

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

The following activities can be arranged during your tour through your Expat Explore tour leader while you are travelling with Expat Explore. This should help you to manage your budget and make the most of your time in Europe. *These activities can only be paid for in cash which your tour leader will collect from you once on tour.*

AMSTERDAM

Madame Tussauds €22

Did you ever think you would meet Brad Pitt, Barack Obama, Albert Einstein, Lady Gaga, Princess Diana and Beyoncé in one afternoon? Well you can do just that and much more at the Amsterdam branch of this famous waxworks. It is also a great way to learn about the history of the Netherlands as you come face to face with Dutch Royals, Vincent van Gogh and Rembrandt.

Heineken Experience €18

A must see in Amsterdam! Learn about the history of the Heineken family and experience the full brewing process. Located in a former Heineken brewery that brewed the famous lager for more than 100 years, the experience includes many interactive exhibits, games and videos. The self guided tour takes around 90 minutes and the ticket price includes two beers.

Amsterdam Dungeon €21

You will laugh and scream as you encounter live actor shows, gripping storytelling, and state of the art special effects at the historic Amsterdam Dungeon. Over 80 minutes and across 11 shows you will descend into the vaults of the Amsterdam Dungeon and take in the city's most dark history.

PRAGUE

Communism and Nuclear Bunker tour CZK500 (approx €19)

Discover the background and stories from the communist time and experience how life would be in communism cold-war period. Part of the daily life in danger was the fear from a nuclear war. In that case, not everybody would survive, only some. But who, and where? The answer to this question lies beneath the ground. Visit Prague's biggest real nuclear bunker with cold war expositions with a gasmask workshop!

VENICE

Trip T-shirt €18.50-29

Whilst on your tour, you and your fellow passengers will have the opportunity to create and design your very own unique trip shirt, a great keep sake and souvenir from your trip. You will have the choice between T-shirts, polos, girly t-shirts, singlets and hoodies



Optional Excursions 2015

Europe Jewel

Gondola Ride from €20

A gondola ride is the perfect way to appreciate the beauty and charm of Venice. Feel part of an ancient Venetian tradition and experience Venice as the locals have for more than a thousand years. Your visit isn't complete until you have experienced this!

**Please note gondolas can take up to 6 people, so you will be sharing your experience with other members of your Expat Explore group*

TUSCANY

Tuscany Feast €20

A taste of traditional Tuscan cuisine featuring bruschetta and antipasto, Cannelloni a la Fiorentina (pasta), pork roast (vegetarian option available) with potatoes and homemade dessert. This is a real delight to the senses and a hearty 4 course meal to top off a day of exploring.

SWITZERLAND

Train to Jungfrau Top of Europe CHF170 (approx €130-140)

Take the train up to the spectacular Jungfrau glacier - via Europe's highest railway station at 3454m. You will enjoy amazing views and there is a magical ice palace carved out of the glacier itself. You have the opportunity to play in the year-round snow, snowball fight anyone? This optional excursion has been voted the number one for the past two years and is a must on your European tour!

White-water River Rafting CHF 110 (approx €92)

Set beneath the watershed of the Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau mountains, Interlaken is internationally renowned for its variety of rivers and white water rafting tours. River rafting opens the challenges of white-water to everybody. Teamwork and professional guides allow novices and veterans alike to enjoy the beauty and excitement of white-water rafting in the Swiss Alps.

Sky-diving CHF 395 (approx €330)

This activity has a serious adrenaline factor with the bonus of a really great flight before you even get to the jump site. It all starts with an amazing 20 minute scenic flight. This takes you over the two lakes of Interlaken and through the Swiss Alps, seeing the spectacular peaks of the Eiger; Monch, Jungfrau in all their glorious beauty. This is followed by the thrill of free fall, with the comfort of being accompanied by an experienced instructor.

Paragliding CHF 170 (approx €142)

You will take a 20 minute drive in a van to Beatenberg Amisbühl, the starting area, 800 meters above Interlaken, where you can enjoy the marvellous view of the Jungfrau massif. After a short walk to the starting area you receive all important information concerning the flight and then you are off. You'll fly over Interlaken with an outstanding view of Lakes Thun and Brienz.



PARIS

River Seine Cruise €10

Embark from the foot of the Eiffel Tower and cruise down the river for a unique perspective of the beautiful city of Paris. The cruise will take you past landmarks including the Grand Palais, the Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral and the National Assembly. Complete with commentary available in 13 different languages, during this 1 hour cruise you will discover the history and architecture of Paris.

Cabaret Show €70

Experience a fantastic show and the famous French Cancan at one of the top Paris cabaret venues, *La Nouvelle Eve* or *Paradis Latin*. The shows are lively, colourful, and tastefully produced. With striking decor, beautiful costumes and a variety of classic and modern choreography this is a show you will not want to miss. The price includes the show and a glass of French champagne.

Montparnasse Tower €12

While others wait in long queues to get to the top of the Eiffel Tower, a better deal awaits those who want a view of Paris from Montparnasse Tower. After ascending in the fastest elevator in Europe you will experience amazing views - including that of the Eiffel Tower – so your photos will capture Paris in all its glory. As well as the 56th floor restaurant and viewing platform, the 59th floor is an open air terrace on the very top of the tower. At 200 metres above the hustle and bustle of Paris, you can experience views of up to 40km in clear weather!

