

EUROPE

DAY 1: DEPARTURE

Meet at O.R. Tambo International Airport at the Lufthansa check in counter for your flight to Frankfurt. Please ensure that you arrive at the airport at least 3 hours prior to the departure time.

Overnight on board your flight

DAY 2: ARRIVE FRANKFURT / HEIDELBERG

Arrive in Frankfurt and meet your driver and transfer to Heidelberg. Heidelberg is a town on the Neckar River in South western Germany, known for its distinguished 14th-century university. Built, destroyed and partially restored over several centuries, red-sandstone Heidelberg Castle stands beside the river on Königstuhl hill. Visitors can ride the Bergbahn funicular to reach the castle and its gardens, which have sweeping views over the river and the baroque. Altstadt (Old Town). Enjoy a City Tour including the Heidelberg Castle. Heidelberg Castle is a famous ruin in Germany and landmark of Heidelberg. The castle ruins are among the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. Enjoy leisure time for lunch

Overnight in Heidelberg

DAY 3: HEIDELBERG / STRASBOURG / RIQUEWIHR / COLMAR

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation and transfer to Strasbourg. Strasbourg is the capital and principal city of the Alsace region in north eastern France and is the official seat of the European Parliament. The city and the region of Alsace were historically Alemannic-speaking, which explains the city's Germanic name. Strasbourg's historic city center, the Grande Île (Grand Island), was classified a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1988, the first time such an honour was placed on an entire city center. Strasbourg is immersed in the Franco-German culture and although violently disputed throughout history, has been a bridge of unity between France and Germany for centuries. Enjoy some leisure time to explore the Strasbourg Cathedral: Attracting around 4 million visitors each year, the Cathedral of Strasbourg is the second most-visited cathedral in France after Notre-Dame de Paris. Recognisable from afar thanks to its atypical allure, the Cathedral of Strasbourg is the undisputed emblem of the city. Its silhouette with the single bell tower surmounted by a spire is visible from afar. Its 142 metre-high spire was the highest monument in the world from 1647 until 1874, and its height makes it the second-tallest cathedral in France after that of Rouen. It is a masterpiece of grace and lightness. Transfer to Riquewihr and visit the Musee de Dolder and Tower of Thieves Museum. In the afternoon transfer to Colmar. Upon arrival a local guide will take you on a local tour of all the main sights. Colmar was under German rule between 1871–1918 and 1940–1945 and is the third-largest commune of the Alsace region in north-eastern France. The town is situated along the Alsatian Wine Route and considers itself to be the "capital of Alsatian wine" (capitale des vins d'Alsace). The city is renowned for its well preserved old town, its numerous architectural landmarks and its museums, among which is the Unterlinden Museum with the Isenheim Altarpiece.

Overnight in Colmar

DAY 4: COLMAR / REIMS / PARIS

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation and transfer to Reims. (Lunch at own expense en-route). Visit a champagne cellar in Reims. Reims is a city in France's Champagne-Ardenne region. It was founded by the Gauls, but its 3rd-century Porte de Mars triumphal arch marks its later Roman conquest. It's the unofficial capital of the Champagne wine-growing region, and many of the houses headquartered there offer tastings and cellar tours. For more than 1,000 years, French kings were crowned at its Cathédrale Notre Dame. Transfer to Paris.

Overnight in Paris

DAY 5: PARIS / EIFFEL TOWER / NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

After breakfast, enjoy a half day city tour of Paris with an English speaking guide including entrance to the Eiffel Tower (2nd level) and a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral amongst others. The Notre Dame Cathedral is widely considered one of the finest examples of French Gothic architecture in the world. The name Notre Dame means "Our Lady" in French, and is frequently used in the names of Catholic Church buildings in Francophone countries. The Notre Dame Cathedral is the actual cathedral of the Catholic archdiocese of Paris, which is to say, it is the church which contains the official chair ("cathedra") of the Archbishop of Paris, Andre Cardinal Vingt-Trois. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure for lunch (for own account) and further sightseeing or shopping.

Overnight in Paris



DAY 6: PARIS / LOUVRE MUSEUM / SEINE RIVER CRUISE

After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour of more Paris sights with an English speaking guide, including entrance to the **Louvre Museum** and a **Seine River Cruise**. Lunch for own account. Interesting Louvre facts: The Louvre was originally built as a fortress in 1190, but later reconstructed to be a royal palace in the 16th century before the monarchy moved out to Château de Versailles. The first 'Louvre Museum' opened in 1793, during the French Revolution, with a collection of only 537 paintings. Since being stolen in 1911(don't worry, it was returned in 1913). , the famous Mona Lisa portrait is framed and covered with bullet proof glass and protected by guards at all times. In the afternoon you will visit Versailles with entrance to Versailles Palace and gardens. The Palace of Versailles is the former French royal residence and center of government, now a national landmark. It is located in the city of Versailles, UNESCO designated the palace and its gardens a World Heritage site in 1979. Following a devastating winter storm in 1989, which destroyed more than 1,000 trees on the palace grounds, the French government initiated a wide-ranging project of repair and renovation. A severe windstorm in 1999 caused the loss of some 10,000 trees, including several planted by Marie Antoinette and Napoleon Bonaparte.

Overnight in Paris

DAY 7: PARIS

After breakfast at the hotel you will be given your Paris 1 Day Zone 1-3 transport ticket. Today you have at leisure to explore the city, by train or bus.

Overnight in Paris

DAY 8: PARIS / DISNEYLAND

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today is one of the highlights of the tour. Coach transfer to Disneyland Paris. Disneyland Paris, originally Euro Disney Resort, is an entertainment resort in Marne-la-Vallée. It is the most visited theme park in all of France and Europe. The resort covers 4,800 acres (19 km²) and encompasses two theme parks, several resort hotels, a shopping, dining, and entertainment complex, and a golf course, in addition to several additional recreational and entertainment venues. Disneyland Park is the original theme park of the complex, opening with the resort on 12 April 1992. A second theme park, Walt Disney Studios Park opened in 2002. The resort is the second Disney Park to open outside the United States, following the opening of the Tokyo Disney Resort in 1983. (Lunch at own expense.)

Overnight in Paris

DAY 9: PARIS / JOHANNESBURG

After breakfast enjoy the morning at leisure before your flight. Check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg via Frankfurt.

Overnight onboard your flight.

DAY 10: JOHANNESBURG

Arrive in Johannesburg at O.R. Tambo International Airport.

