

# Explore Europe by Train

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# How to use this e-brochure

- The suggested itineraries cover both major key cities and off the beaten track
  places encouraging travellers to experience more of the continent's authentic,
  less crowded destinations.
- 2. The itineraries suggest destinations we can travel to on any given travel day on the Pass.
- 3. The travel times listed are based on the fastest routes at the time of production.

  Times will differ based on seasonality and availability of services at the time

  of booking and travel.
- 4. The itineraries and short descriptions are designed to provoke interest and encourage further research on the destination and its attractions / experiences.
- **5.** The start and end points are not always linked to an airport. The itineraries are designed to inspire journeys that best utilise Europe's incredible train network.

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# Train travel is...

The preferred mode of transport for travellers of all ages, groups and working professionals alike. Why? Here are the top nine reasons millions upon millions of travellers choose to travel Europe by rail every year.

# **Faster**

Breakfast in Brussels, lunch in Paris and dinner in London all in one day is only possible by highspeed trains. With connections right within a city centre and easier check in protocols at stations, trains are the fastest way to get around.



### **Hassle free**



With no check-in queues and traffic, you simply show up at the train station minutes before the train departs (allow more time for the Eurostar). The convenience of city centre to city centre connections also ensures getting to the final destination guicker.



### **Sustainable**



Car and plane travel is responsible for 85% of the EU greenhouse gas emissions caused by transportation. Train travel? 0.4%! It's the greener choice, and the environment says "thank you" by showing off stunning landscapes along the journey.



# Spontaneous



Europe by rail means freedom. With options from one-way tickets to Global Passes, travellers can spontaneously country hop or diligently build out a minute-by-minute itinerary on multiple carriers.

### **Extensive**



With 240,000 kilometres of track, railways reach



### **Flexible**







virtually every corner of Europe, from iconic cities to forests, mountains and hidden towns ready to be explored.





Train travel offers frequent daily service on most routes, making it easy to switch up plans, take a day trip or extend a vacation. Travellers can also catch a night train to travel long distances while sleeping.

# sacrificing style



The seatbelt sign is never on, so passengers can stretch their legs, head to the restroom or have a snack in the restaurant carriage. For elevated service, many operators offer First Class seating.



# **Affordable**



Between flying, renting a car or other modes of transportation, train travel is the most affordable. Compare ticket prices on Rail Europe and book in advance for the best prices.

# **How locals travel**



When in Rome (or any other European city), travel like the locals do to experience the region through their eyes. Connect with locals and get their recommendations right onboard.



# UNITED KINGDOM

# 4 days

From the multi-layered Great British history, the arts and pub scenes to living history, modernising gastronomy and sports, it's hard to not want to delve deeper and deeper into the layers that make the UK and Ireland so incredibly interesting. With regular ferry crossings between the UK and Ireland easily hop between while enjoying the views.



History, Art & Culture
Gastronomy
Scenery & Outdoors
Quirky British Isles

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# **History, Art & Culture**

#### Newcastle upon Tyne

Overlooked by Britain's biggest sculpture – the iconic Angel of the North - this is where centuries-old history and heritage meets modern innovation.

#### → Alnmouth (55min)

Alnmouth is a perfect coastal entry point to historic castles, famous battlefields and beautiful coastlines that come together to make the Northumberland region one of England's crowning glories.

#### → Berwick-upon-Tweed (45min)

Famous for its Elizabethan walls, three iconic bridges and picturesque Georgian buildings, Berwick is packed with tradition and quirky charm and a great base for the Scottish Boarders and northern Northumberland.

#### → Edinburgh (1h)

With an abundance of history, attractions and beautiful architecture, Edinburgh is a captivating city filled with palaces, cobbled alleyways and even a castle set on its own dormant volcano.

# **Gastronomy**

#### London

London is a global culinary capital packed with foodie favourites from Michelin-starred eateries to the world-renowned Borough Market steeped in more than 1,000 years' history.

#### → Birmingham (1h59)

A city famous for Cadbury's and the Balti, Birmingham boasts Michelin-starred restaurants, decadent local eats and food markets

#### → Leeds (2h)

This vibrant former mill town sports a thriving food scene featuring beer festivals and Europe's biggest indoor market, the Grade I listed Kirkgate Market.

#### → York (22min)

Mini and mighty, York's dynamic food scene spans from upscale fine-dining venues to shipping containers. Discover the city's chocolate history before washing it down with the world's first carbon-negative gin.

# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Cardiff

A small capital city with a huge heart, Cardiff is famed for its historic castle, iconic rugby stadium, Victorian shopping arcades and gleaming Cardiff Bay.

#### Abergavenny (44min)

Brecon Beacons National Park and International Dark Sky Reserve covers 520 square miles and is packed with natural wonders, striking landscapes and remnants of Wales' rich industrial heritage.

#### → Swansea (1h41)

Take in the sweeping waterfront of Swansea Bay leading to Mumbles and onto the beautiful Gower Peninsula...

#### → Tenby (1h43)

With its colourful Victorian architecture and sandy beaches, this picturesque medieval walled town and harbour is located in Britain's only truly coastal National Park, Pembrokeshire is packed with striking scenery, an abundance of incredible wildlife and captivating historical sites.

# **Quirky British Isles**

#### Manchester

One of England's most dynamic cities, Manchester is known as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Today, it's a centre of science, music, art and sport, with buzzing nightlife and a vibrancy all its own.

#### → Nottingham (1h49)

Famed for the tales of Robin Hood, this UNESCO City of Literature is packed with stories, myths and legends to discover, not to mention excellent independent shopping and Michelin-star fine dining.

#### → Stratford-Upon-Avon (2h26)

A town synonymous with William Shakespeare, Stratford-Upon-Avon is a haven of independent shops, river walks and cultural gems, including the renowned Royal Shakespeare Company.

#### → Oxford (1h40)

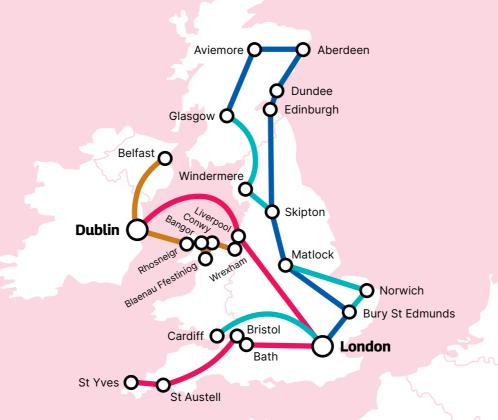
Home to Britain's oldest university, the City of Dreaming Spires is renowned for its resplendent architecture, green spaces and wealth of fascinating museums and cultural highlights.



# UNITED KINGDOM

# 7 days

**Travel tip:** Always book tickets to any attractions well in advance as they sell out very quickly. Some of the best views of London can be enjoyed for free, for example from Parliament Hill, Greenwich Park Observatory and The Garden at 120.





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### **History, Art & Culture**

#### Dublin

Along with the city's rich literary history, discover how Dublin developed from a small Viking settlement to become the capital of the Republic of Ireland today.

#### → Liverpool (6h)

Made famous by The Beatles, the rocking city of Liverpool mixes heritage, music and nightlife, not to mention a UNESCO World Heritage waterfront and banging culinary scene to boot.

#### → London (2h14)

A melting pot of history, culture with world-leading museums and galleries, some must-sees include Big Ben and Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, The West End, Tate Modern, and the British Musuem.

#### → Bath (1h20)

A UNESCO World Heritage city made famous by the Romans and Jane Austen, marvel at the iconic Georgian architecture of The Royal Crescent and travel back in time at the Roman Baths.

#### → Bristol (15min)

Check out Banksy's vibrant hometown for an interesting street art tour before discovering Bristol's maritime heritage at M Shed.

#### → St Austell (3h03)

Nestled in Cornwall's south coast, St Austell is a town of spectacular coastal scenery, rich cultural heritage, wildlife and creative communities.

#### → St Ives (1h09)

A historic town famed for its beaches, stunning coastal walks and buzzing art scene, enjoy modern art on display at Tate St Ives.

#### Gastronomy

#### London

From traditional pub grub and street eats to modern fine dining and Michelin starred venues, London offers a truly international culinary scene to spoil any tastebud.

#### → Bury St Edmunds (1h44)

Suffolk's foodie capital, Bury St Edmunds is home of Greene King which has been brewing award-winning beers in the town for over 200 years.

#### → Edinburgh (4h20)

Head to the Georgian New Town for modern eats and bars; the Old Town for fine dining restaurants set amongst its winding alleys and tightly-packed closes; or the waterfront district of Leith, for distilleries and restaurants.

#### → Dundee (1h10)

A dynamic and compact city that is becoming a modern wonder with theatres, arts centres, discover its trendy coffee shops, cool bars and eclectic food scene.

#### → Aberdeen (1h17)

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire has made its mark in the global food scene, bursting with world-renowned farm to fork experiences, whisky trails and craft breweries.

#### Aviemore (3h13)

Set in the heart of The Cairngorms National Park, Aviemore is the perfect base to explore the traditional gastronomy of Scotland, including the world-famous Speyside whisky region.

#### → Glasgow (2h44)

Glasgow (or 'The Dear Green Place' in Gaelic) is Scotland's largest city by population and rich in personality, nightlife and award-winning cuisine.

# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Glasgow

With over 90 parks and gardens, cycling routes, the River Clyde and the Clyde and Forth Canal, Glasgow is a buzzing city with stunning outdoor spaces for all to enjoy.

#### Windemere (2h15)

The Lake District is a region of spectacular beauty and is one of Britain's most popular National Parks. Best known for its stunning lakes and mountains, this World Heritage Site has inspired artists and writers for centuries.

#### → Skipton, Yorkshire Dales (2h)

The Yorkshire Dales is home to outstanding scenery, castles and abbeys. Arrive into Giggleswick as the gateway to explore this breathtaking region.

#### → Matlock, Peak District (2h50)

Home to some of Britain's most dramatic scenery, the Peak District offers dales criss-crossed by dry-stone walls that soar up to moors peppered with rock formations, market towns and pretty villages.

#### Norwich (4h)

Thoroughly scenic complete with a medieval centre, cobbled streets and river adventures, Norwich in East Anglia is surrounded by greenery and offers a vibrant street life.

#### → London (2h)

Explore life along the River Thames stopping at the likes of Hammersmith, Richmond and Hampton Court Palace to experience the greener sides of the city.

#### → Cardiff (2h)

Look out for some quaint towns peppered along the rail route to Cardiff before exploring this slower paced waterfront city that's steeped in history.

### **Ouirky British Isles**

#### Wrexham

Home to Wales' oldest football club, here you'll find traditional shops, historic indoor markets and rich culture.

#### → Conwy (51min)

Dominated by the imposing ruins of the 13th century Conwy Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this medieval walled market town on the north coast of Wales is packed with history and striking architecture.

#### → Blaenau Ffestiniog (1h27)

With breathtaking peaks and tumbling waterfalls, Snowdonia National Park is, Wales' largest national park and features kilometres of haunting beauty and grandeur, along with the worlds fastest zipline, Velocity 2.

#### → Bangor (1h31)

The oldest city in Wales combines fascinating history with a modern vibe – setting between Eryri (Snowdonia) mountains and glistening waters of the Menai Strait.

#### → Rhosneigr, Anglesey (45min)

Home to the largest Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Wales and featuring the village with the longest name in the UK, the island of Anglesey offers everything from unique geology and miles of unspoilt coastal paths to cycling trails and Neolithic tombs.

#### → Dublin (3h15)

Explore the city's unusual attractions including Sweny's Pharmacy, St Valentine's Tomb, Ye Olde Hurgy-Gurdy Musuem and St Michan's Church.

#### → Belfast (2h13)

Discover the quirks of CS Lewis peppered around the city before heading to the Giant's Causeway.

