



# 21 DAY ESSENCE OF EUROPE AND HONG KONG DISCOVERY TOUR

**VISITING—Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy,  
Vatican City, France, Belgium, Luxemburg,  
London and Hong Kong**

**FLYING WITH—**



**DEPARTING: 20 MAY 2012**

**PRICE: FROM \$5390\* PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)**

**\*Airport taxes, tipplings and some other costs not included.**

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## Itinerary

B = breakfast provided , L = lunch provided , D = dinner provided

### **DAY 1. MELBOURNE / AMSTERDAM via HONG KONG**

Depart for Amsterdam via Hong Kong by Cathay Pacific Airways flight CX104 at 2:40 pm at Melbourne International Airport. On arrival at Hong Kong at about 10:05 pm then connect-up with Cathay Pacific Airways flight CX271 departing at 12:05 am for Amsterdam.

### **DAY 2. ARRIVING AT AMSTERDAM**

Your overnight flight arrives Amsterdam at about 6:45 am this morning. After ground formalities, you will be met and greeted by our tour manager who will then take us to visit the canal-laced city of Amsterdam. We board an informative cruise on a glass-domed boat and travel alongside 16-17th century merchant houses and homes. Then we visit Gassan, where we can see the sparkling gems, then process to Clog Rambrandt and perhaps purchase a pair of these wooden shoes for yourself before we tour the factory.

**Overnight at AC Meerkerk hotel or similar (B, L, D)**

### **DAY 3. AMSTERDAM**

Today we tour the cities of Delft, where the blue and white china are created in the Delft pottery works. This old town area boasts to having the best university establishment in Holland (almost on par with Cambridge or Harvard). We also visit Hague, the political capital of the country, followed by Madurodam, the miniature Holland. Afternoon is left for some shopping time by the Dam square. Tonight, we have a night visit to the Red light area, for some adult performances or if you prefer, just to enjoy a stroll around this area.

**Overnight at AC Meerkerk hotel or similar (B, L, D)**

### **DAY 4. AMSTERDAM / KOLN / FRANKFURT AREA**

We head for Germany along the River Rhine. Stops will be made at the Koln cathedral in the afternoon for a break and visit, before your chance to try some local beer and white sausages by the Dom. At Lorely Rock, listen to the stories of the wicket princess, who finally ended her life as a foam in the water. We make a stroll down the student prince city of Heidelberg, where time is spent on the hauptstrasse for window browsing and to enjoy the student city. Not far above the valley of the Neckar, are the 13C old red sandstone castle and its hugh balcony.

**Overnight stay at Achat Bretten or similar (B, L, D).**

### **DAY 5. HEIDELBERG area / MUNICH / ROMANTIC ROUTE/ REUTTE**

Depart for touring. We will visit Bavavria Motor Works building, better known as BMW. The tour of the centre of town will only be brief because we need to rush to New Swan Castle (castle visit is not possible due to long day,so only free time at the foot of the mountain). Then across the Romantic Route, for a glimpse of New Swan Castle- appears to look like a pendant made from ivory on the alps.

**Overnight stay at Sauling Gasthof Pension or similar. (B.L.D)**

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### **DAY 6. REUTTE Village / INNSBRUCK / VENICE area**

After breakfast, we stop at the winter ski resort Innsbruck which is a short drive away. Not far from here is the Arch de Triumph; the Hofkirche mausoleum, the Hofburg Royal Palace (built by Maria Theresa) and a host of splendid Baroque buildings. Drive through the region of Tryol, where we get to see the famous Austrian Europe Bridge and recall the tragic incident when many risked their life to create this highest viaduct in Europe some 50 years ago. The next stop is Venice where we will stay for two romantic evenings.

**Overnight stay at Holiday Inn Congress Centre or similar (B, L, D)**

### **DAY 7. VICENZA / VENICE / ROVIGO**

Depart for Venice where you have the entire day to savour this water city. Experience the public ferry to cruise along the grand canal and then an orientation walk with your tour manager, not forgetting St. Mark's square, with the Winged Lion and statue of St. Mark, not too far from the petite Bridge of Sigh.

**Overnight stay at Europa Rovigo or similar (B, L, D)**

### **DAY 8. ROVIGO / FLORENCE / ROME**

After breakfast, depart for Florence walking tour – we have a panoramic view of this open-air museum from the great balcony of Michaelangelo hill before heading for the handicraft market by Peruzzi leather factory before setting off for another great city - the eternal Rome.

