

TRIP START DATES

| 2023 | 2024 |
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| APR 18 | APR 16, 30 |
| MAY 02, 16, 30 | MAY 14, 28 |
| JUN 13, 27 | JUN 11, 25 |
| JUL 11, 25 | JUL 09, 23 |
| AUG 08, 22 | AUG 06, 20 |
| SEP 05, 19 | SEP 03, 17 |
| OCT 03, 31 | OCT 01, 29 |
| DEC 26 | DEC 24 |

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DISCOVERY JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY

12 DAYS
7 COUNTRIES
16 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 practice 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

Mount Stanserhorn: Choose to embark on a walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger.

Choose between two experiences in Paris.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in the heart of Paris • Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne • Dinner at a local restaurant in Venice • Tuscan lunch at Il Poggio • Celebration Dinner with musicians in Rome.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

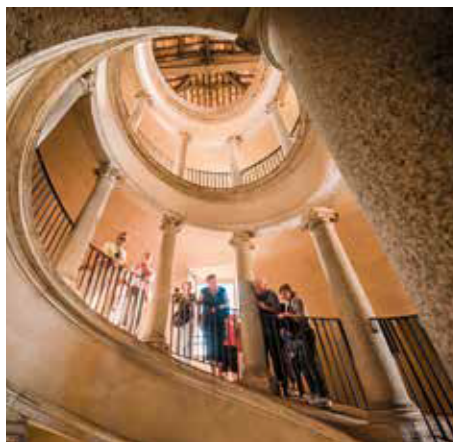
Travel on the high-speed Eurostar train • Private boat in Venice. City tours of Pisa and Florence, both with Local Experts.

ROAD TO ROME

"Our Local Experts in Rome truly bring this ancient city and the Vatican to life. The fast-tracked entry to the Vatican Museums allows you to soak up the history and beauty, without the crowds."
– Gigi, Travel Director



TREVI
FOUNTAIN,
ROME



BRAMANTE STAIRCASE, VATICAN CITY



CHAPEL BRIDGE, LUCERNE



DAY 1 LONDON TO PARIS BY EUROSTAR

Meet your Travel Director at 07:30 and after a warm welcome, transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join in Paris and meet your Travel Director at 17:00. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the facades of the Louvre and the banks of the River Seine with its many romantic bridges.

Later, join your Travel Director at a local brasserie in the heart of Paris for a fabulous Welcome Dinner. (DW)

Crowne Plaza Paris - Republique.

DAY 2 PARIS, THE 'CITY OF LIGHT'

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. (B)

DAY 3 BURGUNDY AND LUCERNE

Travel through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wine. Later, arrive in glorious lakeside Lucerne.

A range of enticing options are available for your Dine-Around Evening. Choose from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. (B) (DW)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 4 LUCERNE & MOUNT STANSERHORN

Journey by funicular railway and open-top cable car to the summit of the stunning Mount Stanserhorn. Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to 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. Upon return to Lucerne, see the Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge to the ornate Jesuit Church. (B)

DAY 5 LUCERNE TO INNSBRUCK

Relaxed Start. Start the day with a journey to the heart of the Alps to visit the Principality of Liechtenstein. See its tiny capital, Vaduz. Continue through the **Arlberg Tunnel** to mountain-ringed Innsbruck. Your Travel Director will show you the impressive Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B)

AC Hotel Innsbruck.

DAY 6 THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Leave Innsbruck to travel across the impressive Europa Bridge and through the Dolomites.

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, Queen of the Adriatic.

Long after the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the islands with dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

Hotel Continental Venice.

DAY 7 THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

Relaxed Start. See the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER * Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B)

DAY 8 TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Visit Il Poggio organic farm for a guided walk and learn about organic food and wine production.

On the veranda, take in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, as you taste the farm's wines and freshly produced olive oil. Enjoy an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients.

Explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert and see the Leaning Tower. (B) (LW)

Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

DAY 9 FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

Relaxed Start. Walk with your Local Expert to the marble-clad cathedral and baptistery to see the Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria, and the area around Santa Croce Basilica. (B)

DAY 10 CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ASSISI AND ONTO ROME

Journey through the vineyards of the Chianti region passing Lake Trasimeno, and continue up the foothills of the Apennine Mountains to reach delightful Assisi, a stone-built town spilling over the steep hillside.

With a Local Expert, visit the tomb of St. Francis and see the beautiful frescoes by Giotto in the great basilica.

Journey along the valley of the River Tiber towards the Eternal City of Rome. (B)

Kolbe Hotel Rome.

DAY 11 PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

To avoid the crowds and maximise your time, Insight has arranged special priority access to the Vatican Museums. Your Local Expert will guide you through the halls of artwork and take you behind the scenes to view the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture normally closed to the public. Visit the Sistine Chapel to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling and continue to St. Peter's Basilica.







Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and overlook Circus Maximus.

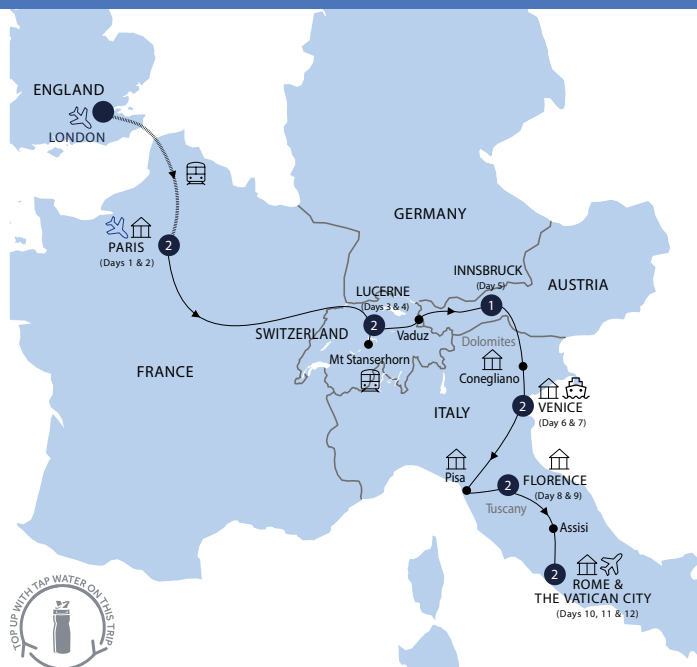
Enjoy an elegant four-course Celebration Dinner with local wine at a Roman restaurant, with a private performance of some of Italy's best-loved operas. (B) (DW)

DAY 12 ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)

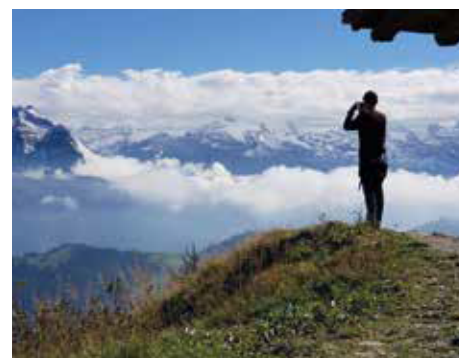
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-  Join/Leave Options
-  UNESCO Heritage Site
-  Central Hotels + Nights
-  Place Visited
-  Train
-  Cruise



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.



 **INSIGHT CHOICE** Take a walk along beautiful scenic pathways on Mount Stanserhorn. (Photo by @alansportscamman, Day 5, Lucerne)



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