



# 2027 GRAND HEART OF EUROPE TOUR

Including the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France & England

20 Nights / 23 Days • Escorted from Honolulu

Tour #1: May 03 – 25, 2027 • Tour Manager: Gabriele Finn

Tour #2: September 01 – 23, 2027

**FEATURING:** Amsterdam, Dutch Lowlands, Delft, Holland, Antwerp, Margraten, Rhine-Ruhr Region, Rhine River, Boppard, Heidelberg, Schriesheim, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Bavaria, Munich, Innsbruck, Tyrolean Village, Dolomite Mountains, Lake Garda, Verona, Venice, Italian Countryside, Rome, Montecatini-Terre, Florence, Pisa, Lake Lugano, Swiss Alps, Stans, Lucerne, Burgundy Wine Region, Beaune, Paris & London

**OVERVIEW:** This tour includes all the spectacular sites from our HEART OF EUROPE® Tour, such as medieval villages and scenic mountain vistas, plus Rome, Pisa, Florence, Tuscany, an extra night in Paris, and two nights in London. Highlights include learning the craft behind Dutch cheese and Delft blue pottery, visiting the American Military Cemetery in Margraten, and gliding past castles and vineyards on a Rhine River boat ride. Enjoy Munich's Glockenspiel, visit Venice's canals and gondolas, and toss a coin into Rome's Trevi Fountain. Experience Lake Lucerne and the Swiss Alps, stroll the Champs-Élysées in Paris, and ride the Eurostar Train to London to see Buckingham Palace. See it all on this Grand Tour!

**HIGHEST ELEVATION:** 3,855 feet in the St. Gotthard Tunnel, with some tours taking the pass which is 6,919 feet, and includes Swiss hotels at 2,900 feet.

**WALKING EXPECTATIONS:** "Active" — an average of 3½ miles per day often encountering uneven surfaces, steps, and inclines.

**YOUR COMPLETE PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

Roundtrip Economy Airfare from Honolulu, Accommodations in Superior Tourist Class and First Class Hotels, 19 Daily Breakfasts (Either Continental or Buffet), 13 Dinners, Services of a Europe-based Tour Manager, Land Transportation (Deluxe, Air-Conditioned Motorcoach), Airport Transfers, Baggage Handling & All Taxes, Transfers, and Fees

\* Per person based on double occupancy. All taxes and fees included. Subject to change at anytime with/without notice. Single Supplement: \$2,045. Final Payment Due: Tour #1: 12/21/26; Tour #2: 04/23/27. Tipping is not included — guideline (per person per day): Tour Manager: €7.00 (euros); Driver: €5.00 (euros). Image Tours Non-refundable Deposit: \$250 per person (credit card OK). Final payment by credit card OK. Non-Stop Travel (NST) Deposit: \$500 per person (credit card OK). Final payment by personal check only. Pricing: prices are subject to change at any time and the applicable price will be determined by the current pricing in effect on the date we receive each deposit and reservation application. After deposits are received, a \$75 per person NST cancellation fee will also apply. NST cannot guarantee that all tour members will travel on the same air itinerary as tour escort. Tour escort assignments are subject to change with/without notice. Air cancellation penalties: for cancellations receive 150 days — final payment date — deposit forfeiture: after final payment date — 100% of total charges. Travel to Europe will require a Visa, ETIAS, or similar — price is not included. NST at its discretion, may use group and individual photos on its website, print, television, and various social media. † Early booking discount is per person. Purchase of NST's complete Air and Land Package is required. †† Earn rewards every time you refer a friend. For each "New-to-NST" customer you refer, both you and your referral can receive a \$25 discount off your next NST escorted group. **Special Assistance:** You must notify NST, at time of reservation, of any disability requiring special attention. NST reserves the right to cancel your booking or terminate your vacation if your special needs or disabilities are not suitable for the vacation or if you are not traveling with a companion who will provide all the assistance you require. **Wheelchair and electric scooter access outside of the USA is severely restricted.**

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Select sightseeing is included in tour. Additional optional tours are available for purchase through Image Tours. Itinerary shown is based on Image Tours' 2027 tour. Tour itinerary and inclusions are subject to change.

**Day 1:** HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

**Day 2:** IN TRANSIT.

**Day 3:** AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS – DUTCH LOWLANDS – HOLLAND. Upon arrival, clear passport control and collect your luggage. Meet your Europe-based Tour Manager. Board your deluxe motorcoach for a pleasant drive through the neatly groomed Dutch Lowlands. Much of this area is below sea level with a landscape shaped by canals, dikes and windmills. Your two-night stay in Netherlands will introduce you to Dutch "gezelligheid," a friendly, cozy feeling which you will experience in the days ahead. This evening, enjoy the **Welcome to Europe Dinner** at your hotel. AMRÄTH BERGHOTEL AMERSFOORT or Similar (2 Nights) (D)

**Day 4:** AMSTERDAM – DELFT – HOLLAND. Travel among the rural and urban landscapes which highlight the distinctive characteristics of the Netherlands. The day includes a panoramic tour of Amsterdam aboard a **glass-topped boat** as well as a visit to a charming Dutch village. Stroll through the picturesque streets, lined with medieval buildings and friendly cafés, before returning to your hotel for an included dinner. (B, D)

