

Gita Travels Inc – European Vacation



“European Vacation” June 3 to 18, 2012

Explore Europe starting from the sights of Rome including the historic Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and the magnificent St. Peter’s Church. Also see the Colosseum and Trevi fountain. Enjoy the city tour of Florence and also a visit to the Square of Miracles to see Leaning Tower of Pisa. Do not miss the Gondola ride in Venice. Onto Innsbruck, Austria and also visit the Swarovski Crystal World. Stay in the heart of Switzerland visiting Jungfrauoch by cog wheel train and Mt. Titlis by Rotair. Drive through the German Black Forest, see the Rhein Falls and the Cologne Gothic Cathedral. Onto Brussels and Amsterdam. In Paris, enjoy a guided tour of the Versailles Palace, see the city from the Eiffel Tower and enjoy romantic Seine river cruise. Board the Eurostar Chunnel train to England and complete your tour with all the sights of London.

This tour of “European Delights” will definitely prove to be one of the most adventurous and memorable trips of your life!

Countries Visited : Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, France & England

Cities visited:			Highlights:				
Rome	Innsbruck	Brussels	Vatican City	Versailles	Seine cruise	Black Forest	Madurodam
Venice	Pisa, Florence	Paris	Colosseum	Monalisa	Gondola Ride	Rhein Falls	Tower of London
Zurich	Amsterdam	London	LeaningTower	Jungfrauoch	Mt Titlis	Louvre Museum	Changing of Guards

Depart USA: 3 June 2012

Arrive USA: 18 June 2012

Itinerary Summary:

- Day 1** Arrive in Rome around Noon. Sightseeing of Rome.
- Day 2** Guided city tour including the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and the magnificent St. Peter’s Church, the Trevi fountain, Roman Forum and the Colosseum from inside, Victor Emmanuel Monument, Circus Maximus and many more sights of this historic city.
- Day 3** Guided city tour of Florence to see the Duomo, the Campanile, the Baptisty, Piazza, Della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio etc. On to Pisa to visit the Square of Miracles & Leaning Tower.
- Day 4** In Venice visit St. Mark’s Square, Murano glass showroom, Doge’s Palace, Campanile and Bridge of Sighs. Gondola ride through smaller canals.
- Day 5** In Innsbruck tour the city and visit Swarovski Crystal World.
- Day 6** Visit Jungfrauoch aboard the ‘cog wheel’ train and also visit the Sphinx. Also visit Trummelbach Falls and Interlaken.
- Day 7** Visit Mt Titlis by Rotair. Later visit Lucerne, Lion monument and the Kapell Brucke wooden bridge.
- Day 8** On to Germany visiting the Blackforest and Rhein Falls. Stay in Heidelberg.
- Day 9** Enjoy a romantic cruise on the River Rhine, visit the biggest Gothic Cathedral in Europe – the Cologne Cathedral. Then proceed to Brussels.
- Day 10** Amsterdam – a city full of surprises! You have the rare opportunity to visit the sixth Floriade, the largest horticultural expo in Europe, taking place once every ten years. Also visit Madurodam - Holland in miniature. Explore Amsterdam on an exciting canal cruise.
- Day 11** Guided tour of Paris: Alexander Bridge, Arc de Triomphe, Concorde Square, Opera House, Invalides, Champs Elysees and many more including Eiffel Tower.
- Day 12** Visit the Louvre Museum and Versailles Palace. Cruise river Seine.
- Day 13** Ride the ultra-modern Eurostar to London. Enjoy the city as you ride the London Eye.
- Day 14** Enjoy the many sights of London on your guided tour including the Changing of Guards, the Tower of London, and the world famous Lord’s stadium.
- Day 15** Transfer to airport for flight back home



Key Inclusions: All Inclusive * All BF, most Lunches & all Dinners * Luxury Coach * All entrance fees

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Detailed Itinerary: Europe 2012

Italy – Austria – Switzerland – Germany – Belgium – Netherlands – France - England

Depart USA on June 3

Day 1 (Jun 4): All flights lead to Rome – the eternal city with world renowned majestic monuments, enormous squares and magnificent churches. Make a wish at the majestic Trevi Fountain.

Bon voyage! Today you are off on your exciting European tour. Arrive in Rome, and proceed to your conveniently located hotel. This evening, enjoy an orientation tour of Rome. Stop by the largest and most elaborate fountain – The Trevi Fountain. A wish here can bring you back to Rome. Tonight, enjoy a welcome Indian dinner with unlimited wine in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight in Rome.

