

# **GRAND EUROPE**

Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Monaco, France, Italy & Vatican

18 days | 10 countries | from £ 2950 pp | code: gnepd/gnep

# **ITINERARY**

O1 LONDON - CALAIS - BRUSSELS - HOLLAND Board the coach and cross the English Channel by ferry or Eurotunnel. From Calais, start your journey to the capital city of Belgium, Brussels. On arrival, start with a photo stop at the most iconic structure, The Atomium, followed by the famous Mannekin Pis Statue and the Grand Place. (L, D)

> NOTE: on occasions there can be severe delays crossing the English Channel and therefore a city tour of Brussels will be replaced by city tour of Zurich on Day 4.

# 02 KEUKENHOF TULIP GARDENS OR MADURODAM - AMSTERDAM

Begin the morning by visiting the world renowned Keukenhof Tulip Gardens. Admire over 7 million bulbs at the world-famous attraction, between March and May. (After 6th May departures, Keukenhof will be replaced by Madurodam model village). Early afternoon, visit the cheese and clog demonstration. Later visit Amsterdam, to view the amazing architecture from a glass-topped canal boats followed by some free time. (B, L, D)

## 03 HOLLAND - COLOGNE - RIVER RHINE CRUISE Travel to the city of Cologne, Germany. Visit the breathtaking Cologne Cathedral, known as the Dome Church that stands 157 metres in height. The Cathedral is truly a masterpiece; taking over six hundred years to construct. Depart to Boppard for a scenic boat cruise on the River Rhine; enjoy picturesque views of vineyards and castles as you cruise along the longest river in Germany. Whilst aboard your cruise, enjoy a hot cup of tea to accompany the wonderful scenery. (B, L, D)

04 HEIDELBERG - BLACK FOREST - RHINE FALLS Travel to Heidelberg: here, have an opportunity to photograph the famous Heidelberg Castle on the hills above. Drive to the Black Forest region in South Germany where we stop at the largest natural lake in the Black Forest, Lake Titisee. Here enjoy free time, and have an opportunity to purchase cuckoo clocks and other souvenirs. Later, travel to Switzerland and walk ground the largest plain waterfalls in Europe, the Rhine Falls. (B, L, D)

NOTE: Your tour rep, vehicle & seat may change on day 4.

# 05 MT. JUNGFRAU - INTERLAKEN

Depart for Jungfrau. On route, witness the stunning scenery of the Lauterbrunnen Valley, the deepest U-shaped valley in the world rising a sheer 1000 metres. On arrival, board a coawheel train or cable car to the top of Mt. Jungfrau at 3454 metres above sea level. At the top, have free time to explore the Ice Palace, visit the Sphinx observation tower for spectacular views of the Aletsch glacier and surrounding peaks. After, continue to Interlaken; where you can enjoy a walk on the main street. (B, L, D)

#### 06 MT. TITLIS - LUCERNE

Ascend 10.000 ft to the summit of Mt. Titlis. Take the world's first revolving cable car, the Titlis Rotair. Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding Swiss landscapes. At Mt. Titlis have free time to play in the snow or even take a professional photo in traditional Swiss outfits. Depart for Lucerne to view the Lion Monument and one of the oldest wooden bridges in the world, The Chapel Bridge, enjoy free time to explore the town. (B, L, D)

# 07 SWITZERLAND - VADUZ - SWAROVSKI -INNSBRUCK

Depart for Liechtenstein, one of the smallest countries in Europe. Stop, for a photo stop, in the capital city, Vaduz. Later proceed to Austria to see the famous Swarovski Crystal Museum, before driving to Innsbruck. On arrival, view the Golden roof (a symbol of the city) and then enjoy free time to explore this beautiful city. Finally visit the famous Swarovski Crystal World Museum, before checking into the hotel. (B, CL, CD)

