

## 16 Days/15 Nights

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### **Avanti Journeys - Best of Europe:**

**London, Paris, Amsterdam, Rome, & Barcelona**

These cities have been selected for their outstanding architecture, art collections, and historic importance for the development of Western Culture. Very difference in style and cuisine, each offers important lessons for those who seek to learn our collective history.

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#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- 3 Nights London
- 3 Nights Paris

- 3 Nights Amsterdam
- 3 Nights Rome

- 3 Nights Barcelona

## INCLUSIONS

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- Private London City Tour by Iconic Black Taxi
- Private Windsor & Stonehenge Tour from London with Driving Guide
- Private Paris by Night Tour in a Classic Car with Champagne
- Private Paris Museum Tour
- Semi-Private Amsterdam as a Local Tour with Pub Visit & Dinner
- Private Amsterdam Museum Tour
- Private Rome Tour with Colosseum Visit
- Gastronomic Walking Tour in Rome
- Private Panoramic Barcelona Tour
- Flamenco Show with Dinner
- Air JFK to London, Amsterdam to Rome, Rome to Barcelona & Barcelona to JFK\*
- 1st-Class Rail London to Paris & Paris to Amsterdam
- Daily Breakfast



### ARRIVAL IN LONDON:

Claim your bags and meet your driver who will transfer you to your hotel. You have the rest of the day to explore London on your own.

*(Accommodations, London)*



### LONDON:

Today you will have a **Private London City Tour by Iconic Black Taxi**. The best way to see London is with a knowledgeable London Taxi Driver, who must possess "the Knowledge" in order to obtain his cab license. Your London Highlights Taxi Tour will maximize the sightseeing time you spend in London and the fun you have. That's why the London Highlights Taxi Tour is our most popular. On your 3-hour tour you will see some of the most iconic, famous historical London sights—all with a full commentary from your London Taxi Tour Guide and lots of photo opportunities on the day. Your Taxi Tour will include:

- Westminster Abbey, Hyde Park Memorial, St. Paul's Cathedral, Houses of Parliament, Downing Street, Whitehall, Tower Bridge, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, London Bridge, and much more!

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, London)*



## LONDON:

Today is spent outside of London, at two iconic places in England. Your licensed driving guide will take you to **Windsor Castle**, the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world. Here you may see the Royal apartments and other lavishly furnished rooms. Then continue out into the countryside to mysterious **Stonehenge**. Hear from your guide the many facts and theories about this ancient site.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, London)*

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## LONDON TO PARIS:

This morning you'll have a car transfer to St. Pancras Station, where you'll board the Eurostar train for your 2½-hour trip to Paris. Arriving in Paris, you'll be met by a car for transfer to your Paris hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Paris on your own.

*(Breakfast, London; Accommodations, Paris)*

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## PARIS:

Today you continue your exploration of Paris—choosing to explore one or more of the many churches and museums that fill the city. In the evening, the "City of Light" will unfold before your eyes on a **Private Paris by Night Tour in a Classic Car, with Champagne**. You'll be picked up at your hotel at 8:30pm for this tour, which is designed to discover the most beautiful monuments of Paris as they are illuminated at night. Highlights which you will drive past include:

- Avenue des Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Trocadero, Eiffel Tower, Invalides, Pont Alexander, the Petite and Grand Palais, Place de la Concorde, Opera Garnier, Place Vendome, Pyramide du Louvre, Notre Dame and Hotel de Ville.

The illuminated views of these classic and elegant sights will leave an indelible memory in your mind! After touring the highlights of central Paris you will be driven around the famous sites of the village of **Montmartre**, including **the Moulin Rouge, the Pigalle**, and **Sacre Coeur**. Included with your tour is a **bottle of champagne** to enjoy along the way! Stops for photographs are possible - be sure to tell your driver if there is something in particular you wish to see during your tour! Please note that tour does not stop for visits to sites.

An English-speaking driver in a Citroen 2CV car conducts the tour. These classic French cars have been refurbished and have open top roofs for summer weather and see-through roofs for other seasons. (Maximum number of people per vehicle is three.)

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Paris)*





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## PARIS:

Today you have a **private tour of either Louvre or Musée d'Orsay**—you make the choice at the time of booking. Rest of the day at leisure.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Paris)*

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## PARIS TO AMSTERDAM:

This morning after checking out you will be transferred to the train station for your 3¼-hour rail journey to Amsterdam by first-class train. Upon arrival in Amsterdam, you will be transferred to your hotel. You have the rest of the day to explore the beautiful pedestrian streets and canals of the historic city.

