

## 12 Day Tour | Europe Escape | Christmas & New Year

Rome - Venice - Innsbruck - Munich - Bavaria - Rhine Valley - Amsterdam - Ghent - Paris - Burgundy - Swiss Alps - Lake Como - Pisa - Tuscany - Florence

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From **\$3,099** Typically \$3,240 pp twin share

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**Celebrate Christmas in Amsterdam and ring in the New Year in Rome!**

**Enjoy free days in Paris, the Swiss Alps and Rome**

**Cruise along the famous canals of Amsterdam during the festive season**

**Visit Burgundy, Florence, Innsbruck, Ghent and MORE!**

## Description

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## Celebrate the 12 days of Christmas in style with this Europe Escape Christmas & New Year tour in 2024!

Experience the ultimate winter wonderland extravaganza with our meticulously crafted Europe coach tour, designed to infuse your holiday season with boundless joy, affordability, and convenience. Embark on a journey that transcends the ordinary as you delve into the heart of Europe's enchanting winter charm.

Indulge your senses in a gastronomic adventure as you savor the exquisite flavors of traditional festive foods, tantalizing your taste buds with seasonal delights that epitomize the spirit of the holidays. From piping hot mulled wine to delectable gingerbread treats, each culinary experience promises to ignite a symphony of flavors that will leave you craving for more.

Immerse yourself in the mesmerizing ambiance of twinkling lights adorning quaint cobblestone streets, casting a magical spell that transforms every corner into a scene straight out of a fairytale. Lose yourself in the enchanting allure of Europe's renowned Christmas markets, where vibrant stalls brim with handcrafted treasures and artisanal delights, offering the perfect opportunity to find unique souvenirs and gifts for your loved ones.

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Embark on a captivating journey through Europe's iconic cities, each boasting its own distinct charm and allure. From the romantic streets of Paris to the timeless beauty of Venice, and the bustling energy of Munich, every

destination on our itinerary promises to captivate your imagination and leave an indelible mark on your memory.

Prepare to be enchanted as you venture into the heart of Germany's fairytale Rhine Valley, where ancient castles perch atop lush vineyards, creating a picture-perfect backdrop that exudes romance and mystique. Witness the magic of Christmas unfold as you spend a memorable Christmas Day amidst the charming canals and historic landmarks of Amsterdam, immersing yourself in the city's unique festive spirit.

As the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve, bid farewell to the old and welcome the new in the eternal city of Rome, where ancient ruins and modern marvels coexist in perfect harmony. Join in the jubilant celebrations as fireworks light up the sky, illuminating the iconic landmarks of the city in a kaleidoscope of colors, marking the beginning of a new chapter filled with promise and possibility.

But the adventure doesn't end there. Brace yourself for an exhilarating journey into the majestic Swiss Alps, where snow-capped peaks tower majestically against the azure sky, beckoning you to explore their pristine wilderness and breathtaking beauty. Whether you're an avid skier or simply yearn to bask in the serenity of nature's embrace, the Swiss Alps offer an unforgettable experience that will leave you in awe of the wonders of the natural world.

Join us on the ultimate European escapade and celebrate the festive season in style. With our meticulously planned itinerary, expert guides, and comfortable accommodations, this is truly the best way to experience the magic of winter in Europe. Come, let your holiday dreams take flight, and embark on an adventure of a lifetime that promises to create memories that will last a lifetime.





## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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**Rome**  **Venice**

Ciao! Welcome to this Europe Escape Christmas & New Year tour. Meet up with your tour leader and the rest of the group and get ready to hit the road. Relax and enjoy the scenery of vineyards, orchards and countryside on the journey to Venice. Arrive in Venice and prepare to be wowed! This famous floating city is perched across over 100 islands and connected by numerous canals. Explore the city on an orientation tour with your tour leader. See St. Mark's Square, the Rialto Bridge and the Grand Canal. Tonight is free to spend as you wish. Enjoy the piazzas, art, food and unique Venetian vibe! Embark on a gondola ride optional excursion to see Venice the traditional way.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** TBA Closer to departure date

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### Day 2

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**Venice**  **Innsbruck**  **Munich**  **Bavaria**

Say farewell to Italy for now and continue onto the next exciting destination on the itinerary - Innsbruck in Austria! Take a trip through the spectacular Brenner Pass and admire the gorgeous countryside en route. Make a comfort stop in Innsbruck before arriving in Munich, Germany, this afternoon. Set off on an orientation tour of the city with your tour leader and discover more about Munich which was largely rebuilt after WW2. See the highlights and find out more about Munich's most famous event - Oktoberfest! This evening, enjoy an authentic taste of Germany during an included dinner at a local beer hall. Prost!