# 08 NNSBRUCK - VERONA - VENICE

Today depart for Verona. This remnant of the renaissance is known for its art and amazing architecture. Here follow the mythical Romeo and Juliet trail, which marks a series of fictional events and sites. Verona's houses, churches and piazzas combine to tell the fascinating story of this small, but hugely significant, northern Italian city. Later, depart for your overnight stay near Venice. (B, L, D)

#### **VENICE - ROME**

Depart for Venice; the most romantic city in Italy with its distinctive architecture and famous gondola rides. Begin with a boat ride to St Mark's Square, one of the most elegant squares in the world. See the famous Bridge of Sighs and the Basilica di San Marco. Explore the island for the famous Murano Glass. or admire the rich architecture of the buildings. Finally, enjoy a gondola ride while enjoying the ambience of Venice. In the afternoon depart for your hotel near Rome. (B, L, D)

#### 10 ROME - CAPRI - ROME

Depart to Capri, one of the most beautiful cities in Italy. On arrival, board a speedboat for a short journey to Capri port. Then board onto a mini bus for a scenic journey to Anacapri; here enjoy free time before taking a cable car to Mt Solaro for opportunity to take mesmerising photos. Later proceed back to Capri port for your return journey back to Rome. (B, D)

#### **ROME - VATICAN CITY**

On arrival in Rome, be greeted by a local professional guide. The tour starts with a photo stop at the Colosseum which is surrounded by other sights such as the Arch of Constantine. View the Roman Forums, where ancient civilisations developed. View Trevi Fountain, arguably the most beautiful fountains in all of Rome. Later, visit the Vatican City, home to the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church to see St. Peters Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, the best known chapel in the World, with its renowned architecture from the likes of Michelangelo. (B, L, D)

## FLORENCE - PISA

Depart for Florence. On arrival, be greeted by your local professional guide. The tour of this renaissance city starts by viewing the impressive architecture of some of the finest historic buildings in Italy, such as the Duomo of Florence the largest brick dome ever created, along with photo stops at Basilica of Santa Croce, the final burial place of Michelangelo, statue of David (replica), famous Ponte Vecchio Bridge on the Arno River and The Piazelle Michelangelo, for the most outstanding views of Florence. (As coaches are restricted to enter many parts of Florence & Pisa, much of the tour is done on foot). (B, L, D)

#### PISA - SAN REMO

Proceed to Pisa, on arrival, marvel at The Piazza del Duomo (cathedral square) which is dominated by four great religious structures: the Duomo, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Baptistery and the Camposanto. Enjoy some free time here to buy souvenirs for friends and family. We then depart towards our hotel in the San Remo region, which is in the province of Imperia, for our two-night stay. (B, L, CD)

# 14 SAN REMO - NICE - CANNES - MONTE CARLO -

Driving along the Italian and French Riviera, we pass spectacular scenery along the Mediterranean Sea and reach Nice, where you have time to explore and browse along the Promenade des Anglais, a sea-front avenue. Later we drive through the Cotes'Azur region, to visit Cannes; host of the annual film festival. Finally we drive to the Principality of Monaco and visit Monte Carlo, internationally known as a playground for the rich and famous. (B, L, D)

# SAN REMO - GENEVA

Today morning we depart for Geneva (approximate drive time will be 7 hours). Here have a short city tour covering photo stops at the United Nations building, the Flower Clock, which is the symbol of Geneva and the iconic Jet d'Eau (operation permitting). (B, D)

### THE STAR DIFFERENCE

- Excursion to Mt. Titlis & Mt Jungfrau included in your price • Enjoy Indian Lunch at Mt. Jungfrau • Entrance to Sistine Chapel
- included Enjoy a complimentary an Italian ice cream in Italy
- Illumination Tour of Paris included Gondola ride in Venice
- included Visit to Capri Island included Visit to Monte Carlo included • Tips and service charges included

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

BELGIUM: • Atomium Structure photo stop • Walking Tour of Brussels view the Grand Place & Mannekin Pis Statue

NETHERLANDS: • Keukenhof Tulip Gardens or Madurodam Model Village with entrance • Amsterdam Canal Cruise with entrance • Cheese & Clog Demonstration with entrance

