



FROM MICHAEL'S DESK

Spring? When Eliot penned his immortal line that "April is the cruellest month," perhaps he had his New England college days in mind.

General wisdom holds that the stanza is a cynical rebuttal of the hope that comes with the burgeoning renewal of spring. But I think he may just have been remembering April in the Boston area. April - it should be spring, but it isn't! The days get longer, the birds start singing, and then we have another snow storm.

In Europe, on the other hand, the bulb fields are in bloom in Holland, crowds attend midnight processions during Holy Week in Seville, the Greeks spit-roast whole lambs on the beach for Easter Sunday and outdoor markets are alive with fresh color. Persephone has returned from Hades!

It often shocks people to learn that Boston is roughly on the same latitude as Rome, and well south of the south of France. Those early pilgrims must have had a rude shock when they spent that first winter here, thinking that the climate would be similar to the northern Mediterranean.

So perhaps I should be leaning towards Browning and away from Eliot - "Oh to be in England, now that April's there." Home thoughts from abroad, indeed.

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A GATHERING STORM

CRISIS MANAGEMENT 101

Discover Europe has focused on small-group travel for the past eighteen years, and if there's one lesson that we've learned, it's that we should always expect the unexpected. There are so many moving parts involved in planning a tour that one never knows what may come up. Hotels close their doors, tour guides get sick, and the weather may be, shall we say, "inclement" when it comes to your time to travel! Being New Englanders, here in Keene, NH, we're quite used to unpredictable weather, but this winter has thrown us some major curve balls both domestically and internationally.

Iceland is our most popular destination during the winter months, as it is the best time of the year to see the Northern Lights. Typically, and perhaps unexpectedly, Iceland has a rather mild climate with little snow during the winter. However, this year, Iceland broke traditional weather patterns. There were multiple times when there were absolutely no flights leaving airports both in the US and Iceland - which meant that travelers were stuck on both sides! One fateful weekend, these two instances coincided and we had to kick into "crisis management" mode. While our travelers understand that the weather is out of our control, we knew we had to do something. *Continued on page 2*

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THE EMERALD ISLE

Visiting Ireland? Here are a few tips on what not to do!

Ireland is often the first destination Americans visit in Europe for many reasons. It is an easy flight, they speak English, it's beautiful and the people are friendly. As with many countries and cultures, we have our preconceived perceptions of the people who live there, also called stereotypes. Katie Rosbottom from www.destinationtips.com has come up with "13 Things Not To Do In Ireland". The last thing we want to do while travelling is offend the native people, so here are a few of her recommendations:

- Don't talk about Leprechauns. Although the legends about these "fairy people" are part of the culture, people find it tiresome and clichéd to have to answer questions about pots of gold, rainbows and "the little people."
- Don't order corned beef and cabbage. This is an American meal that they don't serve in Ireland. If you do see it on a menu, beware a tourist trap!
- Don't kiss the Blarney Stone. It's also a tourist trap that is expensive, crowded and overrated - not to mention unhygienic! There are plenty of other places to go in Ireland for depth of history and beauty.
- Don't speak in a fake Irish accent. It's rude, condescending and you will most likely put off the person you are trying to connect to.



Ireland is a country with a complex and varied past. Be genuine and be yourself in your curiosity. If you do, the Irish people will take you in, tell you stories, and do whatever they can to include you. Perhaps, then, you will feel the magic that is Ireland.

We have 3 trips to Ireland this year: The Gardens of Ireland (May 24TH - June 2ND), The Island of Saints & Scholars (August 16TH - 25TH), and The Emerald Isle (September 20TH - 29TH).

A NEW PUZZLE

Q: FROM ROMAN TIMES ONWARDS, THE CITY OF YORK HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT CENTRE FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND. THE ROMANS NAMED IT EBORACUM - SO WHY DO WE CALL IT YORK?

To answer, go to Discover Europe's Facebook page, like the page and leave an answer. The winner, selected at random, will receive a voucher for \$200 off any trip listed in this newsletter!

... AND A WINNING SOLUTION

Q: DURING WORLD WAR II, WHERE WAS THE ONLY BRITISH SOIL TO BE INVADDED AND OCCUPIED BY THE GERMAN ARMY?

