



EUROPEAN ADVENTURE

Based on a family of 4, 1 x double, 1 x twin room, inclusive of breakfast

This 16 day adventure starts in London, and finishes in the serene surroundings of southern Italy. A vacation with something for all the family, History, Culture, Family Experiences and lots of fun. As the great film says, you cross Europe with the assistance of Trains, Planes and Automobiles, every city, with its own fascinating story to tell, and each offering something unique to take home with you. In each of the locations there is a tour, either private with a local guide or joining an organised small group tour, everything mentioned will be pre-paid and awaits your arrival, it is only for you to be there to enjoy. Your Choice of 3,4 or 5 Star Accommodation.

DAY 1 ARRIVE LONDON

On arrival to London the family, they will be met in the arrivals hall and transferred to their central London Hotel. They will be able to check in and relax for the rest of the day.

Hotel: 3 nights - 1 x double room, 1 x twin, inclusive of breakfast

Overlooking Buckingham Palace and within easy walking distance to Victoria Station, this historic hotel has now been fully renovated and offers a host of new restaurants and bars.

Guests can enjoy live music in the New York Bar, a Royal Afternoon Tea in the Palace Lounge, delicious cuisine in the newly opened English Grill and authentic flavours in The Curry Room.

DAY 2 FREE DAYS IN LONDON - CLASSIC LONDON TOUR

Your guide will meet you at your central London hotel, place of residence, or other agreed place at the specified time. Then, laugh, gasp and shake your head as your Classic London Private Tour takes you through the sights, sounds and stories of one of the greatest cities in the world.

For lunch, how about fish & chips in a traditional London pub?

Tower of London & Crown Jewels

Blood, Bling & Beefeaters! It's 'off with your head' as we explore the Tower of London, London's oldest building and a World Heritage site. Officially known as Her Majesty's Palace and Fortress but once described by Shakespeare as 'The Slaughterhouse'. The original 'Tower' was built for William the Conqueror almost 1,000 years ago, and as you will see, successive monarchs added their own defences over the years (to demonstrate their popularity!). The guided tour touches on the tragic tale of Anne Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII. You will discover his cruelty knew no bounds. See the awesome Crown Jewels, king of bling! Seek out the mysterious ravens. Smile with a superb photo opportunity in front of Tower Bridge. And hear how the famous Beefeaters, also known as the Yeoman Warders, with costumes designed in Henry's reign, look after a London landmark simply drenched in history.

Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace

All the Queen's horses and all the Queen's men in the kind of pomp that only London does best. Your guide will explain this centuries-old ceremony, run through the regiments that



take part, regale you with regal tales, and, as the military band marches by, bag you the best spot for photos of this popular pageant of colour. (Specific days only.)

Westminster Abbey

Crowning glory, focus for royal events, and one of the world's greatest churches. This private guided tour visits the place where kings and queens have been crowned for a thousand years. Your guide will take you through a gothic labyrinth where you'll discover the tombs of the legendary royal women of the past, such as the Virgin Queen, Bloody Mary and Mary Queen of Scots. See too, the magnificent Henry VII Chapel ceiling. In more recent times, the Abbey was the venue for the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Prince William's grandparents, the Queen and Prince Philip, married here too, as did his great grandparents, George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. It was also the venue for the memorable funeral of Prince William's mother Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997. Something of a national mausoleum, the Abbey is also the final resting places of Newton, Darwin and Dickens. (Not Sundays.)

Churchill's War Bunker

Winston Churchill was the British Prime Minister during World War Two, and here, in his underground HQ, that terrible conflict is brought to life. This series of underground war rooms was completed just before the outbreak of war, accommodating map rooms, cipher rooms, switchboards and emergency living quarters used for the entire 1,562 nights of the war. From here, many of Churchill's great speeches were broadcast. Almost all his directives and instructions were dictated in these rooms. Room 63 was a broom cupboard disguised as lavatory where Churchill had his hotline to President Roosevelt. It was set up using a revolutionary encryption device to mask conversation with 'white noise'. A fascinating time capsule, the bunker closed down in 1945 and was not re-discovered until 1973. It also features the superb Churchill museum, featuring interactive exhibits, mementos from his life and the original door from No.10 Downing Street.

