

EUROPE Tour for Foodies

12-day tour of
FRANCE, SWITZERLAND & ITALY

Hosted by George Aquino

*Featuring Paris, Beaune, Lucerne, Lugano, Tuscany,
Florence, Pisa, Orvieto, Anguillara-Sabazia & Rome*

Friday, October 11, 2013 to Tuesday, October 22, 2013

\$4832

Including AIR from GRAND RAPIDS or DETROIT

Tour Price: The 'Land Only' price is \$3632. The price including roundtrip air fare from either Detroit or Grand Rapids is \$4832. This gives you the option to make your own air arrangements. Prices apply to each of two persons sharing a room. Supplement for single occupancy is \$995.

Travel Protection Plan: For \$145 per person, you can protect your vacation investment, with regard to Trip Cancellation/Interruption, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Travel Delay, Baggage and Personal Effects and Medical Expenses/Emergency Assistance. For a detailed description, see the Travel Protection Plan Description of Coverage pamphlet or go to www.tripmate.com/wpF432i.

Deposit and \$150 Early Booking Discount: If you book the tour and pay a deposit of \$200 per person (plus \$145 per person if you wish to purchase the travel insurance) before Friday, January 11, 2013, you receive an early booking discount, off your final payment, of \$150 per person.

\$120 Final Payment Cash Discount: Take off an additional \$120 per person when final payment is by check and is received by Image Tours prior to 6/26/13. (Deposit may be by check or credit card).

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Tour Highlights

- Explore **Paris' best Outdoor Markets** and **Foodie retail Shops**.
- Take in the best sights of Paris during an afternoon **Boat Cruise on the River Seine**.
- Experience café society like a local Parisian at our optional **Happy Hour Gathering**.
- Immerse yourself in Burgundy's historical epicenter, **Beaune**, and explore gourmet wine and food shops, restaurants and wineries. This Roman walled city is the vinicultural capital of Burgundy.
- Ride on a cogwheel funicular and an open-roof cable car that takes you to the top of **Lake Lucerne's Mount Stanserhorn** for a sunset dinner followed by a breathtaking return ride under the Alpine stars.
- Take in the pastoral scenery during your breakfasts at the hotel Pax Montana, surrounded by views of cows grazing amongst the **Swiss Alps**
- Learn how the great cheeses of Switzerland are made during an optional visit to a **Cheese Farm**
- In **Tuscany**, our foodie group will call the **spa town of Montecatini-Terme** as our home base. We will be centrally located between the coastal town of **Pisa** and the heart of Tuscany in **Florence**.
- Enjoy a memorable dining experience in a **Tuscan vineyard** complete with **Cooking Class and Wine Tasting**.
- Meander among the narrow streets of **Orvieto**, an ancient village perched atop volcanic rock known for its white wines.
- Be hosted by an Italian family who will treat you like family in their small hotel in **Anguillara Sabazia**.
- Be captivated by the sights and food of the **Eternal City, Rome**.
- The tour has also left you with a lot of **personal time** to explore each destination to your style and liking.
- Best of all, experience Europe through the companionship of other **Foodies** like you.

About Your Tour Host, George Aquino



GEORGE AQUINO is a veteran international luxury hotelier with a penchant for travel, food, writing and photography. He fondly recalls his first trans-Pacific flight by himself when he was 8 years old. George's travel and food blog, My Hotel Life, came as a result of his interest in documenting his travel and culinary journeys. He is the general manager of the JW Marriott Grand Rapids and a travel columnist and restaurant critic for MLive Media. George is also a lifestyle, travel and food columnist for Solace Magazine and Shore Magazine.

About the Tour Company

Image Tours Inc. is a third generation, family company founded in The Netherlands in 1939. Headquartered in Grand Rapids since 1960, Image specializes in European tours for individuals and groups throughout the USA.

