

# HEART OF EUROPE CIRCLE TOUR

15-day tour featuring Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, and Holland

Going on it's 55th year, this signature tour remains as popular as ever. The itinerary offers seven countries, historic cities, spectacular scenery, and lots of local flavor. It is an ideal choice for first time travelers to Europe or anyone desiring a taste of the Old World at a great value.

Below is a brief summary of the itinerary. The hours in parentheses ( ) indicate time on the motor coach between stops.

DAY 1 - Overnight flight from the U.S.A. to Europe.

DAY 2 - Arrive at **Frankfurt** Airport. Meet your tour manager and transfer (1¼ hr) to your hotel in Schriesheim, near **Heidelberg**. In the afternoon, visit the old town of Heidelberg (½ hr each way). Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. (Dinner)

DAY 3 - Scenic travel (2½ hrs) to the beautifully-preserved, medieval, walled town of **Rothenburg**. After a generous visit in Rothenburg, follow the Romantic Road (1¼ hr) to one of the charming, old-world villages. Continue to Adelsried (1¼ hr) for overnight. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4 - Motor (1½ hr) to the Bavarian capital of Munich for sightseeing and free time. Continue across the German-Austrian border to the Imperial City of **Innsbruck** (2¼ hrs). Free time for independent sightseeing in Innsbruck. Proceed to a nearby Tyrolean Village (½ hr), where you will spend the next two nights. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 5 - Free day to explore on your own. Or, join the optional, full-day Bavarian Palace excursion during which you will take the Seefeld pass to Linderhof Palace (1¾ hr). Continue to the village of **Obergamnergau** (½ hr) Return to your Tyrolean Village (2 hr). Independent dinner or join the optional Tyrolean Show & Dinner excursion (½-hr transfer, each way). (Breakfast)

DAY 6 - Cross the spectacular Europe Brücke (Bridge) through the Dolomites (2 hrs). After the customary morning break, continue to subtropical Lake Garda (2 hrs). Free time for independent lunch and relaxation. Continue to legendary **Verona** (1¼ hr) of Romeo & Juliet fame. After independent dinner, transfer (¼ hr) from Verona to your hotel in nearby Bussolengo. (Breakfast)

DAY 7 - Spend a leisurely day in Verona or on beautiful Lake Garda. Or, join the full day optional excursion to Venice (2-hr transfer each way between Bussolengo and Venice). Spend the night in Bussolengo. (Breakfast)

DAY 8 - Travel through northern Italy (1½ hrs). After a border stop, cross into **Switzerland** (1¼ hr). Check out Lugano, the "Rio of the Old Continent." Motor through William Tell country (2 hrs) with a short stop in Altdorf. Then, continue (1 hr) to the **Lake Lucerne** Region for a two-night stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 9 - Short ride (½ hr) to the mountain resort of Stans this morning, with the opportunity to take an optional Swiss Mountain funicular ride. On to Lucerne (½ hr) for afternoon sightseeing and the optional Swiss Lake Boat Ride excursion. Return (½ hr) to your Lake Lucerne Region hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 10 - On to Basel (1½ hr), at the conjunction of Switzerland, Germany and France. Cross the border into the Alsace Region of France (1½ hrs). Stop for lunch in Besançon (1½ hr) in the **Burgundy wine region**. Proceed to Auxerre or Troyes (2 hrs) for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, Dinner).

DAY 11 - Auxerre or Troyes to morning stop outside Paris (1½ hr). On to **Paris** (½ hr), arriving in the city center at approximately 11 am. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Paris, with opportunities for two optional excursions, namely Seine River Cruise and Paris Evening. Between afternoon sightseeing and individual evening activities, your tour manager will schedule a transfer (¾ hr) to the hotel. (Breakfast)

DAY 12 - Head North to **Belgium** (2 hrs). After the customary mid-morning break, continue to Antwerp (2 hrs), capital of the Belgian Region called "Flanders". In the afternoon, motor across the Dutch border and the reclaimed land (2½ hrs) to the Polder town of Lelystad for a two-night stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 13 - Day of leisure to explore Holland. Or, join the optional Grand Holland excursion beginning with a drive through Holland's countryside (1¼ hr) and a stop at a picturesque Dutch village. Continue to **Amsterdam** (¾ hr) for free time and a boat ride through the canals. Return to your Lelystad hotel (1¼ hr) in time for dinner. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 14 - Travel across the German border (2¼ hrs). Take a break, before continuing through the Rhine River Valley (2½ hrs) to Boppard. Board a Rhine steamer for an upstream cruise on the legendary river. After disembarkation, proceed to the Rhine wine village of **Ruedesheim** (¾ hr). (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 15 - Transfer (1 hr) to the Frankfurt Airport for the daytime flight back to the U.S.A. (Breakfast)

**Priced from \$4,140 per person including round trip air from Canton-Akron or Cleveland (other major US airports avail).**

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