

# 9D8N Western Europe Discovery

France • Luxembourg • Germany • Netherlands • Belgium

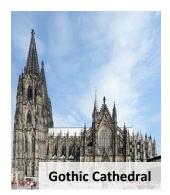
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## Day 1, Sunday: Frankfurt

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, to do a spot of local shopping or to simply relax with a suitably refreshing German brew. After lunch the day is rounded off with a drive into the Netherlands.



#### 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 **ZaanseSchans**. 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. From mid-March to mid-May we will also visit Keukenhof Garden, more informations please see: www.keukenhof.com



#### 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.



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.





**Atomium Monument** 

#### 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. Afterwards, proceed to **Place d' Italie** for lunch. Then, head 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 **Galeries Lafayette** and **Printemps**. After dinner, transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Paris or a nearby city.



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

Your day begins with a visit to the **Louvre**. you'll set your eyes upon some of history's most famous masterpieces, including the **Venus de Milo**, **Winged Victory of Samothrace** (also called Nike of Samothrace), and **Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa**. Opt for a guided gallery tour, which will enhance your experience and allow you to browse through hundreds of works in just a few hours. You can then take a leisurely cruise along the river Seine, a great sightseeing option that offers splendid views of iconic Parisian landmarks, including Notre-Dame Cathedral and Pont Alexandre III. Lunch in the museum before heading to the area surrounding the **PalaisGarnier**, **Paris's opera house**. Afterwards, you have an option of having a French 4 course Dinner and Show experience or spend time shopping at the legendary department stores **Galeries Lafayette**.



Day 8, Sunday: Luxemborg – 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 Rüdesheim. Then it's on to Frankfurt am Main, where you'll discover the delights of Römerberg.



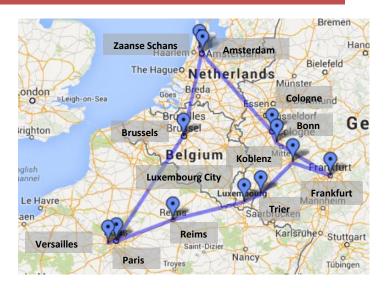
## Day 9, Monday: Depart Frankfurt (Breakfast)

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 at hotels



\*\* 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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