

Affordable Europe by Train



Thalys train

Get Ready for a Dream Vacation!

If you thought the glamour of Europe was out of your reach, you're in for a treat! Join us for the vacation of a lifetime as we tour the glittering cities and beautiful countryside of England, France, Belgium, and The Netherlands. Discover a treasure trove of historic sites and architectural wonders as you tour Europe's most vibrant capitals. Browse world-class museums, shop for designer

haute couture, and immerse yourself in Old World ambiance. Then sit back, relax, and take in panoramic vistas of lush countryside as you speed by rail to your next exciting destination. A truly indulgent international experience can be yours with our "Affordable Tour of Europe"!

Hail, Britannia! – Two Days in London

The city of Shakespeare and Queen Victoria, Charles Dickens and Winston Churchill, London is rich in history, but it's also a cosmopolitan capital on the cutting edge of culture. We begin our European adventure in this remarkable city with a tour of London's highlights, including Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square and Tower Bridge. Each stop on your tour is like a step back in time!



"Travel by high-speed train and make the most of your vacation time."

Once you've gotten the lay of the land in this vibrant city, you're free to explore on your own and discover the charm and style that makes London a top destination of travelers worldwide. Or if you crave a bit of the royal

9 Days • 10 Meals

From London to Paris, to the beautiful countryside of Belgium and the Netherlands, enjoy a sampling of some of Europe's greatest treasures.



touch, join us for an optional tour of the Queen's residence at Windsor Castle, a stately structure built in the 11th century.

Immerse Yourself in the City of Light

From London, we hop aboard *Eurostar* for a high-speed train ride under the English Channel and into the French countryside. Everywhere you look, you'll see picturesque

tableaux familiar from art, history and film, from the colossal Arc de Triomphe to the gothic arches and glorious stained glass windows of the Cathedral of Notre Dame.

All of Paris is yours to explore! Stroll down the Champs-Elysees and browse the many stylish shops that line this famous avenue, or take a break in a sidewalk café for a cup of creamy café au lait and a pastry. Travelers with a taste for luxury can join the guide for an optional tour of the opulent Palace de Versailles, which served as the royal residence for France's kings and queens for more than a century.



Eurostar



Palace de Versailles

Exploring the Continent: Belgium, The Netherlands, and Germany

We board our high-speed *Thalys* train and head north to Belgium and The Netherlands. Our first stop is Brussels, the administrative center of the European Union, where we'll tour the beautiful boulevards and spacious squares of this gorgeous capital city.

From Brussels, we move on to the quaint town of Valkenburg in The Netherlands. This scenic medieval town will serve as our home base as we explore the region over the next three days. View picturesque water mills and castle ruins, or relax with a steaming cup of coffee and a Limburg flan, a local delicacy.

While in Belgium, you may also opt to tour Bruges, a splendid medieval city nicknamed "the Venice of the North" for its crisscrossing canals. As you stroll the winding byways and gaze on the swans that drift on Bruges' Minnewater ("Lake of Love"), you'll sense fairy-tale magic in the air!

Your European vacation also includes a three country tour. A leisurely trip through the verdant province of Limburg, also known as "Little Switzerland" and a stop at the ancient town of Maastricht. Founded more than 2000 years ago, it's the oldest town in the region! We'll also stop at the lovely German town of Monschau. An idyllic town in a wooded river valley, Monschau evokes its medieval past, from its pristinely preserved half-timbered architecture to its charming town square.

Hotel Accommodations

Days Two and Three – Thistle Kensington Park Hotel, London, England

Days Four and Five – Holiday Inn La Villette, Paris, France

Days Six through Eight – Park Hotel Rooding, Valkenberg, The Netherlands

We'll board the *ICE* train and speed through the German countryside for Frankfurt Airport and our flight home.

Old-World Glamour – Within Your Reach!

Don't miss out on this chance to experience the splendors of Europe! Join us for an unforgettable journey you'll remember for a lifetime!



ICE train

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October 30*, 31	\$1,699	\$699
November 3, 6*	\$1,699	\$699
2007 Depart USA	Chicago	Add
February 27	\$1,699	\$699
March 6, 9, 12, 13 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27	\$1,699	\$699

To cover various departure and arrival taxes, as well as baggage handling only on *Eurostar*, please add \$149 per person plus applicable fuel surcharges to the air inclusive price.

Optional excursions are purchased while on tour in local currency. Your Tour Manager will have complete details.

*These dates operate in reverse order

Day by Day

- Round trip scheduled air transportation
- Free home or local pickup and return
- 10 Meals (3 dinners, 2 continental and 5 full breakfasts)
- Round trip airport transfers
- \$45 in Mayflower Money

Days One and Two

- Arrive in London with included transfers to your hotel
- Meet your international Tour Guide for a panoramic city tour
- Welcome dinner hosted by your Tour Guide

Day Three

- Continental breakfast at your hotel
- Explore London on your own, or take an optional luncheon tour to Windsor Castle

Day Four

- Continental breakfast at your hotel
- Board *Eurostar* train to Paris
- Panoramic tour of Paris including the Champs-Elysees
- Visit the Cathedral of Notre Dame
- Arrive at hotel

Day Five

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Explore Paris on your own, or take an optional tour to the Palace of Versailles.

Day Six

- Breakfast at your hotel
- A high-speed trip to Brussels on the *Thalys* train
- A panoramic tour of Brussels
- Travel to Valkenburg in The Netherlands
- Dinner

Day Seven

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Leisure time in Valkenburg or optional trip to Bruges

Day Eight

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Three country tour through The Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany
- Farewell dinner

Day Nine

- Breakfast at your hotel
- High-speed *ICE* train ride to Frankfurt Airport for flights home