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EUROPE

ESSENTIAL TOUR INFORMATION

PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

A valid passport is required with a minimum validity of six months from your date of return. It is your responsibility to ensure that you meet necessary visa/permit entry requirements and pay all associated costs, unless it is stated that the costs are included in your tour price. Failure to obtain correct documentation may affect entry into certain countries on tour. Travelmarvel suggests contacting the relevant consulates for the latest information on visa requirements, costs, and processing time. It is important to carry your passport and other travel documents in your hand luggage while traveling.

For Australian and New Zealand passport holders seeking further visa information, or region-specific information, please visit: travelmarvel.com/en-au/before-you-travel/visa-requirements

United Kingdom

Australians visiting the UK for less than six months who have no other UK immigration status will need an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) to travel to or transit through the UK. Please visit gov.uk/eta for further information or to apply.

European Entry/Exit System

The new European Entry/Exit System (EES) starts on 12 October 2025 for all non-EU nationals, including Australians, travelling in or out of the Schengen Area. When travelling into and out of the Schengen area, you may need to have your fingerprints and photo taken, and answer Schengen Border Code questions. If you revisit the Schengen area within 3 years of creating your digital record, you'll only need to provide either your fingerprint or photograph at the border on entry and exit.

The registration process should only take a few minutes, but there may be longer border queues when the new system starts. Please visit travel-europe.europa.eu/en/ees for further information.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is not included in your holiday package. We strongly recommend that you take out comprehensive travel insurance that covers, without limitation, the full cost of your holiday, medical costs, medical evacuation, loss of luggage and any additional charges for cancellations due to both land and air disruptions, natural disasters and industrial actions such as strikes. Please ensure that your insurance covers you for the entire duration of your trip, and check what circumstances and activities are not included in your policy. Please ensure that all pre-existing medical issues are declared to the insurer so that noncovered conditions are identified in advance. You should have the details recorded and accessible in the case of an emergency.

DIETARY AND ALLERGIES

If you have any dietary requirements or allergies that need to be managed while travelling with Travelmarvel, and you have not made these known already, please advise your booking agent as soon as possible, as well as your Tour Director upon arrival. Most suppliers require advance notice to accommodate these requirements and in some cases, you may be required to fill out a form or waiver. Every effort will be made to fulfil requests, but these cannot always be guaranteed.

WHAT TO PACK

What you should pack depends on your personal preference. Most guests dress casually on tour. However, if the group is going into town, you may want to wear something a little dressier. You may also want to wear something slightly more formal for welcome dinners and cocktail evenings. If your sightseeing includes visits to churches, monasteries, synagogues, or mosques, dress casually while ensuring your clothes are clean and provide sufficient body cover (for example, you may be required to cover your shoulders and knees). The below is a list of items to assist you with packing for your tour.

Personal items:

- Personal medications and copies of prescriptions
- Sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses and sun hat
- Travel-size toiletries (e.g. shampoo, conditioner, soap, body lotion, and insect repellent)
- Sturdy and comfortable footwear such as runners with good grip
- Windproof/waterproof jacket
- Small backpack/bag for day use
- Reusable water bottle (insulated recommended)
- Binoculars
- Bathers/swimsuit
- CPAP machine (if required)

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES:

- Passport and any required visas.
- Travel insurance policy including policy number and emergency contact number
- Airline e-tickets, Travelmarvel itinerary and Essential Information (electronically)

- Wallet or money belt (cash, credit cards, bank cards)
- Camera with memory card and charger
- A universal adaptor. Electricity is 220 volts on board our ships and throughout Europe. A plug adaptor is necessary if you plan to bring appliances from home

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS:

Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed 160cm (63 inches) or weigh more than 20kg (44 pounds). An extra charge may be imposed to cover portage handling of any additional luggage. Your Tour Director will advise you of the exact additional charge.

AT THE AIRPORT

RECONFIRMATION OF FLIGHTS

We recommend you check your booking directly on the airline's website to ensure there have been no last-minute schedule changes. Your airline booking number can be found at the top of your e-ticket.

DELAYED OR MISSED FLIGHTS

In the event that you miss your flight or that you are delayed substantially, please advise the airline representative that you are booked on a group tour with a specific start location, date and time. Be sure to advise Travelmarvel of your new travel arrangements immediately.

LOST OR DELAYED LUGGAGE

If you lose luggage or personal belongings prior to joining the tour, please contact a representative of your chosen airline at the airport. If you lose luggage or personal belongings during your tour, please inform your Tour Director immediately for assistance.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers are included on the first and last day of the tour package. They are also included if you have booked pre-tour or post-tour accommodation with Travelmarvel at the same hotel.

You will be welcomed by a Travelmarvel representative after clearing customs and collecting your luggage, then transferred to your hotel. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick-up points or destinations. If you miss your pre-booked transfer, you must make your own way to the hotel at your own expense. Please check your personalised Travelmarvel itinerary in your travel documents to make sure transfer details are indicated and correspond to your flight information.

