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## **FRANCE, ITALY AND AMSTERDAM CLASSIC TOUR**

15 Nights/16 Days

Amsterdam, Paris, Nice, Monaco, Milan, Florence, Rome



### **ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

<b>Day 01</b>	Arrive in Amsterdam
<b>Day 02</b>	Amsterdam city tour

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<b>Day 03</b>	Day free (Optional - Zaanse schaans tour from amsterdam)
<b>Day 04</b>	Transfer to Paris by train + Evening siene river cruise
<b>Day 05</b>	Paris city tour
<b>Day 06</b>	Day free (Optional - Disney land/ palace of versailles / shopping at La vallee village)
<b>Day 07</b>	Transfer to nice by train
<b>Day 08</b>	Eze village + Monaco tour
<b>Day 9</b>	Transfer to Milan by train
<b>Day 10</b>	Milan city tour
<b>Day 11</b>	Transfer to Florence by train and walking tour
<b>Day 12</b>	Pisa, Siena and San Gemignani tour
<b>Day 13</b>	Day free in florence (Venice day tour / Cinque terre tour/ wine tasting tour)
<b>Day 14</b>	Transfer to Rome + Vatican city tour
<b>Day 15</b>	Rome city tour
<b>Day 16</b>	Departure

## DAY 01: ARRIVAL AT AMSTERDAM

When you arrive at Airport, the driver or agent will be waiting to take you to the hotel. You will have free time to explore the city on your own, depending on the time the flight lands.

**Amsterdam** is a city and port in the western Netherlands that is connected to the North Sea by the Ijsselmeer. It serves as the Netherlands' capital and major economic and financial hub. Amsterdam is well-known among the large number of tourists who come here each year for its historical landmarks, outstanding art collections, and the distinct colour and taste of its ancient neighbourhoods that have been so carefully kept. Visitors to the city, however, also witness a crowded metropolis plagued by air pollution, heavy traffic, and a housing crisis.

Rest of the day is free for you to explore Amsterdam on your own.

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Overnight stay at the hotel in Amsterdam.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrival at Amsterdam
- Check-in at the hotel and explore Amsterdam on your own

## DAY 02: AMSTERDAM CITY TOUR

After breakfast, go on a sightseeing trip of Amsterdam's main attractions today.

You will start with a canal tour, which is a necessary component of every vacation to Amsterdam. Discover the lovely Dutch capital while sailing a gorgeous canal boat. Then, on this full-day excursion to **Zaanse Schans, Edam, Volendam, and Marken**—which includes hassle-free round-trip transportation from central Amsterdam—gain a perspective of rural Holland. The travel aid will provide historical context and real-time commentary as you get up close and personal with the Zaanse Schans windmills, tour an Edam cheese factory, and eat fresh fish in Volendam.

Finally, immerse yourself in the Heineken world. Within Heineken's oldest brewery, located in the centre of Amsterdam, lies a brand experience called The Heineken Experience. Because they outgrew the space, the former brewery was forced to close its doors in 1988. The historic structure is now a place where you can find out everything

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about our Heineken background, the brewing process, the occasionally absurd innovations, the sponsoring, and the tale of the star. Additionally, you'll discover how to taste and savour Heineken beer to its fullest.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Amsterdam.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a full-day excursion to Zaanse Schans, Edam, Volendam, and Marken.

### DAY 03: DAY AT LEISURE IN AMSTERDAM

You have the day to yourself today to explore Amsterdam starting after breakfast. You can choose to partake in any of the following activities that are recommended below:

1. **Become a Dutch Art Piece: Single Portrait Photoshoot in Amsterdam** - When you participate in this session with an expert photographer, you can take home a photo souvenir from your trip to Amsterdam. Choose one of the most well-known Dutch paintings, then dress like the subject of the painting for your photo shoot. Take your original photo files, two prints, one enlargement, and an email containing them with you.
2. **Ultimate Self-Guided Foodie Tour of Amsterdam** - Avoid tourist traps and enjoy authentic cuisine instead! This self-guided tour takes you to 8 family-run eateries

