

## THE BIG FOUR / 23 DAYS

Guaranteed weekly Departure, rates in EUR

Cost per pax on Twin sharing – EUR 2850/- plus plus

Cost per pax on Single sharing – EUR 3770/- plus plus



### Day 01 TUE. Arrival Madrid

**Todays Highlights: Evening transport to the Gran Vía district.**

Welcome to Madrid! Upon arrival at the airport, we shall be waiting to **transfer** you to your hotel.

Check the informative panels in the hotel reception area for the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travellers to receive information about the circuit. Towards the end of the day, we provide transfers to the Egyptian **Debod temple, Plaza de España and Gran Via**; a vibrant district where you can dine at your preferred restaurant: Indian, Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern are some of the options.

### Day 02 WED. Madrid

**Todays Highlights : Madrid city tour. Stroll through the Retiro Park. Visit to the Plaza de Toros de las Ventas bullring. Night transfer**

The day starts about 08.30 hrs with a **comprehensive tour** through the centre of Madrid including Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Neptuno, the Gate of Alcalá, Gran Via, Plaza de Colón and Plaza Mayor. Visit to Retiro Park, an oasis in the city centre, where we will see the lake and the Glass Palace. **Admission to Las Ventas Bullring** included. This is one of the most famous bullrings in the world where we will learn about the tradition of “corridas” in the Bullfighting Museum. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon.



At sunset we provide a **transfer to Plaza de Oriente**, opposite the Royal Palace, an elegant and bustling area with many restaurants serving different exquisite cuisines (Indian, Middle Eastern, Muslim, Spanish, International) in which to enjoy a pleasant dinner. Return to hotel.

### Day 03 THU. Madrid - Zaragoza - Poblet - Montserrat – Barcelona

**Todays Highlights: Basílica del Pilar. Visit to a medieval monastery. Ride on a rack train.**

We depart early in the morning from Madrid. Heading towards Aragón, we pause our journey in **ZARAGOZA**. Our guide will join the group to Basílica del Pilar. Afterwards the group will have free time to visit this impressive sanctuary and enjoy the city centre. Later, we make our way to Cataluña to the **Monastery of Poblet**, surrounded by walls in a beautiful setting, this is one of the best preserved medieval monasteries in the world (**entrance and guided tour included**). We then go on to the **Monastery of Montserrat** where **we include a ride on the rack train** for the fantastic views this gives.



Continuation to **BARCELONA**, arrival in the late afternoon.

**Important note:** in the winter months, from November to March (both included), due to the shorter days, the Monastery of Poblet will not be visited (so that we can reach Montserrat in the daylight)

### Day 04 FRI. Barcelona

**Todays Highlights : Barcelona city tour. “Spanish Village” visit and evening transfer to Las Ramblas district.**

Today we will get to know Barcelona, an impressive city right on the Mediterranean Sea. Our visit includes an informative **city tour** with a local expert (note: If the group has fewer than fifteen people, explanations can be given by our guide.) We also visit the city’s historic central area with its Gothic neighbourhood dating back to the Middle Ages. We will visit the area where the Olympic Games took place. It will be possible to see and photograph La Sagrada Familia basilica; the masterpiece designed by the architect Gaudí. Subsequently, we include the **entry ticket to “Poble Espanyol”** (meaning “Spanish Village”). This open air architectural museum is situated in one of the most emblematic areas of Barcelona. Be delighted by the best Spanish craftsmanship and discover the architectural styles, traditions and folklore of the different communities in Spain. Free time to explore the city on your own. In the evening we provide **transfer to Las Ramblas and Plaza Catalunya** area, where you can select from a great variety of restaurants (including Indian, Chinese, Halal, International and regional Spanish cuisine). Return to hotel.