Included Features

Accommodations: Superior Tourist Class and First Class hotels are carefully selected for comfort, cleanliness, and character. We select hotels offering a good value while at the same time providing genuine hospitality with quality accommodations. These tours feature a balance of modern city hotels and family run village hotels with European charm. All rooms have a private bathroom with sink, toilet, and shower or bathtub. Prices are based on two persons sharing a room. This tour will use the following hotels or similar:

Day 2 & 3 – Hotel Mercure Montmartre in Paris, France

Day 4 – Hotel Novotel in Beaune, France

Day 5 & 6 – Hotel Paxmontana in Lake Lucerne Region, Switzerland

Day 7, 8 & 9 – Hotel Manzoni in Montecatini, Italy

Day 10 & 11 – Hotel Massimino, Anguillara-Sabazia, Italy

Breakfast Daily: Breakfasts are usually served buffet style at your hotel, with a selection of rolls, butter, jam, cheese, cold cuts, coffee, tea, milk, and juice. On occasion, the buffets may also include cereal, pastries, fruit, yogurt, and/or eggs. A few breakfasts may be served continental at your table rather than as a buffet.

Six (6) Dinners: The included dinners, whether ‘special highlight’ or standard meals, follow a fixed menu. We work closely with the restaurants to provide a variety of dishes throughout the tour. The included dinners are noted in the detailed itinerary, at the end of each day.

Tour Manager: An experienced representative will accompany the tour for the full European duration.

Airport Transfers: One scheduled group airport transfer is hosted by the tour manager on Day 2 to the first tour hotel, and on the final day of the tour from the last tour hotel. Transfer times in each direction are set based on the scheduled flight times of passengers who have purchased the complete ‘Tour & Air’ inclusive package from Image Tours. Pre- and Post-tour extensions do not include transfers.

Land Transportation: A deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach will provide transportation throughout Europe in accordance with the itinerary.

Baggage Handling: Baggage handling is provided for one suitcase, maximum 62 linear inches and 50 lbs/23 kg in weight, during the entire trip, except at airports. Although highly unlikely, there may be a rare occasion on which individual baggage handling is required at a hotel.

Tips: The tour price includes tips for all aspects of the tour that are pre-arranged by Image Tours, such as hotel staff, restaurant staff, and other services. The tips for the tour manager and the motor coach driver are not included. This allows you to express your level of appreciation for their performance and for their contribution to your overall enjoyment of the tour. For tipping guidelines, see the ‘FAQ’ page.

Confirmation Packet: Approximately one month after receiving your completed, signed Reservation Application and deposit, you receive a Confirmation Packet, consisting of reservation verification, travel insurance information, and our highly informative *Touroclopedia*® preparation booklet.

Trip Documents: At least one week prior to the tour departure date, you will receive a Trip Documents Packet. This contains pre-departure travel tips; clear and concise departure and arrival instructions; flight schedule and air ticket information; overnight schedule with the names, addresses, telephone/ fax numbers of hotels; foreign currency information; luggage tags; and name tag.



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DAY 1 - Overnight Trans-Atlantic Crossing:

At time of booking, choose Grand Rapids or Detroit for your U.S. departure city.

DAY 2 - Arrival in Paris, France:

Aaah, Paris, "La Ville Lumiere" — City of Light. Upon arrival at the Paris airport, transfer to the hotel. The balance of the day is yours to 'chill out' and to jump start your exploration of Paris. I will provide those who are interested with a list of Parisian foodie places such as for cooking and baking ware, historic cafes, and hidden gems in the Marais. You should also consider taking an afternoon walk through the colorful old town section of Montmartre, crowned with the imposing Sacre Coeur Cathedral, from which one has a beautiful view of Paris. Later in the afternoon, join me for an optional happy hour at a wine bar on 'Rue Montorgueil' and I will recommend a few casual dinner spots around the arrondissement for a light 'after the flight' independent dinner.

