



## **14 DAYS AMSTERDAM, PARIS AND SWITZERLAND**



### **Day 01: Arrive Amsterdam**

Arrive Amsterdam. After customs and immigration, transfer to hotel on own (standard check in time is 1400 hrs). Evening enjoy a Canal cruise. Overnight in Amsterdam.

### **Day 02: Amsterdam**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast proceed for a half day tour to Zaanse Schans - the windmill village. Evening click pictures with your favorite celebrity at **MADAME TUSSAUDS**. Overnight in Amsterdam.

### **Half Day tour to Zaanse Schans:**

From our central meetingpoint, close to central station a short 20 minute busride will take you to the windmill village Zaanse Schans. Here you will experience all that is typical Dutch in just a few hours. You will learn about the process of cheese making, you can walk on wooden shoes, see the interior of a working windmill and see the wooden green-painted houses and shops.

A professional, experienced and friendly guide will accompany you throughout the village before you get time to further explore the village on your own.

### **Highlights:**

- All entrance fees included
- Pickup from a centrally located meeting point
- Informative, friendly and professional guide
- Perfect for all ages and skill level

Meet your guide and driver at our central meetingpoint just across from Central Station Amsterdam. A comfortable, air-conditioned single deck bus will take you to today's destination in just 20 minutes.



The windmill village Zaanse Schans is an open air museum that houses a collection of working windmills, wooden houses, barns and shops dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century. All these buildings were brought here from 1961 onwards bringing back to life this most prosperous period of the Zaan region.

In its golden age the Zaan Region developed into an industrial area on a scale never seen before, with 600 active windmills: wooden factories powered by wind. In these small factories many tasks were being executed with the aid of wind energy: wood sawn by machine, grounding spices, oil for food and paint, flower, cocoa powder and many other things.

The prosperity in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century can be seen in the Zaanse Schans windmill village in several ways. Alongside windmills, barns and other buildings, you will see beautiful houses that were originally built as home to rich windmill owners and merchants. These houses have attractive facades and have been painted in traditional colors such as green, beige and light blue.

At arrival in the village, your guide will take you on an orientation tour of the village. You will visit the clog museum annex wooden shoemaker shop and in the cheese farm you will get to taste Dutch farmer cheese. Then it is time to

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Further explore the village on your own. Before you set off to discover the Zaanse Schans on your own, your guide will give you further information on the Zaanse Schans and its unique character, teach you local history and culture, and give you insider's tips about what to do and where to go

### **Day 03: Amsterdam**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast proceed for a tour of Delft Pottery and the Hague city tour. Evening free at leisure. Overnight in Amsterdam.

#### **Delft Pottery and The Hague City Tour:**

Come along for a fascinating day of Dutch tradition and culture that includes a visit to the famous town of Delft. The Kingdom of the Netherlands is one of the European capitals of the arts of our times, and on this special sightseeing tour you will not only contemplate some of its most important landmarks, you will also discover its traditional hand painted pottery.



Let the adventure begin by paying a visit to a Delft workshop. Once there, you will be invited to delve into the charming little building and admire countless pieces of delicately hand-painted Delftware. Your knowledgeable guide will tell you all the interesting facts and history about this quaint form of art.

After that incursion into the curious world of pottery, begin your big building sightseeing tour. Make your way to see all of the most important buildings of The Hague, wherein sits the Dutch Government. After exploring it and learning about the many institutions that operate inside, continue to admire the Houses

of Parliament and the Peace Palace.

But even after enjoying the highlights of this tour, the wonders are far from over. We will drive you back to Amsterdam via scenic Scheveningen, a resort well known for its lovely long beaches and promenades.

This is the ideal sightseeing tour; it includes the three key ingredients you need to make a good tour: culture, important edifices and breath-taking views.

### **Day 04: Amsterdam - Paris**

Breakfast at hotel, Post breakfast check out and transfer to train station to take the train to Paris. Arrive Paris. Transfer to hotel on own (*standard check in time is 1400 hrs*). Evening enjoy a cruise on the River Seine. Overnight in Paris.

#### **Seine River Cruise**

A great circular cruise with Bateaux Parisiens on the River Seine, to discover Paris, with headphone commentary.

An ideal cruise for visitors wishing to see the main sights of Paris from the River Seine, including the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Invalides, Concorde Square, Ile de la Cite, and many more besides. The cruise lasts one hour, takes a circular route and delivers you back to where you started. A hostess and background music ensure you relax and enjoy the cruise.



### **Day 05: - Paris**

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Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast proceed for a tour of Versailles palace. Evening free to explore the city on own. Overnight in Paris.

### **Versailles Palace**



*You will be transported back to the Golden Age of France with a trip to the Palace of Versailles, a UNESCO World Heritage site and emblem of French royalty and extravagance. You will be guaranteed fast-track entry, allowing you to jump the queue and travel in comfort on one of our fully air-conditioned coaches.*

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*which saw Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette forced to return to the capital. Your audio guide will enable you to discover the State apartments of the King and Queen, the Royal Chapel and Hall of Mirrors, the epitome of French opulence: three hundred and fifty-seven mirrors line the gold-adorned hall and crystal chandeliers hang from the ceiling. You will also be given time to explore the manicured gardens "a la francaise", which mirrors the splendor of the interior. Designed by the French landscaper Andre Le Notre in 1661 for the King Louis XIV, the 2,000-acre park is an architectural expanse of perspectives, parterres, fountains and groves that since its inception has defined what a French garden should be.*

### **Day 06: Paris**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast enjoy a city tour of Paris with visit to Eiffel Tower. Overnight in Paris.