A: The Channel Islands. Thank you to everyone for entering the puzzle. The winner, Richard Lieberstein, received a voucher for \$200 for any trip in our newsletter.

It was all hands to the pumps, with one staff member calling all the tour participants, another calling the airline to change flights, and another contacting the tour guide, hotel, and entrance sites to rebook- all on a Sunday! The next morning we had a revised itinerary, new hotel bookings and re-booked flights for the whole group! Nobody lost a single day of their tour.

Here at Discover Europe, we are committed to you, the traveler. We will do everything in our power to make sure you get to your destination and back having had the best experiences possible. If it means working overtime, we're happy to do it - ask us what happened on our Madeira trip this February!



FAVORITE HOTELS

THE PRINCIPAL YORK YORK, ENGLAND

It's hard to leave the grounds of this stunning hotel. But, located in the heart of historic York, you'll be well-rewarded if you do! A stay at the Principal York seamlessly blends the opulence of Victorian architecture with modern comforts and warm welcomes. Refurbished and restored, the estate has never been so inviting.

Stay at THE PRINCIPAL YORK on TREASURE HOUSES OF NORTHERN ENGLAND and explore Yorkshire and the Lake District, September 20 - 29, 2018.

COURIER'S CORNER: IAN GRAHAM

Ian Graham works with Discover Europe as a guide in England, Croatia, Italy, Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic.

Q: WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE TOUR DESTINATION?

A: I always answer that question by saying that my favourite place is where I am at the moment. That said, if I didn't get to Italy a few times a year I would feel that something was missing somehow. Even if only for the food, the wine and the gelato...

Q: DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE CITY?

A: For me, because of my artistic and historical interests, Venice and Florence have to be among my favourites.

Q: IS THERE A SPECIAL MOMENT THAT STICKS OUT ON A DISCOVER EUROPE TOUR?

A: Several years ago I was driving along the beautiful Dalmatian coast towards Split. The day was lovely, the scenery outstanding and it was time for lunch. We spotted a little village by the sea, just off the main road, and found a small taverna on the golden beach. The water was crystal clear, the food was excellent and the clients assured me that their wine was excellent. (As I was driving, no libations for me.) Complete serendipity. It was the perfect stop!

Q: WHAT DO YOU ALWAYS PACK?

A: My packing rule is, if you can't lift it, don't take it. I try to keep it simple, manageable and light.



Q: WHY ARE YOU A TOUR GUIDE?

A: Obviously love of travel comes into it and sharing with clients the many wonderful things that one can see and do when exploring Europe. On a personal level, having studied and taught Art History, the move from the classroom to the actual sites and museums of Europe, to see things for real, as it were, was very compelling. I also have the good fortune to work across most of the continent, from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, so I am never on the same limited circuit. This keeps things fresh. To do a job that gives one both satisfaction and pleasure as well as a measure of remuneration is hard to beat I think!

Q: DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PLACE TO STAY?

A: With Discover Europe, the accommodations are generally very good indeed where ever one is, and the Hotel Imperial in Dubrovnik has to be one of my favourites.

Q: CAN YOU SHARE YOUR MOST MEMORABLE DINING EXPERIENCE ON A TRIP?

A: Memorable food and dining experiences are too numerous to mention in any detail. The lovely thing about working across Europe is the delightful diversity of culinary experiences that one can have whether in the Highlands of Scotland or on a Greek island. However I do steer clear of Haggis when in the land of my ancestors. It is decidedly an acquired taste in my view.

EXTENDING YOUR TRIP: LONDON

Stopping in London is an excellent way of breaking your journey, whatever your final European destination - but what to do while you're there? As it is an endlessly fascinating city, full of possibility, with a wonderful system of public transportation - opportunity abounds! Here is a brief synopsis of a two-day itinerary we have created for those of you who have never been. It is designed with a variety of experiences in mind and can be extended to three days easily. Of course, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to give our helpful staff a call!