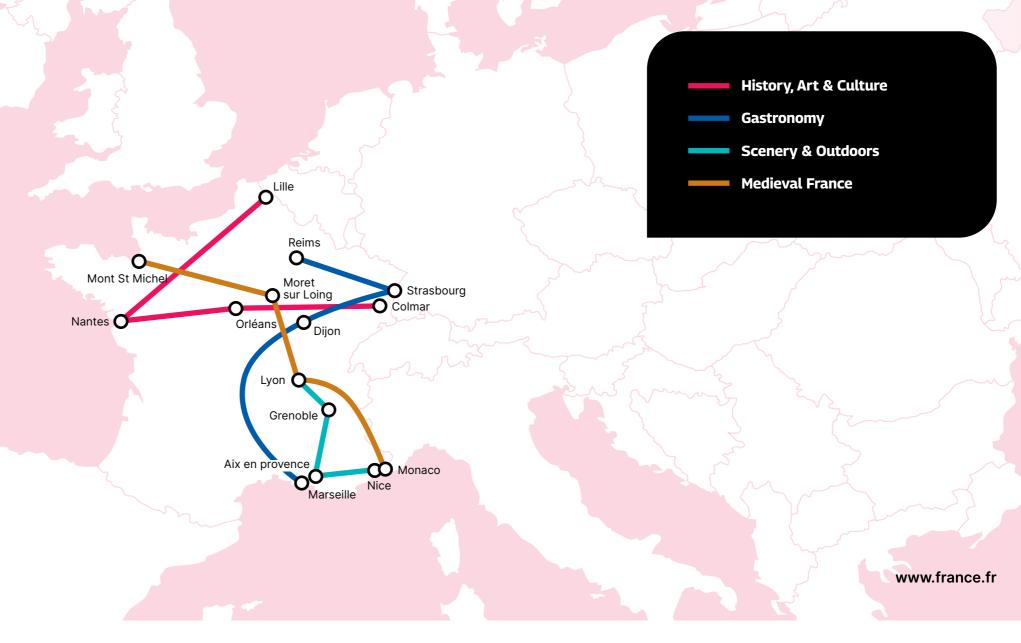


The Eurostar connects
London to Paris in under
2h30, London to Brussels
in under 2hrs and London
to Amsterdam in under
4hrs.

# **FRANCE**

# 4 days

One of the most visited countries in the world, France is best known for its art, avant garde fashion, gastronomy, incredibly rich history, magnificent architecture, chateaux, beautiful landscapes and more. Along the French Riviera, the super elegant Monaco boasts stunning Mediterranean views, opulence and rich historical assets.





### History, Art & Culture

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Enjoy the city's lofty bell towers, art collection at Palais des Beaux-Arts and one of Europe's largest street market dating back to the 12th century.

#### → Nantes (5h)

Famous for its Muscadet wine, Nantes is dynamic and culturally lively. Follow the city's green painted line to discover the city's treasures.

#### → Orleans (3h28)

Discover the extensive history and picturesque city of Joan of Arc located in the Loire Valley (France's largest UNESCO World Heritage Site).

#### → Colmar (5h)

A quaint and charming city on the Alsatian wine route, enjoy its well-preserved Old Town and numerous landmarks incuding the Unterlinden Museum.

### **Gastronomy**

#### Marseille

Home of the iconic *bouillabaisse*, other local specialities include *pistou* soup, *poutarque*, *aioli* and *anchoiade*.

#### → Dijon (3h40)

Most well-known for its mustard and Burgundy wines, the city is also home to one of the most impressive food markets in France, Les Halles.

#### → Strasbourg (2h16)

Famous for its *choucroute* (similar to *sauerkraut*), Alsatian wines and cheeses, the city is also superbly picturesque.

#### → Reims (1h51)

Apart from enjoying countless champagne tastings, the city's art-deco architecure and famous cathedral are must-sees as well.

# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Lyon

From high vantage points, gardens and bridges to a meandering river through the city, Lyon is not short of vantage points.

#### → Grenoble (1h25)

While labelled as the City of Art and history, Grenoble in the French Alps is also famous for skiing, hiking and its pristine nature.

#### → Aix-en-Provence (2h30)

A verdant city with pretty fountains and historic buildibgs, Aix is the gateway to beautiful villages such as Jouques, Rians, and Les Puy-Sainte-Reparade.

#### → Nice (3h)

A popular destination for sun-seekers, the capital of Côte d'Azur boasts great climate, magnificent views of the French Riviera, art and culture.

### **Medieval France**

#### Mont St Michel

UNESCO listed, Mont St Michel was founded as a religious sanctuary in 708, which contunued to be built over 1300 years. Today, the medieval city welcomes 2.5 mil visitors annually.

#### → Moret-sur-Loing (5h)

Located on the edge of the Fontainebleau forest, Moret-sur-Loing is well known for its barley sugar, its Sucre d'Orge and landscape drawings by impressionist Alfred Sisley.

#### → Lyon (2h19)

Explore the quaint cobblestoned streets and narrow passageways of Vieux-Lyon dating back 1000+ years.

#### → Monaco (5h35)

Explore Monaco's medieval quarter known as The Rock, where you'll find the Prince's Palace.



# **FRANCE**

# 7 days

**Travel tip:** Whenever you're unsure of what to order at restaurants, refer to the 'prix fixe' menu, which is the chef's recommendation and includes several courses at a lower cost.

# **History, Art & Culture**

#### Paris

Steeped in history, see what made the 'City of Lights' become a capital of fashion, art, music and architecture.

#### → Caen (1h20)

Founded by William the Conqueror, the city centre impresses with well-preserved medieval architecure including ancient abbeys and a château.

#### → Le Mans (1h51)

Popular as movie backdrops, marvel at almost every type of architectural style from prehistoric times to modern day designs.

#### → La Rochelle (4h)

Soak up the feel of a historic and picturesque old French harbour town peppered with plenty of eateries, museums and monuments.

#### → Toulouse (5h)

Located by the Garonne River, enjoy the many museums and historical religious buildings in the Pink City's Old Town.

#### → Avignon (4h)

Best known for its historic centre's outstanding medieval architecture, the 'City of the Popes' oozes history and culture at every turn.

#### → Monaco (4h30)

The number of museums and its Old Town centre reflect the importance of Monaco's rich history, art and cultural heritage.

### **Gastronomy**

#### Lille

A city of art, history and culture, Lille's Flemish roots have given rise to its famous craft beer culture, mussels and Belgian style fries and *Maroilles* cheese.

#### → Lyon (3h)

A UNESCO World Heritage site, Lyon is the gastronomical capital and the third largest city of France bursting with world-class restaurants.

#### → Valence (1h26)

An elegant and charming cultural city, Valence is a foodie destination famous for high quality food at reasonable prices, and the Suisse, an orange-flavored shortcrust pastry biscuit.

#### → Marseille (2h34)

Apart from the local specialty soups, other must-tries include their *tapenade*, pastis, and navettes.

#### → Toulouse (3h50)

Full of history, flavours and creativity, typical foods include *cassoulet*, *garbure*, Toulouse sausage and *pastis*.

La Rochelle

Bordeaux

Toulouse

#### → Bordeaux (2h16)

World famous for its wines, local delicacies include *confit de vin de Sauternes au safran*, Arcachon Bay oysters and Bordeaux lamprey.

#### → Reims (4h22)

Delight your palate at both world-famous cellar doors and boutique ones in the champagne capital filled with art-deco architecture.



# **Scenery & Outdoors**

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Reims

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C Lyon

Valence

Marseille

Le Mans

Limoges

Rocamadour

Explore ancient cobbled streets lined with colourful and extravagant half-timbered houses that is typical Alsatian architecture.

#### → Dijon (2h30)

Some of the best views in this foodie region can be enjoyed from Lac Kir, Parc de la Motte-Giron and the vineyards stretching to Macon.

#### Vichy (3h30)

One of the largest spa towns in France, Vichy is a small city surrounded by nature, parks and gardens, where winding roads lead to picturesque villages including Charroux and Hérrison.

#### Aurillac (3h)

Dating back to Gallo-Roman times, the town's rich architectural heritage and lush scenery make for perfect picturebook moments.

#### → Toulouse (3h40)

The city features several canals including the UNESCO listed Canal du Midi, which links Toulouse and the Mediterranean Sea. We highly recommend exploring the stunning Garonne Lateral Canal by boat, bicycle or on foot.

#### → Perpignan (2h33)

Capital of the Pyrenees, this Catalan flavoured city is a great gateway to the region's vineyards, orchards and mountain ranges.

#### Marseille (3h30)

Visits to nearby attractions including the scenic Calanques, the Le Panier neighbourhood and Fort Saint-jean are a must.

### **Medieval France**

#### Colmar

Thoroughly picturesque, the cobblestoned Old Town features beautiful half-timbered medieval and early Renaissance buildings.

#### Versailles (2h30)

UNESCO listed, the magnificent Palace of Versailles is one of the greatest achievements in French 17th century art.

#### → Limoges (3h57)

Packed with history and medieval timberframe houses, Limoges is known for its decorated porcelain.

#### → Rocamadour (2h)

One of the country's top pilgrimage destinations, the dramatic setting of the village, stoned walls and medieval houses will take you back in time.

#### → Toulouse (4h)

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Dubbed La Ville Rose due to the terracotta bricks used in many of its buildings, the Old Town is home to charming historical religious buildings.

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#### → Avignon (3h43)

Situated on the banks of the Rhône River, the historic centre of the 'City of the Popes' is an outstanding example of medieval architecture.

#### → Eze (4h20)

An enchanting mountain top village between Nice and Monaco, enjoy the unbeatable panoramic views and detailed ancient facades.



The France-Spain Highspeed train connects Paris
and Barcelona in 6h25.
Connect from Paris to
Geneva on the TGV Lyria
in about 3h.

# SPAIN & PORTUGAL

# 4 days

The Iberian peninsula is popular among many travellers for good reason. Blessed with spectacular beaches, mountainous regions, and a moderate climate, Spain and Portugal also boast incredible gastronomy, picturesque coastlines, rich and interesting histories, grand architecture and an admirable laid back lifestyle.



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# History, Art & Culture

#### Barcelona

A major center for art and culture, immerse yourself in the world of Gaudi and world's largest collection of Piccaso's work

#### → Zaragoza (2h)

Spain's 5th largest city, discover how its ancestral cultures shaped this monumental historical site.

#### → Madrid (1h28)

Must-do's include exploring Paseo del Art, the Literary Quarter, and discovering Cervantes' Madrid.

#### Seville

This Andalusian city wows with its rich history evident throughout its quaint neighborhoods, historic churches and palaces.

# **Gastronomy**

#### San Sebastian

World renowned for its numerous Michelin starred restaurants, this beachside city is also famous for its *pintxos* bars.

#### → Bilbao (3h38)

Birthplace of the *Marianito* cocktail, Bilbao is also known for its *marmitako* stew, *bacalao a la vizcaína* and cuttlefish.

#### → Logroño (2h31)

Gateway to the Rioja wine region, Calle Laurel in the Old Town is worth a visit for traditional tapas bars.

#### → Barcelona (4h30)

Catalan cuisine dates back to medieval times and draws from the region's rich agricultural landscape.

# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Barcelona

From beaches to mountains, sweeping views of the city can also be enjoyed from Tibidabo and atop the Segrada Familia.

#### Valencia (2h52)

The train connecting Barcelona and the beachside Valencia is thoroughly scenic. In Valencia, venture to Albufera to enjoy the nature reserve, lake and rice fields.

#### → Alicante (2h11)

Impressive views continue on the train to Alicante, where you can explore hidden coves and pristine beaches.

#### → Cuenca (1h26)

Founded by the Moors and famous for its "hanging houses" above the Huecar River, this city is undoudtedy an adventurer's dream.

### **Medieval Towns**

#### Seville

Of all the palaces in Seville, the Alcázar Réal is one of the most impressive, alongside the Palacio San Telmo and La Casa de Pilatos.

#### → Malaga (2h)

Visit the 8th century Alcazaba, a stunning medieval Moorish palace perched on a hill overlooking the city.

#### → Cordoba (49min)

Once medieval Europe's greatest cities, discover the Umayyad's influence on the city's becoming of an intellectual captial.

#### → Toledo (3h30)

The former Spanish capital, this UNESCO listed city boasts well-preserved medieval characters and three distinct cultures.



# SPAIN & PORTUGAL

# 7 days

**Travel tip:** Purchase city passes to enjoy free or heavily discounted travel and access to major attractions and experiences. Delay your appetite in Spain and Portugal as meal times are much later than what you'd be used to...