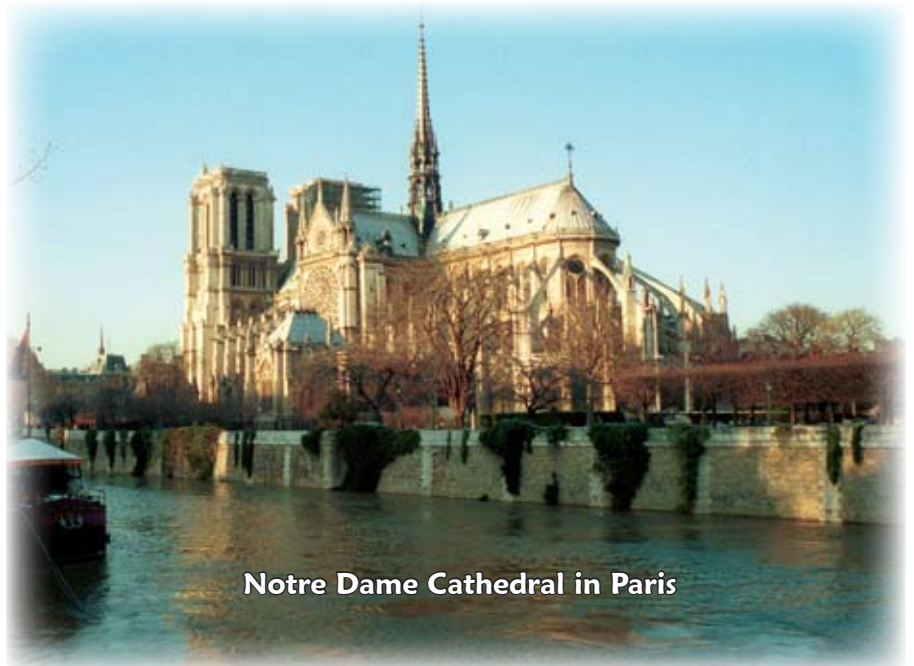
DAY 3 - Paris, France: This morning, I invite you to join me on a visit

to Paris' best organic market, the Raspail Market on the left bank. Raspail is a compact market with organic wines, incredible cheese selections and a caramelized onion galette that Parisians line up for every Sunday morning. Afterwards, I invite people to visit other left bank sites such as the La Grande Epicerie de Paris for some of the most delectable food products or take a stroll along one of my favorite parks in the city, the Jardin du Luxembourg. For lunch, I suggest skipping over to the right bank and visiting the food shops at the Madeleine – Fauchon and Hediard – for incredible salads, terrines and one of the best hot chocolates in the city. In the afternoon, we'll take a boat ride on the Seine River, featuring many of the historical buildings and monuments that have become symbols of Paris. The tour manager will help you get oriented with the city center by

pointing out the locations of Notre Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, Louvre Palace, Place d'Etoile and Champs Elysées. For dinner tonight, join me on a 'Paris Evening' excursion, with dinner and musical entertainment at a characteristic French bistro in the heart of Paris. I will help you interpret the menu and point out a few selections you might like to try. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4 - Paris - Beaune, France:

Free morning in Paris to catch up on your sightseeing, be it ascending the Eiffel Tower, a visit to the Louvre, going inside Notre Dame Cathedral, or a walk along the Champs Elysées. Leave Paris at noon and motor, via the idyllic town of Auxerre, to the ancient and historic walled city of Beaune, wine capital of Burgundy and one of the key wine centers of France. Beaune has a rich historical and architectural heritage with features remaining of the pre-Roman and Roman eras. Tonight, experience the great food and wonderful



Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

Itinerary

wines of Burgundy. It should be fun to share our dinner experiences tomorrow on our way to Switzerland. (Breakfast)

DAY 5 - Beaune - Belfort, France & Basel - Lucerne, Switzerland:

A mid-morning departure affords a little time for a stroll through the historic old town center of Beaune. Then travel through northeastern France to the formerly fortified city of Belfort, and continue to the Rhine Port city of Basel, strategically located at the point where France, Germany and Switzerland conjoin. Basel is the starting point of the 700-mile-long navigable stretch of the Rhine River, which runs through Germany and Holland, before emptying in the North Sea (Atlantic Ocean) at Rotterdam. Enter Switzerland and feast your eyes on the lovely scenery en-route to the beautiful Lake Lucerne region. Toward dinner time, we take a boat ride on the lake, followed by a ride up the Stanserhorn mountain by open roof funicular, for dinner in the revolving mountain top restaurant, while enjoying beautiful views of the Swiss Alps. If the weather cooperates, the moonlight descent will be quite spectacular. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 6 - Lake Lucerne Area, Switzerland: Enjoy a leisure breakfast, where after we visit some of Lucerne's principal sights such as the Old City Wall, the Covered Bridge and the famous