DAY 1: VICTORIA - Spend a day in the neighborhood named after England's longest reigning monarch, Queen Victoria. Walk through **ST. JAMES PARK** to see the waterfowl that have lived there for nearly 400 years, and wind your way towards the **MEMORIAL GARDENS**, and the **QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL** to **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** to watch the changing of the guard. Work your way towards **HYDE PARK** to see the tranquil **PRINCESS DIANA MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN**. See the **ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL**, commissioned by Queen Victoria in

memory of her beloved Albert, before exploring the unique history of the **ROYAL ALBERT HALL**.

DAY 2: SOUTH BANK - Start at **BIG BEN** and walk across **WESTMINSTER BRIDGE** to the vibrant **SOUTH BANK**. Follow **THE QUEEN'S WALK**, along the **RIVER THAMES** past **THE LONDON EYE** and head to the **SOUTH BANK CENTRE WINTER MARKET**, where there are many wonderful restaurants, cafes and shops. Keep on walking in the same direction along the river to the **TATE MODERN** where you will see some of the world's most iconic contemporary art. End the day touring **SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE THEATRE**, rebuilt to be a replica of the original and opened in 1997.

The whole article, posted to the Discover Europe blog, contains many more exciting details along with restaurant and hotel suggestions.

Make the most of your trip to London and read more at: www.discovereuropeltd.com/our-blog/.



CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TRIPS

AUSTRIA

ACROSS THE ALPS

Wend your way south from Munich to the Italian Lakes, crossing the Alps through Bavaria, Austria, Switzerland and into Northern Italy.
SEPT. 26TH - OCT. 5TH 2018

THE ROMANTIC ROAD

Alpine settings and medieval half-timbered houses dot the romantic, winding road from Vienna to Heidelberg.
OCTOBER 4TH - 13TH 2018

CROATIA

THE DALMATIAN COAST

Bask in the "Pearl of the Adriatic" - one of Europe's best-kept secrets.
APRIL 27TH - MAY 6TH 2019

ENGLAND

THE CAPTIVATING COTSWOLDS

Quintessential English countryside unfolds between visits to Oxford, Kenilworth, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Bath.
JUNE 7TH - 16TH 2018

BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Famous summer gardens of England await and include a day at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show at Hampton Court.
JULY 3RD - 12TH 2018

DISCOVERING EAST ANGLIA

Experience life in a country house hotel with popular guide Gavin Miller in his home region.
JULY 20TH - 28TH 2018

MAGIC OF MEDIEVAL ENGLAND

Medieval England comes to life as we stay in York and Nottingham and visit the annual Robin Hood Festival. A trip that will appeal to young travelers and grandparents alike!
JULY 27TH - AUG. 4TH 2018

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

Award-winning beaches, coastal castles and small rural hamlets make up this stunning archipelago. Explore these wonderful islands, officially the sunniest place in Britain.
SEPTEMBER 6TH - 15TH 2018



RURAL GUERNSEY

THE PASSIONATE GARDENER

Join garden blogger Michael B. Gordon on a tailored tour for the discriminating gardener and visit some of England's most famous gardens, public and private.
SEPTEMBER 6TH - 15TH 2018

TREASURE HOUSES OF NORTHERN ENGLAND

From York to the Lake District, journey behind the usual tourist facade and explore the remarkable natural beauty of the north.
SEPTEMBER 20TH - 29TH 2018



DARTMOOR

THE WEST COUNTRY

Explore the ancient land of myth and legend in the southwest peninsula of England and journey through the mists of its Celtic past.
OCTOBER 4TH - 13TH 2018

KENT: THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

Away from London and into the rolling hills of Kent. Enjoy brilliant and eclectic explorations from Dover to Dorking.
OCTOBER 18TH - 27TH 2018

A DICKENSIAN FEAST

The Rochester Dickens Festival, and Dickensian sites from London to Broadstairs. And all in time for Christmas.
NOV. 28TH - DEC. 7TH 2018

TREASURE HOUSES OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND

See the full glory of Britain's Stately Homes set against the backdrop of a glorious full-blown English spring.
MAY 5TH - 14TH 2019

THE BEST OF ENGLISH GARDENS

Our annual homage to the Chelsea Flower Show and gardens of southern England.
MAY 14TH - 23RD 2019