Panoramic Highlights

Typical sights and photo opportunities on the Classic London Private Tour include: Buckingham Palace, Piccadilly, Pall Mall, St James's Palace, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, London Eye, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral, London Bridge, Tower Bridge and the River Thames. Phew!

DAY 3

OXFORD AND DOWNTON ABBEY PRIVATE THEMED TOUR

After collection from your London hotel we drive you to the city of Oxford which was founded by French scholars in 1167. The chapels, gardens and lecture theatres of the thirty-nine colleges date back to the thirteenth century with many masterpieces by Christopher Wren. Christ Church College, probably the most spectacular, was founded in 1525 by Cardinal Wolsey and has produced sixteen Prime Ministers in the last two hundred years but almost more importantly was its inspiration for the dining hall in the Harry Potter films! The city boasts the first purpose-built museum in England, the world famous Ashmolean, which was opened to the public in 1683 and has recently undergone a \$100,000,000 renovation.

There are many alternatives on this very exciting Downton Abbey Tour. When the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon open the doors of Highclere Castle to the public we are able to include this magnificent estate in our Downton Abbey themed tour. Spend the afternoon in Highclere Castle. Have lunch in the picturesque country inn where Lady Sybil and the family chauffeur, Branson, spent the night during their elopement in the most controversial story-line in Series two of Downton Abbey. Have your photograph taken on the 'Downton' Village Green and visit the Church where Lady Mary and Matthew Crawley were married. Downton hospital is also there in a different guise.

DAY 4

LONDON TO PARIS

Today it's off to Paris; take a taxi from the hotel to London St Pancras, it is just a short drive and the concierge will help flag one down. Like an airport there are security checks so make sure you give yourselves plenty of time to get through. We will be aiming for a midday departure so no real rush in the morning and the train journey takes a little over two and a half hours. On arrival in Paris, there will be a driver to meet you all and transfer you to your central Paris hotel.

Hotel: 4 nights - 1 x double, 1 x twin, inclusive of breakfast. Hotel Le Littré has a unique feel to it which radiates peace and tranquillity to all its guests. Whether in the cosy bar, the new winter garden or in your room, you will feel at ease. Luxury at Hotel Le Littré is expressed through timeless refinement reflected in the surroundings, furnishings and gestures.

DAY 5

THE LOUVRE AND EIFFEL TOWER

Start your Paris Experience with a guided family visit to The Louvre, this tour will start at 11:15. Create amazing memories that will last a lifetime. Take photos guaranteed to be family frame-worthy. There's no experience quite like visiting Paris with your children - almost as priceless as the masterpieces that fill the world's most famous art museum. From 1 to 100, a visit to the Louvre is fun for all ages. The endless corridors of precious art and multiple floors of creative history are what people travel near and far to see. But for travelers with young children, it can be a daunting experience. Those who don't tour it with City Wonders that is.

Designed with families in mind, we've tailored the world's largest museum to a 1.5-hour entertaining experience. Your expert, local English-speaking guide will bring the masterpieces to life with amusing commentary and anecdotes created for kids. Adults will love it too. It's their chance to see their favourite works for the first, second, third or thousandth time - this time from the eyes of children.

The tour includes fun visual aids, expertly crafted to keep your kids engaged and enthralled. Your guide will whisk you past the bustling crowds and long queues with Skip the Line access - saving precious vacation time and the often limited attention span of young travelers.

Walk in the footsteps of the kings and queens who lived in this impressive palace-turned-museum and learn about the



everyday life of French nobility. See the hidden medieval Louvre, complete with its moat and mysteries. Hear not only about the people who lived here but also the people who built this work of art in its own right.

Watch as your child's eyes light up with imagination as they learn about Greek mythology before the actual Venus de Milo. Explore the multitudes of incredible antique statues including the much-adored Winged Victory of Samothrace. And spend time admiring the Mona Lisa's mysterious smirk and hear the theories behind her enigmatic expression. Children enjoy this experience immensely. It is amazing to envision the influence that such an incredible experience could have on young and impressionable imaginations. Plus, if your family still has interest and energy after their tailored 1.5-hour tour, your ticket allows you to continue to explore the rest of this immeasurable museum on your own. After your visit to The Louvre you can make your way across for a bird's eye view of the city.

