



**CANADIAN  
Tourism College**

# Europe 2019 Itinerary



Announcing the first program of its kind where the curriculum **INCLUDES** an all-expense familiarization **TRIP TO EUROPE!** This trip takes you from London to Paris, over 7 days!



## DAY 1 | ARRIVE LONDON

15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Upon arrival into London, your Trip Manager will meet you for the transfer to Russell square, Contiki's launch pad for our European adventures. At the Royal National Hotel is the Contiki basement, the one stop shop for all things London and is exclusive for Contiki travelers. Settle in on the comfortable couches, play some ping pong, or take advantage of the free Wi-Fi. During your time at the Basement, you have the special opportunity to speak with Contiki executives to learn about their background, how they joined the travel industry, and what they do behind the scenes in the Contiki family. Dinner tonight will be an immersive EatWith dining experience in the homes of locals/ or a food tour through some of London's funkiest restaurants (D)

### *Educational Components*

- ✓ *Special presentation with Contiki executives from operations to get 1<sup>st</sup> hand knowledge and experience of the travel industry*
  - ✓ *Eatwith or food tour dining experience*
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## DAY 2 | LONDON

16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Explore the city of London with your Trip Manager as they tell you all about the famous landmarks and UNESCO World Heritage sites. Learn about Big Ben, the Royal Family's place of residence at Buckingham Palace, the horrific tales at the Tower of London, and the magnificent Westminster Abbey. Our day continues at a 5-star Red Carnation property for a site inspection. The Red Carnation collection is family-run, and the recipient of 17 luxury awards. No request is too large, no detail is too small. Guests enjoy the finest experiences from generous hospitality, creative and traditional cuisine, splendid luxury; and passionate service. With a Red Carnation Representative on hand, learn about how a luxury property is operated, and enjoy a tour of the guest rooms\*. Take the rest of your evening at leisure. Perhaps you can see a musical in London's Theatre District, or take a trip on the London Eye. (B,D)

### *Educational Components*

- ✓ *London sightseeing tour with your Trip Manager*
  - ✓ *Site inspection at a 5 star luxury Red Carnation property (or similar – subject to availability)*
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## DAY 3 | LONDON - PARIS

17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

We hit the road this morning and make our way to Dover, where you can take in the beauty of the White Cliffs of Dover along the way. Once our ferry arrives in France, we'll travel through the Valley of Somme to reach Paris. Upon arrival, we'll pop a bottle of champagne, and hit the streets to see how the city comes alive at night. See the stunning Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the Champs-Élysées, and the Notre Dame Cathedral. (B,D)

### *Educational Component*

- ✓ *See the White Cliffs of Dover*
- ✓ *"Paris by Night" sightseeing tour with Champagne and escargot dining first-hand*



## DAY 4 | PARIS

18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Our first stop for the morning, is into a French perfumery to learn all about the “nose”. Afterwards with a Local Guide, indulge in your inner foodie and explore the culinary delights of Montmartre. Classic French bread; and home-made crêpes are just some of the delicious eats waiting for you here as we taste our way through our bakery tour. Continue to the George V Hotel in Paris to explore the property that boasts oversized suites with Eiffel Tower views, Michelin star dining, a decadent new spa, an elegant swimming pool, and a courtyard for whiling away the afternoons\*. In the evening, enjoy dinner with the group, followed by an evening boat cruise on the Seine River – an absolute must for anyone visiting the city. This evening is your opportunity try your own cuisine with a food kitty hand out. (B,D)

### *Educational Component*

- ✓ Visit a French perfumery
- ✓ Montmartre Food Tour
- ✓ Site inspection at George V Hotel in Paris (or similar – subject to availability)
- ✓ Seine River Cruise

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## DAY 5 | PARIS TO CHATEAU DE CRUIX

19<sup>th</sup> September 2019

We say farewell to the French capital – for now – as we head south in search of charming countryside and beautiful chateaus. We stop first at Fontainebleau, once home to Napoleon with its medieval stature and grand surrounding ponds. Amble around the gardens before we continue our scenic journey. Our drive ends when we arrive at the Chateaux de Cruix, Contiki’s exclusive accommodation. With a Contiki representative, you’ll have a backstage pass to the property on a tour, and short presentation about the chateau’s history, it’s significance for Contiki travellers, and how it operates. This evening, enjoy a locally prepared dinner as part of our MUNCH program. (B,D)

### *Educational Component*

- ✓ See the Fontainebleau Chateau
- ✓ Exclusive “back-stage pass” to the Chateau with a presentation and site inspection.

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## DAY 6 | CHATEAU DE CRUIX

20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Another day, another chance to explore the French countryside and lull about poolside in our castle-like setting. Get involved in some wine tasting at our home-based winery, followed by a picnic lunch to top off your time here. In the afternoon you can assist in the preparation of your MUNCH dinner and learn how to make French cuisine. (B,L,D)

### *Educational Component*

- ✓ Wine tasting at the Chateau de Cruix
- ✓ Assist in the preparation and cooking of dinner with MUNCH program



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### DAY 7 | CHATEAU DE CRUIX TO PARIS

21<sup>st</sup> September 2019

Leaving the castle life behind, we drive back North towards Paris, but not before making a stop. The Palace of Versailles sits just on the outskirts of Paris and was once home to French royalty. Walk through the captivating Hall of Mirrors or take a leisurely stroll through the vast gardens surrounding the palace. Spend the rest of your evening in Paris stocking up on those last-minute souvenirs before joining us for dinner. (B,D)

#### *Educational Component*

✓ Admission to the Palace of Versailles

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### DAY 8 | DEPART PARIS

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

This morning we say goodbye to the warm embrace of Europe. Although our trip has ended, you can fly home happy, taking with you all of the new knowledge and insight into the travel industry that you've learned first-hand! (B)

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