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# **History, Art & Culture**

#### Barcelona

Apart from its rich art and history, Barcelona is also a fashion capital and home of Zara, Mango and Desigual.

#### Tarragona (1h08)

Discover the many Roman remains including the amphitheatre, circus, praetorium, theatre and aqueduct of Les Ferreres.

#### → Zaragoza (1h28)

Famous for its folklore, the city is home to some of the best Moorish architecture outside of Andalusia.

#### → Cáceres (2h43)

A well-preserved medieval city, Cáceres is a World Heritage City with the third largest monument ensemble in Europe.

#### → Seville (4h27)

A rich melting pot of eastern and western cultures, each street is an interesting fusion of influences from different eras.

#### → Cordoba (44min)

Famous for its Great Mosque, its UNESCO listed Old Town bursts with beautiful streets and colourful courtyards.

### **Gastronomy**

#### Porto

Famous for its port wine, must-try dishes include their traditional pork stew and the *francesinha* meat sandwich.

#### → Abrantes (3h30)

The most floral city of Portugal, Abrante is best known for its endogenous produce, meat dishes and sweets.

#### → Badajoz (4h30)

Surrounded by castles and monasteries, taste your way along the scenic Ribera del Guadiana Wine Route.

#### → Madrid (4h23)

Popular Madrilenian dishes include the Madrid stew, baked sea bream, squid sandwich and slow cooked meats.

#### → Leon (2h)

Famous for roast suckling pig and lamb, other delicacies include *empanadas*, *Maragato* stew, and *Guijuelo* cured ham.

#### → Logroño (4h15)

Visit historic wineries and cellars along the Rioja Alta Wine Route surrounded by beautiful mountains.

#### San Sebastian (3h41)

Join a food tour or two and discover authentic Iberian specials like hams, *pintxos* and more.



# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Barcelona

From walking and bike tours to SUPs and kitesurfing, embark on different activities to enjoy different scenic sides of Barcelona.

#### → Valencia (2h52)

While beach acitvities abound, there are also thermal springs, waterfalls and canyon trails to explore.

#### → Madrid (2h15)

Walk the Canencia Ecological Trail or cycle Madrid's city parks to immerse in the city's lush natural surrounds.

#### → Zamora (2h33)

Relatively unknown, enjoy this quaint, artistic and historic riverside city surrounded by beautiful vineyards.

#### → Santiago de Compostela (2h)

The end of the Camino trail, the majestic monuments and rural Galicia make this city a must-see.

#### Porto (4h30)

Enjoy stunning views of the rugged coastline during the train journey into Portugal's port-wine country.

#### → Lisbon (2h44)

Arrive into Portugal's vibrant capital in style on one of the most scenic train rides in Europe before enjoying the colorful azulejos that decorate the city.

### **Medieval Towns**

#### • Castellon de la Plana

A city of history and nature, explore medieval sights, including the Gothic-style Concatedral de Santa Maria and 13th century Fadri Tower.

#### → Valencia (1h19)

Embark on the Valencia Medieval tour to learn about the city's rich and dramatic past.

#### → Cuenca (1h25)

With Moorish origins, explore the UNESCO listed fortified town of Cuenca built on a narrow plateau.

#### → Guadalajara (3h30)

Explore quaint Sigüenza, best known for its centuries-old architecture, including an imposing medieval castle where you can overnight.

#### Valladolid (2h46)

Rich in history, medieval architecture and walkable neighbourhoods, this is the ideal place to escape mass tourism.

#### → Navarre (3h48)

Built over a 13th century fortress, the Olite Castle was one of the most luxurious medieval castles in Europe.

#### → Girona (4h53)

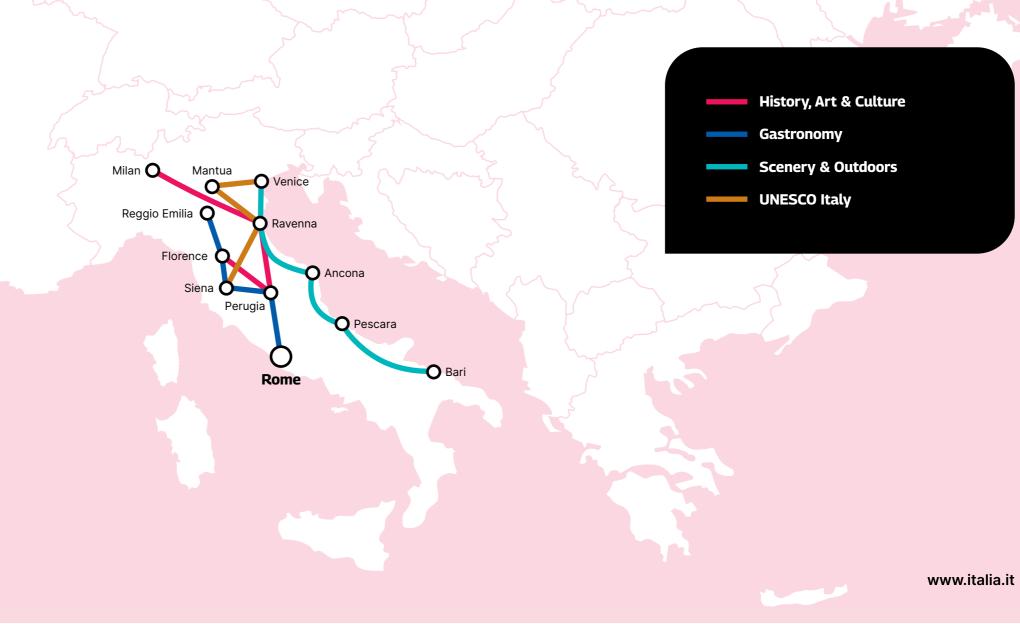
Walk along the city's impressive medieval walls and enjoy stunning views of the city and surrounding countryside.



# **ITALY**

# 4 days

From ancient ruins, historic centres and more than 50 UNESCO World Heritage sites to vibrant cities, spectacular coastal towns and idyllic countryscapes, Italy appeals to lovers of food, art, history, fashion and adventure. Discover the charms of the country by venturing beyond the main cities.





### **History, Art & Culture**

#### Milan

Host of the 2026 Winter Olympics, the fashion capital bursts with exquisite medieval architecture (e.g. Sforza Castle and the Duomo) and contemporary art.

#### → Ravenna (3h19)

The City of Mosaics, marvel at the UNESCO listed 1500yo churches decorated with some of the finest Byzantine mosaics.

#### → Perugia (4h36)

Postcard pretty featuring coloured houses surrounded by lush Umbrian country, discover old traditions still retained in the city.

#### → Florence (2h05)

Capital of Tuscany, this open-air art gallery boasts elegant Renaissance architecture and one of Europe's oldest historic centres.

# **Gastronomy**

#### Reggio Emilia

Indulge in everything this town introduced to the world including its world-famous *Parmagiano Reggiano* cheese, traditional balsamic vinegar, Parma ham, *tagliatelle* and *tortellini*.

#### → Siena (3h20)

Embark on the classic *Chianti* wine trail in the idyllic and dreamy Tuscan countryside.

#### Perugia (4h)

While the capital of Umbria is best known for its *Baci* chocolates, another world-famous favourite from the region is the *porchetta*.

#### → Rome (2h35)

Home of the *carbonara*, other typical specialities include *maritozzi*, Roman artichokes, oxtail stew, *cacio e pepe*.

# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Venice

Apart from the gondola-filled canals, the islands of Venice are home to sprawling beaches, idyllic fishing villages, and lush forests.

#### → Ancona (3h41)

A scenic harbour city on the Adriatic Sea, popular activities here include hiking, horse riding, cycling and water sports.

#### → Pescara (3h)

A beach haven, the Pescara sea and mountains are so close you can enjoy views of the Adriatic sea while skiing down the slopes.

#### → Bari (2h35)

Overlooking the sea, take time exploring the famous Bari promenade, one of the most beautiful in Italy.

### **UNESCO Italy**

#### Venice

Venice and its lagoon were UNESCO recognised for its exceptional achievement in art, architecture culture and struggle against environmental elements.

#### → Mantua (2h22)

Mantua and Sabbioneta's importance stems from their architecture, monumental art and town planning led by the Gonzaga family, which helped spread the Renaissance culture.

#### → Ravenna (3h24)

A pioneer in architecture and the fine arts, take in the eight UNESCO buildings featuring fine Byzantine mosaics depicting early Christianity.

#### → Siena (4h18)

There are four UNESCO sites in Siena including the historic centres of Siena, San Ginignano, Pienza and the area of Val D'orca.



# **ITALY**

# 7 days

**Travel tip:** Check for city cards at each city to enjoy freebies and discounts. The 48/72hr Roma Pass grants users free access to the city's transport network, discounts to attractions and more.



### **History, Art & Culture**

#### Milan

A cosmopolitan city with art, architecture and history, see incredible art collections including that by Leonardo da Vinci.

#### → Verona (1h13)

Best known as the setting of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet', the city is filled with Roman antiquities.

#### → Florence (1h32)

Discover the historic centre of Florence filled with museums, churches, buildings and high-value artworks.

#### → Naples (2h45)

A paradise for all things Baroque, Naples is where various artistic cultures converged over time to form an interesting tapestry.

#### → Bari (4h)

Holding the body and relics of St. Nicholas, Bari is the 2nd largest city in southern Italy and is rich in art, history and culinary tradition.

#### → Lecce (1h23)

Discover the city's rich tradition in papiermaché and its distinct barocco leccese architecture.

### **Gastronomy**

#### Milan

Apart from Milan's most iconic dish, risotto alla Milanese, other locals specialties include osso buco, cassoeula, Milanese meatballs and panetonne.

#### → Turin (48min)

Birthplace of *gianduia*, the world famous chocolate and hazelnut paste, local savoury favourites usually star *risotto* and *polenta*.

#### → Genoa (2h08)

Famed for its pesto, typical dishes include the farinata, stoccafisso accompagnato, Genoese focaccia and Genoese cima.

#### → Grossetto (3h05)

Must-tries include the *gnocchi di pane al* cinghial, schiaccia, risotto con femminelle and wild boar salami.

#### → Rome (2h32)

Try the lesser known Roman breakfast of *maritozzi con la panna*, and *Tripa alla Romana* for the more adventurous.

#### → Naples (1h08)

The birthplace of pizzas, Naples is the gateway to the Campania wine region, where 100+ native grapes grow on the hills in the volcanic soil of Mt Vesuvius.

#### → Taranto (4h10)

The birthplace of the *panzerotti*, discover little eateries serving local street favourites along the city's labyrinth of narrow streets.



# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Genoa

Nestled between the Ligurian mountains and the sea, there is no shortage of village, sea and mountain views of Genoa at every turn.

#### → Corniglia, Cinque Terre (1h40)

Start exploring the UNESCO listed colourful centuries-old cliffside terraced villages of Cinque Terre from here, before departing from the last village.

#### → Florence (3h24)

Discover this stunning historic city and its architecture before venturing into the lush rolling hills, vineyards and quaint towns of Tuscany.

#### → Amalfi (4h14)

Nicknamed the Divine Coast, the Amalfi coast is one of the world's most popular holiday destinations thanks to its dramatic and striking colourful cliffside landscape.

#### → Paola (2h07)

This lesser known seaside town boasts a rich blend of history, culture and specstacular coastline with crystal clear waters.

#### Messina (3h)

A beautiful and authentic Sicilian city with rich historical heritage, getting to Messina by train is a thoroughly scenic experience.

#### Catania (2h)

With views of Mt Etna and slightly warmer weather than the north, enjoy outdoor activities including scubadiving, river trekking and hiking.

# **UNESCO Italy**

#### Genoa

The glamorous UNESCO site of Genoa is populated with grand palaces built between the 16th and 18th century.

#### Cinque Terre (1h40)

UNESCO listed as a cultural landscape, Cinque Terre's five colourful cliffside villages are walkable in a six hour stretch.

#### → Pisa (1h21)

Home of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the UNESCO site is comprised by the Tower, cemetary, cathedral and baptistery.

#### → Florence (1h22)

A pioneer in architecture and the fine arts for Italy and Europe, its historic centre is where the concept of the Renaissance came to be.