Day 2 (Jun 5): Visit the world's smallest country – the Vatican City which includes the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica on the guided tour of Rome and Vatican City. Visit the Colosseum from inside. See the Roman Forum and many more sights of this historic city.

After a buffet breakfast this morning, check out of your hotel, board your deluxe air-conditioned coach and proceed with an expert English-speaking guide to the Vatican City – the smallest country in the world (shorts or sleeveless vests not allowed). First stop at the Vatican Museum, with a visit to the world-famous Sistine Chapel – a pure source of inspiration for art lovers and tourists alike, specially included on your tour. This will be followed by a visit to the holy Basilica of St. Peter's – the incomparable home of architectural and artistic masterpieces by Michelangelo and Bernini, which will leave you awestruck. Next, visit the imposing Colosseum, from inside, a vast amphitheatre, known for its gladiator fights. The tour of Rome is incomplete without visiting this 2000 year old stone ruin. Also see the Victor Emmanuel Monument, the Roman Forum and many more sights of this historic city. Today, you have a choice to enjoy an Indian or local lunch before you commence your onward journey towards Florence. Later, check into your hotel and relax. Tonight, we have arranged a delicious Indian buffet dinner in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight in Florence.

Day 3 (Jun 6): Pisa – Marvel at the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Guided city tour of Florence – the cradle of the Renaissance, former home of the Medicis.

After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, check-out and proceed to Pisa to visit the Square of Miracles. Remain spellbound as you approach this precariously leaning tower. Photograph your family with the Leaning Tower in the backdrop. You also have some free time to shop. Next, proceed to Florence, the capital of Tuscany. After a delicious Indian lunch, meet your English-speaking local guide for a city tour of Florence, including the Duomo, the Campanile, the Baptistry with its Gates to Paradise, Piazza Della Signoria – an open-air museum of sculptures, the famous Ponte Vecchio – bridge across the river Arno and Santa Croce where Michelangelo, Galileo and many famous Italian personalities are buried. Drive to Piazzale Michelangelo, a square on top of a hill with its replica of the impressive statue of David and also get a bird's eye view of the city of Florence. Later, drive towards Venice to check into your hotel. Freshen up and then enjoy a sumptuous hot Indian dinner in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight in Padova.

Day 4 (Jun 7): Romantic Venice – crossed by canals, beautiful monuments, the city that inspires poetry and passion. World famous gondola ride included too! Proceed to Innsbruck, in picturesque Austria at the crossroads of Europe.

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, check-out and drive to the pier and board a private boat to the heart of the traditional city of Venice – The St. Mark's Square. This astonishingly wonderful lagoon city is a special delight to visitors. Sail over the Guidecca Canal, as you catch a glimpse of the serene waters of the Adriatic Sea. On arrival, admire the St. Mark's square with the Basilica, Doge's Palace, Campanile and Bridge of Sighs. You will be taken on an unforgettable gondola ride through the smaller canals for a true picture of this lagoon city. Also visit the Murano Glass showroom. Today we have specially arranged a hot Indian lunch with some lively and scintillating Italian music on board a private cruise for our valued guests. Return to the pier and continue on your journey towards picturesque Austria. You will be entranced by the scenic beauty, as you ascend over the Brenner Pass into Innsbruck – the capital of Tyrol. See the Golden Roof and the Maria Theresien Strasse. Stroll on

cobblestone pathways and get a feel of old-world European charm. This evening, you have a choice to have some delicious Indian or authentic local meal for dinner specially prepared for you in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight in Innsbruck.

Day 5 (Jun 8): Innsbruck - Swarovski Museum – the headquarters of crystals. Next, a fun-filled Swiss party on top of a special mountain. Next, proceed to Engelberg – a beautiful resort in central Switzerland.

This morning, after a buffet breakfast, check-out and proceed to Wattens, where you will visit the world-famous Swarovski Crystal Museum. Enjoy a fascinating experience in to the 'world of crystals'. An experience that leaves you amazed at the dazzling glitter as you walk through this museum. A great opportunity to buy a souvenir for your family. This afternoon, enjoy a delicious hot Indian and Chinese meal for lunch. Today, we have arranged a special excursion for our valued guests. We take you on a cable car to the top of a Swiss mountain. Enjoy a genuine Swiss experience, with games, including an exciting luge ride, pony ride for kids. What's more... we have arranged a swiss party with some traditional Swiss cheese fondue, chocolates, red and white wine and black apple vodka-all included. You will cherish this true Swiss experience for a lifetime. Continue on your scenic drive, as you arrive to the hotel, situated amidst the majestic Swiss Alps. This location has been specially chosen for you to get a real feel of Switzerland. Tonight enjoy a Swiss folklore performance with some traditional foot tapping music along with authentic lavish Indian dinner especially prepared for you by our very own chef. Overnight in Central Switzerland.