**Day 5:** ANTWERP, BELGIUM – MARGRATEN, NETHERLANDS – RHINE-RUHR REGION, GERMANY. Cross the border into Belgium, and head for the port city of Antwerp, known for its convivial atmosphere. Explore Antwerp's **central market square** with its irresistible chocolate shops and cozy outdoor cafés serving delicious Belgian waffles. The next stop, at the **Netherlands American Cemetery** in Margraten, is an emotional experience reflecting on the sacrifices of WWII. 8,301 U.S. servicemen are buried here. Tonight's hotel is located beyond the next border, in Germany's Rhine-Ruhr Region. DORINT HOTEL DÜREN or Similar (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 6:** RHINE RIVER – BOPPARD – HEIDELBERG – SCHRIESHEIM. Take the **Autobahn (Expressway)** through Germany to the Rhine River Valley. From Boppard, embark on a **scenic up-stream boat ride** past medieval fortresses, quaint villages, and hillside vineyards. Continue by motorcoach to Heidelberg. Situated on the Neckar River and dominated by its red sandstone castle ruins, this renowned university town is considered by many to embody the spirit of Germany. Join a **walking tour of the Old Town** before proceeding to your hotel in nearby Schriesheim, for dinner. HOTEL SCHEID or Similar (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 7:** ROTHENBURG – NUREMBERG – BAVARIA. Your route this morning takes you to the northern section of the **"Romantic Road,"** introducing unspoiled countryside, ancient castles, and storybook villages. Spend a few hours in Rothenburg, a beautifully preserved medieval town surrounded by its original town walls. The cobblestone streets are lined with historic inns and charming store fronts, including the famous **Käthe Wohlfahrt's Weihnachtsdorf**, a sprawling, **year-round Christmas shop**. Walk along the city walls for a **bird's-eye view of the town** and the surrounding landscapes. This afternoon, transfer to your hotel in the scenic and festive state of Bavaria. NH INGOLSTADT or Similar (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 8:**– MUNICH – INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA – TYROLEAN VILLAGE. The drive into Munich reveals many of the Bavarian capital's interesting landmarks. Walk through the **Marienplatz (Main Square)** with its unique **Glockenspiel (Clock Tower)**. For a **taste of Oktoberfest** anytime, visit the famous **Hofbräuhaus**. In the afternoon, cross the border into Austria and follow the Inn River to the imperial city of Innsbruck, two-time host of the Winter Olympics. The Old Town owes much of its architectural beauty to Maximilian I, ruler of the Holy Roman Empire from 1493 to 1519. A short distance from Innsbruck lies the Tyrolean Village where you will spend the next two nights in a chalet-style hotel. HOTEL-GASTHOF PURNER or Similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 9:** TYROLEAN VILLAGE NEAR INNSBRUCK. Enjoy a relaxing day in the Austrian Alps, return to Innsbruck using public transportation, or join the optional Bavarian Palace Excursion. For dinner, try a local restaurant, or consider the optional Tyrolean Show and Dinner Excursion for an evening of authentic Austrian food, folklore, music, and dancing. (B)

**Day 10:** DOLOMITE MOUNTAINS, ITALY – LAKE GARDA – VERONA. Enter Italy via the **Europa Brücke (Bridge)**, a remarkable feat of mountain highway engineering. Descend from the reddish hue of the **Dolomite Mountains** to the turquoise waters of Lake Garda. In some places, the rocky cliffs rise straight up from the water. Lake Garda's sheltered location gives its coastline a **subtropical climate** rich in vegetation, including oleander bushes, olive groves, and grape vines. Sample a gelato (Italian ice cream) while strolling along the lakeside. From here, it's a short drive to Verona, made famous by Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Experience an authentic Italian meal during an independent dinner before transferring to your hotel. MONTRESOR HOTEL TOWER or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

**Day 11:** VENICE – VERONA. The day is devoted to romantic Venice, famous for its canals, bridges, gondolas, and magnificent St. Mark's Cathedral. Enjoy a **boat ride on the Grand Canal to St. Mark's Square**. A guided walking tour ends with a visit to a **glass-blowing workshop**, where skilled artisans craft anything from delicate figurines to multi-colored chandeliers. If you have your heart set on gliding through the canals, the cost is about €45 per person based on up to six people sharing a gondola. Dine at a pizzeria or join the Tour Manager for an optional Venice Dinner Excursion. After a memorable day, return to your Verona area hotel. (B)

**Day 12:** ITALIAN COUNTRYSIDE – ROME. The picturesque countryside is painted with rolling golden hills, olive groves, and sleepy towns as you travel south on the **Italian Autostrada del Sol (Highway of the Sun)**. Make a stop at a charming provincial village before continuing to Rome. **La Citta Eterna (The Eternal City)** is a contrast of overflowing ancient history in a vibrantly modern metropolis. Dinner will be served upon arrival at your Rome hotel. HOLIDAY INN ROME-EUR PARCO DEI MEDICI or Similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 13:** ROME. See the **Arch of Constantine**, the **Colosseum**, and the **Roman Forum**, and other ancient sights on a guided motorcoach through Rome. An included walking tour takes you to the **Trevi Fountain**, the **Pantheon**, and the **Piazza Navona**. For the remainder of the day, choose to pursue personal interests or join the optional Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel Excursion. Return to the hotel for an included dinner. (B, D)

