

# European Bargain

**Duration: 13 Nights/14 Days**

## Highlights of the tour

- Visit 09 countries in 14 days:
  - UK: London
  - Belgium: Brussels
  - Holland: Amsterdam, The Hague/Lisse
  - Germany: Cologne, Titisee, Heidelberg, St. Goar, Boppard
  - Switzerland: Engelberg, Lucerne, Geneva, Schaffhausen
  - Austria : Innsbruck
  - Italy: Venice, Rome, Pisa, Florence
  - Vatican : Vatican City
  - France: Paris
- A tour at a bargain price.
- Daily delicious Jain/vegetarian/non-vegetarian meals.
- Chance to visit Mt. Titlis in the world's first revolving cable car and a cruise on Lake Lucerne.
- A Chance to be on Top of Europe– Jungfrauoch with Champagne lunch
- A unique experience of travelling under the English Channel aboard the world's fastest chunnel train, the Eurostar - included.
- Visit Keukenhof (till 18th May) or Madurodam (19th May onwards) in Holland.
- Visit second level of the Eiffel Tower.
- Visit the famous Swaminarayan Temple.
- Stay 03 nights in Switzerland.
- Guided city tour of Rome.
- Guided city tour of Paris.
- Guided city tour of London.
- City tour of Geneva – the Garden City.
- Enjoy a private cruise in Venice.
- Enjoy a romantic Rhine cruise.
- Evening in Paris cruise.
- Catch a breathtaking view of Amsterdam city on a canal cruise.
- Visit the beautiful Cologne Cathedral.
- See a Cuckoo clock demonstration at Drubba.
- Visit Titisee, right in the heart of the Black Forest.
- See the Lion Monument and the Kapell Brucke Bridge in Lucerne.
- A stroll down the Altstadt in Heidelberg
- Visit the Swarovski Crystal Showroom in Austria.
- See the Golden Roof and Maria Theresien Strasse in Innsbruck.
- Visit the Murano glass showroom in Venice.
- Visit the magnificent St. Peters Cathedral at the Vatican City.
- City tour of Florence.
- See the Leaning Tower of Pisa – one of the wonders of the world.
- Orientation tour of Brussels.
- Visit to a cheese farm and wooden shoe factory.

- Visit to a Diamond Factory in Amsterdam.
- View the magnificent Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen.
- Chance to see the Lido show.
- Professional, friendly, multilingual and experienced Indian Tour Managers travelling with you throughout your tour in Europe.

### **Day: 01**

**Welcome aboard Thomas Cook's 'European Bargain' tour. Start your tour by visiting London, the world's most exciting city. A city which offers you a combination of rich cultural heritage, great shopping, the best dining out and virtually every kind of entertainment. Visit the Swaminarayan temple.**

Bon Voyage! Start your fun-filled tour of Europe as you arrive into London. Your Thomas Cook Tour Manager will meet you outside the baggage hall and transfer you to your hotel. Later, visit the most beautiful architecture carved out of Italian Carrara marble, the Swaminarayan temple. This is the first traditional Hindu Mandir in Europe – truly a sight not to be missed. Tonight enjoy a delicious hot Indian dinner.

Overnight at hotel Bonnington or similar, in London.

### **Day: 02**

**Enjoy the many sights of London on your guided tour. Get set for an adventurous ride on the ultra-modern Eurostar, one of the world's fastest trains. Arrive into Brussels, the capital of the European Union.**

After a Continental breakfast, check out of your hotel and proceed on a guided city tour with an expert English-speaking guide who will explain to you all the highlights of London's landmarks: the Changing of Guards at Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, the Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, the River Thames and more. Next, proceed to London's Saint Pancras Station where you will board the ultra modern Eurostar, one of the world's fastest trains. Traveling under the English Channel reach Brussels in less than 02 hours. Today, Indian lunch will be provided. On arrival, proceed on an orientation tour of Brussels. Marvel at the world renowned Grand Place and the legendary Mannekin Pis statue. Drive past St. Michael's Church and much more. En route to Antwerp, a photostop at the Atomium is also included. This evening, after a delicious hot Indian dinner, drive to your hotel and check in.

