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Rome to Amsterdam Europe Tour 11 days from \$3499

Per person twin share, including flights from Australia



Departures 28 April, 19 May or 02 June 2020

Book by 31 October 2019

This magnificent tour (if we may say so ourselves!) begins in Rome and ends in Amsterdam. En route, explore 5 of the world's most fascinating countries.

Uncover the verdant beauty of the Rhine Valley in Germany. Wake up in a village in the heart of the Swiss Alps. Set foot in the Colosseum in Rome and explore the entirety of Venice. Get charmed by Amsterdam and see what it is that has inspired so many musicians and poets.

This is a thrill-a-minute trip tailor-made for making memories, relaxing & discovering!

Includes:

- Return economy airfares from Australian capital cities to Rome and Amsterdam.
- Extra \$295 from Adelaide, Canberra and Hobart
- Accommodation
 - 9 nights' accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
 - Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room
- Meals
 - 9 breakfasts, 4 dinners
 - *Vegetarian options available for all meals on request
- Transport
 - Modern air conditioned coach with reclining seats, TV for showing DVDs and toilet
- Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip

Excludes:

- Single supplement
- Travel insurance (required)
- Airport transfers
- Meals & sightseeing not specified in the itinerary
- Optional tours
- Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, WiFi, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the above inclusions or in the itinerary

*Subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels & tour operator.
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

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Highlights:

- Walking tours of Rome and Venice
- Opportunity to visit Jungfrauoch in the Swiss Alps
- Cruise the Rhine Valley in Germany
- Visit Bruges in Belgium
- Free days in Rome, Venice & Amsterdam

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Depart Australia

Day 2: Arrive in Rome

Arrive in Rome and make your own way to our accommodation for the start of the tour, and join up with your Expat Explore tour leader and fellow travellers at midday. We'll take the subway into the city centre to meet up with our local guide, who will introduce us to the incredible history of this unique city on a guided walking tour. Rome reigned supreme as the focal point of the Roman Empire, and the local guide will introduce us to highlights such as the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, the Roman Forum and of course the Colosseum.



Day 3: Rome: Free Day

Rome boasts ancient ruins, historical landmarks, religious buildings and a buzzing atmosphere like no other. The Colosseum is spectacular, offering fabulous views of the city, and an unbelievable feeling of drifting backwards in time, to when gladiators, chariots and lions dominated the arena. Later this afternoon you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of an optional excursion to visit the Vatican City - the smallest country in the world! Inside the walls you can visit the Sistine Chapel and see for

yourself the famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo, as well as numerous other famous art pieces dotted around the buildings.



Day 4: Siena - Venice

Our first stop is the Tuscan town of Siena, which is famous for its cuisine, wine, art, museums, medieval cityscape and the Palio, a horse race held twice a year. You will have time to explore before we continue on our journey. Later, we arrive into Venice in the early evening, a city immortalised in literature, film and art for centuries. Its timeless waterways and artistic masterpieces (more per square kilometre than anywhere else on earth) make it truly unique – this is a city that will capture your heart and imagination. Being Italian, there's no shortage of incredible food and culture either! You have the evening free to relax at the hotel, or explore Venice with the option to join your tour leader on a twilight water taxi cruise of the Venetian canals.



Day 5: Venice

You'll start your stay in Venice with an orientation tour led by your tour leader so you can get your bearings, after which you have free time to explore this unforgettable city at your leisure. Every visit to Venice should include a gondola ride, which your tour leader can organise for you, as well as a trip further out into the lagoon to visit Murano and Burano. These islands are famous for their glass-blowing and lace-making crafts respectively, and rows of beautiful multi-coloured houses. Alternatively you can simply relax and soak up the sun on the sandy

beaches at Jesolo or Lido. There's also St Mark's Square, The Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to see – and any number of culinary delights to sample too!



Day 6: Venice - Swiss Alps

Crossing the border into Switzerland, we drive on to the Swiss Alps, climbing higher into the mountains to our accommodation in a typical Swiss mountain village in the Jungfrau region. One of the most popular alpine destinations, it's a great introduction to the magic of the mountains – and makes for a memorable drive too. Dinner is at your hotel and afterwards relax, drink, chat with your fellow explorers and grab an early night as tomorrow you can join us on our most popular optional excursion – Jungfrauoch, the Top of Europe!