**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Accommodation:** TBA Closer to departure date

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### Day 3

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**Bavaria**  **Rhine Valley (Christmas Eve)**

It's Christmas Eve and the German adventures continue today as the tour travels onwards to the picturesque Rhine Valley! Arrive and embark on a Rhine River cruise en route to the hotel located in the heart of the region. Admire the views of the dramatic cliffs, medieval towns and castles along the river banks. After the cruise, visit a local wine merchant for a complimentary Rhine Valley wine tasting where you may even get to taste eiswein (ice wine). Enjoy free time once the wine tasting is complete and spend the evening exploring local sights. Why not embrace the festive atmosphere at the nearby Boppard Christmas market and enjoy the lights, decorations and traditional German food?

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBA Closer to departure date

## Day 4

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### Rhine Valley 🚗 Amsterdam (Christmas Day)

Merry Christmas! Celebrate this festive holiday with the unique gift of travel! Start the day in the Rhine Valley before travelling onwards to Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Enjoy a photo stop at an iconic Dutch windmill before arriving in Amsterdam later today. Then, head to the centre of the city for a twilight canal cruise. This is an ideal way to be introduced to this famous destination! Better yet, the Amsterdam Light Festival is out in full blast at this time of year, and a cruise offers the best views of the elaborate displays. Join the group for a delicious Christmas dinner before enjoying a free night in this ever-popular city!

**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

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## Day 5

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### Amsterdam 🚗 Ghent 🚗 Paris

This morning, get ready to experience two Dutch icons: cheese and clogs! Enjoy a visit to a local farm to discover how these items are crafted before waving goodbye to the Netherlands. Next, experience Ghent, Belgium. This picturesque port city is renowned for its well-preserved medieval architecture and is also a cultural hub! Grab a bite to eat and stroll through the historic city centre. Next up on the itinerary is Paris! Arrive in the "City of Lights" and embark on a driving tour of the French capital. See iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum and the Arc de Triomphe. Finish up the driving tour as the group heads out for an included dinner tonight.

**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Accommodation:** TBA Closer to departure date

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## Day 6

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### Paris

Today is yours to explore Paris any way you like. Whether you're after a trip to the Eiffel Tower, a chance to explore the city's Christmas markets or a few hours in one of its countless museums – Paris awaits! Join the highly recommended "Paris +" optional excursion for a fun-filled day tour complete with a macaron tasting, photo stops at the Arc de Triomphe and Opéra Garnier, a visit to a renowned perfume museum, a River Seine lunch cruise, a visit to the Montparnasse Tower for incredible views of the city and free time in the Latin Quarter. It's a fabulously French outing! The evening is yours to spend as you wish. Why not finish off with an evening in Montmartre? C'est magnifique!

**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

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## Day 7

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### Paris 🚗 Burgundy 🚗 Swiss Alps

It's time to depart the "City of Love". But our love affair with France is not over! Enjoy a lunch stop in Burgundy which is the heart of French wine country. Here, try the famous wine or visit the beautiful Hospices de Beaune. After lunch, cross the border into Switzerland. Prepare to be amazed by the views of the Swiss Alps! Later, arrive at the home-base in the Swiss Alps for the next two days. Breathe in that fresh Alpine air and take in the magnificent views. Snow-capped peaks, Alpine forests and crystal-clear lakes are all around! Enjoy the surroundings and festive spirit!

