

an unforgettable journey to the three greatest cities in the world October 18—November 2, 2018

Friends,

According to travel guru Rick Steves, 80 percent of Americans do not hold a passport. That's sad, because international travel provides some of life's greatest experiences. Plus, in today's world, travel is more affordable and doable than ever before.

You're invited to join me on an historic visit to the three greatest cities in the world—London, Paris, and Rome. (As an added bonus, we'll also visit Florence/Pisa/Lucca, Italy; Barcelona, Spain; Gibraltar; Toulon, France; and Lisbon, Portugal.)

It's been said that one of the joys of traveling is not only *where* you go but *who you go with* and *who you meet along the way*. This tour group will be limited to 40 interesting ladies and gentlemen who travel well—friends of mine who enjoy exploring great places.

In the past ten years I've led groups of friends on annual trips to Paris, London, the Mediterranean, Baltic States, Russia, and North Africa. We've never had a malfunction or bad experience; just memorable, life-enhancing moments. I think often of these international experiences:

- Picnicking on cheese and wine on a Swiss hillside
- Gaining access to a special room full of famous paintings at the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia
- Watching a snake charmer lure a snake out of its basket in Marrakesh, Morocco
- Sharing a meal with friends in Palermo
- Touring a spice market in New Delhi

Travel takes time and money, but it's worth the investment. You'll be stretched and challenged, and you'll learn more about the world in which you live and the life you live in the world. The following two pages describe more details of this incredible journey.

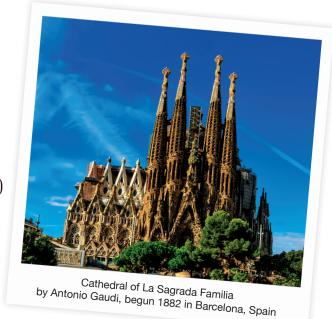
I hope you will consider joining me,

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16-Day Itinerary:

October

- 18 fly DFW to London
- 19 arrive London, short nap, tour the city
- **20** tour London
- **21** bus to Southampton, board the *Sapphire Princess* cruise ship
- **22** Le Havre, France (12 terrific hours in Paris)
- 23 at sea (these are my favorite days on a ship)
- **24** at sea
- **25** Lisbon, Portugal
- 26 Gibraltar
- **27** at sea
- 28 Barcelona, Spain
- 29 Toulon, France
- **30** Florence/Pisa/Lucca, Italy
- 31 Rome, Italy disembark, check into convent, tour Rome



Movember

- 1 tour Rome
- 2 fly Rome to DFW

City Experiences:

London—I've been to London about 15 times. These are the must-see sights: British Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square, concert at St. Martin's in the Field, Churchill Museum, Buckingham Palace, Thames River, Hyde Park, London Eye.

Paris—I've been to Paris about 10 times. These are the must-see sights: Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Louvre Museum, Museum d'Orsay, Seine River, Arc de Triomphe.

Rome—I've been to Rome about 8 times. These are the must-see sights: Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, Pantheon, Coliseum and Forum, Trevi Fountain, Plaza Navona. While in Rome, we'll stay at a convent, Casa di Santa Brigida, which is fabulously located in the epicenter of Rome, two blocks away from Plaza Navona.

Barcelona, Spain—I've been to Barcelona 4 times. These are the must-see sights: Las Ramblas, Gaudi's Sagrada Familia, Picasso Museum.

Lisbon, Portugal—I've been to the capital of Portugal one time. I remember: Seville Cathedral (the largest Gothic cathedral in the world), Alcázar of Seville, Tram 28.

Gibraltar—I've never been to Gibraltar but look forward to taking a cable car to the top of the Rock, and wandering around the town.

Toulon, France—I've never been to this seaport town, but look forward to discovering its charms.

Florence, Lucca & Pisa, Italy— You'll have a choice between visiting Florence or Lucca and Pisa. Florence is the birthplace of the Renaissance. I visited Lucca and Pisa in the spring of 2017. They are quintessential Italian towns: cobble stone streets, walled city, and of course, Pisa has a tall building with major structural problems.

The Cruise Line

Princess Cruise Line's *Sapphire Princess* is rated 5-stars, holds 2,670 passengers and was totally refurbished in 2012. Read more about the cruise at princess.com

Total Cost for 16-Day Trip

\$4,875 (includes inside cabin on ship)

\$4,975 (includes outside cabin)

\$5,675 (includes balcony)

Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from DFW. If you provide your own airfare, subtract \$1,400 from the prices listed above
- Hotels in London and Rome
- Cabin on the ship, taxes and fees and gratuities, all costs are based on double occupancy; the cruise line does allow for 3rd and 4th passengers in the cabin—see Don for details
- Private coach and tour guides in London, Rome, Paris, Lisbon, Barcelona, Florence/Lucca/Pisa and Gibraltar (you'll have a free day in Toulon, France)
- Transportation to and from airports, cities, and ship

Does Not Include:

- Lunches and dinners in Rome and London and lunch on shore excursions (lunch *is* provided in Paris on the second floor of the Eiffel Tower)
- A few optional experiences (concerts, London Eye, etc.)
- Trip insurance. Cancellation insurance for the cruise is \$130 for interior, \$150 for oceanview and \$200 for balcony. You may also want to purchase additional trip insurance to cover medical emergencies, etc.

Payment Schedule/Cancellations

- Deposit—\$750 per person (\$200 is nonrefundable) will hold your airfare and cabin (\$650 deposit if you're making your own airfare reservation). The trip is limited to the first 40 people who make a deposit.
- 1st payment due January 15, 2018—\$1,500 per person (\$100 of this payment is nonrefundable for a total of \$300 nonrefundable for the trip. See information below for cancellation policy for the cruise portion of the trip.)
- Balance due August 1, 2018
- Make checks payable to WM and mail to 2322 Creekside Cir. South, Irving, TX 75063



Trip Registration

Information

1. Your name exactly as it appears on your passport
2. Your passport number
3. Place of birth
4. Date passport issued
5. Date passport expires
6. Date of birth
7. Best email address
8. Cell number
9. Your roommate
Cruise ship
1. Type of cabin you want: interior oceanview balcony
2. Do you want cruise cancellation insurance? (see above for price)
Airfare
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 I will make my own airfare reservations (if so, you may be responsible for transportation to and from airports throughout the trip if your schedule is not similar to the group's schedule)
2. I will fly with the group on its airfare itinerary

Pre-trip opportunities

- 1. I will schedule several group meetings before we leave so we can get to know one another and learn more about the places we'll visit. These will be covered-dish dinners.
- 2. Your trip will be enhanced by learning more about the places we'll visit so I will recommend books for you to read and videos to watch.

Questions? E-mail me at djmcminn@msn.com.