Enjoy priority access while visiting Paris's most iconic monument, the Eiffel Tower, and enjoy views from the first level to the top floor.

With your queue-jumper ticket, they will quickly accompany you to the second level. You'll get to visit this landmark Parisian monument, created for the 1889 World's Fair by Gustave Eiffel.

On the second floor, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the capital as well as of the Champ de Mars located just below the Eiffel Tower. This level has a transparent walkway 187 feet above the ground, which has the power to surprise! You will then take an elevator to the summit, located at a height of 377 feet. Take in the stunning view before you, a 360° panorama which allows you to see all of Paris's landmarks: the Sacré-Cœur on the Butte Montmartre, the Invalides with its golden dome, the Tour Montparnasse, and the Arc de Triomphe overlooking the beautiful Champs-Élysées.

Access to the top floor of the Eiffel Tower. In that case, your guide will part company with you on the second level to allow you to go up in your own time. There is no priority access for the visit of the summit. Once there, you will experience unique views of all of Paris, from a height of 905 feet. Apart from the monuments already mentioned, you will also be able to spot other important sites, such as the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, La Grande Arche de la Défense and the historic bridges over the Seine.

Finally finish this fantastic day by taking a cruise on the Seine. Step aboard at the Eiffel Tower as the crew welcomes you for an hour-long cruise along the Seine on a trimaran from the Bateaux Parisiens fleet. Admire the exquisite architecture of the heart of Paris's most prestigious monuments along the banks of the Seine: Louvre Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, Orsay Museum, Conciergerie... Listen to the fascinating commentary and enjoy the music as you float along.

DAY 6

VERSAILLES AND CATACOMBS

Today visit another amazing icon of Paris, Versailles Create amazing memories that will last a lifetime. Take photos guaranteed to be family frame-worthy. There's no experience quite like visiting Paris with your children - almost as priceless as the masterpieces that fill the world's

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The Catacombs encapsulate all that is mysterious and beguiling about Paris, offering a unique underground adventure unmatched by any other city. But our excursion is so much more than bones—in fact some of the city's deepest darkest secrets lay within those limestone tunnels. We offer rare VIP access so you'll see more unexpected objects and thought-provoking curiosities than the normal visitor. This is a chance to explore underground Paris to the fullest.

A trip through the Catacombs is a journey through time that revisits some of the most turbulent and tumultuous periods in Paris history. Where did the bones come from? Why were they put there? And more importantly—who arranged them in such a bizarre way? You'll discover the stories and secrets of this network of tunnels that extend some 20m beneath the hustle and bustle of modern Paris. To sweeten the deal we've also arranged skip-the-line access so you can avoid what is typically several hours of standing in line.

Don't wander aimlessly like the others, wondering what you're looking at. A Locals tour means you get access to dark corners that are closed to the general public. Dig deeper with us into a world of darkness that resides quietly beneath the City of Light. You'll never look at Paris the same way again!



DAY 7

DESSERT OR CHOCOLATE COOKING CLASS

Chocolate fondant, soufflés, tarts, madeleines...if your mouth is watering just from reading this list, then this three-hour course is for you! Focused only on tasty French treats, you'll work with a professional French chef to create some of France's iconic desserts. Our chef will warmly welcome you to their home where you'll don your apron and work together to create a selection of three different desserts.

No worries – you'll get to dig in and enjoy your creations once they're ready!

Spend an afternoon learning the techniques and tips to make perfect French desserts. Your chef will even give you the recipes so that you can make them once you've returned home! This delicious course is definitely a must-do!

DAY 8

PARIS TO BRUSSELS

Today you head for your third country and capital, Brussels in Belgium. Take a taxi from your hotel back to Paris Nord, where you take a direct train to Brussels, the journey takes about one and a half hours. (Departing around midday) On arrival

Hotel: 4 nights – 1 x superior double, 1 x twin, inclusive of breakfast.