**Day 05 SAT. Barcelona – Paris**

**Todays Highlights: We will travel on a high-speed train.**

After breakfast we arrange a transfer (included) to the train station. We travel on a high-speed train. (Note: A guide will only travel on the train ride if the group is over 15 passengers.) The train is quite comfortable and it is an enjoyable trip through wonderful landscapes. On several occasions our train will reach speeds of around 300 km/h (186 m/h). The train journey takes 6½ hours.

Arrival in Paris and transfer to the hotel. At the end of the evening, we provide **transfer to the Montmartre district**. This neighborhood is known for its painters, artists, and its cabarets... Sit down to dinner and enjoy a magical night. You can choose between Indian, Chinese, French and American cuisines. We will ascend by **cable car** to the hill and admire the spectacular view of Paris from the top. Return to hotel.

**Day 06 SUN. Paris**

**Todays Highlights : City tour in Paris. Climb to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. Boat ride along the Seine. Evening transfer.**

A **scenic guided tour** to discover the history, main boulevards and the breathtaking monuments of Paris. We end the visit at the **Eiffel Tower** area. You will have the opportunity to climb up to the second floor of this remarkable metal monument (**ticket admission included**). End your visit with a **boat cruise along the River Seine**, which divides the north of Paris from the south. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore as you choose.



**Note:** *Sometimes queues to climb the Eiffel Tower are long. For organizational reasons, if deemed appropriate, the climb can be made at a different moment of the day (or Monday).* At sunset **transfer to the “Quartier Latin”**, a very picturesque area of the historic centre where you can enjoy dinner with a wide variety of international cuisines. Return to hotel.

**Day 07 MON. Paris**

### **Todays Highlights : Free time in the City of Light.**

We go to the centre of Paris, to the area of the Louvre Museum. Free time. If you wish we can accompany you to Benlux, one of the most complete and best-known perfumeries in Paris. Rest of the day free.



It will be offered for travelers who are interested, an **optional excursion to enjoy in Eurodisney**.

### **Day 08 TUE. Paris - Noyers - Beaune - Lyon**

#### **Todays Highlights : Vineyards in Beaune and Bourgogne region.**

We travel to the centre of France to the Bourgogne region, famous for its wines. A stop in **NOYERS**, a small medieval town classified amongst the prettiest places in France. After this we will visit **BEAUNE** in the centre of the Bourgogne region where its streets full of flowers, its hospice and its wine museum can be reminders of your trip. Time for lunch. **LYON** – Arrival mid-afternoon -, to the capital of Roman Gallia on the banks of the Rhône, its historic centre has been declared a World Heritage site. Free time.

### **Day 09 WED. Lyon - Geneva – Zurich**

#### **Todays Highlights : Swiss Landscapes. Centre of Geneva**

We have a beautiful stage. We travel to Switzerland. **GENEVA**, arrival. With our guide, go to the Palais des Nations (the United Nations headquarters in Europe) and then to the beautiful “Jardin Anglais” with its flower clock, and admire the “Jet d’Eau”, the tallest fountain in Europe. After lunch, we will continue through Switzerland passing the beautiful **Leman and Neuchatel Lakes** (*note: depending on the number of travellers from Geneva to Zürich, this trip might be done by train*).



### **Day 10 THU. Zurich - Rapperswil – Zurich**

#### **Todays Highlights : Boat trip across Zurich lake. Journey by train.**

With our guide, we will stroll in the most populated city of Switzerland, the financial and cultural capital of the country. The city of banks has twice been declared the city with the best quality of life in the world. After this we will board a **boat for a trip** lasting almost two hours on Zurich lake. The boat makes brief stops, allowing us to admire the villages on the way. We get off in **RAPPERSWIL**, a small and highly picturesque village overlooked by its medieval castle. We return to Zurich by **train**, and will see the efficiency and punctuality of the Swiss Railways. Enjoy an evening in the historic centre, next to the lake, where you can dine at your favorite restaurant (Indian, Oriental, Italian, International, Swiss, etc.).