LET'S UNPACK IN THE PEAKS

Unpack your bags for this "Let's Unpack" tour to England's Peak District with a visit to the Chatsworth Flower Show.
MAY 31ST - JUNE 8TH 2019

FRANCE

THE WINES OF BORDEAUX

A feast for the senses, featuring châteaux, sprawling vineyards, medieval villages, wine and local food tastings.
SEPT. 28TH - OCT. 6TH 2018

MEDITERRANEAN SHORES

From Barcelona to Nice - azure waters, white sand beaches, mountain villages and boundless sunshine create a mood of tranquility that is truly irresistible.
OCTOBER 11TH - 20TH 2018

THE CHÂTEAU DE CAMON

An extended stay at the magnificent Abbaye Château de Camon with day trips exploring the region from Carcassonne to the Pyrenees.
OCTOBER 19TH - 27TH 2018

CORSICA & SARDINIA

Natural island beauty and rich history flourish in the Mediterranean climate of these two stunning islands.
OCT. 25TH - NOV. 3RD 2018

SPRING IN PROVENCE

Follow in the footsteps of Cezanne, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso, and Matisse and leave inspired by landscapes of brilliant color.
APRIL 19TH - 27TH 2019

THE GARDEN OF FRANCE

Exploring the Loire Valley. This new trip for 2019 spends an extended stay in this lush, fertile region that became the playground of the Renaissance kings of France.
JUNE 7TH - 15TH 2019



NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

GERMANY

ACROSS THE ALPS

Wend your way south from Munich to the Italian Lakes, crossing the Alps through Bavaria, Austria, Switzerland and into Northern Italy.
SEPT. 26TH - OCT. 5TH 2018

THE ROMANTIC ROAD

Alpine settings and medieval half-timbered houses dot the romantic, winding road from Vienna to Heidelberg.
OCTOBER 4TH - 13TH 2018

THE NEW BERLIN

Explore the city that two of our best tour guides, Matthias Kort and Sara Cereda-Kort, call home. After the fall of the wall, a modern, vibrant city is revealed!
MAY 24TH - JUNE 1ST 2019

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GREECE

ANCIENT ISLANDS: CRETE

From Athens to Heraklion, explore the ancient Minoan civilization stretching back into the mists of time.

SEPT. 27TH - OCT. 6TH 2018

A GREEK EASTER

Join the locals for spit-roasted lamb on the beach on this, the most important of Greek holidays. Visits to Athens and Delphi as well.

APRIL 26TH - MAY 5TH 2019

ICELAND

AN ICELANDIC VALENTINE

Long winter nights set the stage for the possibility of seeing the Northern Lights dance across the sky.

 FEBRUARY 13TH - 17TH 2019

THE LAND OF FIRE & ICE

Get away from the city and explore the best of Iceland's countryside on this 4-night adventure. This newly designed itinerary will allow you to experience the natural beauty of the island on a short-break trip.

APRIL 18TH - 23RD 2019

IRELAND

ISLAND OF SAINTS AND SCHOLARS

A literary exploration of this beautiful island from the Dublin of James Joyce to Yeats' Country, around Sligo.

AUGUST 16TH - 25TH 2018

THE EMERALD ISLE

Introducing Ireland, both north and south, for a glimpse of this complex island, full of epic struggles and spectacular scenery.

SEPTEMBER 20TH - 29TH 2018
& MAY 23RD - JUNE 1ST 2019

ITALY

THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT

Graced with shocking beauty, each lake has its own charm which unfolds against a backdrop of semi-tropical gardens, gracious old villas and vibrant villages.

SEPTEMBER 21ST - 29TH 2018

ACROSS THE ALPS

Wend your way south from Munich to the Italian Lakes, crossing the Alps through Bavaria, Austria, Switzerland and into Northern Italy.

SEPT. 26TH - OCT. 5TH 2018

THE ITALIAN KITCHEN

Journey from farm to table in the Piedmont and Emilia Romagna regions. A gastronomic tour with samplings of regional specialties.

OCTOBER 4TH - 13TH 2018

CORSICA & SARDINIA

Natural island beauty and rich history flourish in the Mediterranean climate of these two stunning islands.

