



# Western Europe



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# Itineraries



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## Ultimate Europe

Have limited time but want to see a bit of everything? Hit the highlights on this trip.

Start in **Dublin**, soaking up its vibrant pubs and rich literary history. From Ireland, fly to **London** for great theatre. Then catch the Eurostar train through the English Channel tunnel to beautiful **Paris**.

Travel north to **Brussels** for amazing beer and chocolate, then further north to free-spirited **Amsterdam**, making time to cruise its canals. Go east, stopping for a cruise on the Rhine, and spend a few days exploring (and surviving) the legendary nightlife in **Berlin**. Next, visit **Vienna** for architectural and classical-music riches. Zip west to **Zürich** and the Swiss Alps for awe-inspiring ski slopes and vistas.

Head to canal-laced **Venice**, art-filled **Florence** and historic **Rome**. Train it to **Bari** and take a ferry to **Athens**, then explore island beaches, starting with the stunning **Santorini**. Connect by air or go by ferry and train to the French Riviera (aka the Côte d'Azur) to check out quintessential Mediterranean destinations such as **Nice**. Continue to **Barcelona**, then the Moorish towns of southern Spain like **Granada**. End your trip in the hilly quarters of **Lisbon**, toasting your grand journey with Portugal's port wine.



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## Mediterranean Europe

Beautiful weather and breathtaking scenery are the draws of this comprehensive tour that takes in famous towns and cities from antiquity to the present.

Start in southern Spain in orange-blossom-scented **Seville** and soak up the architecture, sunshine and party atmosphere. Make your way up the eastern coast past the Moorish town of **Málaga** and on to **Granada** and **Córdoba**. Then it's back to the coast at **Valencia**, home of Spain's famous rice-dish paella, for a ferry-hop to the parties and beaches of the **Balearic Islands**.

Back on the mainland, **Barcelona** brims with the architecture of Gaudí. From here, head into France's fabled Provence region, where in **Marseille** you can see the fortress that was inspiration for the novel *The Count of Monte Cristo*. Then leave the sea for Provence's lush hills and lavender-scented towns around the rampart-hooped city of **Avignon**. On to the **French Riviera** and its playground for the rich and famous, **St-Tropez**. The charming seaside city **Nice** is a perfect jumping-off point for other nearby coastal hot spots such as glamorous **Cannes**.

Cruise by ferry to Corsica and experience the traditional lifestyle of quiet fishing villages. Hit the bustling old port of **Bastia**, Napoléon Bonaparte's home town **Ajaccio**, then the glittering harbour of Bonifacio on a ferry south to Sardinia and on to **Sicily** to visit its colossal temples and famous volcano, Mt Etna.

Catch a ferry to **Naples**, on the Italian mainland, and take a trip to **Pompeii**. Move east to Brindisi for a ferry to Greece that passes rocky coasts seen by mariners for millennia, landing in Patra. Head to **Athens** to wonder at the Greek capital's ancient treasures before boarding a plane or ferry to magical islands such as **Crete** and **Mykonos**. Return to Italy, taking time to wander amid the ruins and piazzas of **Rome**. Continue north through Tuscany, stopping at **Pisa** to see its famous 'leaning tower'. Finish up along the Ligurian coast, travelling via the brightly coloured coastal villages making up the **Cinque Terre**, strung between plunging cliffs and vine-covered hills, to the port city of **Genoa**.





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Top: Galway (p405), Ireland

Left: Cube Houses or Kubuswoningen in Rotterdam (p518), by architect Piet Blom



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## Backroads of Europe

Already visited the major capitals? Start discovering the rest of Europe.

The far west of Ireland is rugged and uncrowded; start in bohemian **Galway**. Then travel to Northern Ireland – **Belfast**. From here, it's also easy to strike out to awe-inspiring natural sights such as the Giant's Causeway. Catch a ferry to reach the dynamic Scottish city of **Glasgow**. Swing south to the atmospheric walled English city of **York**. Hop across to the Netherlands, where buzzing **Rotterdam** is a veritable open-air gallery of modern and cutting-edge architecture.

Travel to the dynamic eastern German cities of **Leipzig**, and **Dresden**, whose historic core has been restored to its 18th-century glory. Turn south via the stunning Bavarian student hub of **Regensburg**, to the Swiss town of on the shores of its sparkling namesake lake. Cross into Italy and stop at the cultured city of **Turin**, followed by **Perugia**. In Italy's south, explore frenetic **Naples** and the winding **Amalfi Coast**. Scoot over to **Sicily** to experience its rugged landscapes as well as its ancient and colourful culture. Marvel at the Grecian Valley of the Temples in **Agrigento**, which rivals anything in Greece itself.

