

London, Paris & Venice

ITINERARY NIGHTS: London (2), Paris (2), Night Train (1), Venice (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: London City Tour • Windsor Castle • Canterbury Cathedral • Paris City Tour • Louvre • Palace of Versailles • Venice City Tour • Doges' Palace

OPTIONS: London Theatre • Three Island Venetian Lagoon Cruise



DAY 1 Fly through the night to London.

DAY 2 LONDON Welcome to the largest city in Europe! A TSA Tours guide will meet you at the airport and escort you on a **London City Tour**. See Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Fleet Street, the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's and Big Ben. Continue for a tour of formidable **Westminster Abbey**, site of numerous royal weddings and coronations. The first King crowned at Westminster was William I in 1066. Highlights include the Coronation Chair and Screen, and Poets' Corner with its monuments to Chaucer, Milton, Longfellow, and other literary notables.

DAY 3 LONDON Explore **Windsor Castle**, the weekend retreat of the royal family and the largest castle in Europe still inhabited. See the Round Tower built by Henry II, St. George's Chapel, the State Apartments and Queen Mary's Dolls' House. **Option:** Attend a West End theatre performance tonight.

DAY 4 PARIS En route to Paris, stop in Canterbury, ecclesiastical capital of England, to visit majestic **Canterbury**

Cathedral. Then travel on to France via the 31-mile Chunnel under the English Channel, one of the greatest engineering

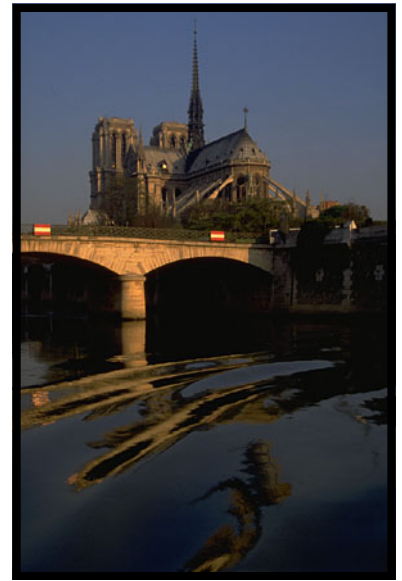
marvels in history.

DAY 5 PARIS Bienvenue à Paris, the most magical city in the world! On your **Paris City Tour** you will see all the highlights including the Eiffel Tower, the Champs-Élysées, and l'Etoile with the Arc de Triomphe. Tour the Gothic masterpiece, **Notre Dame**. In this cathedral you will marvel at beautiful rose windows of stained glass, ornately crafted spires, and snarling gargoyles who act as guardians of all the glory. You'll also visit the **Louvre**, the largest museum on earth, to view priceless works of art like Leonardo da Vinci's smiling *Mona Lisa*, the *Winged Victory of Samothrace* and the graceful *Venus de Milo*.

DAY 6 NIGHT TRAIN Tour the Palace of **Versailles**, home of Louis XIV, the Sun King. Walk through its fabulous galleries, including the Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed, ending World War I. See the formal gardens, preserved in their original state with beautiful fountains, statues, paths and

ornamental ponds, and the two *Trianons*. This evening, board your night train equipped with *couchettes* and sleep comfortably as you speed towards Venice, Italy.

DAY 7 VENICE Buon giorno! You have arrived in the romantic city known as *La Serenissima*, once a mighty maritime Republic. Here, light and water combine to create a restless magic that defies description. Begin your **Venice City Tour** at the Piazza Roma and walk along the Grand Canal to visit St. Mark's Basilica in all its splendor. Also see the Rialto Bridge, the Bridge of Sighs, and the Clock Tower, where animated statues of Moors use hammers to strike the hours. The patterned floor of the Piazza San Marco is always thick with pigeons, and elegant shops and cafés can be found on all sides. The Piazza has been called "the most beautiful room in Europe." Tour the pink marble **Doges' Palace** to see its elegant rooms and impressive paintings by Titian, Veronese and Tintoretto. In addition to living quarters, the palace contained offices, meeting rooms, law



courts and its infamous prison cells, which are connected to the palace by the Bridge of Sighs. The city is famous for its crystal and you will also see a Murano glass-blowing demonstration near the cathedral.

DAY 8 VENICE Today is free for additional sightseeing and shopping with your advisors. **Option:** Board a ferry for an excursion to three famous islands around the Venetian Lagoon. Visit the sleepy little fishing town of Burano, famous for introducing lace-making to the world. In 1296, the glassblowers of Venice moved to Murano. Seven hundred years later, their descendants are still turning sand into gold. See master craftsmen at work in the factories and visit a 12th century cathedral. Torcello Island was the capital of the lagoon in Roman times, and is famous for its splendid cathedral and mosaics. Visit the Church of Santa Fosca, testimony to the island's former glory.

DAY 9 DEPART Return home with great memories of your days in London, Paris and Venice.

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