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EUROPEAN AFFAIR & THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW



9 DAYS, DEPARTING 27 MAY 2016

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Chenonceau Castle

DAY 1: 27 MAY 2016

Arrive London

Thistle Marble Arch

Welcome to London! On arrival you are transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore London on your own. This evening join your Tour Director for a Welcome Drink and tour debriefing at the hotel.



DAY 2: 28 MAY 2016

Chelsea Flower Show

Thistle Marble Arch

Enjoy a full day to experience the famous Chelsea Flower Show – the ‘mecca’ of all garden shows. A transfer in the morning takes you to the famous show! The Chelsea Flower Show will bring together the very best show gardens, flowers and gardening from around the world. You will be able to see magnificent floral displays, model gardens, English garden tools and a host of garden structures and artifacts. There will be extensive displays of show gardens, courtyard gardens, city and roof gardens with areas to learn about plants and growing flowers. This afternoon a transfer back to your hotel is provided. This evening we dine on a spectacular Thames River Dinner Cruise. (BB,HD)

DAY 3: 29 MAY 2016

London – Amsterdam

Mövenpick City Centre

Cross to Dover for the channel crossing to Calais, where we are met by coach and transferred to our hotel in Amsterdam. On the way enjoy an orientation tour past the Mint Tower; floating Flower Market and Royal Palace in Dam Square. The rest of the day is at leisure. (BB,D)

DAY 4: 30 MAY 2016

Amsterdam

Mövenpick City Centre

Starting your day at the famous Aalsmeer Flower Auction, the world’s largest flower auction, you experience the bustle of the auction floor, watching traders bid against the clock and seeing the incredible number of flowers sold every day from countries all around the world. Later visit a typical Dutch windmill and the picturesque village of Volendam. Volendam is renowned for its wooden houses, traditional fishing boats and old harbour. Renoir and Picasso both spent time in this picturesque fishing village and some of the residents still wear the traditional Dutch clothing. (BB)

DAY 5: 31 MAY 2016

Amsterdam – Bruges

NH Brugge

Continue to medieval Bruges in Belgium. Stroll along the cobbled streets lined with high gabled houses from the Golden Age of the 16th century. Visit the market square dominated by the 272ft Belfry of the Market Hall. Then explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall and glorious frescoes on the walls of the Holy Blood Chapel. Afterwards enjoy a relaxing canal cruise before dinner at the hotel. (BB,D)

DAY 6: 1 JUN 2016

Bruges – Paris

Le Meridien Etoile

Depart Bruges for glittering Paris. Sightseeing with a local expert takes you by the Île de la Cité to see Notre Dame Cathedral with its famous tale of Quasimodo. Then around the imposing facades of the Louvre and Garnier's Opera House. See the obelisk in the Place de la Concorde and drive along the Champs Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe. Next, survey the city from the heights of the Eiffel Tower, built for the World's Exhibition of 1889. The rest of the day is free to enjoy at your leisure. You could stop at the sidewalk cafés lining the Seine for pastries, view the priceless masterpieces at the Louvre, or hit the designer shops. (BB)

DAY 7: 2 JUN 2016

Loire Valley Excursion

Le Meridien Etoile

Take a day tour from Paris to visit the three most famous chateaux of the Loire Valley: beautiful Chenonceau Castle,



privately owned Chateau de Cheverny and, perhaps most magnificent of them all, the Chateau de Chambord. You'll witness the glamour and grandeur of French royalty and aristocracy, and gain insights into "castle life" in these Renaissance riverside castles. (BB)

DAY 8: 3 JUN 2016

Versailles and Giverny

Le Meridien Etoile

Taking in two of Europe's most celebrated gardens; we have a full day to explore Versailles and Giverny. France's royal history is revealed at King Louis XIV's majestic palace of Versailles which, along with its magnificent garden, became the quintessential model for palaces in Europe. Visiting the luxurious Grand Apartments, the chandelier-lit Hall of Mirrors and the

Chapel of Versailles, you get a glimpse into the lives of 17th century French nobility. Then we head to Giverny to view the gardens that inspired many of Impressionist Claude Monet's most famous masterpieces, seeing the Japanese Bridge which crosses the illustrious water-lily pond – as painted in Monet's magnum opus 'Nymphes'. Back in Paris, the rest of the day is at leisure. (BB)

DAY 9: 4 JUN 2016

Depart Paris

Your memorable journey comes to an end as you bid your Tour Director farewell. Transfers arrive at Charles De Gaulle Airport today at 08:30, 11:30 & 18:00. (BB)