OCT. 25TH - NOV. 3RD 2018

ITALIAN MASTERPIECES

Experience the history and culture of Venice, Rome and Florence. Have the best of both worlds with classic visits and off the beaten path treasures.

MAR. 28TH - APR. 6TH 2019

THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT

Graced with shocking beauty, each lake has its own charm which unfolds against a backdrop of semi-tropical gardens, gracious old villas and vibrant villages.

MAY 10TH - 18TH 2019

THE NETHERLANDS

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Gardens & Gastronomy! From chocolate tasting in Belgium to admiring the tulips in full bloom in Holland, this tour will awaken the horticulturist and gourmet in all of us.

APRIL 12TH - 19TH 2019

PORTUGAL


LUXURIOUS LISBON

Experience this sensuous city and the region through its mesmerizing Fado, delicious seafood and soothing Port.

 NOVEMBER 1ST - 6TH 2018

THE MAGIC OF MADEIRA

Walk away from winter to experience an exotic destination referred to as the island of eternal spring.

 FEB. 22ND - MAR. 3RD 2019

LANDSCAPES OF PORTUGAL

Take a panoramic tour of Portugal from Lisbon to Porto, and see the best that this small country has to offer, staying in historic Pousadas.

MAY 9TH - 18TH 2019

SCOTLAND

SKYE & THE HIGHLANDS

The breathtaking landscapes, the romance of legends, and the drama of noble and fiercely independent inhabitants will endear you the Scottish highlands.

JUNE 21ST - JULY 1ST 2018



GLENFINNAN VIADUCT

THE HIGHLANDS BY RAIL

The ride from Inverness across to the Kyle of Lochalsh is known as one of the "Great Railway Journeys of the World," with two nights on the Isle of Skye, soaking up tales of the Lords of the Sea Kingdom.

SEPTEMBER 14TH - 22ND 2018

CHRISTMAS IN SCOTLAND

Time in Glasgow and Edinburgh with the holidays spent in a Scottish Castle.

DECEMBER 21ST - 28TH 2018

SPAIN


MEDITERRANEAN SHORES

From Barcelona to Nice - azure waters, white sand beaches, mountain villages and boundless sunshine create an irresistible mood of tranquility and contentment.

OCTOBER 11TH - 20TH 2018

THANKSGIVING IN MALLORCA

An extended stay in Sóller, with day trips to Deia, Palma and Valldemossa. Enjoy Thanksgiving dinner Mallorcan style.

 NOVEMBER 16TH - 24TH 2018



BARCELONA & MALLORCA

Explore the vibrant city of Barcelona and then fly to the island paradise of Mallorca.

APRIL 11TH - 20TH 2019

THE PILGRIM'S WAY

Trace the Way of St. James on the ancient pilgrimage route from Bilbao to Santiago.

APR. 26TH - MAY 5TH 2019

SWITZERLAND

ACROSS THE ALPS

Wend your way south from Munich to the Italian Lakes, crossing the Alps through Bavaria, Austria, Switzerland and into Northern Italy.

SEPT. 26TH - OCT. 5TH 2018

CUSTOM TOURS

In addition to those listed here, Discover Europe also runs tours that are custom-designed for a variety of organizations such as Harvard University, Bryn Mawr, Smith College, Tufts University, Vassar College and many others. Although these "sponsored" tours are not listed here, they are often available to non-members upon request.

Discover Europe can also organize private tours for groups of 2 to 20. Contact us for details.

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LA TOMATINA

Imagine a hot day where thousands of people come to town dressed in sparse summer clothing for the sole purpose of throwing tomatoes at each other!

This is what happens in Bunol, Spain, a town of 9000 people, that triples in size on the last Wednesday of August, every year, during the summer festival of La Tomatina! It all started in 1945 when a group of young people got in a row during the "Giants and Big Heads" parade and started throwing vegetables at each other taken from the local market stalls. The next year they decided to recreate the battle, so they brought their own tomatoes from home to throw at each other. Now it is a national and international tourist event that brings people from far and wide.

