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London

We flew into London through the night and arrived by 8:00 am. We took the train to downtown London and then a taxi to our hotel. We pay for the night before we arrive, so we will have a room immediately. We took a shower and rested for a few hours and then explored whatever we wanted to see in the city.



London

2nd - 8th Days -Wednesday - Monday, May 15th - 20th -Took several day trips outside of London and several trips around London and then took the “Eurostar” (Sometimes called the Chunnel) to Paris.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR PASSPORT READILY AVAILABLE FOR EACH OF THE EUROPEAN BORDERS.



Take the **“Eurostar”** from London to Paris. Following are fares from their Website:

Eurostar fares

Check our range of prices for your chosen destination.

As well as our competitive prices, travelling by Eurostar also has the following benefits:

Convenient city centre to city centre travel

No lengthy and expensive transfer costs to and from the airport

Children under 4 travel free

Discounted prices for under 12s, groups, youth and seniors

2 for 1 entry to major museums with your Eurostar ticket.

All tickets and fare types are subject to availability.

Please note: All fares below are shown in euros but displayed and charged in US dollars at the time of booking. Exchange rate used \$1.35 = €1 (the exchange rate is subject to change).

Prices are shown in € (Euros) unless stated otherwise.

Fares-	Between London/Ebbsfleet/ Ashford and Paris	
STANDARD		
	single	return
Exchangeable*	€43 - €216.50	€86 - €433
STANDARD PREMIER		
	single	return
Exchangeable*	€121.50 - €262.50	€243 - €525
BUSINESS PREMIER		
	single	return
Fully flex**	€349	€620

Fare Availability

Tickets go on sale between 138 and 190 days before departure. We price the tickets on our trains based on demand and availability, with cheaper tickets often selling out quickest. So the earlier you book, the lower the cost of your ticket.

*Exchangeability conditions

All our fares in Standard and SP are exchangeable before departure of each leg by paying the difference in price with the next available fare on the day of exchange plus a fixed fee of £30/€40.

**All our BP fares are fully flexible, no fees and no difference in fare.

Paris

9th Day -Tuesday, May 21st - Arrived in Paris

10th Day - Wednesday May 22nd -- Moved our luggage to a new moderately priced hotel in Paris (**Hotel Familia** - \$125 per night for two) near the “**Sorbonne**” and “**Rue Escoles**” and walked around. It was only a few blocks to “**Notre Dame**” and the “**Louvre**”.



After seeing the major items in the “**Louvre**” we walked through a neighborhood market (they have them in every section of Paris). Then through a section of the “**Touillette Gardens**”. I wanted to see the famous “**Water Lily**” paintings by “**Monet**” in the “**Orangerie Museum**”. It was noon and it was closed until 2 pm. I asked the lady at the desk and she told me to knock on the door and the guard was having lunch and would let me in. It was wonderful!!!!



11th Day - Thursday May 23rd -- We decided to visit “Versailles” today.

Paris to Chateau Versailles by Train



12th - 15th Day - Friday - Monday, May 24th - 27th - In Paris

Took day trips from Paris and strolled around Paris. Left on the 16th Day for Chateau de marcay in the Loire Valley.



We reserved a tower room on the back side of the chateau. it was wonderful with a huge bathroom. Our son had a room in the top of the tower with a single bed. He went up this stone staircase to his room:



They have a wonderful swimming pool that we enjoyed both days we were there.



17th Day - Wednesday, May 29th - Leave Chateau de Marçay, to Chateau Chenonceau, to Orleans where Joan of Arc lived, and to Salieu to stay at the Relais Bernard Loiseau.



Chateau Chenonceau



Orleans



Relais Bernard Loiseau - We had a beautiful newly renovated suite with a glass enclosed bathroom and shower in the middle.



Relais Bernard Loiseau is a beautiful ancient hotel and restaurant - a Michelin 4 star



Relais Bernard Loiseau - a beautiful indoor pool



18th Day - Thursday, May 30th - Leave Salieu and drive to Freiburg Germany.



Freiburg



Freiburg not very far from the Rhine River between Germany and France. There are day trips which can be arranged from Freiburg.

Freiburg is a German university city out of the main English speaking tourist flow that runs Munich to Berlin and yet central in Europe.

It is a beautiful, walkable city on the edge of the Black Forest known for being in the sunniest corner of the country.

The university and its students keep it vibrant and cultural. It is a good base to explore this region with day trips to the nearby spa towns and the numerous hiking opportunities of the forest nearby.



Day 19

Friday, May 31st

In Freiberg

Day 20

Saturday, June 1st

In Freiburg

Day 21

Sunday, June 2nd

Freiburg (to Konstanz 124 KM)

Konstanz



A university city with approximately 80,000 inhabitants located at the western end of Lake Constance in the south-west corner of Germany, bordering Switzerland. The city houses the University of Konstanz and was for more than 1200 years residence of the Roman-Catholic Diocese of Konstanz

Konstanz is situated on Lake Constance (the Bodensee in German). The Rhine river, which starts in the Swiss Alps, passes through Lake Constance and leaves it, considerably larger, by flowing under a bridge connecting the two parts of the city. North of the river lies the larger part of the city with residential areas, industrial estates, and the University of Konstanz; while south of the river is the old town, which houses the administrative centre and shopping facilities in addition to the Hochschule or the University of Applied Sciences. Car ferries provide access across Lake Constance to Meersburg, and the Katamaran provides a shuttle service for pedestrians to Friedrichshafen. At the old town's southern border lies the Swiss town of Kreuzlingen.

