

## TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
MAY   14, 28	APR   21, 28
JUN   11, 25	MAY   12, 26
JUL   09, 30	JUN   09, 23
AUG   13, 27	JUL   07, 28
SEP   10	AUG   11, 25
OCT   01, 29	SEP   08
NOV   05	
DEC   16, 30	

For full dates and prices, and to choose your group size, visit [insightvacations.com/highlightseurope](https://insightvacations.com/highlightseurope)

Winter departures have an alternative itinerary.

**DISCOVERY JOURNEY**  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

14 DAYS  
8 COUNTRIES  
19 MEALS  
17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Venice: Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Vatican City: Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

### INSIGHT CHOICE

Paris: Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats.

Choose between two experiences on Mount Stanserhorn.

### AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam • Dine-at-Home in Rome • Restaurant Dinner in Venice • Choice of Dine-Around options in Bavaria • Restaurant Dinner in Florence • Celebration Dinner in the heart of Paris.

Taste prosecco in Conegliano.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF EUROPE

"Guests particularly love meeting Massimo and his family, as we taste excellent prosecco and local snacks at his vineyard in the breathtaking hills around Conegliano."– Philip, Travel Director

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND



CONEGLIANO,  
VENETO,  
ITALY



AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS



HEIDELBERG CASTLE, GERMANY



**DAY 1 DEPART LONDON BY EUROSTAR AND ONTO AMSTERDAM**

At 07:00, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join your Travel Director at 17:00 for your Welcome Reception in Amsterdam.

Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hilton Amsterdam.

**DAY 2 THE RHINE VALLEY AND HEIDELBERG**

Take a scenic drive through the Rhine Valley to see quaint villages, hilltop castles and hear the legend of the Loreley Rock.

Follow the Neckar River to Heidelberg and visit Heidelberg Castle with a Local Expert. (B)

Marriott Hotel Heidelberg.

**DAY 3 MOUNTAIN-RINGED INNSBRUCK**

Stop beneath the royal castles of Hohenschwangau and King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein, rumoured to have inspired Walt Disney's iconic castle.

In Innsbruck, tour the architectural jewels of the Old Town, seeing the Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B)

AC Hotel Innsbruck.

**DAY 4 ACROSS THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE**

Relaxed Start. Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savour a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini.

Continue to the romantic city of Venice. (B) (DW)

Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena.

**DAY 5 THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA**

Relaxed Start. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square and admire the richly decorated Basilica. (B)

**DAY 6 THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME**

Pass through Tuscany and Umbria, to reach the Eternal City of Rome.

You're invited into the home of a Roman local to experience Italian hospitality at its best, as you enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal with your host. (B) (DW)

Golden Tulip Rome Piram.

**DAY 7 PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME**

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of the Vatican Museums and the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel. Your priority visit includes fast-track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase. Then explore St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

**DAY 8 THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE**

On arrival in Florence, a Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo. Continue to Piazza della Signoria. In your free time, perhaps visit the Accademia Gallery with an art historian and see Michelangelo's David?

Savour an authentic meal at a local trattoria in the heart of Florence. (B) (DW)

NH Firenze, Florence.

**DAY 9 LAKE MAGGIORE**

Relaxed Start. Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District.

For your Dine-Around Evening, enjoy your preferred dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. (B) (DW)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

**DAY 10 THE ALPS AND ONTO LUCERNE**

Relaxed Start. Cross the Swiss border before embarking on a scenic journey to the summit of the stunning Mount Stanserhorn. Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Take a walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see marmots and other native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. (B) Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

**DAY 11 LAKESIDE LUCERNE**

Relaxed Start. View the emotive Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge. (B)

**DAY 12 SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS**

Journey through the rural French country side of Alsace and Burgundy regions, famous for its vineyards and wines, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B) Crowne Plaza Paris - Republique.

**DAY 13 THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS**

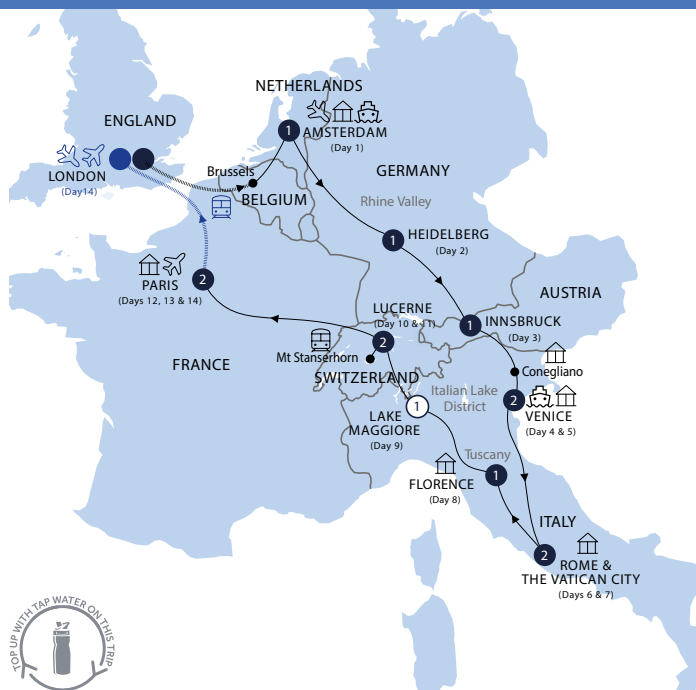
Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to shop in quaint boutiques like a true Parisian with your Local Expert. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the historic restaurant La Coupole. Delight in French cuisine and delicious wine. (B) (DW)

**DAY 14 AU REVOIR PARIS**

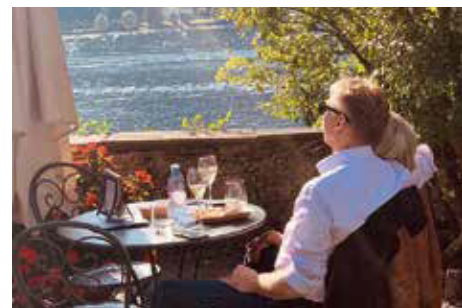
Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00. Alternatively, choose to continue to London via Gare du Nord, with the Return Eurostar option. (B)

**KEY**

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Train
- Cruise
- Trip Options



**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**  
This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** spend time in the beautiful Italian lake district. (Photo by @belindainitaly, Day 10, Lake Maggiore)

Use the camera on your smart phone to view the full details of this trip on our website.