**Day 14:** ROME – MONTECATINI-TERME. Return to the heart of Rome for further exploration of this formidable city. Sip a cappuccino while admiring the ancient architecture, visit the market vendors, or join the optional Colosseum Excursion. In the afternoon, head north into Tuscany for a two-night stay in the spa resort town of Montecatini-Terme, with its pastel-tinted buildings on palm-lined streets. HOTEL DA VINCI or Similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 15:** FLORENCE – PISA – MONTECATINI-TERME. Today starts with a visit to the **Leaning Tower of Pisa**. Afterwards, see the rich architecture and art of Florence, including the **bronze baptistery doors by Ghiberti**, **Giotto's Bell Tower**, and countless sculptures. After a guided walking tour, shop for leather goods, and jewelry on the **Ponte Vecchio Bridge**. Experience local foods during **dinner at a Tuscan farm** before returning to your hotel. (B, D)

**Day 16:** LAKE LUGANO, SWITZERLAND – SWISS ALPS. Cross the border from the **Italian to the Swiss Lake Districts**, on the way to subtropical Lake Lugano. Often referred to as the **"Rio de Janeiro of the Old Continent,"** this is the perfect spot for a lunch break. Take the **11-mile-long St. Gotthard Tunnel** to your hotel in a cozy village surrounded by the Swiss Alps. HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF or Similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 17:** STANS – LUCERNE – SWISS ALPS. A morning drive through William Tell country uncovers the impressive sight of Lake Lucerne,



framed by the soaring mountain peaks of Rigi and Pilatus. Stop in the village of Stans for the optional Swiss Mountain Excursion by funicular and cable car. This afternoon, explore Lucerne with its **Old Town Wall** and **famous Lion Monument**. This shopper's paradise is known for music boxes, watches, and chocolates. Before returning to your hotel for dinner, consider the optional Swiss Lake Boat Ride Excursion. (B, D)

**Day 18:** BURGUNDY WINE REGION, FRANCE – BEAUNE. Follow the Swiss Autobahn past Basel, where Switzerland, Germany and France meet, and where the Rhine River becomes navigable. As you cross the border into France, the mountains give way to hill-top villages and rustic vineyards. By mid-afternoon, arrive in the well-preserved medieval town of Beaune, **center of the Burgundy Wine Region**. Dinner is independent this evening, providing the opportunity to visit a wine cellar and to sample the regional cuisine. IBIS BEAUNE CENTRE or Similar (1 Night) (B)

**Day 19:** PARIS. The vineyards of Burgundy give way to a bustling cityscape, and around lunch time, you will arrive in the center of Paris. Begin your sightseeing in the Montmartre district, where Paris looks as it does in old paintings, and artists still display their works. The **uphill walk to Sacré-Cœur Basilica** rewards you with **expansive views over La Ville Lumière (City of Light)**. Montmartre boasts many excellent restaurants and characteristic sidewalk cafés for an independent dinner before transferring to your hotel. HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – CANAL DE LA VILLETTE or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

**Day 20:** PARIS. Spend the entire day getting acquainted with Paris. Your Tour Manager will **direct you to popular sights** such as the **Champs-Élysées**, **Arc de Triomphe**, **Louvre Museum** (open daily except Tuesdays), **Opera** (Palais Garnier), as well as the famous **Galleries Lafayette Department Store**. The optional Seine River Cruise Excursion provides photo worthy views of Notre Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, and other landmarks along the river. Dine independently at a restaurant of your choice or join your Tour Manager on the optional Paris Evening Excursion, including dinner at a characteristic French bistro. (B)

**Day 21:** LONDON, ENGLAND. After breakfast, take the **three-hour journey** on the high-speed **Eurostar Train** under the English Channel to London. A Local Guide will welcome you with a tour of the city. See famous sights such as the **Houses of Parliament**, **Big Ben**, **Hyde Park**, **Trafalgar Square**, **Westminster Abbey**, the **Royal Parks**, and **Buckingham Palace**. After your introduction to London, transfer to the hotel for check-in, followed by a **Farewell Dinner**. GRANGE BEAUCHAMP HOTEL or Similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 22:** LONDON. Pursue your individual interests during a full day in London. Purchase a hop-on/hop-off day pass (available for a fee) with access to over 90 stops! Shop at the famous Harrods Department Store or view the spectacular collection of paintings at the National Gallery. There is also an optional Tower of London Excursion. If you wish to see the Changing of the Guard, check with the hotel concierge because performances are limited to select time and dates and may be conditional on weather. Tonight, choose from the endless array of independent dining and entertainment opportunities, or join your Tour Manager for an optional London Dinner and Theatre Excursion. (B)

**Day 23:** LONDON – HONOLULU. Your Grand Heart of Europe Tour has come to an end. Return flight back to Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!