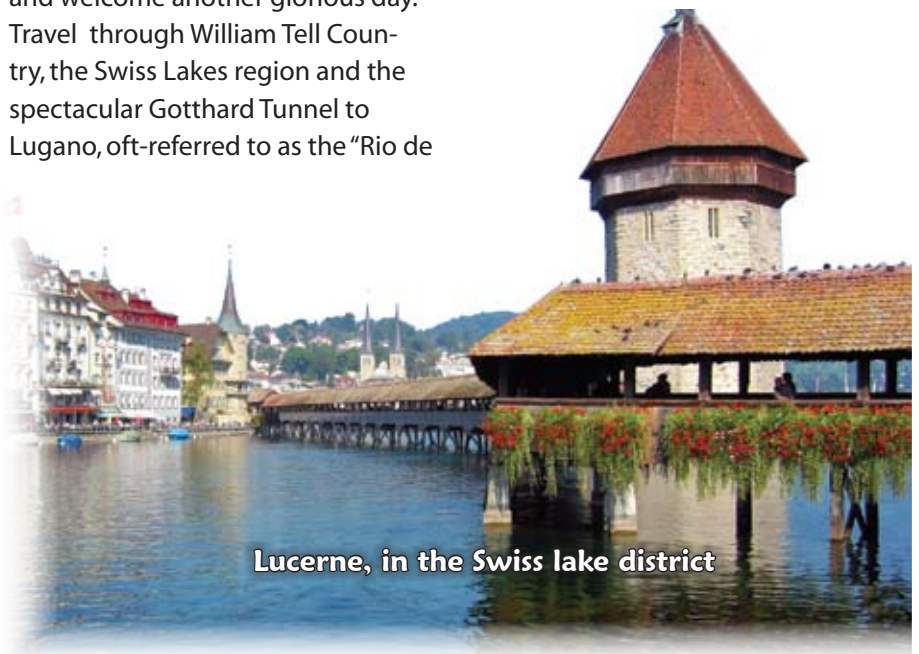


Lion Monument in the Glacier Garden. This inspiring stone carving, hewn out of natural rock, commemorates the heroic Swiss soldiers who lost their lives defending the French King Louis the XVI during the French Revolution. There will be ample time to shop for wood-carved music boxes, Swiss watches, lace and delicious chocolates, or to relax on one of the lovely lake shore promenades. If there is enough interest, I may offer a visit to a cheese farm. Dinner tonight will be on your own, giving you an opportunity to try a few Swiss specialties. Tomorrow, during our drive through northern Italy, feel free to grab the mike on the motor coach to share your dinner experience. (Breakfast)

DAY 7 - Lugano, Switzerland & Montecatini-Terme, Italy: Church bells break the silence of the night and welcome another glorious day. Travel through William Tell Country, the Swiss Lakes region and the spectacular Gotthard Tunnel to Lugano, oft-referred to as the "Rio de

Janeiro of the Old Continent". After a stop in Lugano, cross the border into Italy and travel past Milan, cross the fertile Po River Valley and past Parma to the Tuscan Spa Resort of Montecatini-Terme. Baths with Spa waters were constructed here as far back as 1530. Our first Italian dinner awaits us at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 8 - Florence - Montecatini-Terme, Italy: After breakfast it's only a 30-minute ride to Florence, a treasure cove of art and architecture. A guided walking tour includes the Piazza del Duomo, Giotto's Baptistry with the famous bronze doors by Ghiberti, Michelangelo's statue of David and admission to the Accademia. After the walking tour, there's free time to satisfy your individual interests. Before returning to Montecatini, we take a short detour south of Florence through the charming Chianti country and pause for a delicious dinner in one of the vineyards. After dinner, return to Montecatini-Terme. (Breakfast, Dinner)



