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## **10-Day 8 Countries Continental Western Europe Highlight Tour** Tour Code: UVA10 **Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Netherlands**

Departure Dates: (2023) 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/22, 11/19

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### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Exclusive custom-designed Continental Europe itinerary with unbeatable value of money!
- Attentive planning on the tour route from Vienna to Amsterdam for your best experience and utmost comfort.
- Travel through many famous tourist hotspots and historic sites along the way and taste the most authentic specialties, offering you admirable continental European vibes at relaxing pace.
- Stroll at Vienna, the capital of music, Germany's Neuschwanstein Castle, the most fairy-tale castle in the world, La Petite France, Giethoorn Village known as the "Venice of the Netherlands" ... let you truly experience the exceptional European romance!
- Accommodate at convenient 4-star upscale hotels throughout the tour and stay in same hotel for 2 consecutive nights at the last stop in Amsterdam.
- Enjoy the most authentic local cuisine: Wiener Schnitzel, Austrian beer house, German sausages with famous local beer, Belgian Moules Frites, etc.
- Experienced and professional bilingual tour leader offering attentive and inviting services and comprehensive knowledge on each destination.

### **ADMISSIONS & TRANSFERS INCLUDED:**

- ❖ Schonbrunn Palace & Garden in Vienna, Austria
- ❖ Neuschwanstein Castle in Fussen, Germany (also include shuttle bus & horse carriage)
- ❖ Amsterdam Canal Cruise

## ITINERARIES:

### 1 Hometown ✈️ Vienna, Austria

### 2 Vienna – Ringstrasse - Vienna Concert (optional) (D: Wiener Schnitzel)

Hotel: Imperial Riding School Renaissance Vienna Hotel or similar

**Ringstrasse:** A 5.3-km long beautiful boulevard housing numerous monumental buildings of different architectural styles with history dating back to 1860s to 1890s, and many famous attractions, museums, grand palace and parks, such as Vienna State Opera, Museum of Fine Arts, Parliament and City Hall. Its construction was a masterpiece of urban planning and took over half a century. It serves multiple purposes including being one of Vienna's most significant traffic arteries, a venue of large-scale local and international events, and a hotspot for tourists as well as locals.

### 3 Vienna – Schonbrunn Palace & Garden (admission incl.) – Heldenplatz - Hofburg – Hundertwasser House – Salzburg (B/D: Austrian beer house)

Hotel: Fourside Hotel Salzburg or similar

**Schonbrunn Palace & Garden:** A former imperial summer residence located in Vienna. The 1,441-room Baroque palace and its vast French garden is one of the most important architectural, cultural and historical monuments in Austria. Inside the sculpted garden space called Great Parterre, there are 32 sculptures to represent deities and virtues.

**Heldenplatz:** A public space in front of the Hofburg Palace where houses two equestrian statues of Austrian heroes. The statue of the great Austrian military leader Archduke Charles represents the highest glory of Habsburg Dynasty as under his leadership Austria had ever won the strongest victory at Napoleonic Wars. The second statue is Prince Eugene of Savoy who was one of the most successful military commanders of his time, and rose to the highest offices of state at the Imperial court in Vienna.

**Hundertwasser House:** An exceptional and impressive apartment house in Vienna, Austria, built after the idea and concept of Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser who presents a concept of harmony with nature and man by efficient use of irregular designs and recycle materials.

### 4 Salzburg – Mozart Square – Mirabell Garden – Mondsee Lake (optional) - Fussen, Germany (B/D: German sausages with famous local beer)

Hotel: Hotel Ludwigs or similar

**Mozart Square:** Salzburg is the genius musician Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birthplace. Mozart Square is at the center of its Old Town surrounded by Baroque and Classicist buildings and boasts a bronze statue commemorating Mozart which was ceremoniously unveiled in the presence of his son in 1842.

**Mirabell Garden:** Redesigned under Archbishop Johann Ernst von Thun in 1690, this baroque pleasure gardens consists of statues, fountains and mazes. The Garden is also famous for the shooting location from the popular Hollywood musical "The Sound of Music", in which Maria and the children dance around the Pegasus Fountain and sing the song "Do Re Mi".

**Mondsee Lake:** 11km long and 2km wide, the Mondsee Lake is one of the biggest lakes in the region Salzkammergut, Austria. Together with its neighboring Irrsee Lake, they are the warmest lakes with water temperature reaching 27° C and so can offer a wide range of watersport activities. Its turquoise blue water and the striking peaks of the surrounding mountains will definitely be a fantastic backdrop of your pictures.

