

# BRASMEX-Europa GbR

## Landscapes in Europe



### 1<sup>st</sup> day: Arrival in Rome

Our team will welcome you at the airport of Rome and will guide you through the "Eternal Town" on the way to your hotel.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> day: Christian Rome

We will visit the Vatican City with the Sistine Chapel in the museum of the Vatican and the St. Peter's Square and Basilica. The world famous Castel Sant'Angelo and its bridge is on the way back to the city. The main churches outside of Rome are our focus of the afternoon.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> day: Ancient und modern Rome

The first visit will lead us to the witnesses of the ancient Rome, like Circus Maximus, Coliseum, Forum Romano. We suggest a walk to the most beautiful places of the town for the afternoon. Piazza del Popolo, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain can be included. But also feel free to spend the afternoon according your individual ideas.

### 4<sup>th</sup> day: West of the Apennines

*The first landscape of our journey will be the hills on the western side of the mountains of the Apennines.* Our next highlight of the journey will be Florence the city of the Medici in the Middle Ages and the city of fashion of today.

### 5<sup>th</sup> day: Florence

We will start the day with a visit of the world famous art gallery Uffizi. The building is named according its original use for offices. We will walk through the historical center of the town after lunch, visiting the Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria with the Palazzo Vecchio, the Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore and its Baptistery with the golden Gates of Paradise. The afternoon is reserved for the visit of the Palazzo Pitti and its park.

### 6<sup>th</sup> day: Apennines, Lowlands, Alps

Our journey through the landscapes of Europe will begin early in the morning of this day. We will begin with crossing the Apennines. *This up to 2912 m high mountain crosses Italy from the Ligurian Alps in the north to Sicily in the South. The plains of the river Po separate the Alps and the Apennines.* We will pass through the plains until we will reach Verona at lunch time. Verona is known as city of Romeo and Juliet as well as city of opera in the Arena of Verona. We will continue our journey through the different landscapes of Europe with the Alps, the high mountain range of central Europe. *The Alps with various mountains above 4000m are spread from France in the West with the Mont Blanc as highest mountain of Europe (4809m) over Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Austria.* Garmisch-Partenkirchen on the northern end of the Alps will be reached in the evening.

### 7<sup>th</sup> day: Zugspitze

The train will bring us from Garmisch-Partenkirchen to the "Zugspitzplatt" and a cable car from there to the top of Germany's highest mountain, the "Zugspitze". You will have a fantastic view about the Alps with clear weather. We will return on the same way after lunch to have enough time in Garmisch-Partenkirchen for shopping or relaxing in the spa of the hotel.

### 8<sup>th</sup> day: Munich

Munich is our next city of the journey. We will start in the morning and will visit the main highlights of the city like the Olympic stadium and its tower with a fantastic view about the whole city to the Alps, the palace of "Nymphenburg" and the representative places and avenues of the city on a sightseeing tour by bus.



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We will have lunch in the famous "Hofbräuhaus" in Munich. A walk through the center of the city will lead us to the Marienplatz, the cathedral "Frauenkirche", the church of the brother "Asam" and so on.

### 9<sup>th</sup> day: Museums in Munich

This day is free for visiting the Museum of German Science (Deutsches Museum), visiting the Munich Residence or just shopping in the town.

### 10<sup>th</sup> day: Alpine Foreland , Highlands

The next formation of landscape will come with us until the town of Zwiesel. *The so called Alpine Foreland stretches from the lake of Constance in the west along with its northern border the river Danube until Linz in Austria. It was formed by the last ice age. A variety of hills and lakes are typical for this area.* Zwiesel is known for its handcraft and industry of glass blowers. *The Bohemian Forest and its German part, the Bavarian Forest, is the first highland of our journey. The highest Mountain is the Arber with 1456m.* We will cross it and will reach Prague in the afternoon.