Lucerne, in the Swiss lake district

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Pisa's Leaning Landmark

DAY 9 - Pisa - Montecatini-Terme, Italy: This is the perfect place and time to slow down a little, with a leisure morning excursion to the intriguing Leaning Tower of Pisa, a visit to the unspoiled medieval town of Lucca, followed by a "Tuscan Wine and Cooking Class" in the special ambiance of a traditional Tuscan vineyard. Learn about the production of local wines and olive oils. Tour the lovely grounds and wine cellar and take part in a wine tasting. During the cooking class, learn how to prepare homemade pasta and other dishes. Top off this culinary experience by enjoying a regional dinner you helped create amidst the beauty of the vineyard. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 10 - Orvieto – Anguillara Sabazia, Italy: Motor southeast-erly through the Tuscan Hills to the province of Umbria for a mid-morning visit to the picturesque

hilltop town of Orvieto. We take a funicular to get up to the town. After leaving Orvieto it's a little more than an hour to the lovely Lago di Bracciano, about 20 miles northwest of Rome. The lake shore town of Anguillara Sabazia will be our bivouac for the next two nights. The Italy episode of 'Everyone Loves Raymond' was filmed in the old village of Anguillara Sabazia. Across the lake, in the town of Bracciano, is the Castle Orsini-Odescalchi which has served as a venue for celebrity weddings, including Tom Cruise, Christiane Amanpour and Eros Ramazzotti, the famous Italian pop singer. A local train connects Anguillara with Rome in 40 minutes, but why not spend a lazy Sunday afternoon on Lago di Bracciano. For your independent dinner tonight, choose from one of the restaurants in Anguillara Sabazia. (Breakfast)

DAY 11- Rome - Anguillara Sabazia, Italy: Bienvenuto a

(welcome to) Roma, "La Citta Eterna" (The Eternal City). This morning, we explore the wonders of Rome, an energetic, modern metropolis, yet proudly protective of its abundant historical sites, such as the Trajan and Roman Forums, Arch of Constantine, Colosseum and other highlights. And, don't neglect to toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain. Around 4:00 p.m. we return to Anguillara Sabazia for a few hours of relaxation and to enjoy an aperitif before tonight's festive 'Farewell Dinner' at our hotel, for which I am hoping to 'cook up' a bit of a culinary adventure, if nothing else but an excellent meal. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 12 - Return flight from Rome to the USA. Transfer to the Rome Fiumicino Airport for the return flight home. (Breakfast at the hotel, Inflight food and beverage service as provided by the airline)



Make a wish at Rome's Trevi Fountain

Extend Your Tour in Paris or Rome

You may add an extra night at your tour hotel in **PARIS** at the beginning of the tour, or in **ROME** at the end of the tour.

PRE-TOUR PARIS HOTEL

\$135 per person for the first night and \$110 per person for each additional night

POST-TOUR ROME HOTEL

\$135 per person for the first night and \$110 per person for each additional night

Notes About Tour Extensions

- Extension prices listed on this page are per person, in U.S. Dollars, including hotel taxes and breakfast, based on double occupancy in rooms with a private bathroom. Per night, Single Supplement is \$60.
- Extensions must be booked when making reservations for your escorted tour.
- Extensions are independent and unescorted, and all transfers are at your own expense. A transfer from Paris Airport costs approximately \$60 per taxi. A transfer to Rome Airport costs approximately \$140 per taxi or \$20 per person by train.
- If you have purchased a tour & air-inclusive reservation, Image Tours will adjust your flights to depart early or return later as required for your extension, subject to availability of air space. A \$25 per person fee will apply in each direction for travel dates deviating from the scheduled tour dates. This \$25 fee is already included in the extension prices listed on this page.
- Every effort will be made to reserve pre- and post-tour nights at our preferred extension hotels. Alternative accommodations may be made if space is not available. Any transfer required between hotels will be at your own expense.
- Check-in and check-out times vary for each hotel and are subject to change. The most common times are 2:00 p.m. for check-in and 11:00 a.m. for check-out. If your flight arrives in the morning before a pre-tour extension or if you are transferring hotels, please note that your room may not be available until the official check-in time.
- Extensions are subject to availability. If you requested an extension at the time of the initial reservation and Image Tours is unable to secure hotel or air space without additional cost, you will have the option, within three days of notification, to authorize a price increase, cancel the extension, or cancel the entire tour with full refund.