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where you can chow down on the greatest local and international street cuisine. From the beloved croquette of the Netherlands to the tastiest stroopwafel and poffertjes in Amsterdam, mouthwatering Surinamese cuisine, genuine Japanese takoyaki balls, and so much more. But there's more! At 7 locations, take advantage of exclusive offers, discounts, and tastings. Additionally, the PDF includes connections to Google Maps so you may navigate the document with ease. Learn interesting culinary facts and the tales of our neighbourhood food heroes. Get fantastic restaurant recommendations for the remainder of your trip and a free itinerary for three days in Amsterdam while learning some "essential" Dutch terms.

Overnight stay at hotel in Amsterdam.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the Marvel of Amsterdam
- Enjoy a wonderful food experience at elite luxury restaurants at Amsterdam.

### DAY 04 : TRANSFER TO PARIS

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel and transfer to Paris via train. Upon arrival, Check-in at the hotel.

Counted among the most beautiful cities in the world, **Paris** is the economic, historic and political capital of France. 'The city of Light' is a global center for fashion, art, culture and gastronomy. The cityscape consists of beautiful wide boulevards criss crossing each other and the river Seine flowing through the city and dividing into two halves – north and south. The city is most popular for its cafe culture, Eiffel tower, the Notre Dame cathedral and fantastic museums.

In the evening, we will hop onto one of the luxurious **dinner cruises on the river Seine**. The cruise offers spell binding views of the 'city of light' which looks even more beautiful after sunset. The cruise shows you the most popular highlights of Paris while enjoying great food and live entertainment.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- After breakfast, transfer to the city of Light, Paris

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- Visit the iconic Eiffel tower and enjoy mesmerising views from the top
- Have a magical experience in a luxurious dinner cruise down river Seine [OPTIONAL]

## DAY 05: PARIS CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, visit and learn about Paris's most popular tourist attractions and monuments. A visit to the **Eiffel Tower's** second story, which offers stunning views of the city, as well as a panoramic coach tour and an hour-long Seine boat ride are all included in this tour. The best way to experience Paris for the first time is on this thorough tour. Visitors to **The Incredible Flyover** can soar over Paris and its landmarks virtually while experiencing the sensation of actual flying. Take off in your jetpack for a 360-degree panoramic view of the city's most stunning structures.

You can enhance your experience by taking a unique journey across the globe to discover its many wonders from a fresh perspective by wearing a jetpack on your back and a virtual reality headset over your eyes. Whether it's your first or twenty-first time visiting Paris, an immersive 18-minute cinematic experience shot with real-life footage leads you around the most picturesque spots in the **City of Lights**. After this incredible ride above Paris, you'll fly over seven idyllic locations to transport them there.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Paris.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the most popular sights in Paris on a guided city tour
- visit the Eiffel Tower's second story which offers stunning views of the city,

## DAY 06: DAY AT LEISURE IN PARIS

After breakfast, the day is free for you to explore Paris on your own. You can opt for the options as suggested below:

**Disney Land Paris** is one of the first Disneyland park that opened outside USA and is also one of the largest. The park transports you to an enchanting world full of wonder and Disney characters. Walk through the sleeping beauty castle, attend the Disney parade and enjoy the fun rides such as the Hyperspace mountain and Pirates of Carribean. The is also the Walt Disney Studios Park which is inspired by the world of Disney and Pixar.

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**Palace of Versailles** is one of the most opulent and beautiful palaces in the world and was the principle residence of French royalty till the French revolution. Built in 1682, the palace houses the fabulous hall of mirrors, royal apartments, beautiful paintings and magnificent sculptures. The vast Gardens of Versailles that span the royal estate consists of manicured lawns and sculptured fountains. The ‘Treaty of Versailles’ that marked the end of World War 1 was also signed here.