### **Day 11 FRI. Zurich - Grindelwald - Lucerne – Zurich**

#### **Todays Highlights: Admire the fantastic landscapes. Cable car included to Grindelwald first. Lunch included.**

Today’s stage has beautiful landscapes with high mountains and lakes. Breathtaking scenery in the region of Interlaken. **GRINDELWALD** where we will have time for a coffee before taking the **cable car (ticket included) up to Grindelwald first**. We will walk along the path (30 minutes) in which we shall be able to take the “footbridge over the empty” among the fantastic scenery enjoying glaciers around us. **Lunch included** (vegetarian option available). After that we continue to **LUCERNE**, one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Time at the end of the day to stroll, enjoy the city and dine before returning to the hotel in Zurich.

### **Day 12 SAT. Zurich - Burglen- Lugano- Morcote – Milan**

**Todays Highlights : We will know the town of William Tell.**

We travel to **BURGLEN**, the tiny village where William Tell was born, we shall see the chapel of the XVI century with paintings illustrating his life. We continue to **LUGANO** the cosmopolitan capital of the Italian Switzerland with its beautiful lake. Time to stroll and have lunch. Afterwards, following the shores of the lake, we reach the enchanting little town of **MORCOTE**, with its houses made of stone, and covered with flowers.



Arrival in **MILAN** where our guide will take us to the impressive Duomo Square. There will be time to dine at the Porta Venecia (Port of Venice) where an outstanding variety of restaurants can be found to delight your palate. From restaurants serving Swiss and Italian food, to French, Chinese and international food. Transfer to hotel.

**Day 13 SUN. Milan - Pisa – Rome**

**Todays Highlights: Centre of Milano. Leaning Tower of Pisa.**

Time in **MILAN** in which we can see its great cathedral and the galleries in the centre. Then we continue towards **PISA**. On a little tourist train we will travel to the Piazza Dei Miracoli (Square of Miracles), where there will be time to admire one of the most alluring and beautiful art complexes in Italy, including the well known Leaning Tower of Pisa. Then, we continue to Rome, arriving at the end of the afternoon.



**Day 14 MON. Rome**

**Todays Highlights : City tour of Rome. Roman Coliseum (admission price included) and Vatican City.**

In the morning, we have a **scenic tour of the city**, which will be a great introduction to “The Eternal city”. We enter the tiny state of the Vatican. The Vatican City is a principal centre of Christianity in the world. You will be able to visit St. Peter’s Basilica. And we have also included **admission to the Roman Coliseum**, the principal symbol of Rome. This impressive construction dates back 2,000 years and will transport us in time so that we can learn about ancient society in the Roman Empire. In the evening we provide **transport to the Via Cavour** area, where you will find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese and international food. Return to hotel.

**Day 15 TUE. Rome – Florence**

**Todays Highlights : Tour with a local expert from Florence. View from Piazzale Michelangelo.**

We will leave Rome, heading north. This route is graced with beautiful landscapes. Upon arrival in **FLORENCE**, we head straight to Piazzale Michelangelo, an impressive site in the city. In the evening we provide a **tour with a local expert**, and walk through the historic centre, taking in places such as the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, and Piazza della Signoria. This city is truly an outdoor museum. Free time to explore. In the evening, you can dine at your favorite restaurant. In this district you can find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese and international food.



## Day 16 WED. Florence – Venice

**Todays Highlights : Vaporetto boat on Venice’s Grand Canal. Visit and admission to the St Mark’s Basilica. Admire the technique of crafting Murano Glass.**

Today we enjoy stunning mountain landscapes while crossing the Apennine Mountains. Arriving in **VENICE**, we will board a Vaporetto to travel around on the canals in the historic centre. With a **local guide**, we will visit the marvellous **St Marck’s** and enter the marvellous **basilica (entry cost included)**. Afterwards, we shall be able to visit the Murano glass factory. It is marvellous to see the technique how this ancient glass is made. Free time.