**Meals:** Breakfast

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## Day 8

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### Swiss Alps

Make the most of a free day in the Swiss Alps! Don't miss the chance to join the 'JungfrauJoch: Journey to the Top of Europe' optional excursion! With the snowy landscapes, magnificent scenery and a breathtaking journey to the highest train station in all of Europe, this excursion is what bucket list experiences are made of! At JungfrauJoch, you can play in the snow, visit the Sphinx Observatory and even explore an Ice Palace! Back at lower altitudes, why not wander through a local village and see what winter-time festivities you can find? Sip gluhwein, enjoy the snowy surroundings and absorb Switzerland's festive atmosphere – it doesn't get much more Christmassy than this! Warm up tonight with the optional Swiss Dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBA Closer to departure date

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## Day 9

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### Swiss Alps 🚗 Lake Como 🚗 Pisa 🚗 Tuscany

Wave goodbye to the Swiss Alps this morning. Today, the trip continues to Italy! Make a lunch stop at the famous Lake Como. This beautiful destination is complete with picturesque lakeside villages, sparkling blue waters and impressive mountain backdrops. Next stop today is the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa. Be sure to have your best poses prepared and snap some pics! Afterwards, it's onwards to Tuscany. This region of Italy is famous for its food, wine, art and architecture. Settle in at the hotel for tonight in Montecatini which is a spa town north-west of Florence. Why not sip on a glass of something local tonight?

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** TBA Closer to departure date

## Day 10

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**Tuscany 🚗 Florence 🚗 Rome (New Years Eve)**

It's New Year's Eve and this morning after breakfast, it's time to visit the enchanting city of Florence. Join an expert local guide for a walking tour of Florence and learn more about the city that was the birthplace of the Renaissance. See top sights including the Ponte Vecchio and Florence Cathedral! Enjoy free time in Florence before the final leg of the journey back to Rome. Excitement will be in the air as La Festa di Roma begins tonight! Ring in the new year with your new travel friends during an included dinner tonight! Be sure to watch the midnight fireworks which go off from Palatine Hill. Circus Maximus is the best place to take in the show!

**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

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## Day 11

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**Rome**

Kick off the brand new year with a full free day in Rome. Known as "The Eternal City", Rome was once at the centre of the Roman Empire. Today, it is a destination filled with ancient history, culture and world-famous cuisine. Experience the city decked out in its finest festive decorations today! View the facades of iconic landmarks like the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Pantheon while exploring the city. Stroll through the famous piazzas, climb the Spanish Steps and find a local trattoria to enjoy a delicious Italian meal. La Festa di Roma continues on until this evening and you could also venture to St. Peter's Square where thousands gather to celebrate and receive the Pope's New Year's Day blessing.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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## Day 12

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**Rome**

After 12 days filled with festive Christmas and New Year fun, the tour comes to an end after breakfast today in Rome. We hope you have enjoyed this festive trip and that we can welcome you back to Europe again in the future! Be sure to swap details with your fellow travellers before you say farewell for now!

**Meals:** Breakfast



## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- 11 nights' accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
- 11 Breakfasts and 6 Dinners
- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

### 19 Amazing Experiences:

- Explore Venice on an orientation tour
- Marvel at the scenery along Brenner Pass
- Visit Innsbruck; a beautiful Austrian city
- Explore Munich; capital of Bavaria
- Enjoy dinner and drinks in a traditional German beer hall
- Cruise along the Rhine River
- Indulge in a wine tasting in the Rhine Valley
- Visit the iconic Riekermolen Windmill
- Cruise the canals and see the displays of the Amsterdam Light Festival
- Enjoy Christmas dinner in Amsterdam
- Enjoy a local cheese and clogs demonstration in the Netherlands
- Visit Ghent, a beautiful medieval city in Belgium
- See the sights of Paris on a driving tour
- Visit Burgundy; a French wine region
- Marvel at the views on a scenic Swiss mountain drive
- Stop at idyllic Lake Como
- See the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Discover Florence with a local guide
- Spend New Year's Eve in Rome

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### Exclusions

- International Flights
- Travel Insurance (Highly Recommended)
- Visas
- Tipping/Gratuities
- Anything of a personal nature

**Starting Point:** This program starts from the hotel assigned in Rome at 730AM. Guests will most likely need to arrive the day prior. To arrange flights and pre accommodation please ask our friendly Customer Service team.

**Group Size:** The typical group size on this program is between 30 to 45 guests.

**Single Supplement:** Solo supplement is \$865 for this program. Alternatively, if you are willing to share with someone of the same sex please advise and this can also be requested.

**Travel Insurance:** We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

**Child Policy:** No child discounts apply. A full-priced must be purchased for all children travelling. The minimum age limit for children is 10 years old. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult



18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

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