



# 9D8N Western Europe Discovery

France • Luxembourg • Germany • Netherlands • Belgium

Language Available: English/Chinese

Travel Validity: 01 Jan'19– 31 Dec'19

## Day 1, Sunday: Frankfurt

Upon arrival in Frankfurt, transfer to hotel and day is free at leisure. Overnight in Frankfurt or a nearby city.

## Day 2, Monday: Frankfurt – Bonn – Cologne - Amsterdam (500km) (Breakfast)

The morning begins with a leisurely drive north-west from Frankfurt to Bonn. Discover the city's secrets on an orientation stroll through its streets, walking past highlights such as the **Rococo-fronted town hall** and **Ludwig Van Beethoven Haus**, a museum celebrating the life of the much-loved composer. Then it's on to Cologne, where you'll head inside the city's glorious **Gothic Cathedral**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Cologne further. You may go for a local shopping or simply relax with a suitably refreshing German brew. After lunch the day is rounded off with a drive into the Netherlands.



Gothic Cathedral

## Day 3, Tuesday: Amsterdam – Zaanse Schans – Amsterdam (50km) (Breakfast)

You'll get to sample at close quarters some of the things that the Netherlands is traditionally famous for: clogs, cheese and windmills. Call in at the hugely popular model town of **Zaanse Schans**. Next, you'll head from the quiet countryside to the cosmopolitan city as your journey takes you back to Amsterdam. After visiting a **well-known diamond factory**, you can take an optional hour-long pre-dinner canal cruise\*, which is a great way to discover more about this unique European city. After disembarking you'll walk to one of the city's grandest areas, **Dam Square**, where the Royal Palace is located and the Queen's birthday celebrations take place. You'll have photo opportunities here, free time for shopping or further sightseeing, and then round the day off with dinner. *(\*Note: From mid-March to mid-May, you may also get to visit the Keukenhof Garden. For more information, please visit: [www.keukenhof.com](http://www.keukenhof.com))*



Zaanse Schans

## Day 4, Wednesday: Amsterdam – Brussels - Paris (500 km) (Breakfast)

After leaving Amsterdam in the morning you'll head south across the border into Brussels. On the way, the tour stops to see the distinctive **Atomium monument**, a cell-shaped structure of stainless steel spheres and tubes built for the 1958 World's Fair. In the centre of Brussels itself an orientation tour will call in at the exquisite **Grand Place**, as well as seeing the famous impish **MannekenPis Statue**. After some free time, during which you can try some mouth-watering Belgian delights. Then from Brussels, you will head to Paris.



Arc de Triomphe

## Day 5, Thursday: Paris – Versailles – Paris (60 km) (Breakfast)

Your Parisian adventures get off to a spectacular start with a drive along the famous **ChampsÉlysées** to the **Place de la Concorde**, which played such a key part in the French Revolution. You'll also get to see the iconic **Arc de Triomphe** here too, the imposing monument that sits near the western end of the avenue and commemorates the fallen of the revolution and Napoleonic wars. You'll take in another significant historical building next as you head to **L'Hôtel National des Invalides**, where Napoleon's tomb is located, followed by a stop at the most legendary of all Paris's icons: the Eiffel Tower\*. You can either take time to explore the neighbourhood and have some lunch or scale the Eiffel Tower. Choice is yours. Finally, you'll travel on the coach out through the Parisian suburbs to the splendid **Palace of Versailles**\*. In the evening, you can enjoy one of our optional Paris evening shows\*.



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### Day 6, Friday: Paris (Breakfast)

Our morning visit is to one of the world's greatest art museums – **The Louvre\***, where you will set your eyes upon some of history's most famous masterpieces, including the Venus de Milo and Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. You can choose to opt for a guided gallery tour. You can take the **River Seine Cruise\*** - offering splendid views of iconic Parisian landmarks. Replenish your energy in the museum before heading to the area surrounding **Palais Garnier**, which is Paris' opera house. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to shop at legendary department stores **Galerias Lafayette** or have a **French 4 course Dinner and Show\***. After dinner, transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Paris or a nearby city.



### Day 7, Saturday: Paris – Reims – Luxembourg (420 km) (Breakfast)

After leaving Paris, you will embark on a delightful scenic journey through the rolling countryside of the **Champagne region**, famous around the world its production of sparkling white wine. Subsequently, you will visit the historic attractions of the provincial capital Reims, including the **city's cathedral** – a key national heritage site, where the coronations of the French kings took place from the 11th century onwards. Thereafter, you will proceed to **Luxembourg**, the world's only remaining Grand Duchy where you will explore the main places of interest such as the **Place de Constitution** and the **Pont Adolphe** by foot. You will then spend the night in **Luxembourg** or a neighbouring city.



### Day 8, Sunday: Luxembourg – Trier – Koblenz – Rudesheim am Rhein - Frankfurt (400 km) (Breakfast)

Head across another European border into Germany. The first stop is historic **Trier**. You'll have the chance to see from the outside the house where the influential philosopher was born, which now functions as the **Karl Marx Haus museum**. Your walking tour then takes you into the centre of **Trier**; here you can look around the city's impressive cathedral, where the celebrated Holy Robe – said to be the tunic of Christ – is preserved and occasionally displayed. The highlight is undoubtedly **Porta Nigra**, the best-preserved Roman city gate north of the Alps, which you'll get to see and photograph. After an exciting morning in Trier, you'll drive on to **Koblenz**, famous as the location of the confluence of the **Rhine and Mosel rivers\***. Here you have the option of indulging in a relaxing lunch\* alongside the water, then afterwards you can also choose to add on a scenic Rhine boat cruise for some memorable city vistas. Back on dry land you'll drive through the wine-making town of **Rudesheim**. Then it's on to **Frankfurt am Main**, where you will discover the delights of **Römerberg**.



### Day 9, Monday: Depart Frankfurt (Breakfast)

Depart from Frankfurt and board the flight back to Singapore.

To discover more parts of Europe, consider continuing your trip on the 9D8N Eastern Europe Explorer package!

#### Includes:

- Return airport transfers
- Guided tour with coach
- Daily continental breakfast at hotels (for all other meals, we offer assistance with reservations and directions to local restaurants/cafes)
- 8 nights' accommodation in hotels



\* Indicates that attraction fees apply.

Other optional tours are available as well.

\*\* Please take note that the itinerary is for reference only and is subject to changes without prior notice. Accurate itinerary will be given to passengers prior to departures. Our local representatives reserve the right in adjusting the sequences of itinerary due to safety reason & unforeseen circumstances.



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