Overnight at hotel Delma/ Holiday Inn Express or similar, in Antwerp/Hague.

### **Day: 03**

**Amsterdam – a city full of surprises. Visit Keukenhof till 18th May. 19th May onwards, visit Madurodam and see Holland in miniature. Explore Amsterdam on an exciting canal cruise. Also included is a visit to the Cheese Farm, Wooden Shoe Factory and a Diamond Factory.**

After a Continental breakfast, sit back and relax in your coach as we proceed to Keukenhof – the largest spring garden in the world. Bulbs of colorful tulips bloom only till May 18th. Be enchanted by the indoor floral displays and colorful flower beds amongst ancient trees. 19th May onwards, we take you to visit Madurodam, where you can see most of Holland in miniature, replicated in minute detail on a 1:25 scale. Visit a cheese farm and a wooden shoe factory. See a demonstration of how farm cheese is made and wooden shoes are carved out of wooden blocks. You also have a chance to taste some cheese. Next, arrive into Amsterdam and board your glass-topped boat as we sail through the canals for an exciting canal cruise. The city's colorful past comes alive with its 1,000 bridges and fine old houses on your tour of Amsterdam. We also

take you to visit a Diamond factory where you shall see how diamonds are polished. This afternoon, enjoy a hot Indian lunch. Next, stop at a windmill – the most common sight in Holland for a photograph. Drive to an Indian restaurant, where a delicious hot Indian dinner awaits you. Overnight at hotel Delma/ Holiday Inn Express or similar, in Antwerp/Hague.

**Day: 04**

**Onto Germany! Visit the Cologne Cathedral, the biggest Gothic Cathedral. Later, marvel at the century old castles on the riverbanks aboard the Rhine cruise. Next, visit Heidelberg and Alstadt – with its old time appeal.**

After a Continental breakfast at your hotel, check out & drive through the scenic countryside as we cross over the border into Deutschland. You will arrive at Cologne, a classical city on the river Rhine. A visit to this city is incomplete without visiting the Cologne Cathedral, a fine example of the amazing Gothic architecture. Today, hot Indian lunch will be provided. Later, in the afternoon, board your scenic cruise on the River Rhine. Cruising down the Rhine, you will pass steep slopes covered with vineyards that rise to meet great castles! Later, proceed to Heidelberg, situated on the banks of the river Neckar. On arrival, take a stroll down the Alstadt to get a feel of real European experience of the past. This evening, enjoy a delicious Indian dinner at a restaurant.

Overnight at hotel Starkenburger Hof/Mercure in Heppenheim or similar.

**Day: 05**

**Drive through the breathtaking Black Forest of Germany on to scenic Switzerland where your dreams turn into reality! View the spectacular Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen. Visit Lucerne.**

After a Continental breakfast at your hotel, sit back in the coach and enjoy the drive as you pass through the scenic Schwarzwald area and stop at Titisee. This is the heart of Black Forest, surrounded by dark fir forests, fairy-tale woods and flowering meadows. Here is 'Drubba' the home of the world famous cuckoo clock. Shop for the clock of your choice and watch how it's made. Today, enjoy a hot Indian lunch. Later drive to Switzerland and view the spectacular Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen. The Rhine falls offers visitors the glorious spectacle of the largest waterfall in Europe. We then drive to Lucerne. On arrival, proceed on an orientation tour of Lucerne where you will have an opportunity to visit the Lion Monument and the Kappel Brücke - wooden bridge. Later, proceed to Engelberg, situated amidst the majestic Swiss Alps. This location has been specially chosen for you to get a real feel of Switzerland. Enjoy a delicious Indian dinner. Overnight at hotel Bellevue / Terrace in Engelberg or similar in Central Switzerland.