Day 7: Swiss Alps: Free Day

Enjoy a free day to explore and take in the spectacular local scenery. One of the 'must see' highlights of this tour is to take the optional excursion train ride to the 'Top of Europe' – Jungfrauoch. The views will leave you breathless (and that isn't just because of the high altitude!) This 4000m glacier has a beauty all of its own, and the combination of ice, snow, rock and epic views will stay with you for life. There is snow all year round, even in the middle of summer!



Day 8: Black Forest - Rhine Valley

Departing from the Swiss Alps the road leads us to Germany's Black Forest. Have your camera at the ready as you drive past beautiful rivers and forested hills and valleys. Our lunch stop is in Baden-Baden, famous for its thermal baths and casino, with some free time to explore and have lunch. Then we'll drive on to the Rhine Valley, where we'll hop aboard a Rhine riverboat for a cruise past castles, vineyards and picturesque villages. After the cruise you'll be treated to an included wine tasting led by a local wine merchant. If the harvest has been good, you may even get to try eiswein (ice wine), a very sweet dessert wine during the freezing winter months and produced in only very small quantities. For travellers looking to buy souvenirs, you'll have the chance to pick up authentic examples of cuckoo clocks and beer steins today.



Day 9: Rhine Valley - Amsterdam

Leaving Germany behind this morning, head for the Netherlands and its capital, Amsterdam. Spend the day exploring to heart's content. Amsterdam is awash with variety, with more canals than Venice, more bridges than Paris and more museums per square kilometre than any other city in the world! This evening take part in an included canal cruise with dinner. Settle into your hotel later this evening.



Day 10: Amsterdam: Free Day

Today you have the choice to either explore Amsterdam at your leisure, or join an optional excursion of the Dutch countryside on offer. This excursion includes a visit to a local cheese farm and clog factory, a photo stop at the historical windmill village, Zaanse Schans, and a visit to the quaint seaside village of Volendam where you can wander the streets filled with cafes and admire the picturesque views.

Day 11: Amsterdam to Australia

After breakfast, please catch a taxi to Amsterdam airport for your flights home to Australia.

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DESTINATION INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please read this information prior to making your reservation

BROCHURE VALIDITY

The information presented in our brochure is correct to the best of our knowledge, but is subject to change without notice. Changes can occur with respect to prices, itineraries, duration of holidays, service standards, tour content, airfares and schedules. This is out of our control. Please ensure you advise details of your requirements at the time of booking.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

DEPOSIT

A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT

Payment in full must be made no less than 120 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

PRICES

All prices for our tours are advised in Australian Dollars (\$AUD). They are based on airfares, schedules and tariffs at the time of printing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to vary the cost of the tour, taxes and airline prices if necessary by reason of currency fluctuation, cost increase, or airfare increase. All prices are subject to confirmation from local tour operators. Once full payment has been received by Destination International no surcharges in respect to currency fluctuations will be applied.

ITINERARY CHANGES

Destination International Holidays reserves the right to amend the itinerary for reasons such as service requirements, road or weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where a change is of a significant nature, it will be advised to our customers in writing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to substitute hotels, lodges, inns and camps with properties of similar standard

AMENDMENT FEES

Any deviation to packages advertised or quotes will incur a fee of \$150 per person.

Should you need to alter your confirmed reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$150 per amendment or transaction, plus any new arrangements made. Additionally, there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased.

In addition, we charge

- \$50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

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| Days' Notice | 90 or more | 75-90 | 65-75 | 65-1 |
| | Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare | 75% | 85% | 100% |

The above are Destination International Holidays cancellation fees. Airlines and Tour Operators may have additional fees. Transfer of a confirmed booking to another tour or departure date is deemed a cancellation of the original booking. There will be no refund for cancellation of unused services on or after commencement date. Please note that employees of any overseas suppliers are not authorised by Destination International Holidays to make any undertakings to our clients in respect of refunds or other matters.

ACCOMMODATION

There will be variations in the size, standard and presentation of rooms and facilities within the one hotel. This is beyond the control of Destination International Holidays.

CLAIMS

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATIONS

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