### 11<sup>th</sup> day: Prague

The symbol of the "Golden City" Prague is the castle, together with the cathedral St. Vitus on the "Hradschin". The first university in Middle Europe was founded in Prague. We will visit the famous Charles Bridge with its bridge towers and the down town historical center, the town hall with its astronomical watch and much more.

### 12<sup>th</sup> day: Dresden

We will continue our journey with the famous city of Dresden. After lunch we will walk through the splendid old town with the baroque buildings like the fortress "Zwinger", the opera of Semper, the cathedral, Bruehl's

terrace, the "Frauenkirche" and the renaissance buildings like the residence. The region of the highlands in Germany ends after Dresden and we will enter into the plains of northern Germany on our way to Berlin.

### 13<sup>th</sup> day: Berlin

The first day in Berlin will start with a visit of the famous isle of museums. In the Pergamon Museum we will see the Pergamon Altar, a reconstruction of the gates of Babylon and a lot more about the ancient cultures. In the new museum we will have the chance to see the sculpture of Nefertiti. In the afternoon we will visit the town by bus with stops at the Brandenburg Gate, the parliament, Checkpoint Charlie and the place "Gendarmenmarkt", as well as on the "Kurfürstendamm".

### 14<sup>th</sup> day: Northern plain of Germany

We will drive from Berlin to Hamburg through the northern plain of Germany to catch our ship for the cruise on the North Sea to the North Cape and the Fjords of Norway.



### 15<sup>th</sup> day: North Sea

The first day on the North Sea is meant for recreation on board.

### 16<sup>th</sup> day: Ålesund

Ålesund was destroyed in 1904 by a big fire and rebuilt completely in the style of that time, the "Art Nouveau". Today we have a fascinating impression of this style with the example of a complete town.



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### 17<sup>th</sup> day: North Sea

This day is for relaxing on the North Sea.

### 18<sup>th</sup> day: Honningsvåg, North Cape

Honningsvåg is the harbor most north of our journey. MSC offers various trip for exploring the region, e.g. a drive by bus through the hills or a trip by boat through the fjord Sarnes with a lunch of king crabs as special offer.

### 19<sup>th</sup> day: Tromsø

We will continue our cruise from Honningsvåg to Tromsø. MSC offers also here various interesting trips.

### 20<sup>th</sup> day: North Sea

The way from Tromsø to Molde leads again through the North Sea.

### 21<sup>st</sup> day: Molde

We will arrive in Molde in the morning and can continue by bus to Andalsnes in order to see the landscape from the hills or to continue by ship to Andalsnes.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> day: Geiranger Fjord

Andalsnes is the last harbor or our journey in the Romsdalfjorden. We will reach the world heritage Hellesund and Geiranger fjorden. Various trips are possible to visit this famous landscape by boat or by bus.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> day: Bergen

Bergen was founded as a a crossroads for trading sometime during the 1020s or 1030s. In 1343 the first Hanseatic commercial settlement was established in Bergen. This Kontor was located at Bryggen, where also the Hanseatic merchants lived. Bryggen with its old houses and Bergenhus, the fortress of the city including Håkons hall, and the harbor are the main attractions of Bergen.

### 24<sup>th</sup> day: Stavanger

Old Stavanger (Gamle Stavanger) is famous for a collection of 18th- and 19th-century wooden structures. Stavanger domkirke (St. Svithun's cathedral) was built between 1100 and 1150 in Anglo-Norman style, and in the late 13th century a new choir was added in Gothic style, with a vaulted roof. The cathedral is the only Norwegian cathedral that is almost unchanged since the 14th century. The city center itself is small and intimate, with narrow streets and open spaces protected from car traffic.

### 25<sup>th</sup> day: North Sea

The last day of our cruise is reserved for relaxing on the North Sea.

### 26<sup>th</sup> day: Return

Hamburg is the last station of our journey through the landscapes of Europe. We will join you to the airport of Hamburg for your flight back home.



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