



TRAVEL ADVISORY

EUROPE (SUMMER 2024)

TRAVEL TIPS

DOs

- Please carry all your documents safely. All valuables, cash, air ticket, passport etc. should be carried in your handbag for easy access.
- Extra care to be taken of your baggage in crowded places like stations, restaurants and sightseeing spots.
- If you are on a regular course of medication, it is advisable to carry an adequate supply of your medicines in your hand luggage along with a Doctor's prescription.
- Carry an additional pair of glasses (for Sunny day).
- The hotel room might have a Mini-bar in it. One has to pay directly to the hotel for anything consumed out of this bar.
- It's advisable and suggestible to keep your passport, valuables in a hotel safe.
- Kindly carry some Pounds & Euro Coins, in case we need to use the public toilet.
- Follow the Rules & Regulation of the country you are travelling. Always cross the road from Zebra Crossing.
- A typical day on the itinerary would include breakfast at 7 am, departure from the hotel between 8am-9am and dinner at 7 pm.
- Potable water is available throughout Europe, and tap water is considered safe for drinking purposes.

DONTs

- Do not leave any valuables in the hotel room or on the bus. Please use lockers provided in hotels for this purpose else carry them on your person. Alternatively, suggested not to carry any valuables like gold while on tour.
- Do not consume alcohol during the sightseeing tours.
- Smoking and eating inside the van/coach is prohibited.
- Do not - try to break queues, bargain in fixed price shops, littering, and misusing hotel amenities.
- Do not get into any unnecessary quarrels or contradictions with the locals.
- Don't act aggressively. Swearing, using offensive gestures, spitting and aggressive driving could result in imprisonment.
- Do not litter. Laws are strictly enforced relating to littering.
- Don't forget to check the weather and pack accordingly.
- Don't leave your belongings unattended or with strangers.
- Don't engage in risky behaviour or activities that could jeopardise your safety.
- Don't overstay your visa.

DEPARTURE FROM INDIA

- Check your ticket properly (Name, Date, Time)
- Check your visa to ensure your name and dates are correct
- Make sure you have your original Passport & Visa copy with you. Also keep a copy of your passport with you.
- Kindly keep a scan copy of your passports, visa & insurance in your phone.
- **Kindly reach 04 hrs before your flight Time.**
- After Check-in at the airport, clear immigration & reach the departure gate before 45 mins of your departure time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TIME ZONE

UK is 4.5 hours behind IST (Indian Standard Time)

Europe is 3.5 hours behind IST (Indian Standard Time)

Sunset time: 8:40pm

Sunrise time: 7:00am

TEMPERATURE in entire Europe is going to be between 8-25 degrees. Italy is slightly warmer.
(*approx. degrees, subject to change*).

WEATHER

Weather is completely unpredictable in Europe, we recommend you to carry a portable Umbrella.



PLUGS

Entire UK & Europe has this type of power plugs and sockets which is different from India. We highly recommend you to carry your own Universal / European adapter before departing from India.



European / Universal Adapter

MASALA CHAI

Masala chai is not available in Europe, we recommend that you bring your own Girnar chai sachets.



CURRENCY

The currency for Europe is Euro (EUR) except in Switzerland which is Swiss Franc (CHF) and for UK its Pound. Indian Rupees will not be accepted here.

01 POUNDS	=	102 INR (approx.)
01 EUR	=	89 INR (approx.)
01 CHF	=	90 INR (approx.)

*** Approx prices. Subject to change.*

CLOTHING

Temperature can reach highs of around 25°C and it can be quite humid. Therefore, it's important to wear clothing that is light, comfortable, and breathable.

Warm clothes, jacket, gloves, sports shoes, etc. when you're in the Swiss Alps (Titlis & Jungfrau).

Shorts, skirts, and dresses are all popular choices for women, while men often wear shorts and t-shirts. Lightweight fabrics like cotton, linen, and rayon are good choices for staying cool in the heat.

It's also a good idea to bring a light jacket or cardigan for cooler evenings or air-conditioned spaces like restaurants and museums. And of course, comfortable walking shoes are a must for exploring the city!

DUTY FREE

You can purchase duty-free items at the airport before departing. Some common duty-free items that Indians typically purchase include:

Liquor: You can buy up to 2 litres of alcohol duty-free, including wine and beer.

Tobacco: You can bring up to 100 cigarettes or 25 cigars duty-free.

Perfumes and Cosmetics: You can purchase perfume and cosmetics duty-free, with no specific limit on the amount.

Electronics: You can buy electronics like cameras, laptops, and mobile phones duty-free, but there are limits on the quantity and value.

It's important to note that duty-free allowances may differ depending on the country of origin and the destination country. It's always a good idea to check with the customs department of both the origin and destination countries to find out the exact allowances and restrictions.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Please exchange your Rupees to Pounds & Euros from India. Exchanges at London & European Airports or inside the city may be a little costly. If you are exchanging the currency inside the cities, please do not forget to carry your Passport along with you as the Money Exchange dealer may require an ID proof.

Travellers entering or leaving the UK & EU are required to make a declaration to customs authorities if they are carrying \$3,000 or more in cash. Cash in foreign currencies must be converted into Pounds or Euros. Declarations must be made to Customs in the country when you enter or leave the UK & EU.

XEROX of your passports, air tickets, insurance etc. to be kept with you at all times.

Mobiles, Cameras, Additional pair of your mobile and camera batteries, Charges, USB Memory sticks, Hand Sanitizers, Power Adapters, Luggage locks.

SIM CARD: You can take any local mobile operator's SIM card which is better for you so that you can contact our Tour Manager, local partner, hotels, drivers, guides etc. in case you require.

TRANSPORT / COACHES:

- Please keep your coach clean. In the coach, it is prohibited consumption of any kind of eatable including haldiram product/soft/hard drink except drinking water.
- Keep garbage only at designated places. There are very heavy penalties for the same.
- It is recommended to carry small medium size baggage to make your travel smooth and hassle-free.

What if you feel coach-sick or feeling vomiting:

It is important to be mindful of your fellow passengers when traveling in a coach. Vomiting inside the coach can create an unpleasant and unsanitary environment for everyone on board. Here are some tips to avoid such situations:

Carry vomit bags: If you are prone to motion sickness or coach-sick, it's best to carry vomit bags with you. Use them to vomit in case you feel nauseous.

Inform the tour manager: If you start feeling sick, immediately inform the tour manager or a member of the coach staff. They may be able to help you with medication or provide a suitable place for you to vomit.

Remember that cleaning charges may be levied by the coach company or driver if you vomit inside the coach. So, it's important to be considerate of your fellow passengers and take appropriate steps to avoid such situations.

TIPPING

- Tipping is expected from anyone providing your service e.g. Coach Driver, Local Guides, etc.
- It is mandatory to tip a nominal amount of EUR 3 per person / per day.
- For the entire duration of this tour which is 16 Days, the total Tips amount is Euro 48 per person to be paid to the Tour Manager on Day 01 of the tour.

Be open to new experiences and different cultures. Have a positive attitude and enjoy the journey.

BON VOYAGE!