

CULTURAL CAPITALS

ITINERARY NIGHTS: London (3), Paris (2), Montreux (2), Venice (2), Florence (2), Sorrento (2), Rome (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: Windsor Castle • London City Tour • British Museum • Covent Garden Dinner • Canterbury Cathedral • Paris City Tour • Notre Dame • Bateaux Mouches • Castle of Chillon • Gruyères Cheese Dairy Tour • Venice City Tour • Doges' Palace • Murano Glass-Blowing Demonstration • Florence City Tour • Accademia • Siena • Pompeii Tour • Rome Evening Walking Tour • Rome City Tour • Colosseum



DAY 1 Fly overnight to London.

DAY 2 LONDON Welcome to London! Your Travel Selections courier waits to escort you to **Windsor Castle**, a country retreat of Queen Elizabeth and the royal family. Return to the city and check in to your hotel.

DAY 3 LONDON A guided **London City Tour** shows you Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben and more. Tour **Westminster Abbey**, the site of royal weddings and coronations. Visit the **British Museum** with its tributes to cultures both ancient and modern. **Option:** Attend a West End theatre production this evening.

DAY 4 LONDON Today is free for discovery. **Option:** Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon and visit Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Tonight you will dine at **Covent Garden**, a lively spot that is home to many of London's trendiest shops.

DAY 5 PARIS Visit magnificent **Canterbury Cathedral**, ecclesiastical center of the Anglican church, before taking the Channel Tunnel (Chunnel) to Paris, the magical "City of Lights."



DAY 6 PARIS

Bon jour! A guided **Paris City Tour** takes you to see the Arc de Triomphe, the Place de la Concorde, the Eiffel Tower and more. Visit **Notre Dame**, a cathedral of radiant beauty. **Option:** Tour the Louvre, home to the *Mona Lisa* and the *Venus de Milo*.

DAY 7 MONTREUX Travel to Switzerland through the Rhône Valley and the vineyards of Burgundy. Arrive in Montreux, a magnificent resort on Lake Geneva, surrounded by mountains, gardens and Alpine meadows.

DAY 8 MONTREUX Visit the **Castle of Chillon**, a fortress built on a rocky islet in Lake Geneva. Continue to Gruyères in the scenic Sarine Valley and enjoy a tour of the **Gruyères Cheese Dairy**—samples included.

DAY 9 VENICE

Travel through the stunning **Italian Lakes District** amidst alpine landscapes and arrive in Venice, an extraordinary

romantic city built on water.

DAY 10 VENICE Today's guided **Venice City Tour** shows you the Rialto Bridge, the Grand Canal, St. Mark's Square, the Basilica and more. Visit the **Doges' Palace**, then cross the Bridge of Sighs. Also see a **Murano Glass Blowing** demonstration. **Option:** Take a trip along the Grand Canal in a gondola.

DAY 11 FLORENCE See the ancient cities of **Padua** and **Bologna** on today's journey. Arrive in *Firenze*, the city where the Renaissance began.

DAY 12 FLORENCE Your **Florence City Tour** includes the Piazza del Duomo, the Bargello, the Church of San Lorenzo, and a visit to the **Accademia**, home of Michelangelo's marble sculpture, *David*. **Option:** Visit the Uffizi Gallery to see its collection of masterpieces

DAY 13 SORRENTO

Transfer with a stop in the medieval walled city of **Siena**. Arrive in beautiful Sorrento. The perfumed gardens, orange and lemon groves, gleaming white houses and rugged cliffs



make this pretty tree-shaded resort the most popular in Italy.

DAY 14 SORRENTO Today is free for discovery in this ancient resort above the Bay of Naples. **Option:** Cross the sparkling blue sea to the Isle of Capri by steamer.

DAY 15 ROME Tour the stunning ruins of **Pompeii** to observe the destruction wrought by Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79. The city is the finest example of a Roman town and its way of life, presented to modern eyes by excavation. Then on to the Eternal City of Rome, where your Travel Selections courier will lead you on a **walking tour** to Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps and Piazza di Trevi, site of the famous fountain. Be sure to toss in a coin!

DAY 16 ROME View the best of the Eternal City on a guided **Rome City Tour**. Visit the **Colosseum**, and see the Arch of Constantine, the Imperial Forums, the Pantheon, and more. Continue to **Vatican City** to visit St. Peter's and the **Vatican Museums**,

including the Sistine Chapel with its ceiling paintings by Michelangelo.

DAY 17 DEPART Board your flight home with enough cultural memories to last a lifetime.