Day 6 (Jun 9): Join us on an all inclusive Alpine excursion tour to the wonderful world of Jungfrauoch – the top of Europe – at 3,454 metres. Enjoy a champagne lunch on top. Visit Trummelbach Falls – the only glacier waterfalls in Europe inside the mountain, yet made accessible. Visit scenic Interlaken. Get set for a memorable experience.

This morning, after a buffet breakfast, we shall drive you to visit the impressive glacier falls, deep inside the mountain the Trummelbach Falls. They are the only glacier falls of their kind in the world, which have been made accessible. Truly an unforgettable experience. Next, get ready for an adventurous ride to visit Jungfrauoch – The Top of Europe, for a memorable encounter with snow and ice – a genuine 'highpoint' of your tour! Sit back in your coach as we proceed to the beautiful town of 'Lauterbrunnen', where the excitement continues. You will be amazed at the scenic splendour that you see from

aboard the 'cogwheel' train, which takes you to a height of 3,454 metres to reach Jungfrauoch! This is a trip to another world – a wonderful world of eternal ice and snow. Experience the magic of the mountains and visit the Ice Palace and many more attractions all included on top of the longest glacier in the Alps. Today, you have a choice of an Indian OR local meal for lunch with champagne specially arranged for you at Jungfrauoch – one of the many great experiences on your tour! Later, we visit the charming city of Interlaken. Be mesmerised with the scenic beauty of this city which is nestled between two lakes and surrounded by the splendid Bernese Oberland Mountains. Treasure these wonderful moments as you drive back to your hotel. This evening enjoy a sumptuous Indian dinner specially prepared by our own chef in Switzerland. Overnight in Central Switzerland.

Day 7 (Jun 10): Mt Titlis - Today, get set for a day full of fun and excitement as we take you to visit Mt. Titlis with its beautiful scenery and an adventurous ride up the snow-clad Swiss Alps in Rotair – the world's first revolving cable-car. Scenic cruise on lake Lucerne.

After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, we take you on one of the most memorable experiences of your Europe tour – visiting Mt. Titlis and Lucerne. Adventure awaits you in a sensational cable-car ride up to Mt. Titlis. Marvel at the world's first revolving cable-car ride, a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Remain spellbound as you ascend the snow-clad mountains. Experience the snow and ice on top of Mt. Titlis. At 3,020 metres a breathtaking panorama unfolds. Later, enjoy a delicious Indian lunch specially prepared only for our valued guests in an exclusive area on top of Mt. Titlis. Next, we proceed to scenic Lucerne, where you will visit the Lion Monument and the Kapell Brucke wooden bridge. Later, you have some free time to shop for famous Swiss watches knives and chocolates. Enjoy a scenic cruise on the serene waters of Lake Lucerne. Tonight, enjoy a gala dinner - dance your heart out to some pulsating bollywood music and dine in style accompanied by unlimited wine. Overnight in Central Switzerland.

Day 8 (Jun 11): View the spectacular Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen. On to Titisee – heart of the Black Forest. Next, visit Altstadt in Heidelberg – with its old time appeal.

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, check out, sit back and relax in your coach as we drive into Schaffhausen to view the magnificent Rhine Falls. Cross over into Germany and arrive at the breathtakingly beautiful lake of Titisee. This is the heart of the Black Forest, surrounded by dark

fir forests, fairy tale woods and flowering meadows. Here is 'Drubba', the home of the world-famous cuckoo clock. Get invited for a free demonstration and buy one for your home – a prized possession. This afternoon, the choice is yours to enjoy an Indian OR local meal with an authentic black forest cake. Next, proceed to Heidelberg, situated on the banks of the river Neckar. On arrival stroll down Altstadt to get a feel of real European experience of the past. Later this evening, enjoy a sumptuous Indian dinner in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight in Mannheim.

Day 9 (Jun 12): A romantic cruise on the River Rhine, visit the biggest Gothic Cathedral in Europe – the Cologne Cathedral. Then proceed to Brussels, the capital of the European Union.