The way it works is: a ham is hung on the top of a tall pole, people try and climb the pole to get the ham, once it is retrieved, by whomever can shimmy up the pole, an alarm is sounded and the tomato throwing begins! An hour of mayhem ensues. There are some rules such as: no cell phones, no hard objects, you must squish the tomato before throwing it, no tearing clothes off each other, etc. When it's all over, the tons of tomatoes are washed from the streets before the acid they contain destroys everything in its path. The people go back to their homes and hotels to clean up and revel in the pelting and being pelted, and doing their part in continuing a tradition that has lasted over 70 years.

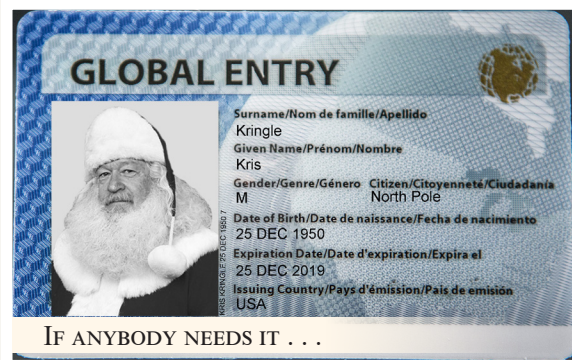


RETRIEVING THE HAM

GLOBAL ENTRY

What would you do to get through the airport faster, after a long journey from overseas, when you are tired and just want to get home? There are a few different ways to make that happen, but the most efficient and reliable is called "Global Entry." If you travel frequently in and out of the United States, you may want to consider applying for it. It will speed up the return immigration process immensely at all major United States airports.

The program, operated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, allows faster movement through the tangled web of airports. How? When approved, US travelers are able to go directly to Global Entry kiosks after landing and present their passport and have their fingerprints scanned without having to stand in the long lines in the immigration hall. With a completed customs declaration, and a receipt printed by the kiosk, members



are free to sail through Border Patrol, collect their bags and finish their journey home. Tip: the time you save in immigration can easily then be wasted again waiting for your luggage, so think about travelling with only a carry-on.

Here are a few things to know:

- There is a \$100 non-refundable fee to apply
- If your application is conditionally approved, you must arrange an interview at a Global Entry Enrollment Center
- Participants may still be selected for further examination when entering the United States
- Global Entry membership is valid for five years
- The program reduces wait time by an average of 70%
- Entry kiosks are currently available at 59 airports in USA
- Global Entry participants are automatically approved for TSA Pre✓

Interested in learning more about the program? Visit www.cbp.gov/travel.

ONE TRIP, MANY DESTINATIONS

Get the most stamps in your passport with these four fall trips. Exploring more than one country, they are designed to inspire your thirst for regions without borders. So whether you are destined for island life in the middle of the Mediterranean, or mountain climbs through the Alps, find your perfect destination this fall and join us as we Discover Europe.



ACROSS THE ALPS | SEPTEMBER 26TH - OCTOBER 5TH 2018 | GERMANY, AUSTRIA, LICHTENSTEIN, SWITZERLAND AND ITALY

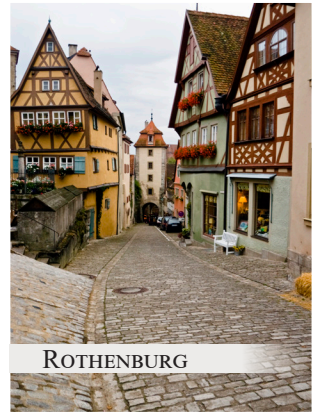
The Alps, the highest and most extensive mountain range in Europe, dominate the skyline through eight different countries. This tour starts in Munich during Oktoberfest and follows these iconic mountains south to the fabulous Italian Lake District. Explore over three hundred miles and step back through history, celebrating hundreds of years of tradition encapsulating the timeless beauty of half-timbered houses, winding ways, city squares, folk-festivals and Mozart's music.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: NEUSCHWANSTEIN | SALZBURG | INNSBRUCK | TICINO | LUGANO | STRE-
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THE ROMANTIC ROAD, OCTOBER 4TH - 13TH 2018 | AUSTRIA AND GERMANY

