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Day - 01

ROME :

All flights lead to Rome - the eternal city with world-renowned majestic monuments, enormous squares and magnificent churches. Make a wish at the majestic Trevi Fountain. Bon voyage! Today you are off on your exciting European tour with BRIGHTSTAR, as you board your flight to Rome - the incomparable home of architectural and artistic masterpieces of the ancient world. Arrive at Rome airport, where you will be greeted by your friendly BRIGHTSTAR Tour Manager outside the baggage hall. We shall then proceed to your conveniently located hotel in the city and check-in first. Freshen up and relax in the comfort of your hotel room. This evening, enjoy an orientation tour of Rome. Stop by the largest and most elaborate fountain – The Trevi Fountain. A wish here can bring you back to Rome. We also take you to visit Spanish Steps, Rome's most popular tourist attraction and one of the most majestic urban monuments of Roman Baroque style. Tonight, enjoy an Indian dinner in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight at Hotel Domina / Holiday Inn or similar, in Rome.

Day - 02

VATICAN CITY :

Guided city tour of Rome. Visit the world's smallest country – the Vatican City which includes the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and the magnificent St. Peter's Church. Visit the Colosseum from inside. See the Roman Forum and many more sights of this historic city. After a buffet breakfast this morning, check out of your hotel, board your deluxe air-conditioned coach and proceed with an expert English-speaking guide to the Vatican City – the smallest country in the world shorts or sleeveless vests not allowed. First stop at the Vatican Museum, with a visit to the world-famous Sistine Chapel – a pure source of inspiration for art lovers and tourists alike, specially included on your tour. This will be followed by a visit to the holy Church of St. Peter's – the incomparable home of architectural and artistic masterpieces by Michelangelo and Bernini, which will leave you awestruck. Next, visit the imposing Colosseum, from inside, a vast amphitheatre, known for its gladiator fights. The tour of Rome is incomplete without visiting this 2000 year-old stone ruin. Also see the Victor Emmanuel Monument, the Roman Forum and many more sights of this historic city. Today, you have a choice to enjoy an Indian meal or local lunch before you commence your onward journey towards Florence. Later, check into your hotel and relax. Tonight, we have arranged a delicious Indian buffet dinner in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight at Hotel Wallart / Holiday Inn or similar, in Prato or similar.

Day - 03**PISA :**

Pisa – Marvel at one of the wonders of the world – The Leaning Tower of Pisa. Guided city tour of Florence – the cradle of the Renaissance, former home of the Medicis. After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, we drive you to Pisa to visit the Square of Miracles. Remain spellbound as you approach this precariously leaning tower. Photograph your family with the Leaning Tower in the backdrop. You also have some free time to shop. Next, proceed to Florence, the capital of Tuscany. After a delicious Indian lunch, meet your English-speaking local guide for a city tour of Florence, including the Duomo, the Campanile, the Baptistery with its Gates to Paradise, Piazza Della Signoria – an open-air museum of sculptures, the famous Ponte Vecchio – bridge across the river Arno and Santa Croce where Michelangelo, Galileo and many famous Italian personalities are buried. Drive to Piazzale Michelangelo, a square on top of a hill with its replica of the impressive statue of David and also get a bird's eye view of the city of Florence. Later, drive towards Venice to check into your hotel. Freshen up and then enjoy a sumptuous hot Indian dinner in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight at Hotel New NH / Crown Plaza or similar, in Padova or similar.

Day - 04**ROMANTIC VENICE & AUSTRIA :**

Romantic Venice – crossed by canals, beautiful monuments, the city that inspires poetry and passion. World famous gondola ride included too! Proceed to Innsbruck, in picturesque Austria at the crossroads of Europe. After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, drive to the pier and board 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. Sail over the Guidecca Canal, as you catch a glimpse of the serene waters of the Adriatic Sea. On arrival, admire The St. Mark's square with the Basilica, Doge's Palace, Campanile and Bridge of Sighs. You will be taken on an unforgettable gondola ride through the smaller canals for a true picture of this lagoon city. Also visit the Murano Glass showroom. Today we have specially arranged a hot Indian lunch with some lively scintillating Italian music on board a private cruise for our valued guests. Return to the pier and continue on your journey towards picturesque Austria. You will be entranced by the scenic beauty, as you ascend over the Brenner Pass into Innsbruck – the capital of Tyrol. See the Golden Roof and the Maria Theresien Strasse. Stroll on cobblestone pathways and get a feel of old-world European charm. The splendid scenes of the Alps in the background are a perfect picture-postcard setting. This evening, enjoy a hot delicious Indian dinner or an authentic local dinner in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight at Hotel Grauer Baer / Bon Alpina / Hilton or similar, in Innsbruck or similar.

