Graduation Trip * 19 days / 8 countries
plus optional 5-day extension to Greece

ENGLAND - FRANCE - BELGIUM - HOLLAND - GERMANY - AUSTRIA - ITALY - VATICAN CITY - GREECE

May 19 - June 6, 2015
extended tour ends June 11

GRADUATE THEN CELEBRATE
DAY 1 TRAVEL TO LONDON
The Essential Europe begins with an overnight flight to “Merry Old England.”
Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 LONDON
Enjoy a free afternoon to relax and unwind. In the evening we’ll have our welcome orientation followed by a fun London pub crawl.
Meals: In-flight

DAY 3 LONDON
Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus: these familiar names become familiar places on our morning tour. Afternoon at leisure, see in the city’s monuments, embark on a Harrods’ shopping spree, or explore the British Museum, the National Gallery and the London Dungeons. After dusk, you may want to take-in some Shakespeare at the Globe theater by the Thames River or attend a West End theater show.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 LONDON * ENGLISH CHANNEL * PARIS
Travel to southeast England today and board our ship to the continent. Motor through northern France and arrive in Paris, “City of Lights.” We’ll dine together at our French bistro dinner, and then enjoy a romantic Seine River cruise.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 PARIS
Morning tour of Paris, see the hunchback “Quasimodo’s” Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, and the Eiffel Tower’s steel lacework. Free time in the afternoon — visit Left Bank bookstalls, or shop the chic boutiques of Paris. Consider joining our optional can-can Cabaret Show tonight.
Meals: Breakfast, Optional activity: Cabaret Show

DAY 6 PARIS
Free day in Paris: included Paris 2-day Museum Pass allows access to over 70 museums and monuments in and around Paris including the world famous Louvre, housing the Mona Lisa, Musée d’Orsay, Musée National Picasso, and the Château de Versailles. Have your portrait done by Place du Tertre artists or sample sinful French pastries. Your free evening may find you watching the world go by from a sidewalk café on the Champs Elysées.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 PARIS * BRUSSELS * AMSTERDAM
Motor to Belgium and Brussels, and see the Grand Place, a perfect medieval square, and the statue of naughty Menenkin-Pis. Continue to Amsterdam and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 DUTCH COUNTRYSIDE
Go biking through 13th-century Dutch fishing villages along the Ijssel Lake beaches today, watch wooden shoes being carved and sample Edam cheese at a cheese farm. Free time this afternoon in Amsterdam to tour the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum, or visit Anne Frank’s house. This evening we invite you on a boat cruise on the canals of Amsterdam followed by our Dutch-Indonesian “Rice Table” dinner.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 COLOGNE * RHINE RIVER CRUISE * HEIDELBERG
Cross the German border into Cologne, famous for the world’s largest Gothic cathedral. Embark on a cruise along the fabled Rhine River, passing steeply sloped vineyards, ancient castles, and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Continue to Heidelberg, the “City of the Student Prince” and climb to the ruins of the Castle of the Palatine Elector for a bird’s-eye view of the city and the Neckar River.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 HEIDELBERG * ROTHENBURG * MUNICH
Germany’s Romantic Road takes us to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This medieval city is celebrated not only for its well-preserved Gothic and Baroque buildings and walls, but also for its unspoiled picturesque setting. Enjoy lunch at a local Gasthaus before continuing our journey to the fun-filled Oktoberfest city of Munich. Free evening to check out the oompah-pah bands at the famous Hofbräuhaus.
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 11 MUNICH
Enjoy a full day at your leisure. Consider visiting the BMW museum, seeing the Glöckenspiel Chimes at the market square, the 1972 Olympic Village or shopping for Bavarian beer steins and lederhosen on Maximilianstrasse. Consider an optional excursion to the Dachau concentration camp this afternoon. We’ll dine on authentic Bavarian fare tonight.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Optional activity: Dachau Excursion