Meal Key: (BB) = Buffet Breakfast

(D) = Hotel Dinner (HD) = Highlight Dinner





Versailles, France

INCLUDED SIGNATURE EVENTS

👑 = Signature Experiences, 🍷 = Dining

- 👑 Tickets to the Chelsea Flower Show 2016
- 👑 Locally guided tour of Paris and the Loire Valley
- 👑 Orientation tours in Amsterdam and Bruges
- 👑 Visit the famous Aalsmeer Flower Auction
- 👑 Visit a typical Dutch windmill and the village of Volendam
- 👑 Enjoy a relaxing canal cruise in Bruges
- 👑 Visit the famous chateaux of the Loire Valley, Chenonceau Castle, Chateau de Cheverny and Chateau de Chambord
- 👑 Explore Versailles and Giverny

Included First Class Services

- 8 nights in Premium Hotel Accommodation as indicated
- Escorted by professional Tour Director
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seater coach with Business Class legroom, on-board washroom and panoramic windows
- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on Day 1 and Day 9

Included Quality Dining

- 🍷 **London** – Thames River Cruise Dinner (jacket & tie required) (HD)
- 🍷 8 full breakfasts (BB), 2 three-course Evening Meals with choice, or buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

9 DAY TOUR PRICE

\$4085 per person twin share

Single Supplement: \$1690 per person

PASSENGER CONDITIONS:

Tips & Taxes & Portorage: Insight hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage. All tips are included for services on tour provided by dining-room waiters, chambermaids and porters at hotels.

What's Not Included: Airfares, airport taxes and charges imposed by third parties, passports and applicable visa fees, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, tips and gratuities to the Tour Director, coach drivers and local city guides, excess baggage, optional excursions and travel insurance. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended. Please see your Travel Agent for further details.

- A deposit of \$200 per person is required within 7 days of booking.

Final Payment: Required to your travel agent no later than 70 days prior to departure.

Price: The advertised price is in Australian dollars. No surcharges in regards to cost or currency fluctuations will be made once deposit is received. This guarantee excludes fuel surcharges and does not apply to any taxes, charges or levies imposed by any government or its agencies.

Discounts: Frequent Traveller & 2nd Tour Discount apply only. No other discounts are available on this tour. Refer our 2015/16 Europe & Britain brochure for conditions of these.

Cancellation Fees:

The following scale of charges apply when cancellation is notified: Number of days prior to tour commencement. Cancellation fee a % of total tour price

More than 70 days: loss of deposit

Between 69 & 30 days: 38.5%

Between 29 & 8 days: 55%

Between 7 days to departure: 100% of fare

Amendments: A fee of \$50 may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

Refunds: No refund is available if cancellations occur after the tour has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

Itinerary Changes & Tour Cancellation:

Insight Vacations reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any tour departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised tours require minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met Insight Vacations reserves the right to alter or cancel arrangements.

Hotels: The hotels listed in the itinerary are confirmed, although subject to change for reasons beyond our control.

Rooming Arrangements: Please note that single accommodation is usually limited. Occupying a single room either by choice or circumstance is subject to the applicable supplement.

Tour Membership: Any person aged 8 years or more is eligible, though if under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The Tour Director may, at his or her discretion, require any person to withdraw from any tour if he or she deems the person's acts or conduct offensive or a nuisance to other passengers, and we shall have no further liability.

Portorage: For one suitcase on tour is included in the tour price and at arrival or departure from each tour hotel. Due to limited coach capacity this single bag should have a weight not exceeding 30kg (66lbs) and dimensions not exceeding 77.5cm (30.5in) x 56cm (22in) x 32cm (12.5in). Charges will be levied in the event these limits are exceeded and our promise to transport you as indicated may be invalidated. Note: Airlines may restrict check-in baggage to 20kgs per person.

Documentation: Approximately 2 weeks prior to departure, documentation will be received by your travel agent including a tour itinerary, a full Hotel list, an Optional Excursion list, baggage labels & ticket wallet.

Holidays & Changes: During local or national holidays abroad, certain facilities such as museums, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited. In such instances, and whenever possible, slight itinerary adjustments are made by Insight Vacations to minimise inconvenience to our passengers. If, however you feel your enjoyment might be diminished by such minor limitations please check with the respective national tourist office before selecting a specific departure. Similarly, holidays, closing days and other circumstances may necessitate a change of the day of the week for scheduled Highlight Dinners, sightseeing or other activities. Due to the unreliability of domestic air scheduling, religious festivals, and other unforeseen circumstances, the itineraries, hotels or order of sightseeing may change at short notice.

- Pre or post tour accommodation is subject to availability. If not available, an alternative may be offered.

Booking Terms and Conditions: These conditions incorporate the basis upon which bookings are accepted by your Travel Agent and Insight Vacations. By making a booking you are agreeing to these terms & conditions. Insight is not responsible for the costs of any other travel arrangements affected due to our cancellations or re-scheduling of any tour departure. For further information about Insight Vacations please refer to Insight's brochure. These conditions must be carefully studied prior to making the commitment of paying the deposit as they must be referred to. Additional terms and conditions may be applicable to group bookings and will be advised.

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BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Please contact your local travel agent

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