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TRANSPORT

During included activities such as walking tours the cost of transport will be covered by Expat Explore. This section shows the costs of public transport that you may wish to use during your free time on the tour.

AMSTERDAM

- €10 - day pass for bus
- €7.50 - day pass on [GVB operated](#) metros, trams and buses
- €13.50 - day pass on [Amsterdam & Region](#) metros, trams and buses

PRAGUE

- CZK 26 (approx €1) for single journey up to 30 minutes
- CZK 32 (approx €1.30) for single journey up to 90 minutes

BUDAPEST

- HUF 350 (approx €1) for single journey on Metro/Bus/Streetcar
- HUF 1,650 (approx €5.5) for one day travel card on Metro/Bus/Streetcar

VENICE

- €1.30 - single bus journey
- €7.00 - single Vaporetto (ferry) journey
- €18.00 - 12 hour bus and Vaporetto pass
- €20.00 - 24 hour bus and Vaporetto pass

PARIS

- €1.70 - single journey
- €13.30 - 10 single tickets



Optional Excursions 2015

Europe Jewel

St. Vitus Cathedral

Free

Various times Mon-Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wenceslas Square

Adults: CZK 150

Mon-Sat 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

[All year]

Petrin Tower (Mini Eiffel Tower)

Adults: CZK 100

Daily 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

[All year]

BUDAPEST

Royal Palace

Various

Tue – Sun 10:00 – 18:00

Raoul Wallenberg Memorial

Gellért Hill & The Tabán

Castle Hill

Memento Park

1500 Ft

10:00 – dusk

Szabadság tér (Liberty Square)

Terror House

2000 Ft

Tue – Sun 10:00 – 18:00

St Stephens Basilica

500 Ft

09:00 – 17:00

Holocaust Memorial Centre

1400 Ft

Tue – Sun 10:00 – 18:00

VENICE

St. Mark's Basilica

Free

Mon-Fri: 09:45-16:45 | Sun: 14:00-17:00

St. Mark's Museum

€4

Daily 09:45-16:45

Campanile (Elevator to the top)

€8

Daily 09:00-16:30

Doge's Palace

€16

Nov-Mar: 08:30-16:30 | Apr-Oct: 08:30-18:00

St. Mary of the Friars

€13

Mon-Sat: 09:00-18:00 | Sun: 13:00-18:00



Optional Excursions 2015

Europe Jewel

Scuola Grande di San Rocco

€10 Daily 09:30-17:00

Santi Giovanni e Paolo

€2.50 Mon-Sat: 09:00-18:00 | Sun: 12:00-18:00

San Giorgio Maggiore

Free Mon-Sat: 09:30-12:30 & 14:00-18:00 | Sun: 14:00-18:00

Peggy Guggenheim Collection

€12 Wed-Mon: 10:00-18:00

FLORENCE

Palazzo Vecchio

€10 Mar: Fri-Wed: 09:00-19:00 | Thu: 09:00-14:00
Apr-Sep: Fri-Wed: 09:00-24:00 | Thu: 09:00-14:00

Il Duomo

Free Various: 10:00 - 17:00

Campanile Bell Tower

€6.00 Various: 8:30 – 19:30

The Baptistery

€5.00 Various: 11:15 – 19:00

Galleria degli Uffizi

€6.50 Various: 08:15 to 18:50

Galleria dell' Accademia

€11.00 Various: 08:15 to 18:50

Santa Croce

€6.00 Various: 09:30 to 17:30

Ponte Vecchio

Free A beautiful bridge in Florence

SWITZERLAND

Alternate train options to visit other towns: Please speak to your tour leader regarding train times and prices.

PARIS

Arc de Triomphe

€8 Daily 10:00 - 23:00

Disneyland Paris

Various Daily 10:00 - 23:00 (refer website)



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Europe Jewel

Eiffel Tower	
€14 (lift)	Daily 09:00 - 00:45
Musée d'Orsay	
€13	various times: 09:30 - 18:00
Sacré Coeur	
Free	Daily 06:00 – 23:30
Notre Dame	
Free	Daily 08:00 – 18:45
Rodin Museum	
€6	Tue-Sun 10:00 – 17.45
Louvre	
€10	Various times 09:00 - 18:00 (Closed Tues)
Sainte-Chapelle	
€8.50	Daily 09:30 - 18:00
Catacombes	
€8	Tue-Sun 10:00 - 17:00
Panthéon	
€7	Daily 10:00 - 18:00
Place de la Concorde	
Free	Largest public square in Paris
Jardin des Tuileries	
Free	Various times 08:30 - 17:00
Jardin du Luxembourg	
Free	Various times 08:30 - 17:00
Orangerie Museum	
€7.50	Wed-Mon 09:00 - 18:00

SOME ACTIVITIES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR.

The above prices are to help you budget for extra optional excursions. Prices / availability of optional excursions are subject to change at any time and are correct at the time of print. **Please use this as a guide only.** Please advise your trip leader with any definite decisions regarding optionals as soon as possible.

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