At the end of the afternoon, you will have the chance to eat dinner in the Mestre area, where you can choose the type of restaurant that you prefer (Indian, Oriental, Italian, etc.).

## Day 17 THU. Venice - Verona – Salzburg

**Todays Highlights : Verona, the city of Romeo and Juliet. Breathtaking landscapes.**

We will depart from Venice, travelling to **VERONA**. We will provide a shuttle from parking to the historic centre. Our guide will instruct us on the places where you will be able to walk in Romeo and Juliet’s city - the city of lovers!

Afterwards we continue the journey between mountains to Austria. **SALZBURG**, our guide accompanies us to the most beautiful streets of the historic centre of this city declared a World Heritage site.

*Note: In case of few travellers on the trip, the journey from Verona to Salzburg may be done partially by a train.*

## Day 18 FRI. Salzburg - Vienna

**Todays Highlights : Vienna city tour. Gardens of the immense Schönbrunn Palace.**

We will leave Salzburg to reach Vienna at around 12.00 hrs, Directly, we head the **Schönbrunn Palace** where visitors can stroll around and enjoy its beautiful gardens. After a time for lunch, we start a **scenic visit** around this impressive city with a local expert. Here, we experience its majestic avenues, its palaces and the vibrant city centre. In the evening we go to the **City Hall Square** to enjoy the lighting and the nightlife in the neighbouring streets, and where you will have time to dine in line with your preferences (including Austrian, Chinese, Indian and Italian).



## Day 19 SAT. Vienna - Budapest

**Todays Highlights : City tour with our local expert in Budapest**

We depart for Hungary. Arrival in **BUDAPEST**, at lunchtime. Discover the “Queen of the Danube” on a **scenic tour** of highlight. This city is divided by the Danube, with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan “Pest” on the opposite bank. There will be time at the end of the day in the lively area of Vaci Utca, where there are lots of little restaurants with food from different countries (Indian, Chinese, Hungarian and Italian).

## Day 20 SUN. Budapest

### Todays Highlights : Boat tour on the Danube River.

In the morning, we will include a **boat tour along the Danube River**; the views of the city and parliament are impressive. Leisure time after the tour. At the end of the afternoon, there will be time to enjoy dinner in the city and travellers can select their preferred restaurant.



## Day 21 MON. Budapest - Bratislava – Prague

### Todays Highlights : Time to explore Bratislava. Czech landscapes.

We will leave Budapest for **BRATISLAVA**, the capital of Slovakia and a city alongside the Danube with an attractive historic centre. Time to see the city and have lunch. After lunch we will continue on our way to the Czech Republic. **PRAGUE** - At the end of the afternoon, we provide transport to take you to the **Old Town Square**. This central location is full of energy and touristic activities. It's a marvellous place to acquaint ourselves with Prague. Several restaurants offering cuisines from around the world will be waiting to delight your taste buds, including Czech, Chinese, Indian and Italian. Return to hotel.

## Day 22 TUE. Prague

### Todays Highlights: City tour of Prague. Visit to Castle. Boat tour along the river.

Today we are visiting this capital city, which is the Baroque jewel of Europe. Our local expert will provide a guided **city tour**, which will include the most outstanding monuments. During the visit we walk through **Prague Castle (admission included)**. Subsequently, we shall take a magnificent **boat tour** along Vltava River. Free time in the afternoon to explore Prague. In the evening, we will enjoy some time off in the historical city center and there will be an opportunity for you to enjoy cuisines from around the world (including Czech, Chinese, Indian and Italian). Return to hotel.

## Day 23 WED. Prague

After breakfast, end of our services.