**La Vellee village** is home to more than 110 boutiques from the world’s leading designers. It is part of 11 global shopping destinations that offer leading luxury brands at one places and discounted prices. Those uninterested in shopping can enjoy the culinary experience offered by numerous restaurants and coffee shops present in the village.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Paris.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Paris on your own by visiting Disneyland, LA Vellee village, and the palace of Versailles.

### DAY 07 : TRANSFER TO NICE BY TRAIN

After breakfast, transfer to Paris railway station to board a high-speed train to Nice.

**Nice** is a beautiful city located on the coast of Mediterranean sea at the base of the French Alps, whose pleasant climate attracted the European aristocracy and rich merchants from as early as 18th century. It is popularly called ‘Nice La Belle’ which means Nice the beautiful as it’s stunning beaches and old-world opulence bewitches anyone who visits this city.

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Upon arrival, check in at your hotel in Nice. Rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the city on your own – you can laze around the beautiful sandy beaches or indulge in luxury dining experiences in the world famous French Riviera..

Overnight stay at the hotel in Nice.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch the high speed train from Paris to Nice
- Laze around beautiful beaches and taste the French delicacies in Nice

## DAY 08 : EZE VILLAGE AND MONACO SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast, we will transfer to one of the smallest and also one of the richest country in the world – Monaco. Enroute we will visit a **perfume factory at Eze**. **Eze** is a popular medieval French village which is famous for its spectacular views and authentic perfumeries. At the perfume factory in Eze, specialists will explain to you how perfumes are made. Learn how the special ingredients are extracted from nature and the specialised machinery convert them into exotic fragrances.

After the factory tour, we will proceed to **Monaco**. With a population of just 40,000 residents, Monaco is one of the most expensive and wealthiest countries in the world with 30% of its population deemed millionaires. The country changed its financial fortune by opening the Monte Carlo Casino which attracted the rich from all over Europe. Today it is a major banking centre.

We will start our tour of Monaco by witnessing the **changing of the guards ceremony** at the **Palace of Monaco**. The ceremony which remains unchanged for the last 100 years,

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involves soldier marching past in perfect co-ordination at the main entrance of the palace complex.

Next we will visit the **Cathedrale Notre-Dame-Immaculee**, a beautiful roman catholic church where members of the royal family are buried after their death. Also try your luck at one of the most famous casinos in the world – **Monte Carlo**. Built in the 19th century, it is not only an entertainment hub but also an architectural marvel. Lastly, enjoy the drive on the track where the famous **Monaco Grand Prix** is held.

Return to Nice and overnight stay at hotel.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn how perfume is made at a Perfume factory in Eze village
- Explore the famous sights in Monaco, one of world's smallest country
- Try your luck at the world famous Monte Carlo Casino
- Drive a circuit on the racetrack of Monaco Grand Prix

### DAY 09: TRANSFER TO MILAN

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to the train station to board a train to Milan. Upon arrival in the city, we will transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Known as the fashion capital of the world, **Milan** is a modern cosmopolitan city with a flair for art, fashion, food and history. It is the leading financial centre of the country and attracts immigrants from all over the world, making it one of the most diverse cities in Europe. The city has a continental climate with hot humid summers and damp chilly winters. With two world-renowned football clubs based in the city, AC Milan and Inter Milan, Milanese people are extremely passionate about the sport.

After resting at the restingthe day is free for your own leisure.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Check out from the hotel and catch train to Milan

### DAY 10: MILAN CITY TOUR

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Today, we will proceed for a city tour of Milan on a Hop-On Hop-Off bus. You can begin the tour with a visit to the **Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie** to marvel at one of the most recognisable paintings in the world - **The Last Supper** by Leonardo Di Vinci. The spell-binding mural depicts the scene of the dinner when Jesus predicts that one of his 12 Apostles (disciples) would betray him. After being awed by the painting, proceed to the **Duomo di Milano**. One of the largest and most beautiful churches in the world, it is decorated with surreal life-like sculptures and colourful stained windows built by some of the greatest artists in the world. Here you can also check out the **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II**, the oldest shopping arcade in Italy which houses exclusive high-end boutiques and stores of famous luxury brands such as Louis Vuitton, Gucci and Prada.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Milan.

**SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION** - Opera is one of the oldest and most powerful form of entertainment that speaks directly to the heart of the audience. Those wishing to experience the magic of the Italian Opera should not miss out the chance to catch a classic **Opera performance at Teatro alla Scala**. Hosting performances by some of the finest Opera singers and performers in the world, the theatre is itself a masterpiece and is breathtakingly beautiful. Book this tour for a phenomenal cultural experience.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Milan

### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the most popular places in on a city tour.

## DAY 11: TRANSFER TO FLORENCE AND WALKING TOUR

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After breakfast, we will check out from the hotel and transfer to Naples Train Station. From Naples, we will catch a train to the city of Florence.

During Medieval times, **Florence** was one of the wealthiest cities in the world and was at the centre of arts and culture. Today, Florence occupies a place in the hearts of art aficionados and is the capital of the beautiful Tuscany region of Italy. The city features artworks by the most notable personalities such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Dante and Botticelli. Financially backed by the powerful Medici family of Florence, these greats gave birth to the Renaissance movement that spread throughout the world.

After freshening up at the hotel. Head out for a walking tour of the lively Historic centre of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here, at **Piazza del Duomo**, you shall witness the beauty of the majestic **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Baptistry, Campanile of Giotto** and several others notable buildings. The architecture of these buildings, their surrounding sculptures and their artwork are products of 600 years of profound artistic activity in the region in the 15th and 16th century. Marvel at the most famous sculpture in the world, that of **David by Michelangelo** at Gallerie Dell'Academia.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Florence.

**SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION** - Originally built as an office complex for the powerful Medici family of Florence, the private viewing gallery on the top floor expanded to occupy the whole building which is now called the **Uffizi Gallery**, the world's largest collection of Renaissance art. For any art lover, this place is a must visit, featuring priceless artwork from some of the greatest artists of all time.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Check out from the hotel and catch a train to Florence
- Discover the historic center of Florence on a walking tour

#### DAY 12: PISA , SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO TOUR WITH WINE TASTING

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a tour of the beautiful Tuscany region.

Begin the tour with a visit to the the medieval gem of **Siena**. Pass through the picturesque streets and explore main piazza of the city - **Piazza del Campo**. Other sights include the beautiful **Siena Cathedral** and **Torre del Mangia**.

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Next, drive about one hour through the rolling hills of Tuscany to reach a lovely winery in the countryside outside of San Gimignano. Indulge in a **wine tasting** of high-level wines accompanied by a delicious **typical Tuscan meal** with meat and cheese plate, pasta, and dessert.



Then drive onwards to the hilltop town of **San Gimignano**. Sometimes called a medieval Manhattan, San Gimignano is visible from close and far, with its unmistakable medieval “skyscrapers.” there are still thirteen towers intact in this perfectly preserved hilltop town. Visit the main square - **Piazza della Cisterna**, where you can find the **Cathedral, Duomo**, and lovely architecture.

Finally, visit the medieval city of Pisa. Here we will marvel at the iconic **Leaning Tower of Pisa** which is renowned world over for its outrageous slant. Also located in the same complex, the **cathedral** and **cemetery** are architectural marvels that play with white marbles and colourful mosaics. **The baptistry**, also located nearby, is famous for its amazing acoustic design which allowed the bishop to communicate with the people without using a mike.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Florence.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the beautiful towns of Siena, Pisa and San Gimignano
- Enjoy a food and wine tour to relish authentic Tuscan dishes
- Marvel at the leaning tower and other notable monuments in Pisa

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## DAY 13: DAY AT LEISURE IN FLORENCE

After breakfast at hotel this day is free for you to explore Florence on your own. You can visit one of the sites mentioned below and enjoy your tour. **Cinque Terre Trip** – Take a day excursion from Florence to the stunning Cinque Terre to explore the Italian Riviera. From the beaches of Monterosso to the quaint towns of Riomaggiore, travel to each fishing village under the guidance of a tour guide by bus, train, and boat. Swim in the clear waters before upgrading to a typical Italian meal. Take in all the personality of this UNESCO-listed area before returning to Florence.