Day - 05**SWITZERLAND :**

Swarovski Museum – the headquarters of crystals. Next, a fun-filled Swiss experience on top of BRIGHTSTAR special mountain excursion. Next, proceed to Engelberg – a beautiful resort in central Switzerland. This morning, after a buffet breakfast, you are ready to proceed to Wattens, where you will visit the world-famous Swarovski Crystal Museum. Enjoy a fascinating experience in to the 'world of crystals'. An experience that leaves you amazed at the dazzling glitter as you walk through this museum. A great opportunity to buy a souvenir for your family. Enjoy a delicious hot Indian and Chinese meal for lunch. Today, we have arranged a special excursion for our valued guests. We take you on a cable car to the top of Swiss mountain. Enjoy a genuine Swiss experience, with games, including an exciting luge ride, pony ride for kids and much more. You can relish some traditional Swiss cheese fondue, chocolates, red and white wine and black apple vodka-all included. You will cherish this true Swiss experience for a lifetime. Continue on your scenic drive, as you arrive into Engelberg, situated amidst the majestic Swiss Alps. This location has been specially chosen for you to get a real feel of Switzerland. Tonight enjoy a lavish Indian dinner especially prepared for you by our very own chef. Overnight at Hotel Ramada / Schweizerhof / Europe / Central in Engelberg or similar.

Day - 06**JUNGFRAUJOCH :**

Join us on an all inclusive Alpine excursion tour to the wonderful world of Jungfrauoch – the top of Europe – at 3,454 metres. Enjoy a champagne lunch on top. Visit Trummelbach Falls – the only glacier waterfalls in Europe inside the mountain, yet made accessible. Also visit Interlaken. Get set for a memorable experience. This morning, after a buffet breakfast, we shall drive you to visit the impressive glacier falls, deep inside the mountain – the Trummelbach Falls. They are the only glacier falls of their kind in the world, which have been made accessible. Truly an unforgettable experience. Next, get ready

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 continues. You will be amazed at the scenic splendour that you see from aboard the ‘cogwheel’ train, which takes you to a height of 3,454 metres 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 sumptuous Indian dinner specially prepared by our own chef. Overnight at Hotel Ramada / Schweizerhof / Europe / Central in Engelberg or similar.

Day - 07

MT. TITLIS :

Today, get set for a day full of 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. Visit scenic Lucerne. After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, we take you on one of the most memorable experiences of your Europe tour – visiting Mt. Titlis and 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 metres a breathtaking panorama unfolds. Later, enjoy a delicious Indian lunch specially prepared only for our valued BRIGHTSTAR guests in an exclusive area on top of Mt. Titlis. Next, we proceed to scenic Lucerne, where you will visit the Lion Monument and the Kapell Brucke wooden bridge. Later, you have some free time to shop for famous Swiss watches, knives and chocolates. Enjoy a scenic cruise on the serene waters of Lake Lucerne. Tonight enjoy a delicious Indian dinner. Overnight at Hotel Ramada / Schweizerhof / Europe / Central in Engelberg OR at Hotel Marriott / Renaissance in Zurich or similar.

Day - 08

RHINE FALLS :

View the spectacular Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen. On to Titisee – heart of the Black Forest. Enjoy a panoramic view of Heidelberg city from the castle gallery. After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, check out, sit back and relax in your coach as we drive into Schaffhausen to view the magnificent Rhine Falls. Cross over into Germany and arrive at the breathtakingly beautiful lake of Titisee. This is the heart of the Black Forest, surrounded by dark fir forests, fairy tale woods and flowering meadows. Here is ‘Drubba’, the home of the world-famous cuckoo clock. Get invited for a free demonstration and buy one for your home – a prized possession. Today, the choice is yours to enjoy an Indian lunch OR a local meal with an authentic black forest cake. Next, proceed to Heidelberg, situated on the banks of the river Neckar. On arrival, visit the castle gallery from where you get a splendid view of the city of Heidelberg. This evening, enjoy a sumptuous Indian dinner in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight at the Hotel Park / Penta / Ramada in Mainz / Wiesbaden / Mannheim or similar.

Day - 09

RIVER RHINE :

A romantic cruise on the River Rhine, visit the biggest Gothic Cathedral in Europe – the Cologne Cathedral. Then proceed to Brussels, the capital of the European Union. After a buffet breakfast, proceed to board your scenic cruise on the River Rhine. Cruising down the Rhine, you will pass steep slopes covered with vineyards. The River Rhine is one of Europe’s major navigable rivers. Later, board your coach again and drive to Cologne. Visit the impressive Cologne Cathedral, a fine example of amazing Gothic architecture. Today, enjoy a hot Indian lunch. Next, proceed to Brussels to visit the world renowned Grand Place and the legendary Mannekin Pis statue. Drive past St. Michael’s Church, en route to Antwerp. A photo stop at the Atomium is also included. Later, check into your hotel. Tonight, enjoy the choice to have a hot delicious Indian dinner OR a local meal arranged in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight at Hotel Scandic (Hilton) / Crown Plaza or similar, in Antwerp or similar.