**Price Includes General Services:**

**seat in coach basis:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, and breakfast buffet.

**Includes arrival transfer**

**Excursion:** Cable Car to Grindelwald First in Zurich.

**Boat:** River Seine in Paris, Lake Zurich, Vaporetto in Venice, Danube River in Budapest, Vltava River in Prague.

**City tour in:** Madrid, Poblet, Barcelona, Paris, Rome, Florence, Venice, Vienna, Budapest, Prague.

**Evening Transfer:** Debod Temple and Plaza de Espana/Gran Via in Madrid, Plaza de Oriente in Madrid, Ramblas and Plaza de Catalunya in Barcelona, Quartier Latin in Paris, Via Cavour in Rome, City Hall Square in Vienna, Vaci Utca in Budapest.

**Transfer:** Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence.

**Ticket admission:** Plaza de Toros de las Ventas in Madrid, Poblet Monastery, Poble Espanyol in Barcelona, 2nd Floor Eiffel Tower in Paris, Coliseum of Rome, Saint Mark's Basilica and Murano Glass Factory in Venice, Prague Castle.

**Train:** Montserrat, Rapperswil / Zurich, Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa.

**Funicular:** Cable Car to Grindelwald First.

**1 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Louver.

**Expected Hotels or Similar**

LOCATION	4 STAR
MADRID	HOTEL PRAGA MADRID 4* NH MADRID VENTAS 4* HOTEL ELBA MADRID ALCALA 4* CLARIDGE HOTEL 4* HOTEL SILKEN PUERTA DE MADRID 4*
BARCELONA	RENAISSANCE BARCELONA FIRA 4* AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT SOM 4* PORTA FIRA 4* FIRA CONGRESS 4* BARCELONA AIRPORT HOTEL 4* NOVOTEL ST JOAN DESPI 4* HESPERIA ST JOAN DESPI 4*
PARIS	NOVOTEL PARIS EST BAGNOLET 4* NOVOTEL PARIS PORTE D'ITALIE 4* MERCURE PARIS PORTE DE VERSALLES EXPO 4* MERCURE LA DEFENSE 5 4* RESIDHOME ISSY LES MOULINEAUX 4*
LYON	NOVOTEL LYON GERLAND 4*
ZURICH	COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT ZURICH NORD 4* NOVOTEL ZURICH AIRPORT MESSE 4* HOLIDAY INN ZURICH MESSE 4* NOVOTEL ZURICH CITY WEST 4*
MILAN	NOVOTEL MILANO NORD CA GRANDA 4* NH FIERA 4* NH CONGRESS 4* NH MILANO 2 4* HOTEL BARCELO MILAN 4*
ROME	GRAND HOTEL FLEMING 4* HOTEL ERGIFE PALACE 4* HOLIDAY INN AURELIA 4* ROMA AURELIA ANTICA 4*

	HOTEL MIDAS 4*
<b>FLORENCE</b>	HOTEL NILHOTEL 4* HOTEL MEDITERRANEO 4* NOVOTEL FIRENZE NORD 4* ITALIANA HOTEL FIRENZE 4* RAFAELLO 4*
<b>VENICE</b>	HOTEL LUGANO TORRETTA 4* RUSSOT HOTEL 4* HOLIDAY INN VENICE MESTRE-MARGHERA 4* ELITE HOTEL RESIDENCE 4* HOTEL AMBASCIATORI 4*
<b>VIENNA</b>	RAINERS HOTEL 4* HOTEL LEONARDO VIENNA 4* HOTEL EXE VIENNA 4* COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT SCHOENNBRUNN 4*
<b>BUDAPEST</b>	MERCURE KORONA 4* ACHAT PREMIUM 4* DANUBIUS HEALTH & SPA MARGITSZIGET 4* DANUBIUS ARENA 4*
<b>PRAGUE</b>	HOTEL CORINTHIA PRAGUE 5* CLARION CONGRESS 4* COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT FLORA 4* HOTEL DIPLOMAT PRAGUE 4* HOTEL PANORAMA 4* HOLIDAY INN CONGRESS CENTRE 4* HOTEL DON GIOVANI 4* HOTEL OLIMPIK 4*