

WHERE YOU'RE GOING



RUN CLUB: EUROPEAN HIGHLIGHTS

14 DAYS

Wanna get those miles in? All while ticking off Europe's most epic highlights? This is the perfect trip for you! Get ready for 14 days of one refreshing run after another (oh, and beginners, pros, or just curious souls - everyone's welcome here!), from the French Riviera to Roman ruins, Amsterdam's canals & so much more. You'll stay in Contiki's legendary private Château, roam around lush vineyards, tick off twinkling cities & historical sights with recovery days & lots of opportunities for carb loading with pasta & wine. Ready? Hit record & let's go!

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DAY 1

LONDON TO PARIS

London

Welcome to London! Join forces here & get to know the running crew you're about to take on Europe with. Then, we'll hit the ground running by jumping on the coach & making tracks for two weeks of adventure.

Dover

Shortly before we find our ferry for France, we'll be taking in the English coastline beauty of the White Cliffs of Dover.

Calais

Off the ferry we arrive in the port town of Calais - French soil! We'll travel via World War I battlefields in the Valley of the Somme, before reaching... Paris!

Paris

Pop the champagne, dial up the romance, & pass the escargot - we're in Paris, baby! Don't waste a second unpacking, we're going to hit the streets and see how this city comes alive by night.

Meals

Dinner

Included Experiences

- Marvel at the White Cliffs of Dover
- Take a Tour of Paris
- Strut with your Crew in Matching Merch

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DAY 2

PARIS

Paris

Morning, runners! We'll kick off our first run on the trip with a metro ride to Jardin de Luxembourg, then sprint along the Seine, past Paris' iconic spots (wave to Notre Dame...). And end right at the Eiffel Tower! Then it's back to the hostel for a well-deserved brekkie & a full day of exploration. Tonight, you can choose to get together with the crew for a delicious French-style dinner followed by a Cabaret show.

Meals

Breakfast

Included Experiences

- Run past some of the Best Sights in Paris

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Parisian Dinner -

Right in the heart of Paris, this typical French bistro dishes up loads of atmosphere & is the perfect place to get to know your group. With a three-course meal & some local wine, kick start your trip with a night to remember.

Price: 45.00 EUR

See a Paris Cabaret Show -

Get your glad rags on... it's time for a night out at the Parisian cabaret. From your lamp-lit table, you'll feast your eyes on a succession of feathers, sequins, can-can girls, acrobats, and comedians – sipping on delicious French champagne all the while.

Price: 92.00 EUR

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DAY 3

PARIS TO BEAUJOLAIS WINE REGION VIA FONTAINEBLEAU

Paris

Grab breakfast & say goodbye to Paris. We've got a full day of scenic runs & Château vibes ahead of us.

Fontainebleau

With its medieval stature and grand surrounding ponds, Château Fontainebleau will take your breath away. We'll amble around the gardens then recommence our scenic journey to Beaujolais.

Beaujolais Wine Region

And here you are, at our very own Château de Cruix! Who's breathless? All of us. A good run through France's prettiest wine region - passing by vineyards will defo take your breath away. Take a quick shower after your run and treat yourself to some wine with a hearty dinner.

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Included Experiences

- Marvel at Château de Fontainebleau
- Enjoy a Scenic Run through the Beaujolas Wine Region
- Taste Wine at the Château

DAY 4

BEAUJOLAIS WINE REGION TO FRENCH RIVIERA

Beaujolais Wine Region

Yes, yes, you wish you could stay here forever. But unfortunately the show must go on. And so should we. So enjoy one last French countryside run before hitting the road once again.

French Riviera

Missing an opportunity to see this glorious part of the world up close and personal would be criminal. Speaking of things you shouldn't miss, this region is famous for lavender honey, aioli & rosé wine; all 3 in one meal should be your mission.

Meals

Breakfast

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DAY 5

FRENCH RIVIERA (INCLUDING MONACO CITY)

French Riviera

Another day, another morning run. This time - along the Promenade des Anglais! After breakfast, you have some free time to explore even more coastal scenery and chill with the ocean breeze. Then we'll drive along the Côte d'Azur towards Monaco.

