


# Cosmopolitan Europe - GSA (5151)

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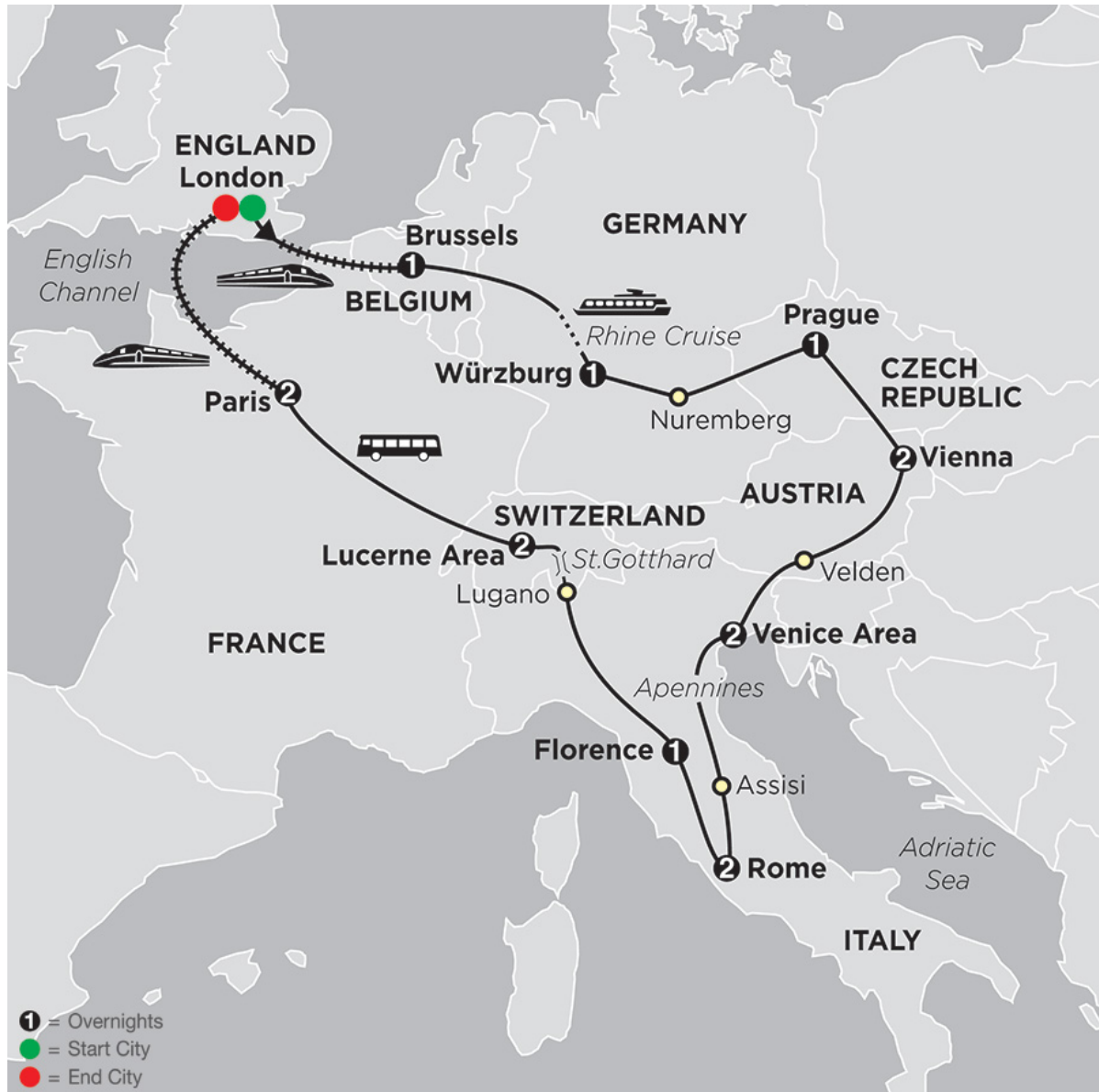
## 2018 Tour Details

