



# PARIS TO COPENHAGEN



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Tours*

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9 or 11 DAYS

# Paris to Copenhagen

France • Belgium • The Netherlands • Germany • Denmark • Extension to Norway



Number of overnight stays in parentheses.

## Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (8 with extension); plus 1 night ferry accommodations with extension
- European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time EF Tour Director
- 3 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Paris • Amsterdam • Copenhagen
- 1 sightseeing tour led by your tour director: Lübeck
- 2 walking tours: Paris • Copenhagen
- 1 orientation tour: Amsterdam
- 4 visits to special attractions: Louvre • Notre Dame Cathedral • Anne Frank House Round Tower

## OPTIONAL:

Versailles • Volendam and Zaanse Schans  
Elsinore and Kronborg Castle

## WITH EXTENSION: All of the above PLUS

- 1 sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide: Oslo
- 3 visits to special attractions: Viking Museum • Vigeland Sculpture Park Holmenkollen Skijump and Museum
- 1 walking tour: Oslo



The Champs-Élysées in Paris is perfect for shopping, people-watching and indulging in ice cream!

## Day 1 Flight

**Overnight flight to France** • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

## Day 2 Paris

**Arrival in Paris** • Touch down in Paris, City of Light. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

**Walking tour of Paris** • Our walking tour takes in the chic Opéra district and the Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré, famous for its haute couture boutiques. Stroll through the Place de la Concorde, the city's largest public square, built to honor Louis XV. During the Revolution, this was the location of Joseph Guillotin's famous machine; the next Louis, Marie Antoinette and many others were beheaded here. Continue through the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to the Place Vendôme, a vast square surrounded by elegant 17th-century façades. Pass the Ritz hotel at no. 15, a favorite haunt of Ernest Hemingway. (The exact walking route may vary depending on your hotel location and other activities.)

**Visit to the Louvre** • Built to defend the city in the 13th century, the Louvre today safeguards one of the world's greatest art collections. Enter the museum through world-

renowned architect I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, constructed in 1989. Inside, discover priceless antiquities from Asia, Greece and Rome. You'll also see precious objects from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, as well as iconic European paintings like the *Mona Lisa*.

## Day 3 Paris

**Guided sightseeing of Paris** • Discover the city on the Seine: from the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée, to the Île de la Cité, birthplace of Paris. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon graduated to Lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909.

**Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral** • Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804.

Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as “a vast symphony in stone.” However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo’s novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

**Optional excursion to Versailles** • Join an optional excursion to Versailles, the elaborate palace of Louis XIV. Here, the Sun King held court in the most lavish style imaginable. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants inhabited the annexes. Stroll through the elegantly landscaped gardens, designed by André Le Nôtre, tour the State Apartments of the King himself, walk through the historic Hall of Mirrors and admire the ornate decor of the State Apartments of the Queen. (Please note: Because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons. In this case, your group will hear a presentation from your guide before entering the palace. Please also note that Versailles is closed on Mondays. Participants must enroll in this excursion no later than 50 days prior to departure.)

#### Day 4 Brussels • Amsterdam

**Make a stop in Brussels** • Crossing into Belgium, travel to Brussels for a lunch stop. The city is an exciting mix of the traditional (houses and cobblestone streets hundreds of years old) and the modern (elegant glass and steel skyscrapers housing international banks and businesses).

**Transfer to Amsterdam** • Travel through irrigated Dutch landscapes as you make your way to Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands.

**Orientation tour of Amsterdam** • Your tour director introduces you to Amsterdam. The capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam is also an important commercial, historic, cultural and artistic center. Amsterdam was once home to Rembrandt, whose residence remains open to visitors today, and boasts friendly cafés and world-class museums, including the van Gogh Museum and the Jewish History Museum. Step into a fairy tale as you marvel at this city of 1,200 bridges and 160 canals.

#### Day 5 Amsterdam

**Guided sightseeing of Amsterdam** • A local guide introduces you to Amsterdam’s most famous sights on a walk through the city. Pass the Westerkerk (West Church), where the remains of Rembrandt and his son are buried. The church also held the wedding of Queen Beatrix in 1966. Continue to lively Dam

Square, a dam around the Amstel River created in the 13th century to prevent the Zuiderzee Sea from flooding the city. Now this bustling tourist area boasts the impressive Koninklijk Paleis (Royal Palace), once the home of the Dutch Royal Family; the National Monument; and the Nieuwekerk (New Church), where members of the Dutch Royal Family are officially inaugurated. See the Begijnhof, a lovely 14th-century courtyard, built as a sanctuary for the Begijnhofites, a Catholic sisterhood. Walk across the lifting bridge to Waterlooplein. Marvel at the views of the Amstel River as you cross the Magere Brug (Skinny Bridge). Although “magere” means skinny in Dutch and the bridge was quite thin when built, rumor says the bridge was actually named for the Magere sisters, living on opposite sides of the river, who built the bridge to make it easier to visit each other. Finally, you will see Rembrandtplein, a square packed with terrace cafés, diamond shops, nightclubs and hotels.

**Visit to the Anne Frank House** • Visit the Anne Frank House, where the young girl hid with her family from 1942 to 1944—and where she penned the poignant diary that has been translated into dozens of languages worldwide.