#### Rome

There are 13 heritage sites in the UNESCO listed historic city of Rome including the Colosseum and Vatican City.

#### → Naples (1h08)

The historic city centre is the largest in Europe and is close to historically significant sites including the Roman ruins of Pompeii.

#### → Mt Etna (8h35 night train)

The most active stratovolcano in the world, Mt Etna was recognised for its unique geological features, and cultural and scientific importance.

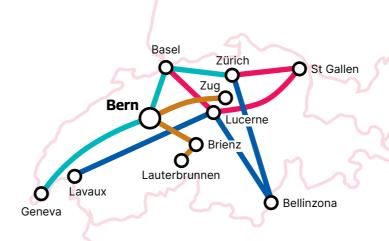


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# **SWITZERLAND**

# 4 days

Best known for its unrivalled alpine scenery, prinstine nature and some of the world's most panoramic train journeys, Switzerland packs a punch when it comes to natural beauty, attractions, outdoorsy experiences, fairytale-like villages and cultural diversity. With four language regions to explore, the best way to enjoy Switzerland is with a Swiss Travel Pass.





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# **History, Art & Culture**

#### Zurich

Birthplace of the Dada Movement, discover how Zurich became the epicenter for the European avant-garde of the time.

#### → St Gallen (1h13)

Visit the magnificent UNESCO listed Abbey of St Gall containing books from the 9th century.

#### → Lucerne (2h16)

Slowly take in the beauty that surrounds this compact city best known for its Old Town and Chapel Bridge.

#### → Basel (1h)

Discover this riverside city's medieval Old Town, 16th century Town Hall and gothic cathedral.

### **Gastronomy**

#### Zurich

Birthplace of the world famous Bircher muesli, a classic must-try is the Zürich *Geschnetzeltes*.

#### → Bellinzona (1h40)

Discover the region's wine, cheeses and other typical produce from the Italian speaking Ticino.

#### → Lucerne (2h24)

Try your hand at chocloate making and enjoy a traditional dinner and show in the Old Town.

#### → Lavaux (2h14)

Go on a wine trail and taste Switzerland's specialty wines while taking in views of Lake Geneva.

# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Zurich

Take in views of the region while enjoying fondue, brunch or dinner aboard scenic cruises on Lake Zurich.

#### → Basel (54min)

Jump in the river and let the waters show you the vibrant citylife along the Rhine.

#### → Bern (1h)

Enjoy scenic views on the train and in Bern, hike up to the Rosegarten for sweeping city views.

#### Geneva (1h45 via Neuchatel)

Cruise Lake Geneva and take in views of the terraced Lavaux vineyards and other towns that dot around this majestic lake.

# Fairytale Switzerland

#### Zug

Stroll through the picturesque Old Town full of quaint boutiques, museums and galleries.

#### → Bern (2h11 via Lucerne)

Take time to stroll the cobbled streets of the UNESCO listed Old Town and its arcade lined with underground restaurants.

#### → Brienz (1h34)

Savour every moment at Brunngasse, once awarded the title of "most beautiful street in Europe".

#### → Lauterbrunnen (1h07)

With 72 magnificent waterfalls and verdent valleys, outdoor activites abound.



# **SWITZERLAND**

# 7 days

**Travel tip:** For a country known for making clocks and watches, Swiss punctuality means arriving 5-10 minutes early at a meeting or at your train, bus or ferry departure point.

# **History, Art & Culture**

#### Geneva

Spend time exploring the Old Twon, galleries and museums including the Quartier des Bains.

#### → Lausanne (42min)

The art and capital of Switzerland. Lausanne is particularly known for dance, opera and theatre.

#### → Bern (1h12)

Discover the city's medieval Old Town, some of Switzelalnd's best museums and nearby castles.

#### → Basel (54min)

Situated on the River Rhine, this cruise hub is Switzerland's cultural capital and home of the world famous Art Basel.

#### → Lucerne (54min)

Enjoy the city's well-preserved Old Town, Europe's oldest covered bridge and traditional food fare.

#### → Zug (30min)

Meander through the picturesque narrow streets of the Old Town and enjoy contemporary art across the city.

#### → Zurich (35min)

With more than 50 museums in Zurich, take a deep dive into the country's history, culture and even learn about the story of money.

Zurich (41min)

→ Basel (54min)

rosekiechli and fastenwähe.

Lake Zurich.

One of the best ways to taste the region's

produce is by visiting the wineries around

Famous for its sweet treats, must-try's

include läckerli, magenbrot, mässmögge,

### **Gastronomy**

#### Geneva

As the base for many global organisations like the UN and WHO, Geneva bursts with international and local specialities.

#### → Vevey (1h06)

The UNESCO listed terraced vineyard offer some of the country's most magical foodie moments overlooking the glistening Lake Geneva.

#### → Gruyeres (1h31)

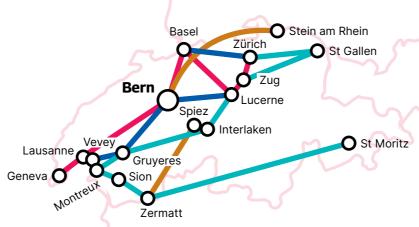
A picturesque medieval town with a caslte, Gruyeres is best known for its fine cheese and chocolate.

#### → Bern (1h50)

Birthplace of the world famous Toblerone chocolate, local specialities include the Berne Platte, Berner rösti and Tête de

#### → Lucerne (1h)

From myriad chocolate, cheese and wine experiences, join food tours to taste the different offerings around Lake Lucerne.



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# **Scenery & Outdoors**

### Zurich

From the city, enjoy day excursions to the Rhine Falls and Maienfeld, where the children's classic Heidi was set.

#### → St Gallen (1h13)

Visit the UNIESCO listed Abbey of St Gall and jump on the senic Voralpen Express.

#### → Lucerne

Explore surrounding mountains including Rigi, Titlis, and Pilatus for glorious views of the region.

#### Interlaken (1h50)

Enjoy spectacular scenery onboard the Lucerne-Interlaken Express before exploring the adventure capital of Switerland.

#### Montreux (3h15)

The magnificent Golden Pass Express will bring you into the city that Freddie Mercury and Charlie Chaplin once resided.

#### → Zermatt (2h44)

Home of the Matterhorn, views from every corner of Zermatt is nothing short of jaw-dropping.

#### → St Moritz (7h45)

Luxuriate onboard the Glacier Express

and enjoy some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world.

# Fairytale Switzerland

#### Stein am Rhein

On the shores of Lake Constanz, be in awe of its well-preserved Old Town where painted facades and half-timbered houses.

#### → Bern (2h37)

Go on a cycling tour to discover parks and quaint neighbourhoods around the city.

#### → Lucerne (1h)

Embark on river cruises to explore charming towns dotted all around the magnificent lake.

#### → Spiez (2h20 via Interlaken)

Located on Lake Thun, visit the castle, park and church for the best views and a slice of history.

#### → Zermatt (2h)

Famous for its unmissable and incredibly photogenic pyramid peak that is the Matterhorn, Zermatt is a car-free village filled with traditional Swiss chalets giving the town a whimsical picture-book feel.

#### → Sion (1h43)

Famous for its cathedral and high towers

of of Castles Tourbillon and Valeria. visiting the surrounding vineyards are a must.

#### → Montreux (42min)

Gateway to the Lavaux vineyards, Chillon Castle and the Charlie Chaplin museum, cruise the lake to enjoy stunning views.

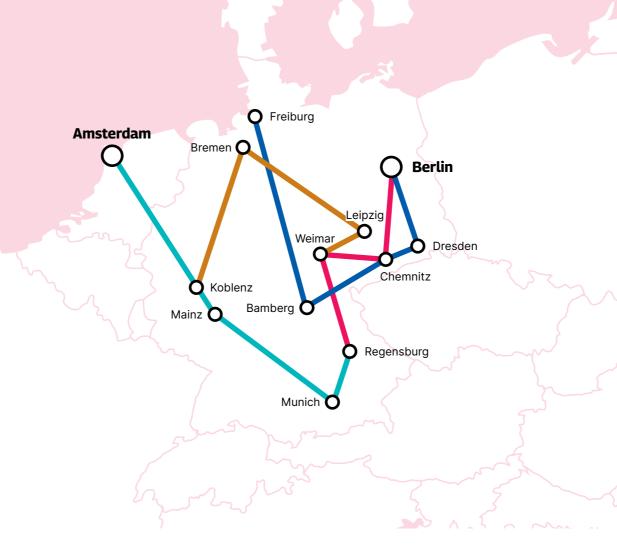


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# GERMANY & BENELUX

# 4 days

The land of castles, cars, craft beer, elaborate Christmas markets and vibrant nightlife, Germany is a fantastic and harmonious mix of all things historic, artistic, technology and contemporary. Every region has its tales, local specialities and well-preserved cultural traditions that locals are only to proud to share.



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# History, Art & Culture

#### Berlin

A Mecca for urban art, explore the sites of historical importance, where significant development transformed it into a city of diversity today.

#### → Chemnitz (2h38)

A 2025 European Captial of Culture, climb the High Tower of the Old Town Hall to enjoy views of the market square and the city's rooftops.

#### → Weimar (3h07)

Once home to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Friedrich von Schiller, mustvisits include the 10 UNESCO listed buildings from the Classical Weimar period.

#### → Regensburg (3h20)

UNESCO listed with a 2000 year history, the city's medieval architecture are considered to be some of the best-preserved from the Middle Ages.

### **Gastronomy**

#### Berlin

While the Berliner Weisse is the most popular beer here, Berlin's craft and micro brewery scene is huge. Try BRLO Brwhouse, Brew Dog and *Biergarten Golgatha*.

#### → Dresden (2h07)

Gateway to the famous Saxony wine region, check out Schloss Wackerbarth for their exclusive *goldriesling*.

#### → Bamberg (3h05)

Explore the UNESCO listed medieval town centre and try local specialities including their famous smoked beer among the 50 varieties, and *hörnla*.

#### → Freiburg (5h20)

A lesser-known foodie capital bursting with multi-generational microbreweries, local delights include the traditonal Black Forest Cake and *flädlesuppe*. Also visit Baden's famous vineyards nearby.

### **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Amsterdam

From the pretty canal city, enjoy the thoroughly scencic journey through the UNESCO listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley lined with castles, vineyards and rock formations enroute to Mainz.

#### Mainz (4h50)

Known for its Roman heritage, Old Town with half-timbered houses and medieval market squares, enjoy the many cycleways and hiking trails that hero the city's lush features.

#### → Munich (3h30)

After indulging in miles of beautiful scenic views from Mainz, once in Munich, visit sights like Schloss Nymphenburg, Alte Pinakothek and Viktualienmarkt.

#### → Berlin (4h)

Soak up stunning views of the German countryside and charming towns enroute before exploring the exceptional range of landmarks and green spaces of lively Berlin.

# **Vibrant Germany**

#### Munich

A diverse and culturally rich city steeped in history, delight in some of the best beer gardens in the world and explore the trendy neighbourhoods.

#### → Leipzig (3h15)

A youthful university town where traditions meet modernity and progress, explore the bustling streets and the city's artistic flair.

#### → Bremen (4h08)

A beautiful, historic town on the Weser River, Bremen bursts with art and cultural events, and prides itself on its innovative and entrepreneurial spirit.

#### → Koblenz (4h30)

Surrounded by spectacular vineyards and greenery, Koblenz was reinvigorated in 2013 with modern architecture, and the city continues to progress in its art and culture scene.



# GERMANY & BENELUX

# 7 days

**Travel tip:** Take advantage of freebies and discounts with city passes; and always carry some loose change, as credit cards are not always accepted.

# **History, Art & Culture**

#### Brussels

Stroll through the cobbled streets of Old Town and marvel at its remarkable 17th-century architecture and its UNESCO listed Grand-Place before visiting Ghent, Bruges and Antwerpen nearby.

#### → Amsterdam (1h52)

The home of Anne Frank, Amsterdam also houses some of the world's most treasured art, including best-known pieces by Rembrandt, Mondrian and Van Gogh among others.

#### Osnabruck (2h52)

Away from the crowds, discover Osnabrück's Old Town full of remarkable buildings, gabled houses, and boutiques in cute alleys.