### **Day 07: Paris - Zurich - Lucerne**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast check our and transfer to airport on own to take the flight to Zurich. Arrive Zurich and transfer to Lucerne by train. Arrive Lucerne and transfer to hotel on own. Check in at hotel (**standard check in time is 1400 hrs**). Evening enjoy a cruise on Lake Lucerne. Overnight in Lucerne.

### **Lucerne Lake Cruise:**



Cruise the Bay of Lucerne on a luxury yacht for everyone

Refresh your senses and take in the first class comfort of our cutting-edge ship MS Saphir. The stylish design and dashing appearance of our elegant Panorama-Yacht will be sure to impress! With such unique features like the convertible roof on the upper deck, the aqua terrace on the main deck aft or the custom-built furniture, the ship provides excitement and luxury for all. Cruising aboard MS Saphir is an experience that just might remind you of the super yachts on the Cote d'Azur! Bring your friends to nip on a few happy hour drinks or take advantage of the informative audio guide, which is available in 11 different languages and will narrate the top attractions in the

Bay of Lucerne.

### **Day 08: Lucerne - Mt. Titlis - Lucerne**

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Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast proceed for a tour of Mt. Titlis. Overnight in Lucerne.

#### **Mt. Titlis Tour:**

Don't miss the spectacular beauty of Mt Titlis! Discover eternal glaciers and other attractions from more than 3020 m/10000 ft high.

Bus ride to Engelberg, where the breath-taking journey to Mt. Titlis begins. Enjoy the spectacular sight of the glacier's deep crevasses and gigantic ice boulders from the revolving cable car ROTAIR. At the top of Mt. Titlis (10'000 ft. above sea level), a high alpine panorama awaits you. You will have magnificent views of the Alps from the restaurants (lunch excl.) or the sun terrace. Visit the Ice Grotto or take a ride with the chairlift IceFlyer, which brings you close to the crevasses. Enjoy also the FunLift in the snow and the Cliff Walk , Europe's highest suspension bridge. All included , weather permitting! Entire tour with multi-lingual guide.



#### **Day 09: Lucerne**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast day free to explore the city on own. Overnight in Lucerne.



#### **Day 10: Lucerne - Interlaken**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast check out and transfer to train station on own to take the train to Interlaken. Arrive Interlaken and transfer to hotel on own. Check in at hotel (**standard check in time is 1400 hrs**). Evening free to explore the city on own. Overnight in Interlaken.

#### **Day 11: Interlaken - Jungfrauoch - Interlaken**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast proceed for a tour of Jungfrauoch. Overnight in Interlaken.

#### **Jungfrauoch Tour**

Don't miss the highlight of any Swiss holiday and join us for this thrilling and unforgettable fully guided excursion to Jungfrauoch, Top of Europe! Listed by UNESCO as "World Heritage of the Swiss Alps" it not only boasts Europe's highest train station but also many other attractions

From Interlaken, the heart of the Jungfrau region mountain world and uniquely situated between two lakes, we make our way to famous mountain resort Grindelwald where we board the cogwheel train for a spectacular ride via Kleine Scheidegg to Jungfrauoch. Stunning views of the world-famous triple peaks of Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau accompany you all the way to the top. Once on the top, immerse yourself in the fascinating high-Alpine wonderland of ice, snow and rock. Experience the adventure tour "Alpine Sensation" marking the 100-year anniversary of the Jungfrau Railway and visit the Sphinx Observation Terrace and Plateau with the most breathtaking panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, neighboring countries and Europe's longest glacier, the Aletsch Glacier. Don't forget to stroll through the tunnels of the Ice Palace located in the heart of the glacier , a once in a lifetime experience you don't want to miss!



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Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast check out and transfer to train station on own to take the train to Zurich. Arrive Zurich and transfer to hotel on own. Check in at hotel (*standard check in time is 1400 hrs*). Evening free to explore the city on own. Overnight in Zurich

#### **Day 13: Zurich**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast proceed for a tour of Rhine Falls. Evening free at leisure. Overnight in Zurich.

#### **Rhine Falls Tour:**

Come face to face with the power of nature with this guided tour to one of Europe's most impressive natural attractions. The Rhine Falls is the largest waterfall in the continent, with a drop of 23 metres and a breathtaking width of 150 metres.

The visit to the falls is the highlight of the trip, which also takes in the picturesque landscape of northern Switzerland, a quaint village and an immaculately preserved Renaissance town.

Driving north from Zurich towards the German border, you will pass a stunning lower Alpine landscape that is famed for its vineyards. We'll cross the picture-postcard farming village of Marthalen. Almost every building appears to be a traditional whitewashed half-timbered house.



In Schaffhausen, the town closest to the falls, you will see the 16th century Munot Fortress atop a hill overlooking the old town, which boasts a series of frescoed Renaissance façades.

By now your appetite will have been whetted in expectation of the main event: the stunning Rhine Falls. When Frankenstein author Mary Shelley visited the falls, she described them as 'exceeding anything I had ever before seen'. More than 160 years later, the sensation is the same for many visitors. Some of the views of the falls are simply jaw dropping. Allow yourself to be thrilled by this awe-inspiring natural phenomenon. As an optional extra, you can reach the rock in the middle of the falls by boat and get right into the breathtaking falls.

#### **Day 14: Departure**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast check out and transfer to airport on own to take the flight back homewards.

End of Tour.

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