

# England, France, Spain & Italy

**ITINERARY NIGHTS:** London (2), Paris (2), Night Train (1), Madrid (2), Barcelona (2), Nîmes (1), Nice (2), Florence (2), Rome (2)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** London City Tour • Westminster Abbey • Covent Garden Dinner • Canterbury Cathedral • Paris City Tour • Notre Dame • Palace of Versailles • Madrid City Tour • Prado Museum • Toledo City Tour • Barcelona City Tour • Las Ramblas Walking Tour • Nîmes Amphitheatre and Maison Carrée • Monaco Tour • Eze • Perfume Factory • Pisa • Florence City Tour • Accademia • Rome Walking Tour • Rome City Tour • Colosseum • Vatican City • Vatican Museum



**DAY 1** Fly overnight to London.

**DAY 2 LONDON** Welcome to the largest city in Europe! Take a **London City Tour** with an expert guide to see Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, and other highlights. Also visit historic **Westminster Abbey**, scene of royal weddings and coronations.

**DAY 3 LONDON** Today is free for adventure and discovery with your advisors. **Option:** Tour Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare. Also visit the magnificent 14<sup>th</sup> century Warwick Castle. This evening, enjoy dinner in lively **Covent Garden**.



**DAY 4 PARIS** Visit **Canterbury Cathedral** before traveling by Chunnel under the Channel to France. Arrive in Paris, the glorious City of Lights.

**DAY 5 PARIS** Bon jour! Your day begins with a **Paris City Tour**. See the Arc de Triomphe, the Place de la Concorde, the Eiffel Tower, and tour the cathedral of **Notre Dame**. **Option:** Take a twilight Bateau

Mouche cruise along the romantic Seine this evening.

**DAY 6 NIGHT TRAIN** Tour the magnificent **Palace of Versailles** to see its formal gardens, State apartments and the luxurious Hall of

Mirrors. Board a night train and speed toward Spain's vibrant capital of Madrid.

**DAY 7 MADRID** A guided **Madrid City Tour** takes you to the Plaza de España, the Royal Palace, Plaza Mayor, and the **Prado Museum** to view the art treasures of Spain including Goya's *Majas* and Spain's favorite painting, *Las Meninas* by Velázquez.

**DAY 8 MADRID** Tour the historical walled city of **Toledo** to see the El Greco paintings in the **Cathedral**, the Old Synagogue, the Church of Santo Tomé, the Royal Palace, and visit a **sword workshop**.

**DAY 9 BARCELONA** Transfer by train to Barcelona, a Mediterranean seaport and capital of Catalonia.

**DAY 10 BARCELONA** Explore Barcelona on a **City Tour**. See the Barrio Gótico, Plaza de España, Palacio Nacional, then visit the breathtaking Church of the **Sagrada Família**. In the evening, your courier will guide you on a walking tour of **Las**

**Ramblas**, the vibrant avenues of flower vendors, bird sellers, acrobats and musicians.

**DAY 11 NIMES** Travel through Narbonne, an ancient Mediterranean city in France. In Nîmes visit the **Amphitheatre** built by Romans in the first century AD, and the **Maison Carrée**, a Roman temple dating from the time of Augustus.

**DAY 12 NICE** Travel through **Arles** and **Aix-en-Provence**, the charming city filled with hundreds of fountains. Arrive in Nice, Queen of the French Riviera.

**DAY 13 NICE** Bonjour! Take a guided tour of **Monaco** to see the casinos, the Palais du Prince and tour the **Musée Océanographique**. Visit a **perfume factory** near the hilltop village of **Eze**, then back to Nice for free time.



**DAY 14 FLORENCE** Stop in **Pisa** to view the famous architectural wonder, the Leaning Tower. Arrive in Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance.

**DAY 15 FLORENCE** Take a guided **Florence City Tour** to see the highlights including Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*. Proceed to **Accademia**, home to Michelangelo's *David*. Shop for bargains at the Straw Market or visit



**Mercato Nuovo** this afternoon. **Option:** Tour the Uffizi Gallery.

**DAY 16 ROME** Travel to the Eternal City via **Siena**, an authentic Tuscan hill-town. Discover Rome on this evening's **walking tour** with your courier to the beautiful Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona and the Spanish Steps.

**DAY 17 ROME** On today's guided **Rome City Tour** visit the **Colosseum**, and see the Imperial Forums, Piazza Venezia, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and more. Continue to **Vatican City** to visit St. Peter's and the **Vatican Museums** including the Sistine Chapel.

**DAY 18 DEPART** Return home with the languages and treasures of England, France, Spain and Italy echoing in your memory.

