

Europe: The Grand Tour

Highlights...

Amsterdam • Canal Cruise • Liep • Choice on Tour: Brussels Historic Tour or Comic Book Route • Luxembourg • Strasbourg • Basel • Mercedes-Benz Museum • München • Salzburg • Vienna • Choice on Tour: Belvedere Museum or Kunsthistorisches Museum



14 Days • 18 Meals: 12 Breakfasts • 6 Dinners

Collette experiences

- Experience a scenic train ride through Switzerland's stunning beauty.
- Be immersed in the Franco-German culture of Strasbourg.
- Visit the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart.

Must-see inclusions

- Explore the cosmopolitan elegance of Luxembourg, the only Grand Duchy in the world.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Vienna.
- Explore Amsterdam and cruise along its famous canals.

Culinary inclusions

- Dine on Viennese cuisine.
- Enjoy Belgium's gastronomic heritage in a famous Brussel's restaurant.
- Indulge in Bavarian specialties in München.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to an incredible journey through Europe. The rich culture and cuisine of France, the famed canals of Amsterdam, and the stunning architecture of Vienna are just some of the highlights to come on this tour to seven European countries: Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Germany, and Austria.

Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes - this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your hotel* located in a bustling quarter in Amsterdam's north, a convenient hub for using the city's public transportation to reach all the must-sees. Get a taste of the local flavors and meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Amsterdam

See the city the way it's meant to be seen - by canal. On a private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by classic Dutch houses. Then, continue discovering Amsterdam** on a walking tour with a local guide. The remainder of the day is yours to explore this exciting city on your own. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Amsterdam - Liep, Belgium - Brussels

Get off the beaten track and uncover Liep's rich history. On a guided stroll, explore Liep's *beguinage*, where small houses feature biblical scenes upon the doors, and see the historic town hall, formerly a Cloth Hall, among this town's charming architecture and sights. This afternoon in Brussels, **it's your choice!** Explore the famed sights of Brussels on a locally guided tour **-OR-** follow the Comic Strip Route, discovering street murals and other representations of comic strip heroes throughout the city. Enjoy dinner in a local restaurant in the heart of the town. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Brussels

The day is yours to explore more of Brussels and discover its rich history, architecture, gastronomy, and so much more. Or perhaps you will choose to visit the famous site of the Battle of Waterloo, where the Napoleonic Wars came to an end in 1815. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Brussels - Luxembourg - Strasbourg, France

Explore the unique blend of Luxembourg's historic fortresses, lush landscapes, and cosmopolitan elegance of the only Grand Duchy in the world. In the Old City of Luxembourg, join a local guide and hear the city's stories as you take in landmarks and memorials, followed by time on your own in this unique capital. This afternoon, make yourself comfortable in your centrally located hotel in Strasbourg, your home for the next three nights. Tonight, experience famous Alsace cuisine at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Strasbourg

This morning, learn more about the provincial capital of Strasbourg, where centuries of Roman, French, German, and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique character. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy the city on your own or perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to traverse the picturesque wine route of the Alsace wine region. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: Strasbourg - Basel, Switzerland

Traveling from Strasbourg to Basel, take in the beauty that surrounds the rich culture and history of Switzerland and France. The train whisks you through the stunning scenery, as it runs along the Rhine River much of the way. In Basel, wander through the winding streets and alleyways of the well-preserved medieval Old Town as a local guide brings history to life. Explore it further on your own before returning to Strasbourg in the late afternoon. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 9: Strasbourg - Stuttgart, Germany - München

This morning, say *"au revoir"* to France and greet Germany. Visit the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart. Explore the museum's collection of legendary vehicles on an audio guided tour and have an opportunity for lunch on your own in the museum's cafeteria, before continuing your journey to the Bavarian capital, München. Tonight, enjoy Bavarian specialties

during dinner at a restaurant popular among locals. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 10: München

Explore Bavaria's capital during a locally guided tour this morning. Explore the Altstadt (Old Town) and the central Marienplatz Square, known for its popular glockenspiel show that chimes and reenacts stories from the 16th century. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy this exciting city. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 11: München - Salzburg, Austria - Vienna

This morning your journey continues to Austria. Explore Salzburg, the "City of Music" and enjoy its' old-world charm. This evening, Vienna welcomes you with its' elegant architecture and cobblestone streets. Tonight, join an evening stroll before dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Vienna

This morning, meet your local guide for a scenic walking tour to Vienna's city center and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. For the rest of the day, take the opportunity to explore Vienna as you wish. Tonight, you may choose to explore the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a musical performance at the famous Orangerie, where the past comes alive. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Vienna

Choose how you spend your day because **it's your choice!** Join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to Gustav Klimt's iconic painting, *The Kiss* **-OR-** stroll through the unique collection of the *Kunsthistorisches* Museum and savor a taste of Viennese coffee-house culture. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner and toast to the end of your journey through so many unforgettable destinations of Europe. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 14: Vienna - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It! Luxembourg City

A cosmopolitan capital born from a medieval city, Luxembourg is full of charm and energy. The city's old quarters and fortifications are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once one of the largest fortresses of modern Europe, the city is located on a rocky outcrop along the rivers with a naturally protected position. The city's fortifications were built and reinforced through the centuries as the strategic military location passed from one great European power to the next, until ultimately being partially dismantled in 1867. In this historic city, which still maintains its 10th century layout, it's fascinating to imagine everyday life in Luxembourg through the ages while exploring its storied streets.

Your itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Maritim Hotel, Amsterdam
Days 4, 5	Cardo Hotel, Brussels
Days 6 – 8	Maison Rouge Hotel & Spa, Strasbourg
Days 9, 10	Eurostars Grand Central Hotel, Munich
Days 11 – 13	Intercontinental Hotel, Vienna or Andaz am Belvedere Hotel, Vienna
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Please Note:

- Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.
- The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.
- Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).**
- During the Amsterdam city tour, expect up to three hours of walking with occasional use of public transportation.
- Vienna city tour is on foot, as most of the central areas are open to pedestrians only. The duration of the walking tour can last up to 2.5 hours.
- If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.
- This tour includes three days with long transfers of 8+ hours, broken up by visits to cities and time for lunch.
- **Amsterdam is building a more responsible tourist economy.** Our time exploring will follow the city's tourist rules and regulations.
- *The Maritim Hotel in Amsterdam is in the immediate vicinity of the Central Station, allowing you to quickly reach**

all main sights, museums, and attractions of the city by using public transportation.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

During the Choice on Tour in Vienna, public transportation transfers will be used.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Important reservation information:

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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