#### → Koblenz (3h10)

Surrounded by vineyards, forests and mountain ranges, visit the 40+ castles and fortresses that line the UNESCO stretch of river to Bingen.

#### → Heidelberg (1h46)

Home to a 700yo castle and the oldest university in Germany, discover why Heidelberg has attracted intellectuals over the centuries.

#### → Augsburg (2h27)

The 2nd oldest city in Germany, get an appreciation for the city's very wealthy past while enjoying its superb architecture and rich culture. → Mosel (4h45)

Bettseichersalat.

Nuremberg (3h13)

Konstanz (5h30)

→ Freiburg (2h45)

and Ganter.

The most famous of Germany's 13

official wine regions known for its

Riesling pudding debbekoche, and

Riesling, delight also in their tresterfleish,

An important city for brewing beer and

you'll learn how bratwurst got its name

famous for its red beer, this is where

and why their gingerbread is special.

A medieval city on the shores of Lake

dishes such as flammkuchen, spätzle,

maultaschen and Fischbrötchen, washed

down with regional wines and craft beer.

Best known for its breweries, enjoy the

Martinsbräu, Feierling, Kastaniengarten

best local drops through the likes of

Constance, indulge in traditional

#### → Regensburg (2h27)

A UNESCO listed medieval Bavarian city on the Danube River, the city doubles as an open-air museum lined with vibrant streetlife and boutique.

### **Gastronomy**

#### Cologne

Known for its Kolsch Beer and unique Brauhaus cuisne, local specialities include *Rheinischer Sauerbraten*, *Schweinshaxe*, and *Himmel un Äd*.

#### → Bremen (3h)

Beneath its town hall is the UNESCO listed Ratskeller Bremen and its 600yo history and the world's largest selection of exclusively German wines.

#### → Kassel (3h30)

Enjoy centuries-old Hessian cuisine popular for its sour tastes, including wines, sauerkraut and their famous apfelwein.



# Scenery & Outdoors

#### Luxembourg

Marvel at the scenic swathe of the Grand Duchy and Belgian country as you travel towards the magnificent and grand Antwerpen Centraal to explore the medieval port city.

#### Antwerp (4h)

Enjoy short excursions to neighbouring Ghent and Bruges before embarking on the next scenic train journey to Cologne.

#### → Cologne (3h21)

From cycling tours to panoramic city cruises along the Rhine, choose from the many options available to enjoy the best of the city's landscape and lush surrounds.

#### Konstanz (6h)

Arrive at this lakeside relaxed after travelling through two of Germany's most scenic routes in the Upper Rhine region and the Black Forest.

#### → Nuremberg (4h13)

One of the most beautiful fairytale-like cities in Germany, take in the scenery along the Pegnitz River and across its many small bridges.

#### → Bremen (5h12)

The best way to appreciate the city's beauty is via cycling and walking, and taking part in watersports at one of the city's many lakes and the Weser River.

#### Amsterdam (4h05)

Take in the sheer beauty that is afforded by the 100km of canals, 90 islands and 1,500+ bridges in this artistically rich city.

# **Vibrant Germany**

#### Munich

Some of the quirky neighbourhoods worth exploring include the artistic Maxvorstadt, bohemian Schwabing, the hip Glockenbachviertel and the Westend.

#### → Stuttgart (2h)

Known for its automobile history, the best way to experience this city is through the neighbourhoods like the dynamic Heslach, historic Bad Cansstatt and multicultural Möhringen.

#### → Nuremberg (2h24)

On one side, there's the well-preserved history, and on the other, there's a youthful vibe running through the city, putting on comedy shows, festivals and modern cuisine.

#### → Hamburg (7h night train)

Famous for its architecture, beautiful landscape and traditional cuisine, Hamburg is a city of art, noise and lively street culture.

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#### → Berlin (1h46)

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Vibrant Germany

A melting pot of cultures, Berlin offers a thriving art scene, bustling nightlife and colourful neighbourhoods including Treptower and Friedrichshain.

#### → Dresden (2h14)

Enjoy the lively vibe and colourful mix of well restored buildings, traditional pubs, elegant cocktail bars and highend boutiques.

#### → Leipzig (1h14)

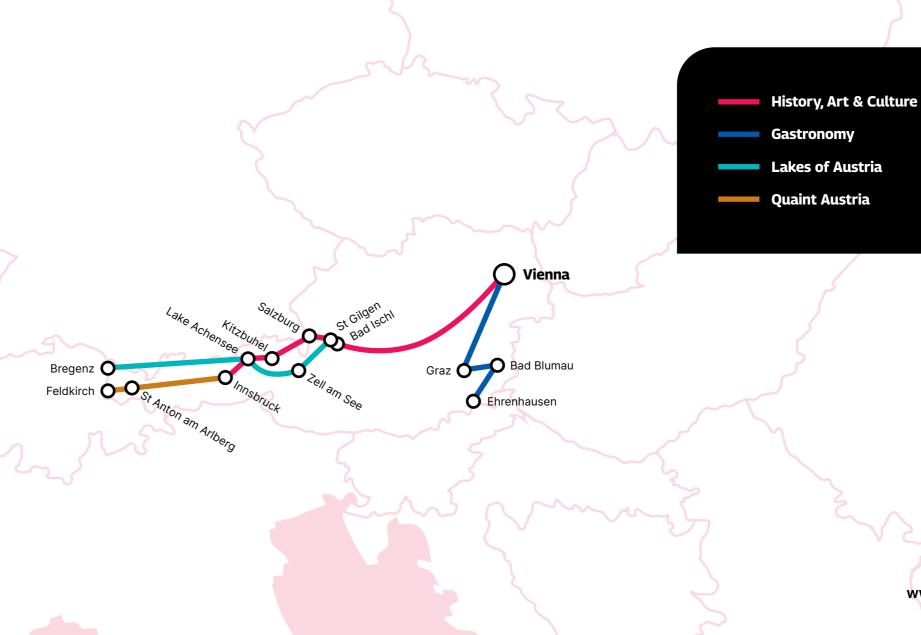
Referred to as the 'new Berlin', Leipzig is a captivating contrast between its rich literary and musical history, and the hip, new creative vibe.

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from Amsterdam or
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an ÖBB train to connect
with Central Europe.

# **AUSTRIA**

4 days

Where music, art and elegance meet spectacular alpine landscape, glassy lakes and boutique vineyards, Austria is like an enchanting storybook with pages you never want to stop flipping. Discover this country full of visual gems and delectable cuisine.







# History, Art & Culture

#### Innsbruck

Home of Swarovski, other must visits include the Imperial Palace, Ambras Castle and the city's cable rides for sweeping views.

#### → Salzburg (1h48)

The city of the 'Sound of Music', enjoy stunning medieval and baroque buildings in the UNESCO listed historic city centre.

#### → Bad Ischl (1h51)

A European Capital of Culture in 2024, the city's architectural wonders reflect its rich history and Alpine lifestyle.

#### → Vienna (3h12)

Thanks to the likes of Mozart, Beethoven, Klimt and Freud, this imperial city is incredibly rich historically, artistically and culturally.

# **Gastronomy**

#### Vienna

The only city in the world to have a cuisine named after it, must tries include the Wiener Schnitzel, Sachertorte, Tafelspitz, Apfelstrudel and Kaiserschmarren.

#### → Graz (2h39)

Capital of Styria and foodie heaven of Austria, indulge in local delights including their crisp wine, smoked meats, woodfire baked breads and pumpkin-seed oil.

#### → Bad Blumau (1h47)

Taste your way through the surrounding vineyards and relax at the thermal spa designed by Friedensreich Hundertwasser with the highest mineralised water in the region.

#### → Ehrenhausen (37min)

Embark on an enchanting and epic tasting round journey on the 55km long South Styrian Wine Road to Leutschach.

### **Lakes of Austria**

#### Bregenz

Located on the shores of Lake Constance, enjoy pristine lakeside beaches, cycling routes, boat trips and the Pfänderbahn cable car.

#### Lake Achensee (3h)

Tirol's largest lake nestled between two mountains, this is a great place for year-round adventure activities including hiking and skiing in the Karwendel mountains.

#### → Zell am See (2h36)

The glacier with year-round snow and skiing, mountains and lake offer some breathtaking scenery and opportunities for adrenaline inducing activities.

#### → St. Gilgen (3h)

Gateway to Lake Wolfgangsee, hop on a boat to visit St. Wolfgang village and ride the 130yo cogwheel up Schafberg for a breathtaking views of seven lakes.

### **Quaint Autria**

#### Salzburg

Where time permits, surrounding green neighbourhoods like Anthering, Eugendorf and Wals are worth a visit.

#### → Kitzbuhel (2h11)

The perfect setting for the Alpine Flower Garden in summer and access to Austria's top ski resorts in winter.

#### → St Anton am Arlberg (2h24)

Considered one of the world's top skiing resorts, St Anton offers serene hiking trails in summer.

#### → Feldkirch (45min)

Enjoy cobblestone streets lined with pastel coloured townhouses surrounded by mountains and vineyards.



# **AUSTRIA**

# 7 days

**Travel tip:** Grab the city cards when in Vienna, Salzburg and Innsbruck to enjoy discounts and free entry to key city attractions.

# **History, Art & Culture**

#### Vienna

From the Imperial Palace, Mozarthaus, and the Staatsoper, other must-sees include the Schönbrunn and Belvedere Palaces and St Stephens Cathedral.

#### → Linz (1h15)

Home to a vibrant art and music scene, the city's harbour is also one of Europe's biggest graffiti galleries.

#### → Bad Ischl (1h44)

A whimsical spa town and gateway to the Alpine lakes and mountains of the culturally rich Salzkammergut region.

#### → Salzburg (1h51)

Birthtown of Mozart, and with a UNESCO listed Old Town, the city bursts with churches, castles and palaces.

#### → Hallein (24min)

Home to one of the oldest salt mines in the world, the medieval town of Hallein has an interesting Celtic past.

#### → Innsbruck (2h38)

This skiing Mecca which hosted the Winter Olympic Games twice is also rich in the art, literature and museum scene.

#### → Bregenz (2h30)

Once strongly fortified, you'll still see archaeological remains and city walls from the Middle Ages.

#### Gastronomy

#### Bregenz

With 107 cheese producers in the Bregenzerwald region, embark on the scenic cheese trail to taste the region's best produce.

#### → Innsbruck (2h30)

Typical Tyrolian dishes to try include Speckknödel, Tiroler Gröstl, Käsespätzle, Apfel Knödel and Apfelradln.

#### → Salzburg (1h48)

The pioneer of organic farming, Salzburgerland is where traditional cuisine meets creativity.

#### → Gmunden (1h33)

Discover Salzkammergut's culinary tradition of fish cuisine including the smoky and hearty Steckerlfisch and the "tiny fish, huge taste" Stanglfisch around Lake Traunsee.

#### → Linz (52min)

Taste the diverse and traditional local delights with the city's carefully curated Appetiser Pass.

#### → Graz (3h08)

Bregenz

Austria's 2nd largest city and a foodie's paradise, its Old Town is a pretty UNESCO world heritage site.

#### → Bad Blumau (2h)

Surrounded by vineyards and pumpkin fields, indulge in local specialities before relaxing in the healing waters of this thermal bath of this former volcanic region.



# Lakes of Austria

#### Vienna

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Some of the best views of Vienna and its surrounds can be enjoyed at Cobenzl, the Danube Tower, Kahlenberg, and Gloriette.

Graz

#### Neusiedl am See (49min)

A charming town located on the shores of Lake Neusiedlersee in Burgenland, surrouned by a national park, this is a must-visit for bird watchers.

#### → Attersee (5h51)

Experience Austria's largest lake which inspired many of Klimt's nature drawings.

#### → Neumarkt Am Wallersee (1h19)

Gateway to two of the warmest lakes in the region, visits to Wallersee and Mattsee are highly recommended.

#### → Zell am See (2h38)

Enjoy year-round snow on the Kitzsteinhorn glacier and water sport activities in the summer surrounded by incredible beauty.

#### Achensee (2h07)

The largest lake in Tirol, soak up the pristine scenery while embarking on adventurous activities.

#### → Bregenz (3h)

Vienna

Neusieal am See

Located on Central Europe's 3rd largest lake, Lake Constance, enjoy lakeside living at its best.

