

# Wonders of Europe - GSA (5121)

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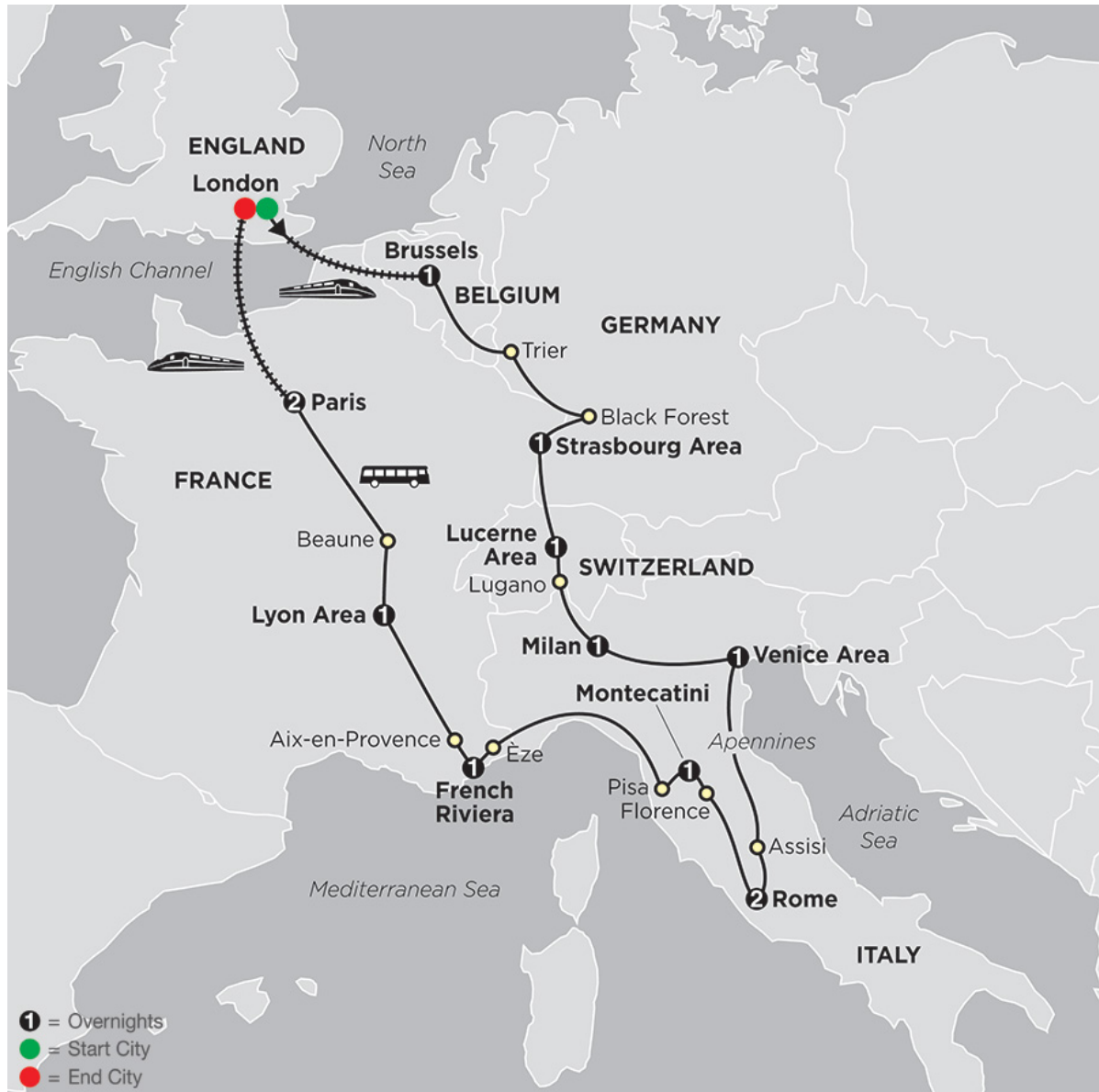
## 2018 Tour Details

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From London to Paris via Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy, discover many of Europe's wonders on this memorable European tour. History buffs will delight in seeing many of Europe's historic sights. In Rome, visit the Roman Forum, dating back to the 7th century BC, and the iconic Colosseum, completed in the 1st century AD. In Lucerne, see the Chapel Bridge, built in 1333 as part of the city's fortifications and now the oldest-preserved wooden bridge in Europe. In Trier, Germany's oldest city, a walking tour highlights the Roman remains, pleasant market squares, and Germany's oldest Christian church. Situated on the border of France and Germany, Strasbourg is a city that has retained its historic charm and is Europe at its most quintessential. On your walking tour here, see the gothic cathedral with its ancient murals, stained-glass windows, and fascinating astronomical clock, as well as the magical La Petite France district, home to half-timbered houses, quaint shops, and a waterfront promenade. If you're more interested in art and architecture, you'll enjoy the treasures offered on this Europe tour. Visit Florence, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. A highlight of Florence is Piazza Signoria, adorned with ornate and famous statues. Pisa's famous Leaning Tower is another architectural wonder. Of course, no traveler to Europe should miss the distinct architecture of Paris, and you'll have time to explore Paris' famous architectural sites. Enjoy time in the French Riviera, where you'll visit a famous perfume factory in Èze, and the Provence region, known for its Mediterranean climate, vineyards, and gorgeous scenery. Stop in Aix-en-Provence, the birthplace of painter Cézanne and known for its fountains, elegant homes, and famous cafés. From the historic sights and architectural treasures to the beautiful scenery, this enriching, value-minded European tour offers something for everyone.