**Day: 06**

**Day at leisure. (Indian Lunch and dinner will be provided.)**

**OR**

**Join us on an unforgettable Alpine excursion tour to the wonderful world of Jungfrauoch – the top of Europe – at 3,454 meters. Enjoy a champagne lunch on top. Also visit Interlaken. Get set for a memorable experience.**

This morning, after a continental breakfast, the day is at leisure or you can opt for an adventurous ride to visit Jungfrauoch – the Top of Europe, for a memorable encounter with snow and ice – a genuine 'high-point' of your tour! Sit back in your coach as we proceed to the beautiful town of 'Lauterbrunnen', where the excitement begins. You will be amazed at the scenic splendour that you see from aboard the 'cog-wheel' train, which takes you to a height of 3,454 meters to reach Jungfrauoch! This is a trip to another world – a wonderful world of eternal ice and snow.

Experience the magic of the mountains and visit the Ice Palace on top of the longest glacier in the Alps. A visit to the Sphinx is also included. Today you have a choice of an Indian meal OR a local meal for lunch with champagne specially arranged for you at Jungfrauoch – one of the

many great experiences on your tour! Later, we visit Interlaken, a charming city nestled between two lakes and surrounded by the splendid Bernese Oberland Mountains. Treasure these wonderful moments as you drive back to your hotel. This evening enjoy a hot delicious Indian dinner. Overnight at hotel Bellevue / Terrace in Engelberg or similar in Central Switzerland.

**Day: 07**

**Morning at leisure. (Indian Lunch and dinner will be provided.)**

**OR**

**Today, opt for some fun and excitement as we take you to visit Mt. Titlis with its beautiful scenery and an adventurous ride up the snow-clad Swiss Alps in Rotair – the world’s first revolving cable-car. Enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.**

**Proceed to Innsbruck, in picturesque Austria at the crossroads of Europe.**

After a Continental breakfast at your hotel, the morning is at leisure or you have an option to visit Mt. Titlis and enjoy a cruise on Lake Lucerne. Adventure awaits you in a sensational cable-car ride up to Mt. Titlis. Marvel at the world’s first revolving cable-car ride, a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Remain spellbound as you ascend the snow-clad mountains. Experience the snow and ice on top of Mt. Titlis, also a chance to ride, ‘Ice Flyer’. At 3,020 meters a breathtaking panorama unfolds. This afternoon hot Indian lunch will be provided. Next, we proceed to scenic Lucerne, where you will enjoy a scenic cruise on the serene waters of Lake Lucerne. Later, drive to Innsbruck- the capital of Tyrol. See the Maria Theresien Strasse and the Golden Roof. Stroll on cobbled stone pathways and get a feel of old-world European charm. The splendid scenes of Alps in the background are a perfect picture-postcard setting. This evening, enjoy a hot delicious Indian dinner.

Overnight at hotel Bon Alpina or similar in Innsbruck or similar.

**Day: 08**

**Step into the exotic land of Italy, beginning with romantic Venice – crossed by canals, beautiful monuments and gondolas with singing boatmen... the city that inspires poetry and passion.**

This morning after a continental breakfast, sit back and relax in your coach, as we proceed to visit the Swarovski Crystal Showroom. A great opportunity to buy a souvenir for your family. Then, drive to Venice, passing through beautiful vineyards and farmlands. On arrival in Venice set off on a private boat to the heart of the traditional city of Venice – The St Mark’s Square. This astonishingly wonderful lagoon city is a special delight to visitors. Today hot lunch will be provided. Sail over the Guidecca Canal, as you catch a glimpse of the serene waters of the Adriatic Sea. Admire the St Mark’s square with the Basilica, the Doge’s Palace, the Campanile and the Bridge of Sighs. Also visit the Murano Glass showroom. Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous Indian dinner.

Overnight at hotel Point Conselve/ Park Villa Fiorita or similar in Padova/Venice.