After a buffet breakfast, check-out and proceed to board your scenic cruise on the River Rhine. Cruising down the Rhine - one of Europe's major navigable rivers, you will pass steep slopes covered with vineyards. Later, board your coach again and drive to Cologne. Visit the impressive Cologne Cathedral, a fine example of amazing Gothic architecture. Today, enjoy a hot Indian lunch. Next, proceed to Brussels to visit the world renowned Grand Place and the legendary Mannekin Pis statue. Drive past St. Michael's Church, en route to Antwerp. A photo stop at the Atomium is also included. Later, check into your hotel. Tonight, you will enjoy a choice of hot delicious Indian dinner OR a local meal arranged in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight in Antwerp.

Day 10 (Jun 13): Amsterdam – a city full of surprises! You have the rare opportunity to visit the sixth Floriade, the largest horticultural expo in Europe, which takes place once every ten years in the Netherlands! Also visit Madurodam - Holland in miniature. Explore Amsterdam on an exciting canal cruise.

After a buffet breakfast, sit back and relax in your coach as we proceed to Venlo to visit the Floriade, the largest horticultural expo in Europe, a unique event which takes place once every ten years in the Netherlands. The Floriade Park covers 66 hectares of which 40 hectares includes only indoor flower and planer exhibition and balance encompasses 5 unique themed worlds separated by wooded areas. Each world has its own decor, programme and activities. Worlds in which you'll see, feel and experience nature in a totally different way each time. Next, arrive into Amsterdam. This afternoon, you have a choice to enjoy a delicious hot Indian OR local meal for lunch. Later board your glass-topped boat as we sail through the canals for an exciting canal cruise. Enjoy a drink of Heineken beer or soft drink as you sail past the

city with its 1,000 bridges and fine old houses on your tour of Amsterdam. Later, proceed to The Hague to visit Madurodam, where you can see most of Holland in miniature, replicated in minute detail on a 1:25 scale. On your way back to the hotel see the windmills – the most common sight in Holland. Tonight, enjoy a hot Indian dinner in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight in Antwerp.

Day 11 (Jun 14): Bien Venue! Welcome to the glamour capital of the world – Paris known for fashion houses, art museums, elegant avenues, beautiful monuments and exciting cabarets. Guided tour of the magnificent Chateau of Chantilly. Enjoy the sights of Paris on a guided city tour. Enjoy a breathtaking view of Paris from the top of Eiffel Tower (3rd Level). What's more, you have a chance to enjoy a grand night-out at the world famous music and dance extravaganza – The Lido Show.

Check out of your hotel after a buffet breakfast and proceed to the glamorous city of Paris. Enroute, we will visit Chantilly, the largest princely estate in France. Here you will meet your local guide who will take you inside this beautiful 17th century Chateau which has been the stately residence of many great princes of France since the middle ages. You will visit some of the grand apartments inside the Chateau. Later, you can also take a stroll around the park, famous for its middle age gardens, which surrounds the Chateau. This afternoon, we have arranged an exclusive lunch for our valued guests at the Chateau where some of the famous princes of France have dined. Next, we proceed to Paris city where we will take you on an exhilarating city tour with an English-speaking local guide, who will show you many of the best-loved Parisian sights – Alexander Bridge, Arc de Triomphe, Concorde Square, Opera House, Invalides, Champs Elysees and many more. Next, we shall then proceed to visit the top of the Eiffel Tower (3rd level), from where you will have a splendid view of this beautiful city. Later in the evening, you have a choice to enjoy hot Indian or local meal for dinner. Tonight, you have a chance to experience the glamour of the world-famous Lido show or relax in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight in Paris.

Day 12 (Jun 15): Today, Visit the brilliant Versailles Palace and its famous Gardens. Also, visit the world-renowned Louvre Museum famous for its artifacts, paintings and sculptures. Enjoy a romantic cruise on river seine.

After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, we take you on a guided tour of Versailles Palace – set on impressive grounds and steeped in memories of major historic events. Visit the Chateau and the Gardens of Versailles,

some of the most prestigious monuments of the world's artistic heritage. Vast chambers and private apartments of unimaginable luxury include an opera hall, a chapel, and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You can stroll along the gardens, which form an extension of the architectural construction. The vast proportions, the novelty, the variety of effects and views makes this garden one-of-a kind in the world. After a hot Indian lunch, we take you to visit the world-renowned Louvre Museum to see the incomparable and the most prestigious painting of 'Mona Lisa'-Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece and many more. You also have some free time to shop for perfumes and souvenirs. Enjoy a romantic seine cruise as we sail past some of the historical monuments on the river seine. Tonight, enjoy delicious Indian dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Paris.