Marivaux Hotel is a charming 4-star property offering stylish accommodation in the heart of Brussels. Highlights include fine dining, free Wi-Fi, chic decor and a great location steps from the city's main shopping district. The area around Brussels-North train station developed rapidly during the 19th and 20th-centuries and its wide streets showcase a variety of architectural styles. The hotel occupies a grand, converted cinema featuring a decorative facade with prominent stonework, wrought iron balconies, a mansard roof and a majestic, arched entrance. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the premises. The hotel provides 24-hour reception and room service.

DAY 9

BRUSSELS CITY BIKE TOUR

Biking is the best way to see this beautiful city. You'll be able to see the main sights in just 3.5 hours in a safe and fun way. The tour includes a halfway stop for fries and beer at the world famous Maison Antoine (food and drinks not included in tour price). In small groups of up to 14 people.

What you'll see: Grand Place, Manneken Pis, Marolles neighbourhood, Palais de Justice, Atomium (from a distance), Petit Sablon square, European Parliament, Cinquantenaire Park, European Commission and Council, Brussels' Park, Brussels' Palace, Mont des Arts

The Brussels Card is an ideal travelling companion for discovering the fascinating capital of Europe. For 48 hours, the Brussels Card allows you to benefit from...

Free access to 40 museums of Brussels, including all highlights. For as long as your card is valid, you can visit the same museum as many times as you like. The Brussels Card gives you free access to all permanent collections of the museums and to most of the temporary exhibitions (except for the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, the Cinquantenaire Museum, and the Natural Sciences Museum, where you pay the normal entrance fee if you want to visit the temporary exhibitions).

Discounts to tourist attractions, guided tours, shops, restaurants and bars.

Free illustrated information guide (100 pages, in 3 languages), free city map and free museum map presenting all Brussels museums.

Unlimited access to Hop on Hop off buses for 48 hours.

DAY 10

BRUSSELS FREE DAY WITH BRUSSELS CARD

DAY 11

CHOCOLATE

Today experience and enjoy a tasting session like no other! From its Mayan royal drink origin to a 20th century luxury product, the cocoa bean has come a long way to find its second home in Europe. You'll learn about the events that transformed Belgium into the mecca for chocolate lovers throughout the world. A gentle 2.5 hour stroll from Brussels' medieval center to the poshest of neighbourhoods, passing along beautiful galleries, romantic city views and impressive monuments. Not only will you taste the finest chocolate, every shop you visit is an attraction in itself. You will visit 6 of the most beautiful chocolate shops in Brussels. You'll taste at least 9 sublime chocolates, from the traditional pralines and truffles, to the most avant-garde combinations. Your view of chocolate will dramatically change after this tour.

DAY 12

BRUSSELS TO SORRENTO

This morning you will be collected from the hotel and transferred to Brussels airport for a flight to Naples. On arrival in Naples you will be met by your driver who will take you 33 miles to the stunning town of Sorrento, where you can enjoy your last few days, basking under the Mediterranean sun and enjoying the Italian hospitality.

Hotel: 4 nights – 1 x double, 1 x twin with sea views, inclusive of breakfast

Hotel Residence Miramare is an elegant villa located in a panoramic position above Sorrento town centre. The outdoor pool overlooks the Bay of Naples. Studios and apartments offer air conditioning, a flat-screen TV, and a fully equipped kitchenette. Some are complete with a balcony with views of the sea. Air-conditioned rooms feature a balcony. The Miramare's top-floor sun terrace is the perfect place for sunbathing. Staff here are helpful and professional and you can make the most of the 24-hour reception with free internet terminal. Drinks and snacks are served at the bar.

DAY 13

PIZZA MAKING AND FREE TIME IN SORRENTO

Today is a more leisurely day after several busy days of sightseeing, but fun will be had at a local restaurant as you try your hand at making your own authentic Italian Pizzas.



DAY 14

CAPRI

Meet your English-speaking guide and by jetfoil you will reach Capri main port, Marina Grande. Bustling with arriving ships, this is the main point of entry to the island. The view is lovely, as are the many sailing vessels moored at the pier. Tourist information, buses and the funicular (cable car) to Capri "La Piazzetta", the higher town, are available here. Weather permitting, we will catch a convertible car for an open air ride to our first destination, the famous Blue Grotto, Grotta Azzurra. (weather permitting). We will take a look inside this amazing natural cave that draws many visitors from around the world.

