

9 Days/8 Nights

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Urban Gems: Paris, Luxembourg & Frankfurt

Discover three diverse cities in three countries while traveling via first class rail. Your journey begins in the "City of Lights", reveling in all that Paris has to offer, including a Seine Cruise and the dazzling Moulin Rouge. Then visit Luxembourg, the capital of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and famous as a fortified medieval city and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then continue to dynamic, cosmopolitan, Frankfurt with its impressive modern skyscrapers, Baroque architecture, and vibrant cultural scene.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 3 Nights Paris

- 2 Nights Luxembourg

- 3 Nights Frankfurt

INCLUSIONS

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers
- Paris TripBuilder Guidebook
- 3 Day Central Zone & Paris Visite Pass

- Small Group Paris City Tour
- River Cruise with Champagne
- Hop On/Hop Off Sightseeing
- Tour in Luxembourg
- Private Frankfurt Walking Tour

- Dinner in Frankfurt
- 1st Class Rail between Cities
- Daily Breakfast



ARRIVAL:

After arriving in Paris and checking into your hotel, the remainder of the day is at your leisure to rest or explore your surroundings. Your Paris Visite Pass becomes valid from the first use. It allows unlimited travel for 3 consecutive days on the entire Ile de France network, using the Metro, RER, Bus, and the Montmartre funicular. Activate it when it's convenient for your schedule. The entire day is billed towards the duration time so it's best to activate the pass early in the day.

(NOTE: the Metro operates from 5:30am to about 1:00am).

The pass for Zones 1-3 includes travel within central Paris including stops near all major tourist sites however, it does NOT include entrance fees.

(Accommodations, Paris)



PARIS:

After breakfast, your guide will meet you in the lobby for your Small Group City Tour. The mini-bus (maximum 8 passengers) will tour both sides of the Seine, viewing many of the city's famous sites including the Arc de Triomphe, Opera Garnier, Napoleon's Column, Le Madeleine Church, La Sorbonne, Le Pantheon, and Place de la Concorde. There will also be photo stops at the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame. Crossing over the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in Paris, the tour finishes with a visit to the village of Montmartre on the right bank. Another 20-minute stop will be made to stroll around the Sacre Coeur Basilica and the Place du Tertre, where the now famous Modernist artists and painters used to display their work.

After the city tour, your Driver/Guide will take you to the Les Bateaux Mouches dock for the one-hour cruise on the River Seine. There will be English commentary on the historical and architectural sites along the river, accompanied by a half bottle of Champagne. You'll cruise towards Notre Dame de Paris, passing by the Louvre Museum, the Town Hall and the Conciergerie. On the return, you'll pass the Monnaie (Paris Mint), then down a small arm of the Seine between the Ile de la Cité and the Left Bank, giving you a close-up view to admire the Cathedral of Notre Dame. The cruise continues alongside the Musée d'Orsay and the National Assembly towards the Eiffel Tower and ends at Pont de l'Alma. From here, you'll have easy access to the Metro and RER for the return to your hotel.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Paris)



PARIS:

Today is free for independent exploring. Take advantage of your CityGuide and the Visite Pass to experience all that Paris has to offer. You can shop on Boulevard Haussman in Galeries Lafayette or Printemps with real Belle Epoque grandeur, or cross over the chic Left Bank with their numerous boutiques. Wander through the Marais, home to the old Jewish Quarter, and now the trendiest neighborhood in Paris. Spend time in a couple of smaller art museums; the Orangerie in the Tuileries and Musee d'Orsay on the other side of the river. For history lovers, there's Invalides, the military museum holding the tomb of Napoleon, and the Pantheon. Some of France's best-known authors and scientists are interred in this former church including Voltaire, Curie, Braille, and Alexandre Dumas. If you prefer an "outdoor museum", Père Lachaise Cemetery sits in the 20th arrondissement in the northeast area of Paris. Some of their more famous residents include Chopin, Moliere, Edith Piaf, and Oscar Wilde.