**Wine Tasting Tour-** the various delights of Tuscany's wine region. Travel past cypress trees, vineyards, and olive gardens while on scenic hillside roads. Visit two renowned wineries in the renowned Chianti Classico region, have a cellar tour, and see how wine is made the old-fashioned way. Try a variety of wines, olive oils, and Tuscan delicacies like bruschetta and fresh cheeses.

**Venice day trip-** On a private day excursion leaving from Florence, explore the stunning bridges and canals of Venice. On a private walking tour, pass by St. Mark's Square, the iconic Ducal Palace, and the Bridge of Sighs while learning about the fascinating history of the city. Then take advantage of your free time to explore on your own by going to the islands of Murano and Burano or by paying for a beautiful gondola ride. The evening transfer return to Florence completes this customizable vacation.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Florence.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the most beautiful sights in Florence at your own leisure.

## DAY 14: TRANSFER TO ROME AND VATICAN CITY TOUR

Transfer to Rome and proceed to your city centre hotel in **Rome** for check-in.

The capital of the Great Roman Empire and home to the Roman Catholic Church, **Rome** has been at the centre of European politics and Christianity since antiquity. After the fall of the Roman empire due to corruption and overindulgence, the city eventually fell into despair and ruin until the city's rebirth as a centre for awe-inspiring art and culture, and delicious cuisine. Today, Rome is one of the most visited city in the world, where tourists come from all over the world to explore its history and culture and fell in love with this 'eternal city'.

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After freshening-up at the hotel, we will proceed for a tour of the world's smallest country, Vatican City.

Home to the Pope, **Vatican City** is an independent country with a population of just 800 people located within the city of Rome. We will start the sightseeing tour of the Vatican with a visit to St Peter's Square. This beautiful space with glorious fountains and Egyptian Obelisks is the place where people gather every Wednesday to see the pope and seek his blessings. Next we will visit St Peter's Basilica. Built on the same spot where St Peter was buried, the basilica is a awe-inspiring church with breath-taking beauty enshrined in its religious sculptures built by famous artists such as Michelangelo.

Overnight stay at your city-centre hotel in Rome.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci International Airport
- Check-in at your city center hotel in Rome
- See the world's largest Church, St Peter's Basilica at Vatican City

#### DAY 15: ROME CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a city tour of Rome to see some of Rome's best-preserved ancient sites.

We will start the city tour with a visit to the **Colosseum**, one of the new seven wonders of the world. With a seating capacity of 80,000 spectators, it was the largest amphitheatre in the world at the time of its construction in 72 AD. Its arena was used for gladiator fights, animal hunting, re-enactments of famous battles and mythological plays. After the tour of Colosseum, we will take a tour of the **Roman Forum**, an iconic plaza at the hub of daily life in ancient Rome. Important public affairs such as elections and public speeches were conducted at the Roman Forum, which is dotted with ruins of the Senate House, Temple of Saturn and more.

Later proceed to **Trevi fountain**. Made in Baroque style using Travertine Stone, it is believed that wishes come true for all those who make a wish at the fountain and throw a coin. We will also visit the **Pantheon**, an iconic temple built for Roman Gods in 126 A.D., it was later consecrated as a Christina Church. The tour shall end at **Piazza Navona**, a bustling square with beautiful fountains, street artists and painters.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

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- See the iconic historical sites in Rome on a sightseeing tour

## DAY 16: FLY BACK TO INDIA

After breakfast, transfer to airport to board a flight to India.

We check out from the hotel to leave for Airport. Arrive home with pleasant memories of your Spain Portugal tour organized by **State Express Global Voyages**, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Board flight to return back to India

**“TOUR END”**

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