**Overnight at Hotel Oasi Dei Discepoli or similar. (B, L, D)**

### **DAY 9. ROME WALKING TOUR**

Soon after breakfast we will depart for Rome by one-way coach. Once we got to Rome, we will discover this city by via a public transport and walking tour. We follow the tour manager around one of europe's earliest powers – the illustrious Roman Empire. Tours of the city includes the ancient Roman Amphitheatre – the Colosseum, the Presidential Palace on Quirinal Hill, followed by the Trevi Fountain, piazza Venezia, Circus Maximus and the Monument of Victor Emmanuel II, walk through St. Peter's Square and the Vatican City, the smallest sovereign state in the world. Not to be missed is a place to bask in the roman atmosphere right in Navona Square. Here, Bernini's art lives in perpetuity, displayed proudly in the centre is his "Fountain of four Rivers".

**Overnight at Hotel Oasi Dei Discepoli or similar. (B, L, D)**

### **DAY 10. ROME / PISA / TURINO**

After breakfast we head off for Pisa – the age-old world wonder, the religious centre of this city which owns three amazing monuments completely decorated with white marble from the Carrara quarries-certainly breath-stopping. This work of art is not only exhibited on its exquisite exterior, but we encourage you to explore the Baptistry as well as the cathedral, where you will be overwhelmed with awe by the intricacy of the stone works. This evening, we settle down into the foot of the Italian Alps high up in the region of Piemonte.

**Overnight stay at Euro Motel Nichelino or similar. (B, L, D)**

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### **DAY 11. TURINO / NEMOURS**

Today we depart for France via the townships and cities of Chambéry; Grenoble; and Lyon aiming as far as one of the most scintillating cities in the world – Paris!!

**Overnight stay at Ibis Auxerre Sud Hotel or similar. (B.D)**

### **DAY 12. NEMOURS / PARIS**

After breakfast, we will be visiting the splendour and historical events of the jewel city, we see Notre Dame, one of the most beautiful churches in the world and a masterpiece of medieval art. The Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Trocadero Gardens, the Opera House and the Grande Dame of Paris-Eiffel.

**Overnight stay at Kyriad Disneyland Paris Resort or similar. (B.L.D)**

### **DAY 13. PARIS TOURING**

Full day tour of Paris with cruise on the river belt of Paris (ticket included); and followed by Versailles – ticket included.

**Overnight stay at Kyriad Disneyland Paris Resort or similar. (B, L, D)**

### **DAY 14. LUXUMBERG/ BRUSSELS/ WAVRE**

Our coach continues to Luxumberg this morning. Upon arrival, we enjoy a nice city tour and after lunch, we go to Brussels. Entering Brussels, we stop at the Atomium and the Chinese Pavilion- both were built for the 1958 World Fair. Our tour manager will take us through to the Grand Place surrounded by gold gilded gables. This evening, we spend our night in the township of Wavre.

**Overnight stay at the Best Western Hotel Brussels East or similar, (B, L, D)**

### **DAY 15. CALAIS PORT to LONDON**

Depart for Calais for P/O ferry back to the UK, upon arrival, coach to dinner and then hotel for check in.

**Overnight stay at St Giles Hotel Heathrow or similar (B, D)**

### **DAY 16. LONDON / HONG KONG**

Soon after breakfast, we get transferred to enjoy a 3 hour city tour to visit all the most famous tourist attractions in London with the tour manager and afterwards, time to shop for last minute souvenirs. After dinner, we are off to the airport for our Cathay Pacific Airways flight CX254 departing at 10:35 pm to Hong Kong. (B, L, D)

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### **DAY 17. ARRIVING AT HONG KONG**

Your overnight flight will arrive Hong Kong at about 5:50 p.m. After ground formalities, you will be met and transferred to Prudential Hotel.

**Overnight stay at Prudential Hotel (4 star) or similar.**

### **DAYS 18 and 19. HONG KONG**

Free arrangements during these two-days in Hong Kong – shopping, visiting friends and relatives or just “Shop till you Drop” in this shopping paradise of the world!!!

**Overnight stay at Prudential Hotel ( 4-Star ) or similar.**

### **DAY 20. HONG KONG / MELBOURNE**

Free activities until transfers to the airport for the Cathay Pacific Airways flight CX135 departing at 7:10 pm for Melbourne.