### **Quaint Austria**

#### Kufstein

Only 35 mins away from Innsbruck, the medieval Kufstein and its towering fortress will transport you back in time.

#### → Badgastein (3h34)

Relax in this boutique spa and ski town dotted with Belle Epoque architecure and artisanal shops throughout.

#### → Launsdorf (3h19)

Perched atop a cliff, the Hochosterwitz Castle is one of Austria's most impressive architectural wonders Burgenland.

#### → Deutschlandsberg (4h11)

A perfect base for mountain excursions, the 12th century Deutschlandsberg castle surrounded by vineyards is a must-place to stay.

#### → Graz (41min)

With a stunning baroque palace and one of the best-preserved Old Towns in Central Europe, tenjoy the views from Schlossberg mountain.

#### → Eisenstadt (3h)

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**Quaint Austria** 

The provincial capital of Burgenland, take in the beauty of the 17th century Baroque Esterházy Palace, Haydn Church and the Palace Park.

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#### → Vienna (1h06)

Stroll through quaint streets in the authentic local neighbourhoods of Karmelitermarkt, Spittelberg and Servitenviertel.



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### **Scandinavia**

#### Copenhagen

Apart from castles and gardens, check out some vibrant neighbourhoods such as Christianshavn and Vesterbro.

#### → Odense (1h11)

The birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen, explore the city sights that inspired his writings.

#### → Malmö (1h51)

Must-sees include the castle and Lilla Torg, a cobblestone square in the Old Town brimming with cafes, half-timbered houses and boutiques.

#### → Gothenburg (3h08)

Known for Volvo and for being a smart city, you can still step back in time on the cobblestone streets of Haga.

#### Stockholm (3h02)

Stroll from island to island enjoying the picturesque historical streets, palaces, museums and waterfront setting.

#### → Oslo (5h07)

A compact and walkable city full of art, musuems and parks, see all the top sights in just 10,000 steps.

#### → Bergen (7h)

Surrounded by majestic fjords, if possible, travel on board the Flam railway (30% off with the Eurail Pass) for an unforgettable experience.

#### **Greece & Islands**

#### Thessanoliki

Greece's 2nd largest city and vibrant student town is surrounded by wineries, ancient sites and great food.

#### → Larissa (1h35)

Explore historical sites, temples, palaces, gardens, ancient theatres and more in this city that is often overshadowed by the bigger cities.

#### → Athens (3h23)

One of the oldest cities in the world and the birthplace of democracy, the city bursts with historical sites and incredible architecture.

#### → Mykonos (2h30)

Enjoy the the island's many alleyways, beautiful beaces, picturesque villages and vibrant nightlife.

#### → Sifnos (2h30)

An under-the-radar island in the Cyclades, Sifnoss is a small and mountainous island offering some of the best foods, hikes around.

#### → Santorini (4h)

Best known for its romantic landscapes, caldera and volcanic beaches, Santorini is one of the most popular islands in the Cyclades.

#### → Kos (5h35)

Enjoy the island's pristine sandy beaches, vibrant nightlife and historical sites including the Ancient Agora and the Venetian castle.



# **History & Architecture**

#### Budapest

Renowned for its elegant architecture, thermal baths and rich cuisine, enjoy this illustrious capital that's rich in history, culture and natural beauty.

#### Bratislava (2h25)

Often overlooked by its more famous neighoubouring cities, Bratislava Old Town, historical attractions including its Castle are well worth the visit.

#### → Prague (4h16)

The historical capital of Bohemia, Prague bursts with Romanesque chapels, Gothic cathedrals, Baroque palaces, Art Nouveau architecture and beautiful bridges.

#### Krakow (7h09 night train)

Best known for its grand historic architecture the UNESCO listed Old Town is home to thousands of historic sites and and 2mil+ of artwork.

#### → Warsaw (2h14)

Along with all things Chopin, enjoy the grand palaces and parks along the Royal Route and Jewish heritage museums.

#### → Poznan (2h29)

A great place for history buffs, Poznan holds centuries of history and the best place to start is at the Museum of the History of Poznan.

#### → Gdańsk (3h03)

Embark on the "Royal Route" (a tourist pathway carved into the city) to visit the best historical sites, before visiting the Teutonic Castle of Malbork, the largest brick castle in the world.

### **Gastronomy**

#### Szeged

A foodie haven, the student town of Szeged boasts a rich cultural heritage. Must tries include their famous fish soup and pastries.

#### → Budapest (2h25)

Apart from the famous Hungarian goulash, other local specialties include paprika chicken, *kolbász*, *dobos*, *torta*, *lángos* and *pálinka*.

#### → Prague (7h25 night train)

From Czech beers to hearty traditional meals inlcuding beef goulash, pork knuckle, fruit dumplings, and more, meat eaters will especially enjoy the cuisine here.

#### → Wroklaw (5h10)

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Apart from *pierogi*, local favourites include all sorts of soups like *Żurek*, *grochówka* and *flaki*.

#### → Zielona Góra (2h)

Gateway to the best Poland's winemaking region, embark on the Lubuski Wine and Honey Trail to taste the regions best produce.

#### → Gdańsk (5h)

Famous for traditional Polish fare, indulge in their pork knuckle, roasted long-tailed duck, dumplings, and notable apple pie.

#### → Warsaw (2h28)

Local specialities include *pyzy* potato dumplings, marinated herring, a variety of soups, cabbage rolls and their signature *wuzetka* cake.



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# **History, Art & Culture**

#### Berlin

Historical sites to visit include the Brandenburg Gate Museum, the Berlin Wall Trail, the Topography of Terror and the UNESCO listed Modernism Housing Estates.

#### → Bremen (3h)

The rich and glorious past of the city is reflected in its many grand buildings including its impressive town hall, monuments, palaces and parks.

#### → Amsterdam (4h20)

Once Europe's most important shipping hub, the city of canals is home to some of the world's most treasured artworks by Rembrandt, Mondrian, Van Gogh and many others.

#### → Bruges (3h15)

With the city's medieval architecture mostly intact, Bruges is home to one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe. The city's historical centre is also UNESCO listed.

#### → Paris (3h)

Beautiful historical sites populate the cityscape including Les Invalides, the Notre Dame Cathedral, Sainte Chapelle, The Pantheon, Arc de Triomphe, La Conciergerie and more.

#### → London (2h20)

From Buckingham Palace, St Pauls Cathedral and the Tower of London to the Modern Tate and Westend theatres, London is equal parts elegant and artistic.

#### → Edinburgh (4h30)

Famous for its literary heritage, historic cobbled streets and striking architecture, this is also home to the world-famous Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

### **Gastronomy**

#### Bordeaux

World-renowned for its wine, other local delicacies include *magret de canard*, entrecôte bordelaise and the cannelé.

#### San Sebastian (3h20)

A resort town in Spain's Basque Country, typical local dishes incude *foie gras*, salt cod, *txuleta* and *kokotxas*.

#### → Zaragoza (4h)

Apart from their cured meats, the city is also known for ternasco, bacalao ajoarriero and chicken chilindrón.

#### → Barcelona (1h30)

The most popular street food in Barcelona include *patatas bravas*, *croquetas*, *empanadas* and *bocadillo*.

#### → Marseille (5h)

With a big focus on stews, must-try's include the *boullabaise*, *pistou*, and *pieds* paquets.

#### → Lyon (1h42)

A geographic hub for agricultural produce, spoil your tastebuds dining at the many bouchons and Michelin starred restaurants across the region.

#### → Lavaux (2h)

Savour some of the best Swiss wines and cuisine in this magical part of the country overlooking Lake Geneva.



# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Salzburg

Famous for Mozart and the Sound of Music, this baroque city is filled with gems including the Catacombs carved into a mountainside.

#### → Zurich (5h25)

This is a great base to visit other cities inlcuding zug, Lucerne, the Rhine Falls and Winterthur.

#### → Paris (4h18)

Some of the most beautiful neighbourhoods in Paris include Montmartre, Le Marias, Belleville and Saint-Germain-des-Prés.

#### Holyhead (3h46)

Before embarking on the ferry to Dublin, it's worth spending time exploring the historic sites and natural beauty of Holyhead.

#### → Dublin (3h15 by ferry)

Not far from Dublin city are national parks including Wicklow (film location for P.S. I Love You and Vikings among others) and Portmanock.

#### → Galway (2h25)

Enjoy the incredibly scenic train ride from Dublin before exploring this quaint seaside city located along the incredibly rugged and scenic Wild Atlantic Way.

# **Enchanting Europe**

#### Berlin

Soak up all things new and old including grand palaces, exquisite museums, manicured gardens and the energetic nightlife.

#### → Prague (4h14)

Also known as the 'City of a Hundred Spires', wander along the city's cobbled streets and enjoy historical sites and vistas.

#### → Vienna (4h)

An elegant city that offers a blend of imperial traditions, music, and charm, attend the opera for an unfortgettable experience.

#### → Zagreb (6h25 night train)

Be pleasantly surprised by the city's vibrant outdoor lifestyle, rich art, quirky museums and lush surrounds.

#### → Ljubljana (2h15)

Ranked one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and just over an hour from Lake Bled, the capital of Slovenia is one of the greenest historical cities in Europe.

#### Munich (7h37 night train)

The capital of Bavaria, the city captivates with its unique blend of history, cultural treasures and modern quirks.

#### → Zurich (3h33)

A thoroughly modern city, Zurich is a great base for visiting neighbouring quaint towns and villages inlcuding Zug, Rapperswil, Winterthur, Appenzel and Einsiedeln.



# 7 days

#### Need to know: Flexi Pass

A flexi pass grants you unlimited travel on a set number of days within the overall validity period of that rail pass, which means you have the flexibility to choose your travel days.



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#### Barcelona

Rich in beautiful architecture, art, history and fashion, some of the must-sees apart from Gaudi's masterpieces include the Picasso Museum and the Dali Theater Museum.

#### → Paris (5h15)

In addition to all the usual suspects within the City of Light, Versailles, Caen and Rennes make great excursions for history and art buffs.

#### → Heidelberg (3h33)

Discover this city's ensemble of river, university Old Town, and a 700yo castle that has inpired many poets and artists of romanticism.

#### → Salzburg (4h46)

Birthtown of Mozart, top attractions in the City of Music include it's UNESCO listed Old Town, Mirabell Palace and Gardens, Hohensalzburg Fortress and the Salzburg Cathedral.

#### → Venice (5h52 night train)

For a different side to Venice, a visit to some of its other colourful islands including Burano, Murano and Torcello shoud not be missed.

#### → Rome (4h)

Take time visiting ancient ruins including the Colosseum, Pantheon, the Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and others peppered throughout the city.

#### → Monaco (7h37)

Enjoy the colourful coastal views enroute from Rome before exploring the Old Town and world-class musuems.

### **Gastronomy**

#### London

Home to many craft beer breweries and gin distilleries, beverage tasting here can only be made more exciting with the diverse international food options on offer.

#### → Épernay (5h22)

Home to Moët & Chandon, Épernay is a quaint boutique champagne town and a much more laid back option to Reims.

#### → Luxembourg (2h30)

Famous for its Riesling, the boutique Grand Duchy is home to more than 400 winegrowers.

#### → Strasbourg (1h30)

Enjoy the popular white wine varieties of the Alsace region including Riesling, Pinot Grit, Pinot Blanc and Gewurztraminer.

#### → Lavaux (5h)

Accesed via Vevey, the magnificent UNESCO listed terraced vineyards on the shores of Lake Geneva are best known for their Chasselas.

#### → Milan (3h)

Access the Lombardy wine area via Milan and enjoy their famed Franciacota sparkling wine and red Valtellina.

#### → Florence (1h54)

Gateway to the enchanting Tuscany region famous for its Chianti, enjoy food and wine tours while meandering through the iconic countryside.



# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Zurich

From the alpine scenery of Switzerland, embark on a thoroughly pnoramic journey via the Black Forest and Rhine Valley to Cologne.

#### → Cologne (6h)

After visiting the Old Town and manicured botanical garden, enjoy more scenes of rolling hills, forests and rivers enroute to Hamburg.