**Day: 09**

**City tour of Florence – the cradle of the Renaissance, former home of the Medici’s. On to Rome, the eternal city with world-renowned monuments.**

After a continental breakfast in your hotel, sit back and relax in your coach as we drive you to Florence – the capital of Tuscany, for a city tour, including the Duomo, the Campanile, and the Baptistery with its gate to Paradise, Piazza Della Signoria – an open-air museum of sculptures. The famous Ponte Vecchio Bridge across the River Arno and the Piazzale Michelangelo with the

impressive statue of David. This afternoon hot lunch will be provided. Later, arrive in the historical city of Rome, a city built on seven hills. On arrival, enjoy a sumptuous Indian dinner. Overnight at Pineta Palace / Holiday Inn San Giovanni Express or similar in Rome.

**Day: 10**

**Relive the history of Rome in this ancient city's great landmarks. Marvel at the Colosseum and make a wish at the Trevi Fountain. Visit the world's smallest country – the Vatican City. Visit the gorgeous St Peter's Basilica. Visit Pisa and see one of the wonders of the world, the Leaning Tower of Pisa.**

After a continental breakfast in your hotel, proceed with an English-speaking guide to the Vatican City – the smallest state in the world. (Shorts or sleeveless vests not allowed.) Visit the holy basilica of St. Peter's – the incomparable home of architectural and artistic masterpieces by Michelangelo and Bernini which will leave you awestruck. Next, see the Colosseum known for its gladiator fights. Later, discover many of the renowned attractions of Rome – the Victor Emmanuel monument on Piazza Venezia under which lies the Tomb of the unknown soldier, Circus Maximus known for its chariot races, the ancient ruins of Roman Forum and of course, the Trevi Fountain, where a wish can bring you back to this ancient city. This afternoon, enjoy lunch at an Indian restaurant. Then sit back and relax in your coach as we drive you to Pisa. You will be spellbound as you approach this precariously leaning tower. Photograph your family with the Leaning Tower in the backdrop. Tonight, enjoy a delicious Indian dinner.

Overnight at hotel Granduca or similar, in Pisa.

**Day: 11**

**On to Geneva – the Garden city.**

After a Continental breakfast at your hotel, sit back and relax in your coach, as we drive you to Geneva, the elegant beautiful city situated by the shores of Lac Lemman. This afternoon, Indian lunch will be provided. Once in Geneva, we take you on a tour of this city, which is liberally sprawled with beautiful parks, see the Jet d'Eau – the tallest fountain in Europe (weather permitting), rising to a height of 400-500 ft. You can also take a stroll around the lake and see the Floral Clock. Next proceed to the United Nations and the International society of the Red Cross for a photo stop. Enjoy a sumptuous Indian dinner. Check in to your hotel and relax.

Overnight at hotel Best Western Chavannes de bogis/Holiday Inn Express Geneva or similar, in Geneva or similar.

**Day: 12**

**Bien Venue! Welcome to the fashion capital of the world, Paris. Known not only for fashion but also for art, romance, style and glamour. Later thrill yourself with an evening in Paris tour! What's more, you have a chance to enjoy a grand night-out at the world famous music and dance extravaganza – The Lido show.**

Check out of your hotel after a Continental breakfast and proceed to the glamorous city of Paris. Today, lunch will be provided. On arrival, we take you on an exciting 'Evening in Paris' cruise where we sail past some of the historical monuments. After an Indian dinner, check-in and relax in the comforts of your hotel or you have a chance to experience the glamour of the famous Lido show – an unforgettable experience on your tour.

Overnight at Express by Holiday Inn Porte De Italie/Mercure Ivry Seine or similar, in Paris.

