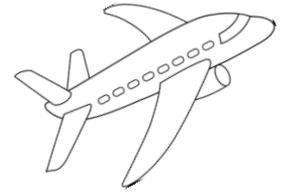
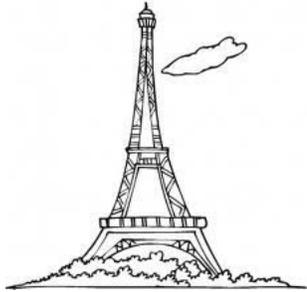




# ITINERARY EQUILIBRIA EUROPEAN TOUR



## DAY 1: Arrive Paris, France

What's the first thing we want in France? French food, right? Right. Then a tour of Paris to see the twinkly lights? Job done. Look out for famous sights like L'Opéra Garnier, the Tuileries Gardens, Place de la Concorde, Hotel de Ville, the River Seine, l'Île de la Cité and the Louvre Museum. You'll also get a glimpse of that most famous avenue, the Champs Elysees, overlooked by the famous Arc de Triomphe. Tomorrow is a free day, so take note of all the interesting places you'd like to see!

## DAY 2: Paris, City of lights!

Take the day to explore Paris your own way. From the historical attractions, charming boutiques, boulevards and cafes to the world-famous museums and galleries, Paris has something for everyone. There's the option of a cruise up the Seine River to the Eiffel Tower, and a visit to Montparnasse for an incredible view of the city. Alternatively, see world famous artworks at the Louvre, head to the extraordinary palace of Versailles, or go to Disneyland for the day. Alternatively, why not head to the boutiques of La Marais? Or visit the graves of Oscar Wilde and Jim Morrison at Père Lachaise Cemetery? Those with a taste for the macabre can even descend to the infamous catacombs! Alternatively, stay above ground and explore the museums, people-watch from a roadside café, or simply stroll the city, following in the footsteps of great painters, musicians and writers. If you fancy a cabaret or river cruise after dinner, then we'll hook you up.

## DAY 3: Paris to Burgundy, Swiss Alps, Switzerland

*Au revoir* Paris! Today we sample a taste of small town France with a lunch stop in Burgundy. In the town of Beaune you can visit the beautiful Hospices de Beaune, or try the famous wine. After lunch we take a long scenic drive across the border into Switzerland and head towards the Swiss Alps for our stay in a typical mountain village in the heart of the Jungfrau region. This is one of the most-visited regions of the Alps and also a World Heritage site, containing Europe's largest glacier. Welcome to the Swiss Alps, your home for the next two days!

## DAY 4: Swiss Alps

The day is yours to enjoy the majesty of the Swiss Alps. Be sure to book a spot on the optional excursion to Jungfrauoch, the highest train station in Europe, where you'll also find a visitor's centre, lookout point and weather station. The views are simply breath-taking all the way up – don't be surprised to find yourself pressed up against the train window! Once you're at the top, take a look at the utterly enormous glacier and enjoy the year-round snowy conditions. This is one trip that you won't forget anytime soon; guaranteed to put your head in the clouds in every way possible!

### **DAY 5: Pisa, Tuscany, Italy**

We're off to Italy! Enjoy more breath-taking mountain views as we drive through Switzerland and on to the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa! After some free time here (be sure to get the perfect photo!) we travel on to our accommodation in Tuscany, arriving in the late afternoon. Famous for its stunning countryside, fine food and wine, Tuscany is guaranteed to enthrall.



### **DAY 6: Florence, Venice**

This morning we leave our accommodation in Tuscany and make for the famous city of Florence for a guided walking tour. Learn about the legacy the Medicis and see the Duomo and Piazza della Signoria, featuring Michelangelo's 'David'. This is the cradle of Renaissance culture – soak it in while you can! Then it's 'Buon giorno Venice!' Venice is known as one of the world's most romantic cities. Spread across 118 islands, you'll spend afternoon discovering why this is such a 'must-see' destination, with more art-works per square kilometre than anywhere else on earth! See the famous Rialto Bridge, St Mark's Square, the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge Palace. Afterwards, sip an espresso, enjoy a cruise along the canals on a gondola or relax and watch the world go by in one of the many piazzas.

### **DAY 7: Venice to Munich, Germany**

We continue on to Munich, the Bavarian capital, arriving in the late afternoon for an orientation tour of the city. A city that exhibits both prosperity and a certain amount of comfort and cosiness, Munich's apparent contradictions will delight the avid explorer. Along with modern high-powered industry, designer shopping districts and sleek BMWs, you'll find a wealth of cultural hot-spots in Munich. Even with all its smart sophistication, Munich has a certain charm that visitors find irresistible. This evening, enjoy a beer in one of Munich's traditional beer halls before dinner – a great way to round off the day. *Prost!*

### **DAY 8: Munich to Rhine Valley**

Leaving our hotel, we will soon be in the Rhine Valley, where we board a Rhine Valley river boat and enjoy a refreshing beverage on our complimentary cruise. Sail down the Rhine River to your hotel from St Goar to Boppard, enjoying the view as you go. This historic area boasts numerous castles, cliffs, vineyards and medieval German towns. Tonight, after a tasty German dinner, why not take a relaxing stroll along the river or enjoy the hospitality of the locals?

### **DAY 9: Rhine Valley to Amsterdam, Netherlands**

After breakfast our journey continues as we drive into the Netherlands, stopping off first at a windmill, after this quick photo stop enjoy a traditional cheese-making demonstration, and learn about how that most quirky and quaint of footwear choices – the clog – is made, before travelling onward to Amsterdam. Here we'll check in to our hotel before joining a complimentary Amsterdam canal dinner cruise! Watch the city drift past as you sail along, and listen out for tips and interesting insights into the city from your tour leader. Reclaimed from the sea, these canals and massive harbour offer a truly unique way to see some of the city's highlights.

### **DAY 10: Amsterdam**

The last day of your European tour! After breakfast, we bid farewell to Amsterdam and transport you to the airport...back to South Africa!