### **DAY 21. ARRIVE MELBOURNE**

Your overnight flight will arrive Melbourne at about 6:15 am today thus, concluding this wonderful journey!!



## **Booking Conditions**

### 1. How to book

Reservations can only be confirmed upon receipt of a deposit of \$200 per person payable to Friendly Travel Service together with a completed and signed booking form and are subject to availability. The balance of payment must be received 45 days prior to departure. If the booking is made within 45 days of departure, then full payment is required immediately upon such booking is confirmed. If the booking is made by yourself and also acting on behalf of other persons, your signature will be taken as having accepted the booking conditions by all the persons concerned.

Late reservations may be accepted subject to availability. In some cases, a higher airfare may be incurred.

### 2. Cancellations

From the date of booking confirmation, a cancellation service fee of \$200.00 will apply if you cancel your reservation for whatever reason. If cancellation is received:

Between 22 to 44 days before departure: - automatic forfeiture of 20% of total tour package plus airlines' cancellation fee and deposit payment.

Cancellation within 21 days of departure: - the whole tour cost. These fees are imposed by the relevant hotels, overseas operators and transportation companies.

All cancellations must be in writing.

### 3. Refunds

No refund whatsoever will be made on the accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours and transfers not taken during the period overseas.

### 4. Reservation and Check-in time

After tickets have been issued, no change is permitted to the outbound or inbound reservations. It is vitally important that you must observe the regulations regarding arrival time for your check-in procedure. Anyone who fails to observe these regulations and subsequently misses the scheduled departure time will bear all the additional expenses for any alternative arrangements made. Such alternative arrangements are subject to availability. Please remember to re-confirm your flight 72 hours before depart from overseas back to Australia.

### 5. Insurance

At the time of booking, insurance cover is strongly recommended and is available at a moderate premium. This cover may only be taken up between the time of booking and making balance of payment. Details are available at this office.

### 6. Travel documents (Australian citizens)

Each tour member must hold a valid passport as well as a visa for certain countries. Applications for passport may be made at the Passport Section of the Foreign Affairs Department of each capital city, or at your nearest Post Office.

Visa for some of the countries can be arranged by this office. Passengers are provided with one visa application form for completion and are asked to submit this, together with one recent passport-size photograph and your valid passport (must have 6 months validity from the date of entry) to this office by the due date required if you want us to apply for you. A visa fee (Depends on the fee charged by the country that you visit) will be collected by this office on behalf of the passenger in order to apply for the visa required. Some of the country's visa application forms are available from our office. Please check with our office for updated information.

### 7. Health requirements

As a precaution we advise that you check with your family doctor. It is advisable that you obtain a copy of the doctors certificate indicating that you are fit to travel if you are over the age of 70.

### 8. Amendments

After tickets have been issued within 21 days of departure, no amendments to the flight schedules can be made. Any amendment to a confirmed tour booking must be made 45 days before departure and airlines' amendment fee will be applied for each amendment.

### 9. Tour arrangements overseas

Our tour operators overseas have the control over hotel accommodation, transportation, meals, sightseeing, etc., during the entire period there. These tour operators and their associate agents reserve the right to alter their arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances. When such as event does occur, Friendly Travel Service Pty. Ltd. shall bear no responsibility.

### 10. Single Room Supplement

Single room is available on request and a supplement will be required. However, this is only available if it does not create another single room for which no one is prepared to pay for the supplement. If this situation does occur, it is therefore necessary for them to share.

### 11. Responsibility

Friendly Travel Service Pty. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the operator) and their agents act as agent only to the transportation services (airlines, coach companies, railroads, shipping companies), hotels and firms and shall not assume any responsibility for loss, damage, injury,

## Booking Form:

Please complete this form in Block Letters and return it to the address above together with a deposit payment of \$200 per person payable to Friendly Travel Service.

Please read the tour conditions in this brochure carefully before signing this form.

Reservation is only accepted subject to these conditions and will only be confirmed until receipt of deposit payment is attached to this form.

MR./MRS. MS/MISS	SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	NATIONALITY	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT DETAILS*
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**NAME OF TOUR:**

Please indicate by an "X" if you have not yet obtained a passport.

**Name of passenger on behalf of above person(s):**

**Address:**

**Postcode:**

**Home contact number:**

**Work contact number:**

**Mobile contact number:**