This evening, an unforgettable evening awaits you at the Moulin Rouge; the most famous cabaret of Paris, opened in 1888. Toulouse-Lautrec, one of the more regular clients, was the great witness of this 19th century establishment. Among his paintings, seventeen are directly inspired by the Moulin Rouge, and many are famous worldwide. Prior to the show, enjoy a three-course meal at the theater along with a half-bottle of champagne. You'll also have transfers to/from the theater.

(Breakfast, Dinner & Accommodations, Paris)



PARIS TO LUXEMBOURG:

After breakfast, make your way to Gare d'Lest rail station and enjoy the scenic 3-hour ride on the TGV Lyria to Luxembourg. After checking into your hotel, the remainder of the day is at your leisure for relaxing or independent sightseeing. For any WWII history buff, a visit to the Hamm Cemetery is a must. This U.S. cemetery in the Luxembourg suburbs contains the graves of nearly 5,100 war dead, and more than 370 names on the Walls of the Missing, many of whom lost their lives in the Battle of the Bulge. The grave of General George S. Patton also lies here with his men. One can take a taxi to the cemetery which takes about 15 minutes.

(Breakfast, Paris; Accommodations, Luxembourg)



LUXEMBOURG:

Today take advantage of your Hop-on/Hop-off City Tour to explore many of Luxembourg's attractions. Your ticket is valid for 24 hours to hop on and off at seven stops throughout the city. Begin the tour from one of the city's most important historic landmarks, Constitutional Square. It is home to the city's WWII Memorial, dedicated to all the soldiers who lost their lives. Continue to another of the city's important heritage sights, Petrusse Casemates, a popular tourist attraction that features ruins of a medieval castle. Take a break from exploring the history of Luxembourg and hop-off at the Auchan shopping mall, one of the city's most popular retail spots, or hop-off at the City Gardens for a peaceful stroll while you take in the picturesque surroundings. If you're a fan of art, hop-off at one of the art museums along the route, Villa Vauban or Mudam Museum, and discover many exhibits boasting interesting contemporary artworks. For a unique experience during your sightseeing, hop-off and walk across the Adolphe Bridge, where you can enjoy stunning 360-degree views of the city's surroundings.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Luxembourg)



LUXEMBOURG TO FRANKFURT:

After breakfast, make your way to the rail station for the train to Frankfurt. After arriving at your hotel, the remainder of the day is free for independent sightseeing. One option is a one-hour cruise along the Main River, which offers amazing views of the city's famous skyline, and attractions like the Römer Town Hall, St. Paul's Church, and the old Sachsenhausen district.

(Breakfast, Luxembourg; Accommodations, Frankfurt)



FRANKFURT:

Meet your guide at 10am at the appointed location for your Private Walking Tour of one of the busiest cities in Germany. As you walk, your guide will inform you about the history and culture of this modern metropolis, and how it has evolved into a vibrant hub of art, theater, music and more. Aside from towering buildings, you'll discover that Frankfurt also has medieval town squares and houses. Walk around the stunning complex of the Römer, forming Frankfurt's city hall, glimpse the Goethe House, the former home of the famous poet and novelist. Then visit Frankfurt Cathedral and the half-timbered Haus Wertheim; the only building in Altstadt that survived bombings during World War II.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Frankfurt)



FRANKFURT:

Today is free for exploring on your own. This evening, enjoy a typical German dinner at the Dauth Schneider restaurant, located in historic Sachsenhausen, just across the Main River. With a history stretching back to 1849 (the basement housed an apple winery), this convivial tavern is a wonderful place to sample classic regional specialties. Accompanying your meal will be a glass of the famed Frankfurter Apple wine.

(Breakfast, Dinner & Accommodations, Frankfurt)



DEPARTURE:

After breakfast, make your way to the airport or rail station for your return home or on to your next Avanti Destination!

(Breakfast, Frankfurt)