Since April 2007, the line of the border between Germany and Switzerland is no longer marked by a fence but by a sculpture border - unique throughout the world. For realising the sculpture border, Konstanz artist Johannes Dörflinger designed a work of art comprising 22 individual sculptures. The objects represent the trumps of the tarot, the "Great Arkana".





The German Alpine road or Alpenstrasse

The German Alpenstrasse (Alpine road) is an exhilarating route full of twists and turns that runs for a distance of over 279 miles (450KM) between Lindau and Berchtesgaden. The stunning Alpine landscapes offers the visitor a varied and magnificent panorama. The route takes you past numerous mountain lakes, Alpine meadows, magnificent castles and guys in lederhosen (we promise you'll see one at least). This is a German road, not a French one, so the lanes are wide and the speed limits generous.



History

Traveling the Alpine Highway



Konstanz (to Lindau - 45.1 KM)

From Konstanz to Lindau, you must first take a ferry to Meersburg.

Car and Passenger Ferries to Constance-Meersburg

Relax and enjoy the fast crossing: Ferries leave every fifteen minutes, 365 days of the year. You can take refreshments on board in the restaurant during the crossing or enjoy being in close proximity to the water and the cool breezes.



are maintained by a road bridge. The old town hall is certainly worth a visit. The small historic streets are also a pleasure to discover.

Lindau (to Oberstaufen - 36 KM)

We leave Lindau eastward on road B308, the alpenstrasse. On our way we see a lot of green alpine meadows and pine forests. After 36km we reach Oberstaufen, the capital of wellness. Around Oberstaufen alone there are 80 hotels offering beauty treatments. Today's luxurious spas have their origins in spartan regimes, and a certain rigor is still maintained.





Day 23

Tuesday, June 4th

Oberstaufen (to Obersdorf - 37.8 KM)



After Oberstaufen, the B308 road leads past Immenstadt, through lush, green forests and pastures, with the 1300m (4000ft) peaks of the Voralpenland (Alpine Upland) forming a guard of honour. We drive past the Grosser Alpsee (see means lake in German) and continue to Oberstdorf, Germany's most southerly village. Here you can walk a high-wire 33m (100ft) up that spans between the towers of the local ski-jumping arena.



Alpine lakes and fairytale castles

Back on the Alpine Road, we head for the neighboring health resort of Bad Hindelang, another important spa town (bad means 'bath or 'spa') and drive further to Wertach and then to Nesselwang.

After Wertach we reach the Grüntensee, an ideal stop for a refreshing dive in the clear water or for a pedal boat ride. When entering the town of Nesselwang, we stop at the parking lot just before town. It's the best place to take a picture of the authentic little town surrounded by high alpine peaks. In bad weather, you can visit the Alpspitz wave pool. The spacious sauna area there is ideal to loosen your contracted driver muscles.



Leaving Nesselwang we take the B309 and then the B310 to Fussen. Just north of Fussen, the road joins the B16 also known as the Romantic Road. We cross the bridge over the river Lech and follow the signs to Hohenschwangau / castles. Here you have the opportunity to visit Neuschwanstein Castle, Hohenschwangau Castle and the Museum of the Bavarian kings.



Saltzburg (to Oberammergau - 184 KM)

As we drove closer to Saltzburg, we saw the castle and mountains for many miles.



We traveled from Saltzburg to Bertchesgaten to see the "Eagles Nest".



The Eagle's Nest



Eagle's Nest

The road leading from Obersalzberg (formerly Hitler's home and southern headquarters) to the Eagle's Nest parking lot is considered to be a feat of engineering. Perched at 1,834 m (6,017 ft), the building itself was a project of Martin Bormann's and given to Adolf Hitler for his 50th birthday as a teahouse for diplomats. The Eagle's Nest remained unscathed from the bombing of the Allied Forces during WWII. Since 1952 it has been open to the public as a mountain top restaurant with a spectacular view and is accessed only by special mountain buses

from Obersalzberg. Due to its high elevation the Eagle's Nest is open in summer only, usually from about mid-May through October.

"Eagles Nest" is only accessible by a special bus from the parking lot.

Times & Prices

The Eagle's Nest Historical Tour is offered daily, departing from the Historical Tour office in Berchtesgaden at 1:15 p.m. It runs from around mid-May through October, provided the Eagle's Nest road is open and lasts about four hours. The price of the tour is EUR 53 per person (active duty military, students and seniors of 65 and over qualify for a EUR 3 discount) and EUR 35 for children from 6 through 14 years of age (due to the intense historical focus of this tour we do not accept bookings for children under 6). The price includes all entrance fees and transportation. As our tours are limited in size, it is advisable to book in advance.

Other tours can be booked through other agents.

Munich

We walked all over Munich and visited the "Palace", as well as the "English Garden".



We visited the famous "Hofbrauhaus" and ate dinner at a wonderful restaurant nearby.