*(Breakfast, Paris; Accommodations, Amsterdam)*

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## AMSTERDAM:

The day is free for you to explore Amsterdam on your own. An optional visit to the Amsterdam Historical Museum will give you a fast course in the history of the city—which began with a dam on the Amstel River. At 5 p.m., be in the lobby of your hotel as you will be picked up for your **Semi-Private Amsterdam as a Local Tour with Pub Visit and Dinner**.

Experience Amsterdam's traditional pub culture with a local! Beyond the breweries and coffee shops that Amsterdam is known for there are many charming pubs tucked in the corners of the historic city center. These pubs are frequented mostly by the locals and not by the tourists, giving you an authentic experience.

Spend 2 hours walking around a city center neighborhood (this can be focused on an area of your choosing if you like) and learn not only about the history of Amsterdam and the daily life of the Dutch, but also the history of Dutch beer brands and their local spirit, Jenever (also known as Dutch gin). You will visit two local pubs and have two drinks at each pub (local beer, wine, soft drink, or a local spirit).

After the walking tour your guide will escort you to the restaurant **Grand Café 1884** and leave you there to enjoy a 3-course dinner with choices for a starter, main dish, and dessert. The restaurant is located a few blocks opposite the Central rail station, for easy access to the trams to get back to your Amsterdam hotel; or if it's a lovely evening you can enjoy a stroll along the various canals.

*(Breakfast, Dinner, & Accommodations, Amsterdam)*

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## AMSTERDAM:

Today you have a **private tour of either the Van Gogh Museum or the Rijksmuseum**—you make the choice at the time of booking. Rest of the day at leisure.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Amsterdam)*

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## AMSTERDAM TO ROME:

This morning after breakfast, take your private transfer to Amsterdam Airport for your flight to Rome. On arrival in Rome, a driver will meet you for your private transfer to your Rome hotel. You have the rest of the day to relax or to begin exploring Rome on your own.

*(Breakfast, Amsterdam; Accommodations, Rome)*

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## ROME:

Today you have a **private four-hour tour of Rome**, including a visit to the Colosseum. Your driver and English-speaking guide will meet you at your Hotel (time to be selected by you) to show you some of the highlights of the Eternal City, such as the Roman Forum, the center of civic life in ancient Rome; Palatine Hill, location of the emperors' palaces; and the Colosseum—the largest amphitheater ever built—famed for its entertainments including mock naval battles, gladiatorial combats, and wild animal fights (entrance fees included). After the tour, you have the rest of the day on your own to continue your exploration of Rome.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Rome)*

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## ROME:

Today you will have a **private Gastronomic Walking Tour in Rome**: This tour begins at your hotel in the late morning and lasts for 3 hours. Savor traditional Roman food as you explore the Testaccio and Campo dei Fiori areas. You will visit some of the best-known food shops in Rome, tasting local specialties, as well as local wine, various types of cheeses and cured meats, and the famous Roman Pizza Bianca, a simple pizza with olive oil and salt. At the conclusion of the tour,



you have the rest of the day free to explore on your own.

*(Breakfast, Lunch & Accommodations, Rome)*

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## ROME TO BARCELONA:

This morning after breakfast, take your private transfer to Rome Airport for your flight to Barcelona. On arrival in Barcelona, a driver will meet you for your private transfer to your hotel. You have the rest of the day to relax or to begin exploring Barcelona on your own.

*(Breakfast, Rome; Accommodations, Barcelona)*

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## BARCELONA:

Enjoy a 2 hour private panoramic tour of Barcelona by luxury car with an English-speaking driver. Your driver who will guide you through the city will ask you for your preferences and he will show you a complete vision of Barcelona. Barcelona is a cosmopolitan Mediterranean city. You will visit the façade of the Cathedral, the façade of the Sagrada Familia: a unique creation that has become Barcelona's most universal symbol. The visit continues to the Olympic Village, the Columbus monument and then on to the Montjuïc Mountain, where you will be able to see the Olympic Stadium and Sant Jordi Palace.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Barcelona)*

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## BARCELONA:

Today is free for you to explore on your own; options could include a visit to the Old Quarter of the city, walking down the fashionable Las Ramblas, or a visit to the Old Port. And if you haven't already done it, a visit to Antonio Gaudi's Cathedral of the Holy Family is a must.

Your Best of Europe adventure concludes with a Traditional Flamenco Show with Dinner. Enjoy a deliciously authentic fixed dinner menu at Tablao Palacio del Flamenco, while taking in a lively Flamenco show. The dinner is a varied menu of typical Spanish food with wine and mineral water included. Unless a private car and

driver is hired, transportation from/to your hotel is not included.

*(Breakfast, Dinner & Accommodations, Barcelona)*

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## **DEPARTURE:**

Today you say farewell to Europe as you have a private transfer to the Barcelona Airport, for your flight back to New York (or other selected city).

***\*Flights from other U.S. departure cities also available.***

*(Breakfast, Barcelona)*

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