

Leisure Travel Services Presents

A Taste of Europe 2012

London to London, 5 Countries, 12 days incl. travel
9-20 MAY, 2012



Get a “Taste of Europe” and sample some of Western Europe’s best-loved areas, including England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and France. You’ll visit the main cities—London, Amsterdam, Lucerne, and Paris—but you’ll also behold fascinating scenery and cruise legendary waterways. Experience the wonder of a cruise on the Rhine—with its picturesque countryside, historical castles, and charming villages. See the mythical Lorelei rock and hear the legend about the distraught maiden who sat on the rock combing her long golden hair and luring passing navigators to their death. In Amsterdam, hear about its 165 canals at a total length of 62 miles. As such an integral part of the city, you’ll enjoy a canal cruise to appreciate Amsterdam from the waterways. Breakfast is included daily, and most days, you’ll have the opportunity to venture out and try local cuisine. Sample a pint of bitter in a local British pub, savor French wines in the Parisian cafés, and try the local beers in Germany.



Vacation Highlights

INCLUDED FEATURES
Visit Lucerne, Rhine cruise

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS
Rhineland

GUIDES

Host service in London, Local Guides for city sight-seeing in Amsterdam & Paris. Professional Tour Director while touring.





Day 1 ARRIVE IN LONDON, ENGLAND

Check into your hotel. In the afternoon you may want to start exploring the lively British capital. Uniformed Hosts are available to help you make the most of your stay.

Day 2

A full day to savor our rich program of optional activities: take a panoramic tour of London's landmarks, visit the , or choose an excursion to Windsor Castle. Tonight, maybe a leisurely cruise on the River Thames? (Breakfast)

Day 3 LONDON-AMSTERDAM

Leave London in the early morning and head through the lush English countryside to the Channel port, where you board your ferry for the Continent. Here your Tour Director and coach wait to take you to the Amsterdam Area. (Breakfast)

Day 4 AMSTERDAM

Today, watch the cutting and polishing of precious stones at a diamond center in Amsterdam. Then, sightseeing with a Local Guide pointing out the city highlights, as well as a canal cruise to see the town from water level. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 AMSTERDAM AREA-RHINELAND

Another morning in Amsterdam to do as you please. Later, travel southwards into the lovely landscape of the Rhine, where you overnight. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6 RHINELAND

Start the day with an included Rhine steamer cruise with some legendary sights, including the Lorelei rock. Rejoin the coach for a comfortable drive southwards to the Swiss border at Basel. The scenery becomes more and more fascinating as you approach for two overnights. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 LAKE LUCERNE

One of Switzerland's finest cities nestled amid its snowcapped Alps, surrounded by its lake, and embellished by the clear mountain waters of the River Reuss. Your visit takes in the impressive city walls, a covered wooden bridge, ornate patrician houses lining cobblestone streets, and the Lion Monument—a masterful stone sculpture in honor of the heroic Swiss Guard of Louis XVI. A grand selection of optional activities completes the day: a cable car ride to the 10,000-foot summit of Mount Titlis, a cruise on the fjord-like lake, and, of course, there is time to shop for that very Swiss watch. (Breakfast)

Day 8 LAKE LUCERNE-PARIS, FRANCE

Enjoy vistas of green pastures and attractive chalets with rustic timbering and luxuriant flowers. Then, into France on the fast highway, past some of its most famous vineyards, to Paris. Arrive in time to enjoy the optional cabaret show. (Breakfast)

Day 9 PARIS

One full day to explore the city that's known throughout the world for its fashions, art and museums, delicious food, and joie de vivre. Included sightseeing with a local expert of many of the best-known Parisian sights: La Sorbonne, Arc de Triomphe, Opéra, Madeleine, the Eiffel Tower, the Pyramid near the Louvre, the Invalides, and Champs Elysées. Optional excursions are also available. Celebrate the success of your tour with an optional French farewell dinner. (Breakfast)

Day 10 PARIS-LONDON, ENGLAND

Relax and let the countryside whiz by on the road north to the coast, where you board your Channel ferry. Through Kent, return to London for an evening arrival. (Breakfast)

Day 11 LONDON

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)