

Tour: JDG17



Grand Tour of *Europe*

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Old mill on river in the town of Bayeux, Normandy, France

Day 1: Departure

Today we depart on our flight to Paris. Inflight meals as provided by the airlines.

Day 2: Paris to Normandy

Upon our arrival in Paris, we board our motor coach and transfer to Normandy. Enroute we visit the **Peace Memorial in Caen**, dedicated not only to the Normandy invasion, but to the international cause of peace. We continue on to Bayeux, where we will spend the next two nights. **D**

Day 3: Normandy

A busy day is on the agenda today as we explore the sites of the D-Day invasion; the greatest amphibious assault ever attempted and the beginning of the end for Hitler's Third Reich. Our local guide will take us on an excursion including **Utah Beach**, the site of the first allied beach landings on D Day. Here we start to understand the chaos of war and how American leadership and the GI's initiative would overcome it. We will also visit **Ste Mere Eglise** considered to be the first town liberated in France on the 6th of June and also depicted in the film *The Longest Day*. After lunch on our own, we continue on to **Omaha Beach**, its cemetery and visitor center of **Pointe du Hoc**, and the artificial harbor at **Arromanches**. We return to Bayeux for overnight. **B**

Day 4: Paris

Today we drive to Paris, the City of Lights. Upon arrival in the afternoon, we enjoy a locally-guided panoramic tour of Paris including its renowned landmarks: the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, and the Champs-Élysées. Our tour includes an inside visit to Notre Dame Cathedral. After checking into our hotel, we enjoy a dinner cruise on the Seine. **B/D**

Day 5: Paris, train to Venice

Our morning is free to explore this historically and culturally rich city on our own. The possibilities are endless. Art lovers with an interest in Impressionism will want to visit the Museums d'Orsay and de l'Orangerie des Tuileries with their works by Van Gogh, Monet, and Cezanne among others. Photographers gain a spectacular city view from the top of the Eiffel Tower. For shoppers there are the famed department



Rialto Bridge, Venice

stores Lafayette and Printemps. And for people watchers, a stroll along the banks of the Seine or seated at a sidewalk café in the Latin Quarter is just the ticket. We check out of our hotel at noon and spend the afternoon in Montmartre, home to the Moulin Rouge and the impressive Sacré-Coeur Basilica. This evening, we board an overnight train to Venice. **B**

Day 6: Venice

This morning our train arrives in fabulous Venice—La Serenissima, the “Serene One” at the Santa Lucia station at 9:35 a.m.. Built upon 117 islands, Venice is a mosaic of canals, plazas, fascinating markets, and chaos! After checking into our hotel, we begin our tour of Venice with a cruise along the serpentine **Grand Canal**, ending at **St. Mark's Square**. Our local guide shows us **St. Mark's Basilica** and its unforgettable mosaics as well as the **Doge's Palace** with its splendid rooms, dark dungeons and the famous **Bridge of Sighs**. We have time in the afternoon to explore and shop in the famous market area around the **Rialto Bridge** or to enjoy a coffee and some people-watching at St. Mark's Square. **B/D**

Day 7: Lake Maggiore

Today we depart Venice by motorcoach and travel north to the Lake District of Italy. The most famous of these are Lakes Como, Garda, and Maggiore. Stresa on Lake Maggiore is our destination for the day. In the afternoon, we travel by ferry from Stresa to **Isola Bella** and tour the **Palazzo and Gardens** there. The complex was built as a fantasy palace by the Borromeo Family in the 16th century and has been an attraction for visitors from the beginning. We return to Stresa for the evening. **B/D**

Day 8: Interlaken

Before we depart Italy this morning, we travel by **cable car to Mottarone** and enjoy a panoramic view that includes the Lake District and the Alps. We then continue by motorcoach over the Alps to Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland, where we view the **Trümmelbachfälle**, several waterfalls within a mountain that drain nearby glaciers. The raw power and beauty of the falls have attracted tourists for decades. Finally, we drive to Interlaken to check into our hotel. **B/D**



Day 9: Interlaken (Jungfrau)

A day in the mountains awaits us today. We board a train for a scenic ride through the Lauterbrunnen Valley. Upon arrival in Lauterbrunnen, we board a **cogwheel train** to Wengen, a town without cars halfway up the mountainside. Here, we take a short walk through the town to the cable car station, where we take a gondola up to the **Männlichen**. At the Männlichen, we can enjoy the magnificent alpine scenery in the panoramic restaurant, or we can hike in the area. Later, we board the **cable car** for our descent to Wengen and finally the **cogwheel train** to Lauterbrunnen and then back to Interlaken. **B**

Day 10: Interlaken

We enjoy a free day in Interlaken for shopping and sightseeing. Some may choose to relax in a spa, while others could take a cruise on Lake Brienz or Lake Thun. We meet again later for our farewell dinner in a local restaurant. **B/D**

Day 11: Return (from Zürich)

It is time to bid farewell to Europe as we transfer to Zürich for our international flight home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast **D**=Dinner



Tour Price: \$4,149 *per person,

Land & Estimated Airfare

*Price is based on 30 participants, double occupancy.
Single supplement=\$650

Your Tour Includes:

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Minneapolis to Paris, France and return from Zürich, Switzerland, related taxes and fees
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Breakfast and other meals** as indicated in the itinerary
- Services of **John Diffley as tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration: \$500 per person
2nd Payment due December 19, 2016: \$1000 per person
Final payment due March 19, 2017: Balance per person

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Airline tickets once written are usually nonrefundable.

- ⇒ **Up to December 18, 2016: \$50** per person administrative fee will be assessed
- ⇒ **Dec. 19, 2016 to March 18, 2017: \$150** per person plus any lost land and air deposits will be assessed
- ⇒ **From March 19, 2017 to June 2, 2017: \$350** per person plus any lost deposits on land and air will be assessed
- ⇒ **After June 3, 2017: No Refund**

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** ____ Yes ____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered through Travel Guard.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make check payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Card ID Code:* _____ **last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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