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Europe—it's a continent full of different cultures, architecture, art, scenery, and histories—and on this European tour, you'll get to experience and see what many of the European countries have to offer. You'll spend two nights in Vienna, the Venice area, Rome, the Lucerne area, and Paris, and an overnight in Brussels, Würzburg, Prague, and Florence. On your sightseeing tours, learn about the fascinating histories as you see attractions such as Rome's Colosseum, completed in the 1st century AD; Lucerne's Lion Monument, commemorating the Swiss Guards killed during the French Revolution; St. Mark's Square in Venice; Prague's Jewish Quarter, which houses some of the best-preserved and most important Jewish sights in Europe; and Vienna's Hofburg, the palatial complex for the Habsburgs. You'll also see examples of the local art and architecture, such as the glorious cathedral in Florence and the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Magnificent scenery also awaits you on this European tour. Cherish time in spectacular Lake Lugano in Switzerland, where you can enjoy a stroll on the lake promenade. Enjoy a beautiful Rhine cruise passing by castle-crested hills, terraced vineyards, and the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where echoes of an enchanted siren song lured unwitting sailors to their doom. Take in the breathtaking alpine scenery as you travel across Austria to beautiful Lake Wörth, an alpine lake formed by glaciers, and as you travel to Lucerne, surrounded by Lake Lucerne nestled amid the towering majesty of the Swiss Alps. Sit back and relax as you travel through the Tuscan countryside, with its rolling hills, olive grows, vineyards, and small towns. Scenery, historic monuments, distinct art and architecture, and much more—it's all available on this Cosmopolitan Europe tour planned for value-minded travelers.

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## Destinations & Sightseeing

Rhine cruise, visits to Nuremberg, Velden, Venice, Assisi, Lugano, Lucerne

### Guides:

Local Guides for city sightseeing in Prague, Vienna, Rome, Florence, Paris; professional Tour Director while touring

Rhineland, Lake Wörth and Carinthia, Swiss Alps, Burgundy Wine Country

**NOTES:** December 15 Departure – Christmas lunch in Rome  
 December 31 Departure – New Year's departure in London

Transportation:

Private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach; Eurostar train London–Brussels and Paris–London; Rhine cruise; canal transfer boat in Venice

## Meals

## Meals & Itinerary

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Buffet breakfasts daily; 5 dinners, including a dinner at a local restaurant in Vienna

### Itinerary

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Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description.

#### Day 1

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LONDON, ENGLAND–BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. Transfer to the railway station and board the EUROSTAR TRAIN to Brussels. Here, your Tour Director and comfortable coach will take you to your overnight hotel.

#### Day 2

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BRUSSELS–RHINE CRUISE, GERMANY–WÜRZBURG. Drive south to the shores of the mighty Rhine. Your included RHINE CRUISE reveals some legendary sites such as the Lorelei rock, ancient castles, and scenic vineyards. On to Würzburg, a baroque city known for its cathedral, bridges, palace, and gardens. (B,D)

#### Day 3

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WÜRZBURG–NUREMBERG–PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC. En route to Prague, stop in Nuremberg, an ancient city still showing its medieval walls with rampart walks and an 11th-century castle. It is also famous for its 1945 trials of the Nazi leaders and war criminals. Continue to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic and historic capital of Bohemia. (B)

#### Day 4

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PRAGUE–VIENNA, AUSTRIA. The wealth of gothic and baroque architecture perhaps inspired Dvorak and Smetana, both Prague composers. The included guided sightseeing features landmarks such as the Jewish Quarter, Charles Bridge, and the Old Town Square with its ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK. This afternoon, motor from Bohemia into Moravia and cross into Austria to spend two nights in its splendid capital, Vienna. This evening, enjoy a special dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

#### Day 5

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VIENNA. There's so much to see on your included guided sightseeing tour: the State Opera, Parliament, and the Town Hall. Stop for a stroll in Heroes' Square to view the Hofburg. In the afternoon, an optional trip to the Palace of Schönbrunn. This evening, enjoy an optional Viennese concert. (B)