Monaco City

A night in glamorous Monaco should complete your day slash life. Don a fancy necklace and pop a plum in your mouth - we're about to embark on the lifestyle of the rich and the famous.

French Riviera

After a night on the blackjack table it's back to the coast and to bed, the next part of the adventure starts tomorrow.

Meals

Breakfast

Included Experiences

- Promenade (at High Speed) along the Beach
- Drive along the Côte d'Azur
- Get to Know Glitzy Monaco

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DAY 6

FRENCH RIVIERA TO FLORENCE VIA PISA

French Riviera

After one last run in France, we're ready for new ground. Italy, perhaps?

Pisa

No trip around Europe is complete without seeing the world's most famous #AwkwardLean, the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Once you've got that perfect snap of you holding the thing up like you're Arnold Schwarzenegger, we'll be on the fast-track to Florence.

Florence

The dome of Duomo Cathedral sits above the city making certain we know we have arrived in Florence. Tonight you can choose to begin your Tuscan love affair at a Free Time Add-On dinner - think olives, pastas, focaccia, meats & wine.

Meals

Breakfast

Included Experiences

- Visit Pisa (for that Epic Selfie)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Tuscan Dinner -

Wind down with the fantastic local wine, Chianti, in the heart of Florence. In true Italian fashion, our warm hosts will load your table with a feast of entrées followed by a house speciality & something 'dolce' for dessert.

Price: 46.00 EUR

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DAY 7

FLORENCE TO ROME

Florence

Need time to rest and carb load? Good thing we're in Italy! This morning is a perfect balance of guided wisdom and free time to roam. We'll uncover the beautiful art of traditional leather & explore streets bursting with heritage before eventually hitting the road for Rome.

Rome

And you thought your morning was interesting! The afternoon will really take it up a notch as we uncover Italian icons in the country's capital of Rome as you get a glimpse of its glory by night. Gelato, pizza and ancient monuments - perfect!

Meals

Breakfast

Included Experiences

- Tour Rome on Foot

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DAY 8

ROME

Rome

Rise and shine! After an early morning run to see the most iconic sites of Rome, we'll head back to the hostel for breakfast with espresso to keep you buzzin'. Today will be a whirlwind of Roman architecture & the chance to see the Colosseum up close. The afternoon's free & an optional pasta cooking class with dinner is on the agenda tonight. Oh, and treat yourself to some gelato, will ya? You've earned it.

Meals

Breakfast

Included Experiences

- Run through the Eternal City

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Emperors & Gladiators inc Colosseum -

Wander through the ruins of the ancient Roman Empire's political heart, while our Local Guide peels back the layers of history & reconstructs the past. From the assassinations at the Forum to the bloody battles in the Colosseum, learn how the roots of Western culture started here.

Price: 55.00 EUR

Rome Pasta Cooking Class & Dinner -

It's time to cook like a true Italian. This unique cooking experience offers you the opportunity to learn how to make traditional pastas, then relax & indulge in your own creation. Learn, laugh, drink & most importantly, eat!

Price: 55.00 EUR

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DAY 9

ROME TO VENICE

Rome

We may be hitting the road again, but we're not done with Italy just yet. We have one more city to lust over...

Venice

Venice is yours for this glorious Italian afternoon. We'll be jumping aboard our own private boat and hitting the canals en route to the historical heart of the city. A gondola ride is up for grabs, or you can always choose to get lost on your own and see where the maze takes you.

Meals

Breakfast

Included Experiences

- Cruise on a Motoscafo to Venice

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Gondolas -

See Venice from the canals in a gondola. From magnificent palazzi in the distance to the locals' laundry strung across the backwaters, Venice's charm gets you at every turn.

Price: 29.00 EUR

Venetian Dinner -

Enjoy a family style dinner in a busy local eatery tasting some of Italy's favourite dishes.

Price: 46.00 EUR

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DAY 10

VENICE TO MUNICH VIA TYROL

Venice

Confident we have ticked off all the Italian essentials, we can now leg it to Germany. After all the sophistication and glamour of France and Italy, a few beers and the chance to wear Bavarian suspenders will be precisely what we feel like.