**Day: 13**

**Paris, the City of romance widely celebrated for its fashion houses, art museums, elegant avenues, beautiful monuments and exciting cabarets. Paris has always had its attractions galore... Enjoy the sights of Paris on your guided city tour including the Eiffel Tower.**

After a Continental breakfast, leave for a sightseeing tour, with a local guide, who will show you many of the best, loved Parisian sights! The Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower (second level), Invalides, the Champs Elysees, the Place de la Concorde, and Arc de Triomphe - they are all on your guided tour. Today, enjoy hot Indian lunch. Later in the afternoon, you have some free time to shop for souvenirs, perfumes and more. You also have a chance to visit the Louvre Museum to see the incomparable and the most prestigious painting of 'Mona Lisa', Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece. Enjoy a delicious Indian dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight at Express by Holiday Inn Porte De Italie/Mercure Ivry Seine or similar, in Paris.

#### **Day: 14**

#### **Fly back home!**

Continental breakfast will be provided before we check out and proceed to the airport for your flight back to India. Arrive home with pleasant memories of your European tour, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime. Do spare a few minutes to fill in the feedback form and hand it to your Tour Manager. Your valued suggestions will be most appreciated.

### **WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES**

#### **SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS**

##### **UNITED KINGDOM**

London: Guided city tour with Changing of the guards. Swami Narayan Temple.

##### **BELGIUM**

Brussels: A visit to the Grand Place and Mannekin Pis Statue with a photo Stop at the Atomium

##### **NETHERLANDS**

Amsterdam: Amsterdam Canal cruise.

Hague: Madurodam (after May 19).

Lisse: Visit Keukenhof (till May 18). Wooden shoe factory. Visit to a cheese farm. Visit to a diamond factory.

##### **GERMANY**

Titisee: Black Forest.

Cologne: Cologne Cathedral.

St Goar: Romantic Rhine Cruise.

Heidelberg: Stroll on the Altstadt.

##### **SWITZERLAND**

Lucerne: Lion Monument, Kapell Brucke Bridge.

Schaffhausen: Magnificent Rhine Falls.

Geneva: City tour.

##### **AUSTRIA**

Innsbruck: Maria Theresien Strasse. The Golden Roof. Swarovski Crystal Showroom.

##### **VATICAN**

Vatican City: Magnificent St. Peters Cathedral.

##### **ITALY**

Rome: Guided city tour.

Pisa: See the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Venice: Visit the St. Marks Square on a chartered boat. Visit Murano Glass showroom.

Florence: City tour.

##### **FRANCE**

Paris: Guided city tour. Visit to the second level of the Eiffel Tower. Evening in Paris cruise.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

- 01 night at hotel Bonnington in London or similar.

- 02 nights at hotel Delma/Holiday Inn Express or similar in Antwerp/Hague.
- 01 night at hotel Starkenburger Hof/Mercure in Heppenheim or similar.
- 02 nights at hotel Bellevue/Terrace in Engelberg or similar in Central Switzerland.
- 01 night at hotel Bon Alpina or similar in Innsbruck or similar.
- 01 night at hotel Point Conselve/Park Villa Fiorita or similar, in Padova/Venice.
- 01 night at hotel Pineta Palace/Holiday Inn San Giovanni Express or similar, in Rome.
- 01 night at hotel Granduca or similar, in Pisa.
- 01 night at Best Western Chavannes de bogis/Holiday Inn Express Geneva or similar, In Geneva or similar.
- 02 nights at Holiday Inn Porte De Italie Express/Mercure Ivry Seine in Paris or similar.

## **MEALS**

- Daily continental breakfast
- 12 Jain/vegetarian lunches.
- 13 Indian Jain/vegetarian/non-vegetarian dinners.

## **AIRFARE**

- Return economy class group airfare as per the itinerary.
- All local taxes and services as of December 01, 2007.
- All transfers and extensive excursions with entrance fees (as specified in the itinerary)
- by a deluxe air conditioned video coach and air cool coach in London.
- Euro star from London – Brussels.
- Services of a professional, multilingual and friendly Tour Manager or a local Representative.