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## France & Iberia

Get a feel for three of Europe's most diverse countries on this relatively compact jaunt.

Start in **Paris**, discovering the magnificent monuments and hidden backstreet bistros of the City of Light. Visit the chateaux of the **Loire Valley**, then take the fast TGV train to Brittany. Walk the 17th-century ramparts encircling **St-Malo** and sample authentic Breton cider. Track south along the Atlantic coast, where red wine reaches its pinnacle around **Bordeaux**. Cross the border to the Basque city of **Bilbao**, best known for the magnificent Guggenheim Museum, before continuing to the pilgrimage shrine of **Santiago de Compostela**.

Spain's art-rich capital, **Madrid**, is prime for night owls: an evening of tapas and drinks in tiny bars can postpone dinner until midnight. Spend a day exploring beautiful **Segovia**. And don't skip the sandstone splendour of lively **Salamanca**. Plan on using a car to explore the many hill towns of Andalusia. Narrow, winding roads traverse sunburnt landscapes and olive orchards before reaching the whitewashed buildings of **Ronda**. Finally, go west via Seville to Portugal's pretty Algarve region, finishing in **Faro**.



## 2 WEEKS Essential Europe

Watching Europe from the window of a train or gazing at the sea rolling past the handrail of a ferry is the way generations of travellers have explored the continent, and it's still as idyllic today.

Start in the engaging Scottish capital **Edinburgh**, then take the train to pulsating **London** and on to Harwich for a ferry crossing to Hoek van Holland. From here, trains connect to the dynamic city of **Rotterdam** and the gabled Golden Age canal-scapes of **Amsterdam**.

Take a fast train to cathedral-crowned **Cologne** and then relax on a river cruise down the vineyard-ribboned **Rhine**. Alight at Mainz and connect by train through **Basel** to picturesque **Interlaken** for the slow-moving local trains and trams that wind through the majestic Alps. Then take a train past soaring mountain scenery to stylish **Milan**, home to da Vinci's refectory fresco *The Last Supper*. From Milan, fast trains zip to Tuscany's resplendent capital, **Florence**, a veritable Renaissance time capsule. Connect in Milan to snuggle up on the night train to **Paris**, feeling the romance in the rhythm of the rails.

## 2 WEEKS Europe's Mountains

Buckle up for an exhilarating road trip through some of Europe's most majestic peaks.

From the storybook Austrian city of **Salzburg**, head east to the mountain-ringed, jewel-like lakes of the **Salzkammergut** region. To the south is the heart-in-mouth **Grossglockner Road**, with 36 switchbacks over 48km as it traverses Austria's highest peak, Grossglockner.

Northwest, on the Austrian-German border, lies the 2962m-high **Zugspitze**. From here it's a short jaunt to Füssen, crowned by King Ludwig II's fairy-tale castle **Schloss Neuschwanstein**.

Swing southwest to one of Switzerland's ritziest ski resorts, **St Moritz**. Continue southwest into Italy to the sparkling lakes of **Lago di Como** and **Lago Maggiore** beneath the towering peaks.

Zigzag back into Switzerland to **Zermatt**, with views of the 4478m-high Matterhorn. Then make your way southwest to mighty Mont Blanc – Western Europe's highest peak and its feted ski resort **Chamonix** across the border in France, by the Mer de Glace glacier.

# Map Legend

## Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

## Activities, Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

## Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

## Eating

- Eating

## Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

## Entertainment

- Entertainment

## Shopping

- Shopping

## Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

## Geographic

- Beach
- Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

## Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

## Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- S-Bahn/Subway station
- Taxi
- T-bane/Tunnelbana station
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Tube station
- U-Bahn/Underground station
- Other Transport

## Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

## Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

## Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

## Areas

- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove

Note: Not all symbols displayed above appear on the maps in this book



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## OUR STORY

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**Italy** From facing fast bowlers in Barbados to sidestepping hungry pigs in Goa, Duncan's travels have thrown up many unique experiences. These days he largely dedicates himself to Italy, his adopted homeland where he's been living since 1997. From his base in the Castelli Romani hills outside Rome, he's clocked up endless kilometres exploring the country's well-known destinations and far-flung reaches, working on guides to Rome, Sardinia, Sicily, Piedmont, and Naples & the Amalfi Coast. Other LP titles include *Italy's Best Trips*, the *Food Lover's Guide to the World*, and *Pocket Bilbao & San Sebastian*. He also writes on Italy for newspapers, websites and magazines.

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