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EUROPEAN SPLENDOURS (10 DAYS) - 2012

Brussels, Black Forest, Rhine Falls, Mount Titlis, Lucerne, Venice, Florence, Rome, Pisa, Nice, Paris

DAY 1: London – Dover - Ferry – Calais – Brussels – Mannheim / Frankfurt area

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. We first visit the city of Brussels, where on our orientation tour we see the Grand Place and the Mannekin Pis statue. Continuing our drive, we reach our overnight stop and check into our hotel. (Dinner)

DAY 2: Mannheim / Frankfurt area - Black Forest – Rhine Falls - Switzerland

Today, we depart after breakfast - 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 nights stay. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 3: Switzerland: 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. This evening, why not join the *additional excursion - Lake Lucerne Cruise*. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 4: Switzerland – Venice / Padova area

Early morning we depart for Italy. Driving south through the Gotthard tunnel, we pass spectacular scenery around the lake regions of Lugano and Como. Crossing the Italian border, we continue on the autostradas, to Venice, the city of unparalleled beauty and romantic gondolas. Our tour starts with a boat ride to St. Mark's Square – the most elegant square in the world, to see the Bridge of Sighs, the Doges Palace and Basilica di San Marco. Here we also have a chance to watch the Venetian glass blowers at work and maybe buy a souvenir for the family. Arrive at our hotel late evening and check in. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 5: Venice / Padova area – Florence - Rome

Today we depart for Florence. Watch the amazing scenery change as we cross the Appennines and the gentle hilly countryside of Tuscany to reach Florence. On arrival in the city of the Medicis, we will visit Piazzale Michelangelo to enjoy one of the best views of this renaissance city across the River Arno. Later we continue our journey to the 'Eternal City', where we check into our hotel for a two-night stay. After dinner, you may either rest in your hotel or join the ***additional excursion - Rome by Night Tour***. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 6: Rome

This morning, you have free time or join the ***additional excursion – Visit to Sistine Chapel***, where we meet our local guide who will show us the splendours of the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel. Later, with the local guide, we will all visit St. Peter's Basilica, a renaissance masterpiece. In the afternoon, we take in other ancient sights - Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, which was the political centre of the Roman Empire, Colosseum, Circus Maximus, and the spectacular Trevi Fountain, where you may make a wish. Later you have some free time for shopping. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 7: Rome - Pisa – San Remo area

Today we depart for Pisa, where we visit the Field of Miracles. Here you can marvel at the marble Cathedral in the Pisan Romanesque style, the Baptistery, and one of the wonders of the world, the legendary Leaning Tower. Continuing our journey, we drive past spectacular scenery along the Ligurian Sea and arrive at the Italian Riviera region, and early evening we check into our hotel. After dinner, you may either rest in your hotel or join the ***additional excursion – Monte Carlo by Night Tour***. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 8: San Remo area – Nice - Lyon

This morning, we visit a French Perfumery to see a demonstration of how French perfumes are made. Later we visit Nice, where on our panoramic tour we see the main sights, including the Flower Market and the Promenade des Anglais, a sea-front avenue, where you can take a leisurely stroll. Proceeding, we drive through the Provence of Cezanne and Van Gogh onto the Lyon area where we check into our hotel for an overnight stay. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 9: Lyon – Paris

Today we depart for Paris, one of the most exciting and popular cities of Europe, renowned for its fashion, perfumes, and of course the most talked about French wines. Early evening, arrive at your hotel and check-in. After dinner, you may either rest in your hotel or join the ***additional excursion - Paris by Night Tour***. On our tour we will see the main sights illuminated. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 10: Paris – Calais - Ferry – Dover – London

This morning, we proceed on our orientation tour of Paris, where 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. We then visit the third floor (***) of the Eiffel Tower to witness a spectacular panoramic view of the city. Later enjoy an amazing cruise on the River Seine - admire the spectacular facades from your covered boat. 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 (**): The reservation for the visit to the Eiffel Tower is subject to availability, and could be up to the 2nd Floor or 3rd Floor.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

BRUSSELS: Orientation Tour including the Grand Place and Mannekin Pis

BLACK FOREST: Visit Lake Titisee, scenic drive

SWITZERLAND: See the Rhine Falls, cable car ride to Mount Titlis and visit to Lucerne

VENICE: Boat ride to St. Mark's Square, visit St. Mark's Square - see the Bridge of Sighs, Doges Palace and the Basilica di San Marco

FLORENCE: View of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo

ROME: Guided City Tour including a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, see Piazza Venezia, the Colosseum and Trevi Fountain

PISA: See the Leaning Tower and Square of Miracles

ITALIAN RIVIERA: Scenic drive

FRENCH RIVIERA: Visit French Perfumery and Nice

PARIS: Orientation Tour of Paris, visit to third floor (***) of the Eiffel Tower and River Seine Cruise

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- 9 nights in a First Class Hotel with private facilities
- 9 Vegetarian Buffet Breakfasts, 9 Indian Vegetarian Lunches (Hot / Packed) and 9 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: 10D-SPL (out Fridays – return Sundays)

March	30
April	06, 13, 20, 27
May	04, 11, 18, 25
June	01, 08, 15, 22, 29
July	06, 13, 20, 27
August	03, 10, 17, 24, 31
September	07, 14, 21, 28
October	05

ADDITIONAL EXCURSIONS (GBP):

Excursions	Adult	Child (2 – 11 years)
Lake Lucerne Cruise	£15.00	£10.00
Rome by Night Tour & visit to Vatican Museums	£40.00	£35.00
Monte Carlo by Night Tour	£25.00	£25.00
Paris by Night Tour	£15.00	£10.00

TOUR PRICES (GBP):

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Adult	£995.00
Child 2 – 11 yrs	£745.00
Infant 0 – 23 months	£200.00
Single Person	£1,185.00

Early Bird Discount:

Book 6 weeks in advance and get **£30.00 off the tour price or 1 night pre-tour in London** per adult or child.

Extra Special Discount:

Book before 31st January, 2012 with deposit payment, and get **pre-tour Panoramic London Sightseeing Tour and Paris by Night Tour free of cost.**

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