## **DEPARTURE DATES**

### **EX-MUMBAI/DELHI**

APRIL	:	06, 13, 20, 25, 27
MAY	:	02, 04, 07, 09, 11, 14, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
JUNE	:	01, 04, 06, 08, 11, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29
JULY	:	04, 06, 11, 13, 18, 27
AUGUST	:	01, 03, 08, 10, 15, 24, 31
SEPTEMBER	:	07, 14, 21, 28

For departures from your hub city, please check with our local sales office/travel agent.

## **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

- Multiple entry UK visa.
- Multiple entry Schengen visa.
- Multiple entry Swiss visas.
- The costs of UK, Swiss and Schengen visas are included in your tour price.
- This cost includes documentation, processing and consulate fees.
- The Schengen Visa on your tour is valid for travel to Belgium, Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Italy and France (In case of any change in the European Community visa policy, additional charges will be applicable.)

## **WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Rs. 5000 – cost of deviation, in case you want to deviate from the group departure dates mentioned in the brochure.
- Cost of Basic Travel Quota equivalent to USD 10, 000.

- No porter age included.
- Any increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in surface transportation and land arrangements which may come into effect prior to departure. Prices quoted are as 1 EURO = 58.50. The tour price is subject to increase without notice if this rate changes substantially prior to departure.
- Any expenses of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, minibar, telephone calls etc.
- Tips of any nature i.e. drivers, guides etc.
- Meals other than that what is mentioned in your itinerary.
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'.
- Cost of Jungfrauoch, Mt. Titlis and Lake Lucerne Cruise and the Lido Show.

### **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Normal insurance charges amounting to Rs. 750 for the duration of the tour are included in the tour price. However, any passenger above the age of 60 years and those who wish to extend their stay will be required to pay additional charges.

### **POINTS TO BE NOTED**

• Prices quoted are based on the rate of exchange of 1 EURO = INR 58.50. The tour price is subject to increase without notice if this rate changes substantially prior to departure. • Passengers joining this tour must travel to / from the hub city at their own expense. • The airfare is based on the fare structure existing as December 01, 2007. Any further increase in the airfare due to an increase in the fuel price, change in Government regulations, taxes, etc. charged by the airline will have to be borne by the passengers. Thomas Cook will not be held responsible for the same. • Indian Lunches and Dinners are pre set and a - la carte is not possible. • Breakfast will be continental which includes tea, coffee, cereal, juice, bread, butter, marmalade. • Indian lunches are vegetarian lunches. At times packed lunches will be served • Any damages caused to the hotel rooms / Coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers. Thomas Cook will not be liable for the same. • The company shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, injury, accident, death, breakdown, or irregularity, which may occur in carrying out the tour arrangement, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such loss or expense must be borne by the passengers. Insurance policies must be carried while on tour • The management reserves the right to claim any additional expenses incurred due to delay or changes in schedules of train, flight, bus, ship or other services. • On certain days Changing of the guards may not take place at the Buckingham Palace. • Due to private coaches being forbidden inside the city of Rome, Florence most of your sightseeing will be done by local bus and by foot. The Tour Manager and the driver will do their best to get you as close to the monuments as possible. • On certain dates, the St. Peters Cathedral in Vatican could be closed. The Tour Manager reserves the right to change/amend itinerary • Due to major international events such as the Air Show, World Athletic Meet, the Motor Show in Paris, European Football Championship and major trade fairs all over Europe, the hotels may be blocked out more than 2 years in advance. In view of this, you may have to stay in hotels further away from the cities and the itineraries may have to be altered / amended. • We also reserve the right to substitute a hotel of similar class if it is deemed advisable or necessary. • We reserve the right to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised. • For the convenience of our passengers, we will sometimes amend the itinerary. However all the services will remain the same? • There are no refunds for any services i.e. meals, sightseeing etc. not



utilized in your tour. • In case you decide to change the date of your return reservation once confirmed a fee amounting to USD 75 is payable by you directly to the airline. • Tours operated are subject to RBI/GOI regulations. Part of the tour cost will be paid in EURO/USD out of your BTQ. • Please refer to the Booking Form for detailed 'Terms and Condition'.