Day - 10

AMSTERDAM :

Amsterdam – a city full of surprises. Visit Madurodam and see Holland in miniature. Also visit Keukenhof, the beautiful tulip gardens, till 16th May. From May 17th onwards, visit Volendam, an enchanting

traditional town of Holland. Explore Amsterdam on an exciting canal cruise and later stop at the Dam Square-the real heart of Amsterdam. After a buffet breakfast, sit back and relax in your coach as we proceed to Keukenhof – the largest spring garden in the world. Bulbs of colourful tulips bloom only till May 16th. Be enchanted by the indoor floral displays and colourful flower beds amongst ancient trees. 17th May onwards, visit Volendam. Marvel at the beauty of this picturesque town, its people in graceful traditional costumes, its little wooden houses and the quaint harbour will amaze your imagination. Visit a cheese farm and a wooden shoe factory. See a demonstration of how cheese is made and wooden shoes are carved out of wooden blocks. You also have a chance to savour some cheese. Next, visit Madurodam, all throughout the year, where you can see most of Holland in miniature, replicated in minute detail on a 1:25 scale. Next, arrive into Amsterdam. This afternoon, you have a choice to enjoy a delicious hot Indian OR local meal for lunch. Later board your glass-topped boat as we sail through the canals for an exciting canal cruise. The city's colourful past comes alive with its 1,000 bridges and fine old houses on your tour of Amsterdam. Next, stop at a windmill – the most common sight in Holland for a photograph. Later, visit the famous Dam Square – the real heart of Amsterdam, where the Royal Palace, the Nieuwe Kerk and the War Memorial overlooks this vast and bustling open space. Drive back to your hotel where a hot Indian dinner awaits you. Overnight at Hotel Scandic (Hilton) / Crown Plaza or similar, in Antwerp or similar.

Day - 11

PARIS :

Bien Venue! Welcome to the glamour capital of the world – Paris known for fashion houses, art museums, elegant avenues, beautiful monuments and exciting cabarets. Enjoy the sights of Paris on a guided city tour. Enjoy a breathtaking view of Paris from the top of Eiffel Tower (3rd Level). An evening in Paris cruise. 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 buffet breakfast and proceed to the glamorous city of Paris. On arrival, enjoy an Indian or a local meal for lunch. We shall then proceed to visit the top of the Eiffel Tower (3rd level), from where you will have a splendid view of this beautiful city. Next, an exhilarating city tour with an English-speaking local guide, who will show you many of the best-loved Parisian sights – Alexander Bridge, Arc de Triomphe, Concorde Square, Opera House, Invalides, Champs Elysees and many more. Later, enjoy a romantic evening in Paris cruise. Sail past some of the historical monuments, all brilliantly lit up, on river Seine. Later in the evening, a hot Indian dinner awaits you at an Indian restaurant. Tonight, you have a chance to experience the glamour of the world-famous Lido show or relax in the comfort of your hotel. Overnight at Hotel Mercure Paris Porte de Versailles Expo / Marriott / Novotel La Defense / Mercure Parc La Defense or similar, in Paris.

Day - 12

VERSAILLES PALACE :

Today, Visit the brilliant Versailles Palace and its famous Gardens. Also, visit the world-renowned Louvre Museum famous for its artifacts, paintings and sculptures. After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, we take you on a guided tour of Versailles Palace – set on impressive grounds and steeped in memories of major historic events. Visit the Chateau and the Gardens of Versailles, some of the most prestigious monuments of the world's artistic heritage. Vast chambers and private apartments of unimaginable luxury include an opera hall, a chapel, and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You can stroll along the gardens, which forms an extension of the architectural construction. The vast proportions, the novelty, the variety of effects and views makes this garden one-of-a kind in the world. After a hot Indian lunch, we take you to visit the world-renowned Louvre Museum to see the incomparable and the most prestigious painting of 'Mona Lisa'-Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece and many more. You also have some free time to shop for perfumes and souvenirs. Tonight, enjoy a hot Indian dinner. Overnight at Hotel Mercure Paris Porte de Versailles Expo / Marriott / Novotel La Defense / Mercure Parc La Defense / or similar, in Paris. OR Today, join us on a fun-filled trip to Disney Park OR Disney Studios, Europe's most famous attractions. After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, join us for some fun, adventure and entertainment on our full-day tour to Disney Park and enjoy the many rides (all included) Or you can visit the Disney Studios and be amazed at the stunning stunt shows, watch a film being shot and see real-life sets where famous movies were created. This afternoon, enjoy an Indian lunch. Watch Disney characters and thrill yourself on a day full of excitement. Tonight, enjoy a hot Indian dinner. Overnight at Hotel Mercure Paris Porte de Versailles Expo / Marriott / Novotel La Defense / Mercure Parc La Defense / or similar, in Paris. NOTE: Tours starting from Rome on Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday / Saturday will visit Euro Disney only and Tours starting on Monday / Sunday will visit Versailles palace and gardens and the Louvre Museum.