Your skilled guide will take scenic travel routes, including the thrilling Mamma Mia Road. We will wind round switchbacks until we reach Anacapri. Take a look to the many birds, flowers and lemon trees along the way. Then it's just a short chairlift to Monte Solaro. The highest and most panoramic view point on the island, Mount Solaro rises 589 meters above sea level.

You will marvel at views of the famed Peninsula of Sorrento, Mt. Vesuvius, the Gulf of Naples and the islands of Ischia and Procida. The coastal headlands, vineyards, villas and the Capri town center complete the stunning vista. Also interesting in Anacapri is the Villa San Michele, built by Swedish writer and doctor Axel Munthe, full of gardens, relics and art. Then, some shopping and lunch.

Next, it's the main town of Capri, and La Piazzetta. Known locally as the Chiazza, this is where the beautiful people are followed by the paparazzi. Shop windows glitter with the latest fashions and cafés spill out onto the pavement in a festive crowd of wining and dining. The Augustus Gardens are next on the tour. In the 1900s this botanical estate was the vacation home of steel magnate Friedrich Alfred Krupp. Explore the unique flora of Capri in this island garden. It is from here that we will look down upon the renowned Faraglioni limestone sea stacks.

These imposing rock formations rise from the blue Mediterranean and are one of Capri's best-known landmarks. At this point you will have free time to explore. Finally, we will return to Marina Grande by the funicular to enjoy one more incredible view of the Italian island of Capri.

DAY 15

POMPEII AND MOUNT VESUVIUS

We'll whisk you directly from Sorrento by private, air-conditioned local bus to Pompeii where you'll meet your official, licensed Pompeii tour guide. Traveling in groups of only 25 people or less, you'll explore examples of every building in Pompeii – from homes and bathhouses, fast food stores to outdoor theaters.

We've selected the most entertaining and knowledgeable local tour guides to ensure that your Pompeii visit is as enjoyable as it is memorable.

Follow your guide as they recreate the hustle and bustle of this once-busy port town, explaining what each building was used for, where families ate their meals, did laundry and socialized – and where sailors went when they docked. They'll recreate for you the final days of Pompeii as you examine the harrowing death casts scattered around these ruins at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius.

Our Pompeii day trip doesn't end here, however. We'll drive a short way to perhaps the most dangerous volcano in the world – a title held for the 3 million people living around its base today. Just over a half-mile hike up Mt. Vesuvius from the parking lot below the crater offers the most stunning view of the Bay of Naples below and a taste of the utter devastation it must have caused when it exploded in 79AD, literally wiping Pompeii off the map for 1,500 years. This Pompeii tour includes an authentic Neapolitan pizza lunch and round-trip transport from Sorrento, so you can relax and enjoy your Pompeii day trip without worrying about the ins and outs of cross-country travel.

DAY 16

DEPARTURE DAY

Sadly today is departure day, your driver will arrive in plenty of time to pick you up and transfer you to Naples airport and your flight home.

Cost is Inclusive of:

- Meet and Greet on Arrival to London and Transfer to Central London Hotel
- 3 Nights London Hotel, Inclusive of Breakfast
- Private London Classic Tour, plus entrances
- Private Downton Abbey Themed Tour or Similar
- 4 x Standard Tickets on Eurostar to Paris
- Meet and Greet on Arrival in Paris and Transfer to Central Paris Hotel
- 4 Nights Central Paris Hotel Inclusive of Breakfast
- Louvre, Eiffel Tower and Seine River Cruise Tours and Vouchers
- Versailles Family Tour and Catacombs Tour
- Desert and Chocolate Class
- Train to Brussels
- 4 Nights in Brussels Central Hotel, Inclusive of Breakfast
- Brussels Cycling Tour
- Brussels Sightseeing Card
- Brussels Chocolate Tour
- Transfer to Brussels Airport
- Flight from Brussels to Naples
- Meet and Greet and Transfer to Sorrento
- 4 Nights Sorrento Hotel, Inclusive of Breakfast
- Pizza Making Class
- Capri Tour and Excursion
- Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius Excursion
- Transfer to Naples Airport