Day 13 (Jun 16): London - Get set for the ride of your lifetime aboard the ultra-modern Eurostar, one of the world's fastest trains. Visit the world renowned Madame Tussaud's wax museum. Be amazed by the breathtaking views of the city as you ride the London Eye.

This morning, after a buffet breakfast at your hotel, check out and drive to Gare Du Nord Station. Here, you will board the ultra-modern Eurostar, one of the world's fastest trains. Travel under the English Channel and reach Saint Pancras station. On arrival into London, enjoy a delicious Indian OR a local meal for lunch. We then take you to visit the famous Madame Tussaud's wax museum. This museum houses a unique collection of world's largest wax works of famous personalities, including India's top leaders and film stars. Next, we take you on the famous London Eye – one of the world's largest observation wheels. Be enchanted by this new and novel way of seeing the city from a bird's eye view, as the London Eye takes you on a 30 minute flight, rising to 450 feet above

the river Thames as the panorama of some of London's most famous streets, churches, palaces and monuments are spread out before you. Later, check into your hotel. Tonight enjoy hot Indian dinner. Overnight in London.

Day 14 (Jun 17): London - Enjoy the many sights of London on your guided tour including the Changing of Guards. Entrance to the Tower of London is also included. Guided tour of the world famous Lord's stadium.

After a buffet breakfast, we leave for a guided city tour with an expert English-speaking guide who will explain to you all the highlights of London's landmarks: the Changing of Guards at Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, the Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, River Thames and many more. This afternoon, relish hot Indian lunch. We next visit The Tower of London from inside, an important sight not to be missed. A treasure house of English history, The Tower of London houses the exquisite crown jewels including the Kohinoor diamond and many other British national treasures. Later, you have some free time to shop at many of London's famous shopping stores like Marks and Spencer's, Selfridges and many more on Oxford street. This evening, enjoy a specially arranged for you a guided tour of the world famous Lord's cricket stadium, a dream for every cricket lover. After a nostalgic evening at the Lord's proceed to an Indian restaurant for Indian dinner. Overnight at Hotel Radisson Edwardian / Holiday Inn or similar, in London.

Day 15 (Jun 18): Fly back home.

After a buffet/boxed breakfast, check out and proceed to the airport for your flight back home (on your own). Arrive home with pleasant memories of your European tour, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

(See below for a summary of Sightseeing and Excursions)

Summary of Sightseeing and Excursions

VATICAN

Vatican City : Entrance to the Vatican Museum with Sistine Chapel included.
: Visit to the magnificent St. Peter's basilica included.

ITALY

Rome : Guided city tour including entrance to the Colosseum.
Pisa : Leaning Tower of Pisa.
Florence : Guided city tour.
Venice : Romantic gondola ride included.
: Tour of Venice with lunch on a private cruise with live Italian music.
: Visit the St. Mark's Square on a chartered boat.
: Visit Murano Glass showroom.

AUSTRIA

Innsbruck : Maria Theresien Strasse. The Golden Roof.
Wattens : Visit the Swarovski Crystal Headquarters and Museum.

SWITZERLAND

Jungraujoch : Trummelbach Falls.
: Full day excursion to Jungfrauoch with Champagne lunch.
Interlaken : Visit scenic Interlaken.
Titlis : Visit Mt. Titlis with exclusive lunch on top.
Lucerne : Orientation tour of Lucerne.
: Cruise on Lake Lucerne.
: Gala night with Indian dinner, Bollywood music, dance and unlimited wine.
Schaffhausen : Magnificent Rhine Falls.

GERMANY

Titisee : Heart of Black Forest.
Heidelberg : A stroll down the Altstadt.
Cologne : Historical Cologne Cathedral.
Rhineland : Romantic Rhine cruise.

BELGIUM

Brussels : Visit the Grand Place, Mannekin Pis Statue with a photostop at the Atomium.

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam : Amsterdam Canal cruise with Heineken beer/soft drink.
The Hague : Madurodam with Dutch delicacies.
Venlo : Visit Floriade, the largest flower expo in Europe which takes place once in a decade.

FRANCE

Chantilly : Guided tour of the magnificent Chateau with exclusive lunch.
Paris : Guided city tour.
: Visit to the 3rd level of the Eiffel Tower.
: Guided tour of Versailles Palace & Gardens
: Visit the world Famous Louvre Museum.
: Enjoy a romantic cruise in Paris.

UNITED KINGDOM

London : Guided city tour with Changing of the guards.
: Entrance to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum.
: Ride on the London Eye.
: Tower of London housing Britain's crown jewels including the Kohinoor Diamond.
: Guided tour of the world famous Lord's stadium.