GERMANY: • Cologne Cathedral • River Rhine Cruise with entrance and complimentary tea • Heidelberg Castle photo stop

• Black Forest drive through the scenic region • Lake Titisee free time SWITZERLAND: • Mt Jungfrau with entrance • Mt Titlis with

entrance • Rhine Falls The largest plain waterfalls in Europe • Geneva City Tour, view Flower Clock, UN Building, Jet d'Eau and more • Lucerne City Tour view the Lion Monument & Chapel Bridge • Interlaken Free time to explore & shop

LIECHTENSTEIN & AUSTRIA: • Vaduz photo stop

• Golden Roof & free time to explore • Swarovski Crystal World Museum with entrance

ITALY: • Venice Boat ride to St. Marks Square, Gondola Ride with entrance • Rome City Tour with local guide, Colosseum photo stop, view Trevi Fountain, Roman Forum • Florence City Tour with local guide, Statue of David at Piazza Michelangelo, Ponte Vecchio Bridge, view the Piazza Della Signoria, Basilica of Santa Croce and The Duomo (from outside) • Pisa view the Leaning Tower (from outside) & The Duomo • Verona City Free time to explore the city • Capri includes excursion to Mt Solaro via cable car

VATICAN CITY: • Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel with entrance • St Peters Basilica & Square

MONACO: • Monte Carlo Orientation tour

#### FRANCE:

#### **TOUR CODE: GNEPD**

- Visit to Nice & Cannes, Eiffel Tower (level 3\*) with entrance
- River Seine Boat Cruise with entrance Disneyland® Paris with entrance • Paris Orientation Tour • Illumination Tour of Paris included

#### TOUR CODE: GNEP

- Visit to Nice & Cannes Eiffel Tower (level 3\*) with entrance
- River Seine Boat Cruise with entrance Versailles Gardens with entrance • French Perfumery included • Paris Orientation Tour
- Carrousel du Louvre (Louvre Museum entrance not included)
- Illumination Tour of Paris included

# SUGGESTION

Why not extend this tour to cover London Package or Scotland tour. View pages: 17-21

# **EARLY BIRD OFFER**

- Book 12 weeks in advance and get £ 100 OFF per adult and child OR Two nights pre stay in London (3\* hotel) with airport transfer and tour transfer included (one-way)
- ullet Book 8 weeks in advance and get  ${\mathfrak L}$  60 OFF per adult & child

# 16 GENEVA - PARIS

Depart for Paris (approximate drive time will be six hours). On arrival, enjoy a cruise along the River Seine. The cruise is perfectly designed to discover and admire the rich architecture such as the Eiffel Tower, Musée d'Orsay and more. Later, enjoy the famous illuminations of Paris during your night tour. This panoramic tour will cover the impressive "Eiffel Tower", the world famous "Champs Elysees", the beautiful "Arc de Triomphe" and many other historic buildings. (B, D)

# DISNEYLAND® RESORT PARIS OR CITY TOUR WITH VERSAILLES GARDENS

### TOUR CODE: GNEPD: **DISNEYLAND® RESORT PARIS**

Onroute

Today depart for the world-famous Disneyland® Resort Paris. Here enjoy a fun and adventurous day out: choose between Disneyland® Park; which explores five themed lands filled with Disney classic stories and fairy tales or Walt Disney Studios® Park; the behind-the-scenes destination sensation allowing you

# to experience movie and cinema sets coming to life. (B, D) drop off point. (B, L) (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner, CL - Continental Lunch, CD - Continental Dinner) Amsterdam GERMANY NETHERLANDS Calais Brussels ~BELGIUM Mannheim (2) Paris AUSTRIA Central Switz (3) Vaduz Innsbruck FRANCE Geneva Venice ITALY San Remo Tour Start / End loining / Leaving Naples/Cap Stay of Night