Tyrol

Wind through the Austrian Alps to lively Munich.

Munich

Bavarian culture, a famous Glockenspiel and charm aplenty; Munich doesn't just turn it on during Oktoberfest! Explore peaceful gardens and legendary beer halls or join in the bike tour and explore the side streets you wouldn't usually see.

Meals

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Mike's Bike Tour -

Explore Munich like a true Bavarian & join us on a guided bike tour when you cycle past the famous sights as your Local Guide explains the fascinating history of the city.

Price: 30.00 EUR

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DAY 11

MUNICH TO RHINE VALLEY VIA DACHAU

Munich

A morning run in Munich? Along the sprawling gardens of Riemer Park? What better way to bid farewell to this wonderful city?

Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site

Journeying out of Munich, we'll make a stop at Dachau for a sobering visit to the Dachau concentration camp memorial. You'll be able to spend some time here to learn and reflect, before we head on to the Rhine Valley.

Sankt Goar

After the scenic journey of fairytale castles, vineyards and valleys, you'll be charmed before we even arrive in Germany's famous Rhine Valley. This back-in-time town is our wine tasting host for the evening.

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Included Experiences

- Get those Miles in at Riemer Park
- Visit Dachau Concentration Camp
- See the River Rhine

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Rhine Valley Wine Tasting MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience -

In the historic setting of an underground candle-lit cellar, get the low-down on the region's reputation as a leading white wine producer. Try out local wines as you sip on some Riesling & the exclusive ice wine, a speciality of the area.

Price: 12.00 EUR

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DAY 12

RHINE VALLEY TO AMSTERDAM VIA EDAM

Sankt Goar

This morning, change into your running kit & head out on a scenic run along the Rhine's dreamy vineyard landscapes. Afterwards, we'll drag you all away from Germany (sorry!) Only to see you equally infatuated with another dot on the European map hours later...

Edam

You know the cheese, and now you're going to know the place that pioneered it. We'll cycle into the countryside admiring windmills in Edam.

Amsterdam

Pretty canals lined with quaint crooked houses and cafes bursting with life. Amsterdam is all that and way more than you could ever imagine. And tonight's your chance to have a go on Amsterdam's highest swing!

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Included Experiences

- Hit those Miles along the Rhine
- Cycle through the Quaint Town of Edam

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Have a Go on Europe's Highest Swing -

An unrivalled panoramic view of Amsterdam's historic centre, unique Dutch landscape, & famous UNESCO world heritage canals. Be amazed as you swing 100 metres above ground then enjoy a drink at the top.

Price: 30.00 EUR

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DAY 13

AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam

It's our last full day on trip, better make the most of it! After an invigorating run this morning at the Amsterdamse Bos Parkrun, we'll head out for a brunch of traditional Dutch pancakes. Then, you've got a free day to explore the city with your crew. So how about a canal cruise? And a cheesy-good dinner?

Meals

Breakfast

Included Experiences

- Sweat it out with a Parkrun & Pancakes

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Highlights of Amsterdam Canal Cruise -

Floating down the canals is the perfect way to see Amsterdam as we cruise past historic buildings. The cruise gives you a different take on one of Europe's hottest creative capitals!

Price: 28.00 EUR

Clogs, Edam and Dinner Experience MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience -

Join local Dutch farmers to get an insight into how clogs and Edam cheese are made. After a demo and a tasting sesh (of the cheese, that is), we'll enjoy a traditional Dutch dinner in a restored cheese-making barn.

Price: 42.00 EUR

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DAY 14

AMSTERDAM TO LONDON

Amsterdam

Down your breakfast and wipe away your tears - this is always the worst day of the trip. We'll escort you to Schiphol Airport by about 10am for those leaving us in the canal lined city.

Calais

For those not leaving us until London, we'll travel south through Belgium, then cross into France to Calais.

Dover

We'll make our way back to London-town, where you'll be left to start dreaming up your next big adventure.

London

Aaand after 14 days of some of the most scenic sprints in Europe, our run has come to an end. And what a journey it has been! Say a fond farewell to the group as you wrap up the trip on arrival in London.

Meals

Breakfast