DAY 12 MUNICH * BERCHTESGADEN SALT MINES * SALZBURG * ALPINE CENTER
This morning, we continue to Berchtesgaden. Dressed in miner’s clothing, enjoy a ride on a funicular and down slides through the salt mine. Our next stop is Salzburg, Mozart’s birthplace and site where the classic movie, “Sound of Music” was filmed. Explore the narrow streets lined with colorful wrought iron signs and shops before we continue our journey to Europe’s largest alpine sports region. Be our pampered guest for two nights of fitness and fun while nestled in the snow-capped Austrian mountains at our Alpine Center.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 13 ALPINE CENTER
All day today is at our leisure; go for a hike in the Alps and join the fun and excitement of whitewater rafting. A hearty Austrian dinner awaits after all that activity.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Optional activity: Whitewater Rafting

DAY 14 AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT * VENICE, ITALY
The picturesque landscape of the Austrian Lake District brings us to sunny Italy’s Venice—“Sinking City in the Sea.” Walk to St. Mark’s Square, stop at a Murano glass-blowing workshop and watch famous Venetian glass being made. Consider a romantic gondola ride this evening gliding through the intricate maze of canals beneath arched bridges passing 12th and 18th-century marble palaces.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 15 VENICE * FLORENCE
Through the fertile Po Valley we approach Florence, Golden City of the Renaissance and birthplace of Michelangelo. Our Florence art tour includes the Gates of Paradise, the marble Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Giotto’s bell tower, then there’s free time for shopping and museums. Get ready for an optional dinner of pure Italian delights at “Il Latini” tonight.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: Tuscan Feast

DAY 16 FLORENCE
A free day to explore the Uffizi Gallery and see the collections of Giotto, Botticelli, Raphael and da Vinci. The Galleria dell’Accademia houses several sculptures by Michelangelo including his famous David. Enjoy our dinner of traditional Florentine fare.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Optional activity: Chianti Excursion

DAY 17 FLORENCE * ROME
Travel past Chianti vineyards along the Highway of the Sun to the Eternal City of Rome. After check in we have time to relax or explore baroque Rome: Stop to toss three coins in Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon and sample the famous “gelati” ice cream at Piazza Navona.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 18 ROME * VATICAN CITY
This morning we explore Capitol Hill with the most spectacular view of Caesar’s Louvre, housing the Mona Lisa, Musée d’Orsay, Musée National Picasso, and the Château de Versailles. Have your portrait done by Place du Tertre artists or sample sinful French pastries. Your free evening may find you watching the world go by from a sidewalk café on the Champs Elysées.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 19 ROME * TRAVEL HOME – or continue on to POMPEII * OVERNIGHT SHIP TO GREECE
For some of us the celebratory tour of Europe ends in Rome this morning. Bid farewell to friends and “arrivederci” to Italy before jetting back home with memories to last a lifetime. For the rest of us: motor through sunny olive groves lining the way south to Pompeii, the city buried in 79 A.D. by 20 feet of ash and lava after Mt. Vesuvius’ volcanic eruption. Afterwards we cross the Italian “boot” and board our overnight ship to Greece.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 20, 21, 22 GREEK ISLAND CENTER
After cruising through aquamarine waters, our ship docks at Patras. Motor along the Corinthian Sea coastline, across the Peloponnese peninsula to Galatas and the island of Poros. Relax with three days of living like a Greek god - swim, sunbathe, or take part in optional activities such as waterskiing, wakeboarding, parasailing, banana-boating or tubing. We invite everyone to our Toga Party on the last night.
Meals: Breakfast and Dinner daily
Optional activity: Aquatic Adventure

DAY 23 ATHENS
In the morning we board our ferry to Athens. See the 2,400-year-old Parthenon, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square. A free afternoon may find us wandering the paths of Plato, Socrates and Sophocles or trying our bargaining skills at the markets of Monastiraki. This evening follow the sounds of traditional bouzouki music and join our farewell taverna dinner in the Plaka District – Athens’ oldest neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 24 TRAVEL HOME
Reluctantly we say farewell to Europe and new-found friends. Jet back home with thoughts of planning the next European Adventure!
Meals: Breakfast, In-flight
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