# TOUR CODE: GNEP: CITY TOUR WITH VERSAILLES GARDENS

The tour will start with a visit to the renowned Gardens of Versailles, a fine example of 17th-century French landscaping covering an area of more than 800 hectares. Use this free time to take mesmerising photos, souvenir shopping or simply relax admiring the Royal Lawns. Then visit the "Carrousel du Louvre" home to the famous glass pyramid (entrance to Louvre Museum not included). Visit the courtyard and wonder the Tuileries gardens famed for their pristine layout and history or enjoy your free time to explore numerous shops, restaurants and cafes in the surrounding shopping avenues. Later visit Fragonard Perfume Museum to purchase some unique French fragrances, soaps, candles and more. (B, L, D)

#### 18 PARIS - CALAIS - LONDON

This morning depart for Paris to embark on a journey to the Eiffel Tower (level 3\*) for a breathtaking bird's eye view of Paris. Later drive through Avenue Des Champs Elysees, the most prestigious avenue in Paris; with its cinemas, café and luxury speciality shops before driving to Calais for the channel crossing, then it is time to bid farewell to the group before arriving at your

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Return transportation by deluxe AC coach from your selected
- Return channel crossing via Eurotunnel or Ferry
- 17 nights accommodation in a 3/4\* hotel with breakfast
- Tour Code: GNEPD: 16 Indian dinners, 13 vegetarian lunches, 1 continental lunch, 1 continental dinner
- Tour Code: GNEP: 16 Indian dinners, 14 vegetarian lunches, 1 continental lunch, 1 continental dinner
- Entrances & sightseeing as mentioned in tour highlights
- All tips and service charges
- Premium service of a Star Tours' representative

#### **PICK-UP POINTS AVAILABLE**

- All pick-up points available from the UK, and selected from Europe, but note that Dover is not guaranteed. Please view page 14-15 for more information.
- You may start your tour at Brussels Airport and end your tour at CDG Airport in Paris

#### **PRE & POST TOUR ACCOMMODATION**

- For pre tour London hotels view: page 17
- Post tour Paris accommodation with breakfast (excludes transfers) From: £ 80 Double room, £ 75 Single Room, £ 105 Triple room (Prices subject to availability)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES		
DEPARTURE DATES	ADULT	CHILD (2-11)
MAY - 06, 13	£ 2950	£ 2450
JUN - 03, 24	£ 2950	£ 2450
JUL - 08, 22	£ 2950	£ 2450
AUG - 05, 19	£ 2950	£ 2450

\*Tour Code GNEPD will incur a supplement of £ 60 per adult and  ${\mathfrak L}$  50 per child for Disneyland entrance

- Price per person based on 2/3 adults sharing a room
- Child 2-11 years must share a room with 2/3 adults
- Infants 0-23 months price is £ 600 for a seat in coach only.
- Max occupancy per room is 3 person (excluding infants)
- $\bullet~\mbox{\pounds}$  300 reduction will apply for 2nd child without a bed.
- Single supplement will be an additional £ 750

ADDITIONAL EXCURSIONS (For more info view page 00)			
EXCURSION	ADULT	CHILD	
Zurich City Tour	€5	FREE	
Ice Flyer	€ 12	€ 6 (6-15 YRS)	
Trummelbach Waterfalls (Available from 06 Apr to 28 Sep)	€ 18	€ 10 (6-15 YRS)	
Rome Night Tour	€ 20	FREE	

\*NOTE: On occasions, due to large events, traffic and availability of reservations, it may be necessary to change the above itinerary. However all aspects of the itinerary will be covered. In the event of the Eiffel Tower restricting access/closure the ticket price difference for the restricted floor will be reimbursed. Eiffel Tower during national holidays or events may be substituted by Montparnasse tower or will be refunded.

As coaches are prohibited in certain parts of Pisa, Rome, Florence and Venice majority of the tour will be conducted by walking.

Please note on occasions during peak season maximum occupancy per room will be 2 persons, in which case an alternative room configuration will be provided.