#### → Hamburg (4h)

Wrapped around Lake Alster, Hamburg's city centre is where you'll find countless architectural gems and beautiful art musuems.

#### Copenhagen (4h37)

A capital of cool, unmissable attractions include Nyhavn, Tivoli Gardens, The Royal Palace and Freetown Christiania.

#### Gothenburg (3h50)

From the scenic train ride coming in, take it slow in this smart city of Dutch-style canals and leafy boulevards.

#### → Oslo (3h52)

Marvel at the impressive scenery between the two cities before enjoying sights like the Royal Palace, Akershus Festning and Aker Brygge.

#### → Bergen (7h)

One of the most scenic train rides in the world, the Flam Railway (30% off with the Eurail Pass) offers some of the most jaw-dropping views of Norway's fjord landscapes.

# **Enchanting Europe**

#### Edinburgh

From castles and whisky to picturesque streets featured in box office hits, Edinburgh oozes charm and beauty in every way. Visit Circus Lane, Belford Mes and Victori Street for some scenic strolls.

#### → London (4h18)

Add to your London itinerary short excursions to Cambridge, Richmond, Stratford-upon-Avon and Bath for some more idyllic scenery and history.

#### → Paris (2h16)

The beauty of Paris extends to its charming neighbourhoods of Versailles, Chevreuse, Provins and Milly-la-forêt.

#### → Geneva (3h11)

Access picture-perfect Switzerland from Geneva via the many panoramic trains including the GoldenPass, Lucern-Interlaken and Bernina Expresses and many others.

#### → Verona (5h49)

A quaint medieval town famous as the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet", the number of antiquities in this city has it dubbed Little Rome.

#### → Salzburg (7h51 night train)

Famous as the setting for 'The Sound of Music', the birthplace of Mozart boasts beautiful Baroque architecture and rich music history.

#### → Bratislava (3h37)

Located along the River Danube and known for its romantic terraces in the historical center and street art, must visits include the Old Town, Bratislava and Devin Castles, and the UFO Observation Deck.



# 15 days

#### **Need to know: Consecutive Pass**

A Consecutive Pass is valid for unlimited train travel during the entire duration of the pass' validity period, which equates to the number of travel days. This pass is most suitable if you are exploring different cities by train each day.



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#### Belfast

Best known for Titanic and CS Lewis, discover the storied history of Belfast's street art that decorate the city.

#### → Dublin (2h05)

With a long literary tradition, explore Dublin's historical landmarks, street art, and elements dating back to the Viking age.

#### → Liverpool (6h)

Discover this UNESCO listed city's thriving art scene having already a long tradition in music producing world famous bands such as The Beatles.

#### → London (2h20)

The city boats an incredible mix of historical sites, museums, art galleries and monuments, arty neighbourhoods include Camden, Clerkenwell and South

#### → Amsterdam (4h)

With a rich history of artistic and cultural expression dating back to the Golden Age, and once home to Rembrandt, explore the many museums that dot the city.

#### + Hanover (4h)

A UNESCO city of music and the place of origin of the British Royal family, history and art buffs will enjoy this quaint and picturesqe city where time seems to have stood still.

#### → Prague (6h)

Romantic, artistic and historically rich, Prague's allure is in its many Romanesque, Baroque, Gothic and Art Nouveau architecture.

#### → Krakow (7h)

Arrive after a thoroughly scenic journey through the Tichá Orlice river valley from Choceň to Česká Třebová.

#### → Bratislava (6h night train)

Boasting a rich art and cultural heritage, stroll the charming streets overflowing with historical monuments and visit galleries filled with some of the world's most important art work.

#### → Budapest (2h23)

The city's long history as an art hub has given rise to its burgeoning street art scene especially in the Jewish Quarter.

#### → Graz (4h44)

See why its medieval centre, hidden courtyards, architecture and modernity has earned its title as a UNESCO City of Design.

#### → Zagreb

Steeped in history and bustling with art, Zagreb is a living musuem that is surrounded by postcard-perfect medieval villages and mountains.

#### → Ljubljana (2h15)

One of the most environmentally friendly cities in Europe, enjoy its vibrant cultural scene, museums, galleries, theaters, and music venues.

#### → Venice (6h41)

One of the world's oldest tourist and cultural centres, the Accademia in the Dorsoduro district is home to some of the city's most prestigious works of art.

#### → Rome (4h)

Home to some of the most impressive monuments surviving from the Roman empire, history buffs will enjoy visiting various sites including the Colosseum, Pantheon, Catacombs and others.



### Gastronomy

#### Leipzig

Gateway to the Saxony wine region including Dresden, Mosel and Chemintz, this vibrant student city offers a rich mix of culinary delights.

#### → Nuremberg (3h14)

Explore the Northern Bavarian region of Franconia, tasting its craft brews including the local red beer and Schanzenbraü.

#### Strasbourg (4h36)

Indulge in the region's specialty wines and cheeses, while taking in the incredibly picturesque city and its distinct architecure.

#### → Dijon (2h27)

Home of the Dijon mustard, enjoy local Burgundy wines and some of most impressive food markets in France.

#### → Lyon (2h)

The food capital of France and UNESCO listed, Lyon offers some of the best and most diverse flavours in the country from street style to Michelin rated.

#### → Turin (5h)

Known for its *gianduia* chocolate, the region also specialises in rich *risotto* and *polenta* dishes.

#### → Bologna (2h04)

You can't leave Bologna without trying their world-famous exports of meaty bolognese pastas, *Parmesan* cheese and traditional balsamic vinegar.

#### → Siena (3h)

Best known for its dreamy Tuscan scenery and *Chianti* wine, local delights include *pici pasta*, *ribollita* stew and the *panforte* cake.

#### → Genoa (4h44)

Best known for its pesto, this region of Italy also specializes in stuffed pastas and great street food.

#### → Marseille (6h)

The essence of this region can be summed up in their delicions signature bouillabaisse, panisse, poutargue and chichi frégi.

#### → Barcelona (4h34)

Dating back to medieval times, local favourites include *paella*, *jamon Iberico*, *gazpacho* and *patatas bravas*.

#### → Logroño (4h07)

From tastings in the historic wineries and cellars, Calle Laurel is also a must visit for the region's best street food.

### → San Sebastian (4h)

A foodie capital best known for its authentic Iberian hams, *pintxos* and more, the best way to taste local favourites is via some local food tours.

#### → Bordeaux (4h12)

Enjoy great views of the city while indulging in local flavours from the likes of Cafe du Port and Le Bistro du Musee.

#### → Reims (4h25)

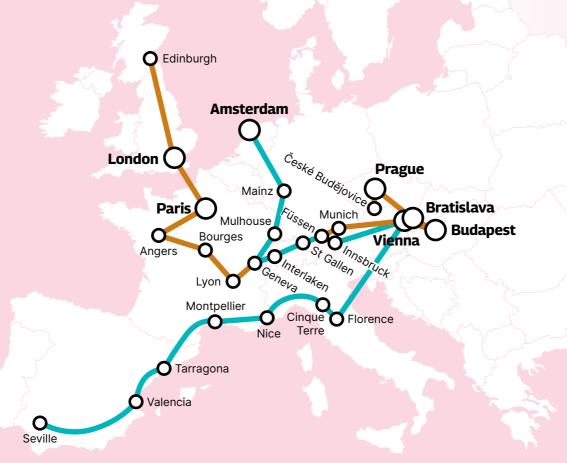
Delight in visits to world-famous cellar doors including Bollinger, Taittinger, Veuve Clicquot, Pommery, and Mumm.



# 15 days

### Need to know: Travel day

A travel day on a rail pass is a 24-hour period from midnight to midnight, during which you can take as many train journeys as you desire. Since rail passes use calendar days, journeys within 24-hours of each other that take place on different days will count as two travel days.





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# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Amsterdam

After exploring Amsterdam's elaborate canal system and artistic heritage, marvel at beautiful scenery of castles and vineyards along the UNESCO listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

#### → Mainz (4h50)

A vibrant university town boasting a beautiful Old Town with half-timbered houses, be sure to also visit the many scenic settlements along the Rhine River.

#### Mulhouse (3h)

A cultural melting pot of history, art and gastronomy Mulhouse boasts historic and modern architecture surrounded by mountains and sprawling vineyards.

#### → Geneva (4h)

The best way to take in the beauty of the region and visit local attractions including Lavaux, Montreux and Chillon Castle is via a cruise on Lake Geneva.

#### Interlaken (3h30)

After arriving on board the panoramic GoldenPass Expresss, embark on hikes and cablecar rides up the many surrounding mountains.

#### → St Gallen (4h15)

From the breathtaking sceneries afforded by the Lucerne-Interlaken and Voralpen Express trains, marvelling at the incredible UNESCO listed Abbey of St Gall is a must.

#### Innsbruck (3h15)

Twice host of the Winter Olympics and home of Swarovski, soak up Innsbruck's beauty surrounded by majestic mountains and pristine nature.

#### → Vienna (4h13)

You'll no doubt be enchanted by Austria's unspoiled landscape while travelling across the country before enjoying the sheer elegant and stately capital city.

#### Florence (11h night train)

Arrive fresh on the overnight train ready to explore Florence's Rennaisance art and architectural gems including the Duomo Cathedral.

#### → Cinque Terre (2h23)

UNESCO listed, the best way to see all five of the colourful centuries-old cliffside terraced villages is slowly and on foot.

#### → Nice (5h50)

The capital of Côte d'Azur, this is a great base for day excursions to Monaco and places along the French Riviera such as Eze and Antibes.

#### Montpellier (5h30)

After enjoying a thoroughly scenic train ride hugging the coast of the French RIviera, enjoy even more beauty in the form of cathedrals and grand boulevards in Montpellier.

#### → Tarragona (4h38)

Take in even more of the beautiful coastline heading into Tarragona where you can visit sites of ancient Roman remains including the amphitheatre, praetorium and theatre.

#### → Valencia (2h40)

Further down the coast is the vibrant foodie city of Valencia, bursting with stunning architecture and unspoilt beaches.

#### → Seville (4h23)

Colourful and laid back, discover some of the most beautiful Moorish architecture, like the real Alcazar, where parts of Game of Thrones was filmed.

# **Enchanting Europe**

#### Edinburgh

Fom the old and new towns of Edinburgh, check out Portobello, one the prettiest neighbourhoods by the beach.

#### → London (4h17)

Experience the elegant lifestyles along the River Thames in Richmond, Windsor, Marlow and Oxford.

#### → Paris (2h20)

Visit some of the country's most beautiful châteaux including Versailles, Monte-Cristo and Fontainebleau.

#### → Angers (2h30)

Home to the Tapestries of the Apocalypse and stunning vineyards, the surounding châteaux are a must-see as well.

#### → Bourges (2h30)

A lesser known French destination, this incredibly pretty ancient Gallic city is one of the greenest places in France.

#### → Lyon (3h30)

Must visits include the Château de La Motte, the Renaissance houses of Old Lyon and the Hill of Fourvière.

#### Montreux (3h20)

Gateway to the thoroughly scenic UNESCO listed Lavaux vineyards, panoramic Golden Pass Express and Chillon Castle.

#### → St Gallen (4h30)

Enjoy the breathtaking journeys on board the Golden Pass and Lucerne-Interlaken, and Volrapen Express panoramic trains.

#### → Füssen (3h30)

Gateway to Neuschwanstein Castle, the castle was rumoured to have inspired Disney.

#### → Munich (2h)

From endless beergardens to interesting architecture, venture into Munich's charming small towns including Sendling and Maxvorstadt to experience the quieter sides of the region.

#### → Vienna (4h30)

Must see's include the Nymphenburg Palace, Marstallmuseum Münchner Residenz and Schloss Schleissheim.

#### → Budapest (2h31)

Take in the city's harmonious mix of Gothic, Romanesque, and Art Nouveau architecture surrounded by city parks, botanical gardens along the Danube.

#### → Bratislava (2h30)

Enjoy its romantic and compact Old Town full of colourful facades, boutiques against the backdrop of the maginificent Castle of Bratislave.

#### → Prague (4h13)

Apart from Charles Bridge, Old Town Square and the Castle, a visit to the Klementinum library will stun you.

