles, the former residence of the famous "Sun King". After dinner you may either rest at the hotel or join us for an exciting *optional Lido Paris Cabaret show*. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

OR

#### Disneyland Paris Theme Park

This morning we drive to the famous Disneyland Paris Theme Park where a day of excitement awaits the entire family. Meet your favourite Disney characters, watch amazing shows, ride the hair-raising "Space Mountain: Mission 2" roller coaster, enter Indiana Jones and the Temple of Peril and find yourself in a runaway wagon speeding through the ancient ruins. After dinner you may either rest at the hotel or join us for an exciting *optional Lido Paris Cabaret show*. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 8: Paris - Calais - Ferry - Dover - London

This morning we visit the third floor (\*\*) of the Eiffel Tower to witness a spectacular panoramic view of the city. Later, you have some time to browse through the shops, or join the *additional excursion – Visit to Louvre Museum*, where you can see the famous Mona Lisa painting by Leonardo Da Vinci. Next we visit a French perfumery for some last minute shopping. Early afternoon we depart and journey north for Calais to board the ferry for the return channel crossing. On arrival at Dover port, we proceed to London, where the tour ends, and its time to say farewell to all the friends you have made on tour. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Note (\*): Please note that the *additional excursion – River Seine Cruise & Paris by Night Tour* may be operated on either Day 6 or Day 7 as per convenience.

Note (\*\*): The reservation for the visit to the Eiffel Tower is subject to availability, and could be up to the  $2^{nd}$  Floor or  $3^{rd}$  Floor.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

**THE NETHERLANDS:** Visit Madurodam Model Village (or Keukenhof Gardens between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>)

**GERMANY:** Visit the Gothic Cathedral – "Dom", River Rhine Cruise, see Heidelberg Castle (photo stop), Black Forest – visit Lake Titisee and scenic drive

**SWITZERLAND**: Rhine Falls, cable car ride to Mount Titlis and, visit to Lucerne, Interlaken and Geneva

#### **PARIS:**

**Paris City Tour:** Orientation Tour of Paris, visit to the Gardens at the Palace of Versailles, third floor (\*\*) of the Eiffel Tower, French Perfumery OR

**Disneyland Paris Theme Park:** Visit to Disneyland Paris – one day unlimited pass, third floor (\*\*) of the Eiffel Tower, French Perfumery

### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- 7 nights in a First Class Hotel with private facilities
- 7 Vegetarian Buffet Breakfasts, 6 Indian Vegetarian Lunches (Hot / Packed) (1 additional Lunch on Day 7 for Paris City Tour passengers) and 7 Indian Vegetarian / Non Vegetarian Dinners
- Meal Plan is indicated at the bottom of your daily itinerary: Breakfast, Indian Vegetarian / Non Vegetarian Dinner, Indian Vegetarian Lunch (Hot / Packed)
- Return channel crossings by Ferry
- All coach transportation by executive cruise liners from departure to tour termination points
- All sightseeing, entrances and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Services of Bi-lingual "Taj Tours" Tour Manager throughout the tour

# **TOUR DEPARTURES (2012):**

**Tour Code: 08D–MAZ** (out Sundays – return Sundays)

April	08, 22
May	06, 20
June	03, 17
July	01, 15, 29
August	12, 19, 26
September	02, 09, 23

## **ADDITIONAL EXCURSIONS (GBP):**

Excursions	Adult	Child
		(2 – 11 years)
Amsterdam by Night with Canal Cruise	£20.00	£15.00
Jungfraujoch – Top of Europe & Trummelbach Falls	£130.00	£80.00
River Seine Cruise & Paris by Night Tour	£20.00	£15.00
Supplement for visit to Disneyland Paris Theme Park	£25.00	£25.00
on Day 7		
Lido Paris Cabaret Show	£90.00	£90.00
Visit to Louvre Museum	£12.00	£7.00

# **TOUR PRICES (GBP):**

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Adult	£825.00
Child 2 – 11 yrs	£615.00
Infant 0 – 23 months	£180.00
Single Person	£965.00

Special Offer: River Seine Cruise & Paris by Night Tour worth £20.00 included.

### **Early Bird Discount:**

Book 6 weeks in advance and get £25.00 per adult and £20.00 per child off the tour price.

## **Extra Special Discount:**

Book before 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2012 with deposit payment, and **instead of Early Bird Discount**, get **5% off the tour price**.

Adult Rate is based on 2/3 Adults (12+ years) sharing Twin / Triple Rooms Child (2-11 years) must share a Room with 2 Adults Infant price is for Coach Seat only Discounts available for groups of 15+ passengers