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## Destinations & Sightseeing

Visits to Lucerne, Lugano, Venice, Assisi, Pisa, a perfume workshop in Èze, Aix-en-Provence, Beaune.

### Guides:

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

Black Forest, Swiss Alps, Italian and French Rivas, Burgundy Wine Country

December 19 Departure - New Year in Paris including reveillon dinner

Transportation:

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

## Meals

## Meals & Itinerary

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Buffet breakfasts daily; 4 dinners

## 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–TRIER, GERMANY–STRASBOURG AREA, FRANCE. Cross the German border and stop for an included walking tour of ancient Trier, founded by the Celts in the late 4th century BC. Later, travel through the fabled Black Forest, known for its cuckoo clocks, wood carving, delectable Black Forest Cake, and traditional farmhouses with sweeping, half-hipped roofs. Cross into France to arrive in Strasbourg for an overnight. (B,D)

### Day 3

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STRASBOURG AREA–LUCERNE AREA, SWITZERLAND. On your included walking tour in Strasbourg, seat of the European Parliament, see the monumental gothic cathedral with its ancient murals, stained-glass windows, and fascinating astronomical clock; experience the unique Franco-German culture; and explore the city's historic heart in the magical La Petite France district. Later, enter Switzerland and head towards the majestic Alps before stopping in Lucerne. Visit the LION MONUMENT, a masterful stone sculpture honoring Louis XVI's heroic Swiss Guard, and CHAPEL BRIDGE, Europe's oldest covered bridge, dating back to 1333. (B)

### Day 4

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LUCERNE AREA–LUGANO–MILAN, ITALY. More wonderful alpine scenery awaits as you drive into the mountains surrounding massive St. Gotthard. Pass through its great tunnel, then begin your scenic descent into the warmth and sunshine of Canton Ticino. Take a break in lovely Lugano and stroll along its lakeside promenade. On to vibrant Milan, Italy's fashion capital. (B,D)

### Day 5

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MILAN–VENICE AREA. Leave Milan and cross the flat Po River plain to the Venice area. Here, you'll board your private MOTORBOAT to St. Mark's Square. Take time to enjoy the Bridge of Sighs, Doges' Palace, and monumental ST. MARK'S SQUARE. Later, visit a GLASSBLOWING WORKSHOP to watch a skilled craftsman at work. Don't miss out on an optional gondola serenade that glides through century-old canals. (B,D)

### Day 6

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VENICE AREA–ASSISI–ROME. An interesting drive southward, through the gentle Umbrian hills to medieval Assisi, where St. Francis was born in 1182. Visit the world-famous BASILICA with its beautiful frescoes by Giotto, then head for Rome. (B)

## Day 7

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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 8

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ROME–FLORENCE–MONTECATINI. Say “Arrivederci, Roma” as you drive northwards to reach Florence. On the included walking tour with a Local Guide, discover the landmarks of this Renaissance city, like Piazza Signoria with the Loggia dei Lanzi, Palazzo Vecchio, and the breathtaking cathedral on Piazza del Duomo. Overnight in the spa town of Montecatini. (B)

## Day 9

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MONTECATINI–PISA–ÈZE, FRANCE–FRENCH RIVIERA. Stop in Pisa to see the Leaning Tower and the SQUARE OF MIRACLES. Bypassing the great port of Genoa, head northwest, getting glimpses of the Italian and French Riviervas. Visit one of the famous PERFUME FACTORIES in lovely Èze before reaching your destination on the glamorous French Riviera. (B)

## Day 10

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FRENCH RIVIERA–AIX-EN-PROVENCE–LYON AREA. Leave the French Riviera this morning and head inland, crossing sun-drenched Provence. Take in the Mediterranean atmosphere of Aix-en-Provence, then travel through the famous wine-producing area of the Rhône Valley. Overnight in the Lyon area. (B,D)

## Day 11

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LYON AREA–BEAUNE–PARIS. Enjoy vistas of famous Burgundy vineyards on the way to Beaune, famous for wines such as Chambertin and Nuits-Saint-Georges. Its Hôtel-Dieu with its colorful roof was one of the oldest hospitals in Europe. Head for the exciting city of Paris. Time to enjoy an optional cabaret show. (B)

## Day 12

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PARIS. One full day to explore the city that’s known throughout the world for its fashion, art and museums, delicious food, and joie de vivre. 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 13

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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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### TRUUS HUIZINGA

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Escorting tours for more than 10 years

"I enjoy sharing my stories about each country and city, and seeing travelers' reactions as they savor new cultures and experiences every day. Few other things in life make such a major impact in such a short time. It's so wonderful to meet a group of people who start the vacation as strangers but then often come away as lifetime friends. This gives me the passion to do what I do!"



## Accommodations

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BRUSSELS Ramada La Woluwe (ST)  
LUCERNE Ibis Kriens (TC)  
LUCERNE Ibis Styles Luzerne City (ST)  
MILAN Holiday Inn Garibaldi Station (SF)  
VENICE Poppi (ST)  
VENICE Holiday Inn Venezia (ST)  
ROME Fleming (F)  
MONTECATINI Settentrionale Esplanade (F)  
MONTECATINI Grand Hotel du Park et Regina (F)  
FRENCH RIVIERA Ibis Styles Nice Airport ()  
FRENCH RIVIERA Quality Mediterranee (MF)  
FRENCH RIVIERA Ibis Styles Nice Vieux Port (ST)  
LYON Parkest (ST)  
LYON Hotel Lyon Ouest (F)  
PARIS Forest Hill La Villette (ST)  
MILAN Starhotel Business Palace (F)