Castles and quaint corners beckon as we make our way through Austria and Germany along THE ROMANTIC ROAD. From the fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein to the fabulous city of Munich, discover a plethora of Bavarian beauty. Travel scenic roads through cascading green valleys, past sapphire blue lakes, along the base of snow-capped mountain peaks. From the childhood home of Mozart to the somber tragedies of Dachau, the trip will move you through the highs and lows of Germany's Romantic Road.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: VIENNA | SALZBURG | MELK | NEUSCHWANSTEIN | MUNICH | DACHAU ROTHENBURG | HEIDELBERG



MEDITERRANEAN SHORES, OCTOBER 11TH - 20TH 2018 | SPAIN AND FRANCE

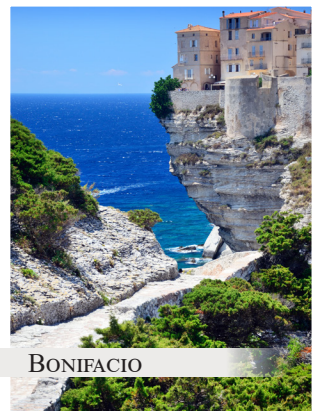
From Barcelona to Nice, travel along the edge of the sea, filling your days with azure waters, white beaches and year-round sunshine. Explore mountain villages and fortified cities, savor the tastes of Spain and the light of Provence. Revel in the grandeur of Roman ruins and Belle Epoque architecture. Created by tour guide Gavin Miller, the itinerary is thoughtfully designed to enchant. Uncover the beautiful culture found along the Mediterranean Shores.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: BARCELONA | CARCASSONNE | ARLES | AVIGNON | PROVENCE | NICE | MONACO

CORSICA AND SARDINIA | OCTOBER 25TH - NOVEMBER 3RD 2018 | FRANCE AND ITALY

The French island of Corsica, known as "L'Ile de Beauté," revels in an untamed beauty removed from the modern world. Heavily perfumed by over twenty two hundred plant species, the unforgettable scents of the maquis permeate the air. The maquis - the wild, native, aromatic scrub - covers the mountains that lead down to some of the world's most stunning beaches. Nearly seven miles away, is the island's Italian sister, Sardinia, home of one of the oldest civilizations in the Mediterranean. Discover the ancient wonders of Corsica and Sardinia and explore the difference between these two islands, worlds apart in many ways, yet so close.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: BONIFACIO | SARTÉNE | ALGHERO | BARUMINI | PULA





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PORT OF THE MOON

By Sarah Franklin

Deep reds with rich texture and complexity that lingers on the palette, bring you back in time while sitting in a 16th-century square. Bordeaux - the center of viniculture. This UNESCO-listed city, that celebrates all things wine, located on the river Garonne in south-west France, is a city of the senses. Recognized for its historic role as a place of exchange for more than 2000 years, its classical and neo-classical architecture rivals that of Paris.

Created in the age of Enlightenment, it is no longer an old-fashioned place for wine snobs. La Cité du Vin, a new cultural center with its Bilbao Guggenheim-like architecture, brings Bordeaux into the 20th century. It has about every aspect of wine you could think of - history, wine-making, paraphernalia, regionality and more. The Bacchus and Venus room, where one can recline on a velvet sofa, watch projections of sensual art with



VINEYARD IN ST. ÉMILION

themes of wine, and listen to wine-inspired poetry, celebrates the seduction of wine. Belvedere Bar allows you to sit and enjoy a glass of Médoc or St. Émilion while gazing out over views of the Garonne. It will get you in the mood to explore Place de la Bourse, a 1720's square designed by Louis XV's favorite architect, or the Quai de Bordeaux, the river-side walk lush with flowers and stalls on market day selling fresh oysters, foie gras and

local sausages, or one of the many other attractions in this romantic, vital and important city.



LA CITÉ DU VIN

Discover Europe has a one-stop tour: WINES OF BORDEAUX - LA BELLE ENDORMIE, September 28TH-October 6TH 2018. Come join us for a fine glass (or two) of Claret - and find out why Bordeaux is known as the Port of the Moon!