#### → České Budějovice (1h38)

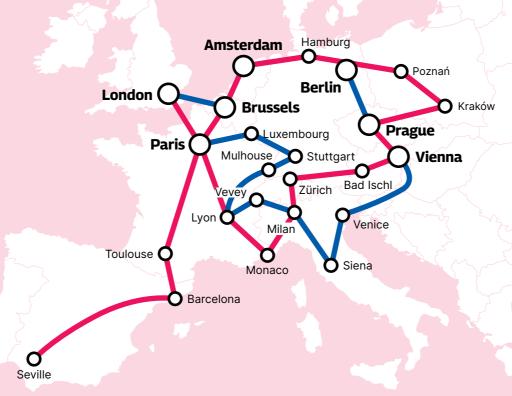
When exploring the winding streets of the Old Town, do not miss Krajinska and Panska for their sheer beauty and historical charm.



# 15 days

#### **Need to know: Seat reservations**

Seat reservations are usually required on most high-speed and inter-country connections. As such, if you're embarking on routes serviced by both high-speed and regional trains, the latter option might be more cost effective.



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#### Seville

Renowned for its flamenco, the Andalusian city is a feast for your eyes with its rich Moorish architecture including the Real Alcazar, which featured in Lawrence of Arbia and Game of Thrones.

#### Barcelona (6h)

Best known for Gaudi, Dali and Picasso, the Catalan capital is also highly regarded as an artistic capital hosting avant-garde art exhibitions.

#### → Toulouse (3h50)

Sitting on the banks of the Garonne River, some must-see's in the 'Ville Rose' include the UNESCO listed Basilique Saint-Sernin, Museum de Toulouse, Touslous Cathedral and Jardin Royal.

#### → Amsterdam (7h54 via Paris)

From Anne Frank's house to Rijksmusuem, where you can see some of the world's most important art pieces, Amsterdam is also the birthplace and home of Big Brother creator, John de Mol.

#### → Hamburg (5h15)

Boasting several UNESCO listed sites, 40 incredible museums and hip neighbourhoods, there is no shortage of art and cultural offerings in this city.

#### → Poznan (5h04)

Home of Poland's first kings, some umissable places to visit include the Imperial and Royal Castles, Old Town, the Old Market Square and the many museums that are peppered throughout the city.

#### → Krakow (5h)

Considered the cultural capital of Poland, visit the districts of Kazimierz and Podgórze for some impressive street art and murals.

#### → Prague (5h50)

Best known for its grand bridges and magnificent architecture, Prague is also full of art - in museums, galleries, residential streets, cobblestone passages and boutiques.

#### → Vienna (4h05)

Once home of so many famous composers, jump on city tours to follow the footsteps of Beethoven, Mozart, Strauss, Haydn, Brahmns and many others

#### → Bad Ischl (2h47)

A 2024 European City of Culture, discover the captivating beauty of this imperial spa town that captured the heart of Emperor Franz Joseph I.

#### → Zurich (7h30 night train)

The city's lively art and cultural scene is best experienced through the many interactive museums, art installations, galleries and gardens, and in the architectural details.

#### → Milan (4h17)

Where the old meets new, discover this fashionable city where you'll find grand cathedrals, world-class museums and edgy boutiques.

#### → Monaco (4h37)

A stunning and romantic coastal destination, visit the many museums and learn about the history of the famous Grimaldi royal family.

#### → Paris (6h13)

From the many art galleries, museums, and grand architecture, Paris appeals in every way to the culture vulture.

#### → London (2h16)

One of the world's most cosmopolitan cities in the world, must-visits include Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral and the many art museums and galleries peppered around the city.

### **Gastronomy**

#### London

Experience a superbly international food scene that is constantly evolving and where local gins and crafts beers are increasingly featuring new flavours.

#### → Brussels (2h04)

Well known for their fruity and craft beers, typical favourites include mussels and chips, grilled endive, *vol-au-vent* and *américain*.

#### → Paris (1h23)

Gateway to the champagne region of Reims and Épernay, Paris offers a great introduction to French cuisine.

#### → Luxembourg (2h49)

Best known for their Riesling, typical local dishes include *judd mat gaardebounen*, *kuddlefleck*, potato pancake and *stäerzelen* dumplings.

#### → Stuttgart (3h55)

Tantalise your tastebuds with regional Swabian favourites inlcuding *maultaschen*, *spätzle* and *zwiebelrostbraten*.

#### → Mulhouse (2h25)

Indulge in traditional Alsatian cuisine including baeckeoffe, flammekueche, choucroute, cordon bleu, and Vol-auvent.

#### → Lyon (3h16)

Home of Paul Bocuse, one of France's most celebrated chefs, Lyonnaise favourites inlcude Saint-Marcellin cheese, andouillette and quenelle.

#### → Vevey (3h34)

Gateway to the UNESCO listed Lavaux vineyards, explore the many cellar doors offering exclusive Swiss wines locals get to enjoy.

#### → Milan (4h22)

Some of the best local dishes include ossobucco, cotoletta, panetonne and risotto alla Milanese.

#### → Siena (4h16)

Sienese cuisine is strong flavoured and some must-tries include the wild boar stew, liver *crostini* and *pappardelle* with hare sauce, washed down with *Chianti* wine.

#### → Venice (4h21)

Some dishes can only be tasted in Venice and they include bigoli in salsa, risotto al nero di seppia, baccala mantecato and cicchetti.

#### → Vienna (9h17 via Graz)

Well known for its *Wiener schnitzel* and *sachertorte*, the local craft beer and wines are hugely popular as well.

#### → Prague (4h)

This is one of the best places to enjoy some warm, hearty, saucy and meaty traditional Eastern European dishes like goulash and dumplings washed down with crisp Czech beer.

#### → Berlin (4h13)

*Currywurst*, stuffed pastas, pork knuckles, all sorts of sausages, and their local beers dominate the food scene in this cosmopolitan city.



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# **Scenery & Outdoors**

#### Bergen

Capital of the fjords, travel on board the Flam railway (30% off with the Eurail Pass) for a thoroughly scenic experience to Oslo.

#### → Oslo (6h44)

Enjoy walking through this charming and compact city full of art museums, parks and cute boutiques.

#### → Gothenburg (3h47)

The best way to explore this archipelago and its hip neighbourhoods encircled by quaint fishing villages, forests and lakes is by boat and on foot.

#### Copenhagen (3h36)

From castles and gardens to the many surrounding trendy neighbourhoods, a good place to enjoythe vibe of the city is at the picturesque Nyhavn.

#### → Hamburg (4h38)

One of the most beautiful cities in Germany that's both chic and charming, explore the UNESCO listed Speicherstadt district and the many museums to understand the city's rich history.

#### → Prague (7h)

Enjoy this architecturally rich city featuring bridges, buildings and monuments that are Baroque, Gothic, Romaneasque, Cubist and even contemporary.

#### Budapest (8h night train)

The birthplace of the Rubik's cube, Budapest is a feast for the eyes architecturally thanks to its incredible mix of Gothic, Roman, Ottoman, Renaissance and Art Nouveau influences.

#### → Graz (4h44)

Located in a heavily lush area of Austria, explore the well-preserved medieval city center of Graz filled with hidden gems and quaint streets.

#### → Innsbruck (5h55)

After enjoying an incredibly scenic train journey from Graz, prepare for beautiful hikes in this city surrounded by majestic mountains.

#### Luzern (5h)

Enjoy more magnificent alpine scenery on the train ride over before exploring Luzern's charming Old Town boulevard, Chapel Bridge and lakeside villages.

#### Interlaken (1h49)

Take in unbeatable views on board the Luzern-Interlaken Express before embarking on cable car rides and outdoorsy activities in the capital of adventure.

#### Montreux (4h06)

Your panoramic journey across Switzerland continues on board the Golden Pass Express to the artful city where Charlie Chaplin and Freddy Mercury once lived.

#### Milan (3h)

One of the world's fashion and design capitals, pair your visit to the vibrant city with an excursion to the idyllic Lake Como.

#### Cinque Terre (3h25)

Starting from one end and ending in the other, take your time exploring the five striking UNESCO listed fishing villages.

#### → Venice (5h17)

The Italian charm continues to the city of canals lined with Renaissance and Gothic palaces, as well as its quaint and colourful islands.



# **Enchanting Europe**

#### Zurich

Some must-see castles include the Rapperswil, Aarburg, Lenzburg and Kyburg.

#### → Interlaken (3h)

Enjoy views on abord the Lucerne-Interlaken Express before visiting the Hünegg, Oberhofen, Schadau, Speiz and Thun castles.

#### → Milan (2h35)

One of the must-see castles is the grand Sforza Castle, built on the ruins of a previous medieval fortress.

#### → Venice (2h37)

Venture to the colourful islands of Burano, Murano, Sant'Erasmo and San Michele.

#### → Vienna (7h40 night train)

Some unmissables include the Imperial Palace, Mozarthaus, the Staatsoper, Schönbrunn and the Belvedere Palaces.

#### → Prague (4h)

Apart from the usual suspects in the city centre, do not miss the beautiful scenery offered along the Dalej stream.

#### → Nuremberg (5h22)

Step back in time in Nuremberg's well-preserved historical landmarks including the imperial castle and the walled Old Town.

#### → Bonn (3h31)

Birthplace of Beethoven, enjoy the endless castles and palaces that dot the region.

#### → Bruges (4h44)

One of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe, see and experience its UNESCO listed historic centre.

#### → Strasbourg (5h)

This gastrnomic region boasts a picturebook historic centre of colourful half-timbered buildings and cobblestoned streets.

#### → Lyon (4h20)

Explore this gastronomic capital and its many chateaux including the magnificent 800yo Beaujolais château.

#### → Turin (5h38)

A city well known for its mix of architectural styles, don't miss the UNESCO listed Residences of the Royal House of Savoy.

#### Monaco (6h)

Tiny but beautiful, enjoy the picturesque Old Town, along with the glamorous palace and frescoes of Monte Carlo.

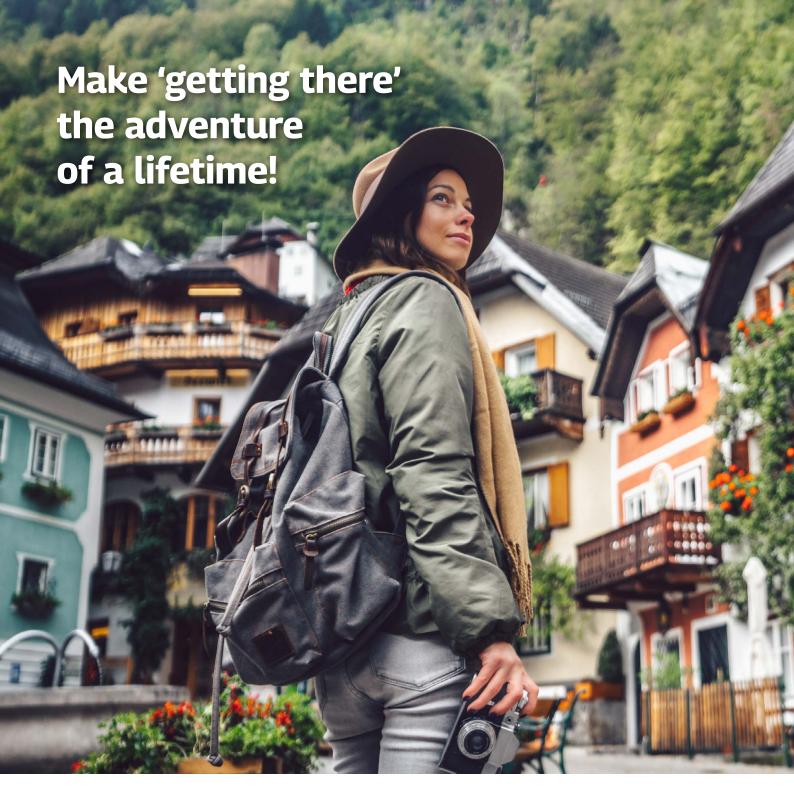
#### → Avignon (4h28)

Explore the ancient streets of UNESCO listed Avignon and nearby villages including Gordes, Merbes and Bonnieux.

#### → Barcelona (3h49)

Wander through the city's Old Town, especially the fascinating Gothic Centre and the vibrant Las Ramblas.





















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