**5 Fussen - Hohenschwangau Castle - Neuschwanstein Castle (shuttle bus, horse carriage & admission incl.) – Vaduz, Liechtenstein - Swiss Watches Showroom – Luzern, Switzerland (B/D: Hotel Western dinner)**

Hotel: Hotel Astoria Luzern or similar

**Neuschwanstein Castle:** Built in 1869 and took 17 years to complete, Neuschwanstein Castle is a Romanesque Revival palace on the top of a rugged hill. Its fairytale-look inspired Walt Disney to create the Magic Kingdom. The Castle is well decorated with Baroque-style doors, windows and columned cloisters, Byzantine-style frescoes hanging on the walls of the main hall as well as swan-themed decorations everywhere.

**6 Luzern – Lion Monument – Chapel Bridge – Mt. Titlis (optional) – Titisee, Germany – Strasbourg, France (B)**

Hotel: Aloft Strasbourg Etoile or similar

**Lion Monument:** An iconic rock relief in Lucerne, Switzerland to commemorate the Swiss Guards who sacrificed their lives in 1792 during the French Revolution.

**Chapel Bridge:** Luzern's landmark and the oldest wooden covered footbridge in Europe, spanning River Reuss in Central Switzerland and containing some interior paintings dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century and depicting some significant events in Luzern's history.

**Mt. Titlis:** The mountain of the Uri Alps with the highest summit at 3238m above the sea level offers travelers' fantastic panoramic views of the Alps and the glaciers after taking the world's first 360-degree rotating cable car on the way up to the summit.

**Titisee:** Located on the northern shore of the largest glacier lake of the same name in the southern Black Forest region, Titisee is a popular spa town offering many wellness resort hotels and spa therapy centres. It is also best known for its world-famous authentic cuckoo clocks as well as the largest natural ski jump in Germany.

**7 Strasbourg – Cathedral - La Petite France - Luxembourg – Gelle Fra - Brussels, Belgium (B/D: Belgian Moules Frites)**

Hotel: Holiday Inn Brussels Schuman or similar

**Strasbourg Cathedral:** A Roman Catholic Church with a single octagonal tower and most structures built in Romanesque style but was widely considered as one of the finest examples of Rayonnant Gothic architecture with credit to its chief architect Erwin von Steinbach and his son and grandson who succeeded him upon his death. With height of 142 meters, it was once the world's tallest building and is still the highest existing structures built in the Middle Ages. Listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1988.

**La Petite France:** Comparable to Paris, La Petite France is a small but very distinctive town in Strasbourg, and it is also the most significant historical site which was incl. in the UNESCO's list of world heritage sites in 1988. Located on the border of Germany and France, Strasbourg has been assigned to both countries many times in history. Therefore, Le Petite France has inherited their elements in the aspects of architecture, culture and culinary. The canals, amazing natural landscapes and beautiful medieval wooden framed houses together perfectly express the typical French romantic vibes.

**8 Brussels – Grand Place – Manneken Pis - Rotterdam, Netherlands – Cube Houses - Giethoorn Village (optional) - Amsterdam (B/D: Western style)**

Hotel: Hyatt Place Amsterdam Airport or similar

**Grand Place:** The central square of Brussels being surrounded by Gothic architectures and medieval buildings is the most popular tourist destination and most memorable landmark in Brussels.

**Manneken Pis:** Brussels' landmark bronze sculpture depicting a naked boy urinating into the fountain basin. Fully embodies Brussels' sense of humor, this statue is just a replica while the original is currently well kept in the Brussels City Museum.

**Giethoorn Village:** Nicknamed "Venice of the Netherlands", Giethoorn Village is the most beautiful and fairytale village in the Netherlands. It comprises of many hand-dug canals and over hundred small islands being connected with foot bridges to the car-free commercial centre. On the islands are many traditional Dutch farmhouses with thatched roofs built in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Each year over million visitors come to discover this village in a canal cruise or tour boat.

**9 Amsterdam – Volendam (optional) – Zaanse Schans Windmills – Clog Factory – Dam Square – Canal Cruise – Diamond Showroom (B/D: HK style Chinese dinner)**

Hotel: Hyatt Place Amsterdam Airport or similar

**Volendam:** The rare traditional fishing village in Amsterdam, with many colorful European-style village houses along the dam, taking visitors over into a fairy tale while enjoying a stroll there.

**Zaanse Schans Windmills:** A unique residential area in North Holland, full of windmills, wooden houses, barns and workshops, depicting the local life in the 17th and 18th century.

**Dam Square:** The town square in the historical centre of Amsterdam housing many significant buildings, like Royal Palace, National Monument, etc and serving a major transportation hub of the city. The surrounding attractions, restaurants, cafes and bars attract many tourists as well as locals for a stroll and entertainment, infusing lots of joy and energy to this old square.

**Canal Cruise:** Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands, has more than 100km of canals. We will enjoy the best sights of Amsterdam in a comfortable glass-top boat as we wind down the canals.

**10 Amsterdam  Hometown (B)**

After breakfast, transfer to airport for return flight to hometown.

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