Day - 13**LONDON :**

Get set for the ride of your lifetime aboard the ultra-modern Eurostar, one of the world's fastest trains. Zip into London in approximately 2 hours. Visit the world-renowned Madame Tussaud's wax museum. Be amazed by the breathtaking views of the city as you ride the London Eye. This morning, after a buffet breakfast at your hotel, check out and drive to Gare Du Nord Station. Here, you will board the ultra-modern Eurostar, one of the world's fastest trains. Travelling under the English Channel, reach Saint Pancras in approximately two hours. On arrival into London, enjoy a delicious Indian OR a local meal for lunch. We then take you to visit the famous Madame Tussaud's wax museum. This museum houses a unique collection of world's largest wax works of famous personalities, including India's top leaders and film stars. Next, we take you on the famous London Eye – one of the world's largest observation wheels. Be enchanted by this new and novel way of seeing the city from a bird's eye view, as the London Eye takes you on a 30 minute flight, rising to 450 feet above the river Thames and a panorama of some of London's most famous streets, churches, palaces and monuments are spread out before you. Later, check into your hotel. Tonight enjoy a Gala Indian dinner, dance your heart out to some pulsating Bollywood music and dine in style accompanied by unlimited wine. Overnight at Hotel Thistle Euston / Crowne Plaza or similar, in London.

Day - 14**LONDON :**

Enjoy the many sights of London on your guided tour including the Changing of Guards. Entrance to the Tower of London is also included. Visit the Swaminarayan temple. After a buffet breakfast, we leave for 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, River Thames and many more. Relish a hot Indian lunch or a Thai meal. We next visit The Tower of London from inside, an important sight not to be missed. A treasure house of English history, The Tower of London houses the exquisite crown jewels including the Kohinoor diamond and many other British national treasures. Later, proceed to visit the most beautiful architecture carved out of Italian Carrara marble, the Swaminarayan temple. This evening, you have some free time to shop at many of London's famous shopping stores like Marks and Spencer's, Selfridges and many more on Oxford street. Enjoy a hot Indian dinner. Overnight at hotel Thistle Euston / Crowne Plaza or similar, in London.

Day - 15**TURKEY :**

Fly to Turkey! Arrive in Istanbul – the exotic land where East meets the West. This morning, after a buffet / boxed breakfast proceed to the airport for your flight to Istanbul. On arrival, meet our local representative or a BRIGHTSTAR Tour Manager outside the baggage hall who will transfer you to your hotel. This evening, embark on an unforgettable cruise along the Bosphorus, the beautiful strait that divides Europe and Asia. Marvel as you pass beautiful mosques, castles and 19th century mansions. Tonight, enjoy a delicious dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight at Hotel Grand Halic or similar in Istanbul.

Day - 16**ISTANBUL :**

City tour of Istanbul. This morning after a buffet breakfast at your hotel, proceed on a guided tour of this fascinating city which is historic yet modern city. Visit the Blue Mosque, the 17th century mosque made world famous due to its six minarets and exquisite interior. You will also see the Byzantine Hippodrome, Topkapı Palace, Hagia Sophia and many more interesting sights. This afternoon, enjoy an Indian lunch. Later you have some free time to shop at Grand Bazaar with more than 4000 shops full of treasures including silks, jewellery, ceramic and leather goods. Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight at Hotel Grand Halic or similar in Istanbul.

Day - 17**ISTANBUL :**

Visit Buyukada on a horse-drawn carriage. After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, sit back in your coach as we take you to the pier to board your ferry to Buyukada. Princess Islands are a combination of nine islands off the Asian coast of Istanbul, in the Sea of Marmara. Buyukada is the biggest and the most famous of Princess Islands. On arrival, you will visit the island in a unique style on a horse-drawn carriage where you will see historical buildings, churches, mosques and many more sights. Later, you have some free time to explore the island on your own. This afternoon, enjoy lunch. Next, board your ferry to return

back to Istanbul. Later, spend some time to shop at the famous Spice bazaar, one of the oldest bazaars in Turkey. Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight at Hotel Grand Halic or similar in Istanbul.

Day - 18

END OF TOUR :

Fly back home. After a buffet breakfast, the morning is free to explore the city of Istanbul. Later, check out and proceed to the airport for your flight back home. Indian lunch will be provided. Arrive home with pleasant memories of your 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.