**Optional excursion to Volendam and Zaanse Schans** • Discover the heart of the Dutch countryside in the picturesque fishing village of Volendam and the living and working neighborhood of Zaanse Schans, recreated to look like a 17th- or 18th-century Dutch village. Make your way down the winding, cobblestone streets, past charming shops and crooked houses. Stop in cheese- and clog-making shops before returning to Amsterdam. (Please note: This optional is available March 15–September 30.)

#### Day 6 Amsterdam • Lübeck

**Transfer to Lübeck** • Today, travel to Lübeck, the first German city founded on the Baltic Sea.

**Tour director-led sightseeing of Lübeck** • Your tour director shows you the highlights of Lübeck, a medieval town that was restored after suffering extensive damage during WWII. Parts of Lübeck’s Old Town have even been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The town also boasts the Lübeck Cathedral, a Romanesque masterpiece whose foundation was first laid in 1173 (though it had to be reconstructed after air raid damage during the war). The astronomical clock that was added to the cathedral in 1625 is the original, and it is still running.

Visit the harbor that brought prosperity to Denmark on your walking tour of Copenhagen.



### Day 7 Lübeck • Copenhagen

**Transfer to Copenhagen** • Arrive today in the capital of Denmark.

**Walking tour of Copenhagen** • Today's walking tour begins at City Hall Square, entrance to Copenhagen's Old Town. Stroll along the Strøget, a bustling pedestrian-only street, and wind your way to Kongens Nytorv. In its center stands an equestrian statue of Christian V, who designed this part of the city. You'll also see the Nyhavn, a lively seaport where Hans Christian Andersen once lived.

**Visit to the Round Tower** • Take in the best view of Old Copenhagen on a visit to the 17th-century Round Tower. Europe's oldest functioning observatory, the Round Tower opened with a flourish in 1642. A winding, 685-foot staircase links it to a church and library, which now serves as a concert and exhibition hall. High atop the façade, see if you can make out the gilded inscription penned by King Christian IV.

### Day 8 Copenhagen

**Guided sightseeing of Copenhagen** • Enjoy a guided tour of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy-tale city. Pass by the town hall and Tivoli Gardens, the city's lively amusement park. Continue past Christiansborg Palace (seat of the Danish Parliament), Rosenborg Castle, the old stock exchange and the Royal Theatre (home of the famous Royal Danish Ballet). Stop at the courtyard of Amalienborg Palace (the royal residence) before seeing the statue of the fabler's *Little Mermaid*, watching over Copenhagen's harbor.

**Optional excursion to Elsinore and Kronborg Castle** • Walk in the footsteps of Shakespeare's Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, on an optional journey to the medieval Danish town of Elsinore. You'll enjoy a scenic drive along the coast from Copenhagen to Elsinore, 25 miles north of the Danish capital. Here, you'll visit the famous 400-year-old Kronborg Castle. For centuries, the castle's giant cannons were trained on ships passing through the narrow sound between Denmark and Sweden.

Sea captains had to pay the Danes' "shipping tax"—or else! See the castle's maze of secret passageways, the Great Hall, ancient silk and woolen tapestries, and the king and queen's chambers. Take care not to disturb the "sleeping ghost" of Holger Danske, famous Viking chief and Danish hero. According to legend, peace will preside in Denmark only as long as he slumbers in the castle's dungeon! (Please note: Kronborg Castle is closed Mondays from October through April. Participants must enroll in this excursion no later than 50 days prior to departure.)

### Day 9 Home

**Return home** • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

### EXTENSION

#### Day 9 Copenhagen • Night Ferry

**Night cruise to Norway** • Alternatively, your group can extend its stay two days. Tonight, enjoy cabin accommodations as you cruise through the night to Norway, Land of the Midnight Sun.

#### Day 10 Oslo

**Arrival in Oslo** • Cruise into Oslo fjord this morning and disembark in Norway's capital city.

**Guided sightseeing of Oslo** • Pass by the Rådhuset (town hall) and Akershus Slott (a fortress built by King Haakon V Magnusson in 1300) before continuing on for a stop at Vigelandspark, home to the monumental stone Vigeland sculptures. Then see the summer and winter residences of the Norwegian Royal Family, as well as the Nobel Institute, as you make your way to the Bygdøy Peninsula. Here, you'll view beautifully preserved authentic 9th-century Viking ships, retrieved from ritual burial mounds found along the fjords near Oslo. Viking elites wanted to ensure that their dead were well-equipped in the afterlife, so they carefully buried them in their ships with all the necessities.

**Visit to the Holmenkollen Ski Jump and Museum** • Come face to face with the steep incline and high altitude known by world-class skiers at the famous Holmenkollen Ski Jump near Oslo. Inside the museum, you'll learn the history of this challenging Nordic sport and see some well-preserved examples of rudimentary ski equipment dating back to the 1st century.

**Walking tour of Oslo** • Stroll alongside Oslo's charming harbor on today's walking tour. Pass the 19th-century buildings of Oslo University, the Parliament and the Grand Hotel, where playwright Henrik Ibsen often held court (look for his statue outside the National Theatre). You'll also see the Royal Palace, with its plumed guardsmen standing watch from the hillside. Although small in population, the actual territory of Oslo covers more square miles than almost any other European capital. Within the official city limits, which extend from busy streets to farmland and forests, more than 1,000 species of plants thrive!

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