

RED LINE - 10DAYS8NIGHTS TOUR

Saturday: Depart from USA

\$1199

Sunday: Arrive Frankfurt

Passengers will be transferred to hotel. There will be no activities today.

Monday: Frankfurt – Bonn – Cologne – Amsterdam (500 km)

The morning begins with a leisurely drive north-west from Frankfurt to Bonn, the capital of the former West Germany until reunification. The national government is now run from Berlin, but Bonn retains a rich history that is well worth exploring. 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.

Minimum 3 Hotel in Amsterdam or city nearby*

Tuesday: Amsterdam – Zaanse Schans – Amsterdam (50 km)

A day of delights begins with a leisurely trip through the Dutch countryside, where 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**, where you'll see the unique cutting techniques that have been practised here since the 16th century, 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 King's birthday celebration takes 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 information please see:

www.keukenhof.com

Minimum 3 Hotel in Amsterdam or city nearby*

Please note: attraction fee involved

Amsterdam Canal Cruise (under 4 is free)	€15 Adults, under 16 € 10
Keukenhof Gardens (March-May)	€18

Wednesday: Amsterdam – Brussels – Paris (500 km)

After leaving Amsterdam in the morning you'll head south across the border into Brussels, the Belgian capital and political centre of the European Union. 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 **Manneken Pis Statue**. After some free time you can try some mouth-watering Belgian delights. Then from Brussels we will head south again across the French border and on to the bright lights of Paris.

Minimum 3 Hotel in Paris or city nearby*

Thursday: Paris – Versailles – Paris (60 km)

Paris is your oyster over the next two days as you enjoy guided tours around one of the world's most celebrated cities. Your Parisian adventures get off to a spectacular start with a drive along the famous **Champs Élysées** 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**, the vast regal château that was the residence of the royal family until the start of the revolution in 1789. Today the palace is another popular Parisian attraction. In the evening, you can enjoy one of our optional Paris evening shows.

Minimum 3 Hotel in Paris or city nearby*

Please note: attraction fee involved

Palace of Versailles	€ 18
Paris by Night	€ 35
Compulsory City Tax Must paid – Paris City Entrance + Overnight City Tax (per person per day)	€ 15

Friday: Paris

The second day of your Parisian experience begins with a visit to the **Louvre**, one of the world's greatest art museums. Here 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. After an exhilarating morning of walking the gallery corridors, replenish your energy levels with lunch in the museum before heading to the area surrounding the **Palais Garnier**, 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**. For some members of the group it will be time to say goodbye to new-found friends, while others will opt to stay another night in this French city of delights before picking up the Green Line tour the next day.

Minimum 3 Hotel in Paris or city nearby (optional - if post tour hotel is chosen)*

Please note: attraction fee involved

Le Louvre Museum (under age 18 is free)	€ 15
River Seine Cruise	€ 14
Lido/Moulin Rouge Show with transfer	€ 150
Compulsory City Tax Must paid – Paris City Entrance + Overnight City Tax (per person per day)	€ 15

Saturday: Paris – Reims – Luxembourg (420 km)

The Red Line tour leaves from Paris for a delightful scenic journey through the rolling countryside of the Champagne region, famous the world over for the sparkling white wine produced here. Enjoy seeing the historic attractions of provincial capital Reims, including the **city's cathedral** – a key national heritage site, where coronations of French kings took place from the 11th century onwards. History and tradition are equally evident in your next location: Luxembourg, the world's only remaining Grand Duchy. After arriving in refined Luxembourg city, you'll be introduced on foot to the main places of interest, including the **Place de Constitution** and **Pont Adolphe**, before having time for further exploration on your own.

Minimum 3 Hotel in Luxembourg or city nearby*

Sunday: Luxembourg – Trier – Koblenz – Rudesheim am Rhein – Frankfurt (400 km)

Today we leave Luxembourg behind and head across another European border into Germany. The first stop is historic Trier, Germany's oldest city and the birthplace of Karl Marx. 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. Trier is also known as ‘The Second Rome’ (Constantine served as an administrator here for 10 years), and significant legacies of the once-great empire remain today. 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**, a charming plaza with a distinctive medieval town hall as its centrepiece.

Minimum 3* Hotel in Frankfurt or city nearby

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Traditional Pork Knuckle Lunch	€ 20
Rhine River Cruise (according to time schedule)	€ 15

Monday: Frankfurt depart

Passengers will be transferred to airport.

TOUR FEE

Twin Room	Child without bed	Single Room
\$1199.00	\$999.00	\$1649.00

REFERENCE HOTELS

CITY	REFERENCE HOTEL	
Frankfurt	NH Frankfurt Mörfelden Conference Center Hessenring 9, 64546 Mörfelden-Walldorf www.nh-hotels.com	NH Frankfurt Airport West Kelsterbacher Str. 19 · 65479Raunheim Frankfurt www.nh-hotels.com
Amsterdam	Postillion Utrecht Bunnik Baan van Fectio 1, 3981 HZ Bunnik www.postillionhotels.com	Holiday Inn Leiden Haagse Schouwweg 10, 2332 KG Leiden www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress
Luxembourg	Melia Luxembourg 1 Park Dräi Eechelen1499 Luxembourg www.melia-luxembourg.com	Novotel Luxembourg Kirchberg 6 rue Fort Niedergrünewald · Quartier Européen Nord Plateau de Kirchberg · L-2226 Luxembourg www.novotel.com
Paris	Hotel Campanile Paris Est - Bobigny 304 Avenue Paul Vaillant Couturier, 93000 Bobigny, France www.campanile.com/fr	Ibis Paris Orly Rungis 1 Rue Monde tour, 94656 Rungis, France www.ibis.com/fr/hotel-0857-ibis-paris-orly-rungis