

euro tour.

Between You and Halli Aaron



Halli Aaron

Today at 1:07pm

i was hoping that you could give this to the club for me.

its my day by day guide for the euro tour im going on next week.

im sorry about not writing very much but i think that stories in person are so much better than trying to write what im going through.

i will be back in not too long and i can tell you all about it soon enough.

have a great summer!

Halli.

DAY 1 Malmö - Berlin

We will start the tour with a short meeting in Malmö before we board our coach and leave Sweden. The Öresund Bridge will take us into Denmark and we will continue to head south to Gedser. From Gedser we will take the ferry to Rostock in Germany and head on towards the capital, Berlin. We will reach our hotel around 6.00 p.m. and end the evening with a typical German dinner. Berlin is waiting for us! (420 km)

DAY 2 Berlin

We will start the day with a sightseeing tour of Berlin. During the sightseeing we will look at "Die Mauer", the wall that divided the city during the Cold War. We will also visit Museum Haus am Checkpoint Charlie. Later on, the bus will take us along Unter den Linden Boulevard and we will pass several famous buildings such as the Staatsoper and the Berliner Dom, the largest church in Berlin. We will also visit the Tiergarten, a huge park that spreads through the western part of the city. In the afternoon you will have time to explore the city on your own.

DAY 3 Berlin - Cracow

We will leave Berlin in the morning and continue our journey to Cracow, the beautiful city in the south of Poland. Somewhere along the road we will stop for lunch and late in the afternoon we can check in at our hotel in the city that once was the royal capital of Poland. Nowadays Cracow is a vibrant city called the heart and soul of Poland. In the evening a fine Jewish dinner and nice music awaits us. (600 km)

DAY 4 Cracow

We'll explore Cracow on foot today. Together we will take a walk through the alleys where the movie "Schindler's list" was filmed and of course we'll take a look at the St Mary's Basilika and the Cloth Hall. After lunch we will visit Auschwitz, a concentration camp where several million people were murdered during the World War II. The people were forcibly evacuated from their hometowns by the Nazis and were transported from all over Nazioccupied Europe by rail, arriving at Auschwitz-Birkenau in daily convoys. We will walk among the barracks and listen to stories about the terrible things that happened here. This visit will be a really touching experience.

DAY 5 Cracow - Prague

We will leave Cracow in the morning and head for the capital of the Czech Republic. When we have left Poland behind us and crossed the border there will be a lunch break in the countryside. Late in the afternoon we will arrive in Prague and after dining together there is time to enjoy our first evening in the heart of Europe. (530 km)

DAY 6 Prague

The best way to explore the city of Prague is on foot. Make sure to wear comfortable shoes and follow our tour guide through this fascinating city. We will start at the city's oldest part, on the hill of Hradcany, where the Cathedral of St Vitus is located along with the old Royal Castle and the President's palace. We will cross the river Vltava by the famous Charles Bridge. The small, narrow lanes of the Old Town spread out east of the river. In the evening a fine dinner cruise awaits you on the river Vltava.

DAY 7 Prague - Salzburg - Zell am See

We will check out from our hotel after breakfast and continue our journey. After crossing the Austrian border we will make a visit to Salzburg, known worldwide for being the birth city of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, but also for the musical "Sound of Music" which takes place here. We will have some time to stroll through the city centre

before heading towards the well known resort of Zell am See. In the evening we will arrive to our hotel high up in the Alps. (480 km)

DAY 8 Zell am See

Zell am See offers something for all tastes. In winter, it is a skiers' paradise and a paradise for activities such as paragliding, windsurfing, hiking, tennis and golf in the summer. The resort is beautifully situated between lake Zeller, one of the cleanest lakes in Europe, and the mountains where Schmittenhöhe is the highest peak (2 000 m). The mountains around Zell am See are perfect for trekking and our experienced guide will take us on an amazing day hike in the beautiful Austrian countryside.

DAY 9 Zell am See - Lido di Jesolo

It is time to move on. In the morning we will be traveling through a typical Mountain landscape and in the afternoon, after crossing the Italian border, the surroundings will change and the north Italian plain will welcome us. We will arrive at the famous seaside resort of Lido di Jesolo during the afternoon, where its long, sandy beach, restaurants, cafes and discos are waiting for us. (330 km)

DAY 10-11 Lido di Jesolo and Venice

Close to Lido di Jesolo you will find one of the most unique places in Europe, the sinking city of Venice. We will cross the lagoon by vaporetto (waterbus) and get off not far from the Piazza San Marco. Our tour guide will show us the most important sights such as the Palazzo Ducale with the famous Bridge of Sighs and the Basilica di San Marco. Like most tourists we will go on a gondola ride, a very romantic but convenient way of discovering the city. The narrow lanes among the canals don't allow cars or bicycles. You can spend your free time in one of the exclusive shops or stop by Harry's Bar, where Ernest Hemingway used to hang out. When the sun sets over the Adriatic Sea the herds of tourists will disappear and a romantic calm will settle over the streets and lanes. We will go back to Lido di Jesolo and spend the night there.

DAY 12 Lido di Jesolo - Lyon

It is time to go west again, this time heading for France. We will leave Lido di Jesolo behind and travel through the Lombardy and Piedmont provinces of northern Italy. We will arrive at our hotel in the evening. (750 km)

DAY 13 Lyon - Paris

We will check out from our hotel early in the morning and continue our journey until we reach Paris, the city of lights, late in the afternoon. In the evening we will visit a French cabaret. (470 km)

DAY 14-15 Paris

We now have two full days to explore the French capital, a city rich in museums, art galleries and monuments. The most famous landmark is probably the Eiffel Tower, designed for the Universal Exhibition of 1889. The Champs-Élysées, Paris, most well known thoroughfare, connects the Place de la Concorde with the Place Charles de Gaulle. It has been the "triumphal way" ever since the homecoming of Napoleon's body from St Helena in 1840 and is an ideal place to stop for a snack while observing the Parisian way of life. Paris is one of the fashion capitals of the world with something for everyone. Go window-shopping at the great couturiers or visit the Mecca for bargain hunters; the two large flea markets Porte de Vanves and Porte de Saint-Ouen. On one of the evenings in Paris we will have a nice dinner in a typical French restaurant.

DAY 16 Paris - Brussels - Wuppertal

Unfortunately we cannot stay in Paris forever, but we will be continuing our journey towards another interesting destination: Belgium, a small country located at the cultural crossroads of Europe. Our first stop will be Brussels, the capital. We will arrive around lunchtime and have time both to explore the city and check out the Belgian cuisine. Our tour guide will teach us more about the "Eurocity", the capital of the European Union and the headquarters of NATO. During our city walk we will see the Grand Place as well as the famous statue of the little boy, Manneken Pis. After lunch we will continue our journey towards Germany. We will spend the night in a town called Wuppertal, located in the oldest industrial area in Germany, the Ruhr area. (550 km)

DAY 17 Wuppertal - Malmö

It is time to return to Malmö. We will cross northern Germany and pass Hamburg and Lübeck, once members of the Hansa medieval trade organization. The ferry from Puttgarden will take us back into Denmark and a few hours later we will return to Sweden, crossing the Öresund Bridge. The tour has come to an end. (700 km)