#### Day 6

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VIENNA–VELDEN–VENICE AREA, ITALY. Enjoy breathtaking alpine scenery as you travel across Austria to Velden and beautiful Lake Wörth for a short visit. Next, cross into Italy by way of Tarvisio, then descend to the Venice area for two overnights. (B)

#### Day 7

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VENICE AREA. The included orientation starts with a BOAT RIDE to St. Mark's Square and is followed by free time to soak up the atmosphere of this unique city and a chance to visit a GLASSBLOWING WORKSHOP. Don't miss out on the optional gondola ride. (B,D)

## Day 8

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VENICE AREA–ASSISI–ROME. Travel south across the Po Plain into the very heart of the Apennines, dotted with towns and villages perched on the mountain sides. Spend time in medieval Assisi, where St. Francis was born in 1182. Visit the world-famous basilica with its beautiful frescoes by Giotto. Reach Rome in time to join the optional Rome by Night excursion. (B)

## Day 9

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ROME. The "Eternal City" is steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting, and absolutely unique! Included sightseeing with a Local Guide starts with St. Peter's Square and Basilica. Other highlights are the iconic Colosseum, the largest amphitheater ever built; the Roman Forum; Piazza Venezia, and Campidoglio. An optional visit is available to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, world famous for Michelangelo's impressive fresco of The Last Judgment. (B)

## Day 10

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ROME–FLORENCE. The next destination is Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." On the included walking tour with a Local Guide, discover the city highlights: Piazza Santa Croce; beautiful Piazza Signoria; Palazzo Vecchio; Loggia dei Lanzi; and, to top it all, Piazza del Duomo and its cathedral with the Giotto Campanile, and the magnificent East Door of the Baptistry, known as the "Gate of Paradise." (B,D)

## Day 11

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FLORENCE–LUGANO, SWITZERLAND–LUCERNE AREA. Head north and cross into Switzerland's Italian-speaking Canton Ticino. Stroll along Lugano's picturesque lakeside promenade before immersing yourself in the alpine landscapes of Lucerne and its surroundings. (B,D)

## Day 12

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LUCERNE. One of Switzerland's finest cities, Lucerne is nestled amid its snowcapped Alps, surrounded by its lake, and graced by the clear mountain waters of the Reuss River. Your visit takes in the impressive city walls, CHAPEL BRIDGE, ornate patrician houses lining cobblestone streets, and the LION MONUMENT—a masterful stone sculpture in honor of the heroic Swiss Guard of Louis XVI. A grand selection of optional activities completes the day: a cable-car ride to the 10,000-foot summit of Mount Titlis; a cruise on the fjord-like lake; and, of course, there is time to shop for an authentic Swiss watch. (B)

## Day 13

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LUCERNE AREA–PARIS, FRANCE. Enjoy vistas of green pastures and rustic chalets on the way to France. Travel past some of its famous vineyards as you approach the exciting capital, Paris. Tonight enjoy the optional cabaret show. (B)

## Day 14

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PARIS. Paris holds a special place in the imagination. It's a city of many facets and famed for its culture, beauty, sophistication, and sparkle. By sitting with a glass of wine in a bistro or sidewalk café, you can absorb the essence of the city. The center has wide boulevards and impressive buildings. Included sightseeing with a local expert shows off many of the best-known Parisian sites. Optional excursions are also available to the Palace and Gardens of Versailles and, to celebrate the success of your tour, a French farewell dinner might be just the ticket. (B)

## Day 15

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PARIS–LONDON, ENGLAND. Relax on your EUROSTAR journey back to London, where your holiday ends. (B)

## Tour Director

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### VITTORIA VACCARO

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Escorting tours for more than 10 years

"I love guiding travelers through Europe and turning their travel dreams into reality! It's extremely rewarding to work toward the mutual understanding and respect of cultures and peoples. I put all my energy into what I do, and I feel utmost gratitude when guests leave me with tears of happiness in their eyes and the promise to come back."



## Accommodations

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BRUSSELS Ibis Centrum St. Catherine (ST)

WURZBURG Wittelsbacher Hoeh (ST)

PRAGUE Clarion Congress Hotel (F)

VIENNA Star Inn Schoenbrunn (ST)

VENICE Poppi (ST)