STAYING HEALTHY ON TOUR

SEE YOUR GP

Your GP or travel clinic is the best source of information about preventative measures including vaccinations. We recommend you consult your GP or local travel clinic for detailed advice to ensure you're fully prepared before travel. Please take a copy of your travel itinerary with you to assist with the recommendations of appropriate medication and vaccinations. If you have any health conditions, please ask your doctor to prepare a medical summary for use by a foreign doctor if needed. This should include: your name, address, emergency contact, blood type, medical history, current medications and dosages, drug allergies, reasons for prior hospitalisation and a list of vaccinations and dates. Please have this information available when completing the In Case of Emergency form on the first day of your tour.

TRAVELMARVEL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL

Travelmarvel has created a Health and Safety Protocol that all our Tour Directors are required to follow. To help reduce the spread of illness while on tour, you may be asked to take precautionary measures if you're showing symptoms of a cold or virus. These may include wearing a face mask, eating meals in your room/cabin rather than in shared dining areas, or remaining in your cabin/room until symptoms improve. You will also be required to complete an In Case of Emergency form on the first day of your tour. For more information on these protocols, please refer to our website: travelmarvel.com/en-au/before-you-travel/health-and-wellbeing.

COLD AND FLU

If you experience cold or flu-like symptoms while on tour, please use hand sanitiser regularly — especially before meals and throughout the day — and be considerate of fellow travellers by limiting close contact. Hand sanitiser dispensers are available in public areas on all ships and coaches, so make sure to use them when reboarding. If your symptoms worsen, notify your Tour Director immediately so appropriate measures can be taken.

SUN EXPOSURE

Weather conditions will vary on tour. Drinking plenty of water is important to prevent dehydration. A hat and high-quality sunscreen are important for preventing sunburn, even on overcast days.



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TIPPING

Gratuities for your Tour Director and local guides are included in the tour price. See your itinerary for any variations to the above. Tipping cannot be redeemed for a cash refund.

ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY TOURING

Travelmarvel provides opportunities to pursue your special interests and enhance your European holiday with a range of

Enhance Your Journey options.

Please note, all Enhance your Journey Touring options are subject to availability, minimum/maximum numbers and weather conditions. If your first choice is unavailable, you may be asked to choose an alternative. Not all tours are offered on all itineraries and departure dates.

Some activities and excursions are by nature adventurous and can involve some personal risk. As a passenger, you must make your own assessment of the risk involved in any excursion and take sole responsibility for any decision to participate. As the booking agent, Travelmarvel cannot be liable for any personal risk or injury.

DISRUPTION TO ITINERARY

Under normal operating conditions,

itineraries will be delivered as per the brochure. However, sometimes for reasons beyond our control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary. Your Travelmarvel Tour Director and European Operations team will take responsibility for decision making in this regard. No refund is available under these circumstances. We strongly recommend you take out comprehensive travel insurance that includes coverage for events such as these.

SEAT ROTATION

To ensure you have the opportunity to enjoy front and window seats, a daily seat rotation system is employed on our coaches. Your Tour Director will go through the details of this system at the beginning of your holiday.

GREAT RAIL JOURNEYS

All passengers will be confirmed in the best available class for the group. Train tickets and seating often cannot be confirmed until closer to travel. Travelmarvel Great Rail Journeys will make all possible arrangements to ensure the group is seated together. In some instances, this may not be possible. It is also worth noting that seats on trains will be in either groups of two or four and some passengers may be required to travel backwards. Unobstructed views cannot be guaranteed. Train delays can often occur which is out of the control of Travelmarvel and Great Rail Journeys.

PASSENGERS REQUIRING ASSISTANCE

Accessible facilities on board trains and at stations can be limited and are not guaranteed. It is important to note that doorways, hallways and public areas are narrow on board most trains used in the Great Rail Journeys program and that access can be difficult. This requires travellers to be mobile as the passages inside the carriages are too narrow for wheelchairs, and unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be used in between carriages.

GETTING ON/OFF THE TRAIN

Guests will be required to board and alight from trains independently. On non-

porterage departures, guests must be able to manage their luggage on and off trains and throughout stations as Occupational Health and Safety guidelines do not allow staff to assist.

TRANSFERS

If you have independent travel arrangements prior to your Travelmarvel Great Rail Journeys tour, and do not have a transfer, the Tourist Information Office at your arrival city will be able to offer further assistance with directions to the hotel. If you require any assistance, please contact the main Great Rail Journeys Europe Office on +44 1904 521 900 or the numbers stated on your personalised itinerary.

USEFUL TRAVEL WEBSITES

CUSTOMS

Customs Australia: homeaffairs.gov.au

Customs New Zealand: customs.govt.nz

Customs UK: gov.uk

Customs US: cbp.gov

TRAVEL ADVISORY AND VISA INFORMATION

Australia: smartraveller.gov.au

New Zealand: safetravel.govt.nz

UK: gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

USA: travel.state.gov/en/international-travel/travel-advisories.html



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