







# Travel Guide Europe 2014



Vienna-Mallorca-Tunis-Palermo-Naples-Rome-Livorno-Korsika-Barcelona-Salzburg-Lugano

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This Guide contain a full Travel Plan plus Ideas and additional Information.

### Vienna

#### **Tourist Attractions**

- > Riesenrad
- > St. Stephen's Cathedral
- > Schloss Schönbrunn

#### Must Have Food

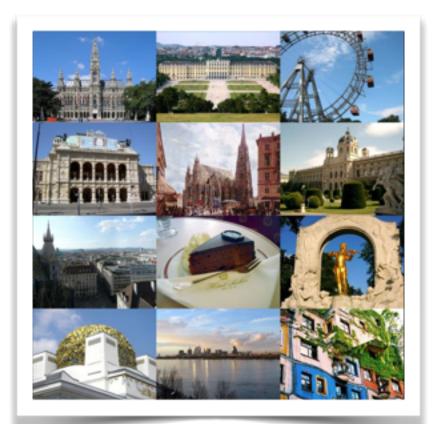
- > Wiener Schnitzel
- > Sacher Torte
- > Kaiserschmarrn

Apart from being regarded as the City of Music because of its musical legacy, Vienna is also said to be "The City of Dreams" because it was home to the world's first psycho-analyst - Sigmund Freud.

In a 2005 study of 127 world cities, the Economist Intelligence Unit ranked the city first (in a tie with Vancouver, Canada) for the world's most livable cities. For four consecutive years (2009-2012), the human-resource-consulting firm Mercer ranked Vienna first in its annual "Quality of Living" survey of hundreds of cities around the world, a title the city has reclaimed in 2014. Monocle's 2012 "Quality of Life Survey" ranked Vienna fourth on a list of the top 25 cities in the world "to make a base within" (up from sixth in 2011 and eighth in 2010).

The city was ranked 1st globally for its culture of innovation in 2007 and 2008, and fifth globally (out of 256 cities) in the 2011 Innovation Cities Index, which analyzed 162 indicators in covering three areas: culture, infrastructure and markets. Vienna regularly hosts urban planning conferences and is often used as a case study by urban planners.

Each year since 2005, Vienna has been the world's number one destination for international congresses and conventions.



#### Estimated Cost: 1200

Thing	Cost
Zoo	20
Tourist Attractions	70
7 x eating 30€	210
little stuff (ice cream , drinks) (40 x 5€)	200
Nightclub (5 x 50)	250
Climbing Garden	40
Go Kart	35
Laser Tag	40
Public transportation	100
Cinema	20
3 x Boat	60
shopping	100
unexpected expenses	100
museum	30

#### Life Ball

#### A big event with a serious background

Celebrating the joy of life and the diversity of cultures, Life Ball unites the social tradition of the Viennese ball culture with opulence, extravagance,



glamour, fancy performances, committed speeches as well as emotional moments.

Life Ball guests have a l w a y s b e e n encouraged to wear

fancy, unusual outfits as the creativity of the styles

and costumes is part of the concept and contributes to the unique flair of the event. The <u>Life Ball Style Bible</u> is an inspiration for ball guests



to feature their own Life Ball aqudate look according to the annual changing motto.



There are thousand of other things to do in this city, the heart of Austria. I'm excited to show you the variety of food, entertainment, culture and nightlife. I know you will enjoy taking picture either of the nice nature all around and in the city or of the hundreds of years old buildings. History was made here. Feel it and catch it.



#### Nightlife

Dancing and "chilling" of the highest quality - after all, Vienna's electronic music scene is world-renowned. Clubs such as Flex at the Danube Canal were selected as one of the best locations worldwide. The program there varies as much as it does at other party locations in the city the city.



## Mallorca

**Tourist Attractions** 

- > Soller Railway
- > Bellver Castle
- > Cathedral of Palma

Must Have

- > Gay District
- > White Sand Beaches





Palma, the economic and cultural hub of Majorca, is a delightful base for exploring the island's many gold and white beaches. A former Moorish casbah, or walled city, Palma's Old Town is an appealing maze of narrow streets that are a delight to explore on foot.

The origins of the city can be traced back to before Roman times, and in even today inhabitants of homes in the old quarter are often still discovering Roman remains less than a metre beneath the ground.

The city you see today, however, is a still a relatively new creation. The tree lined avenues of La Rambla and the Passeig des Born, were only built in the 19th Century on the site of a dried up riverbed, the original

walls that once protected the city from invaders were pulled down to create the Las Avingudas ring road, and the waterfront promenade, or Passeig Maritim, was only reclaimed from the sea during the late 1950's.

Thing	Cost
Food	50
Club / Bar	30
Entrance Fees	60
Whole Aida Trip	450



## Aida Blu

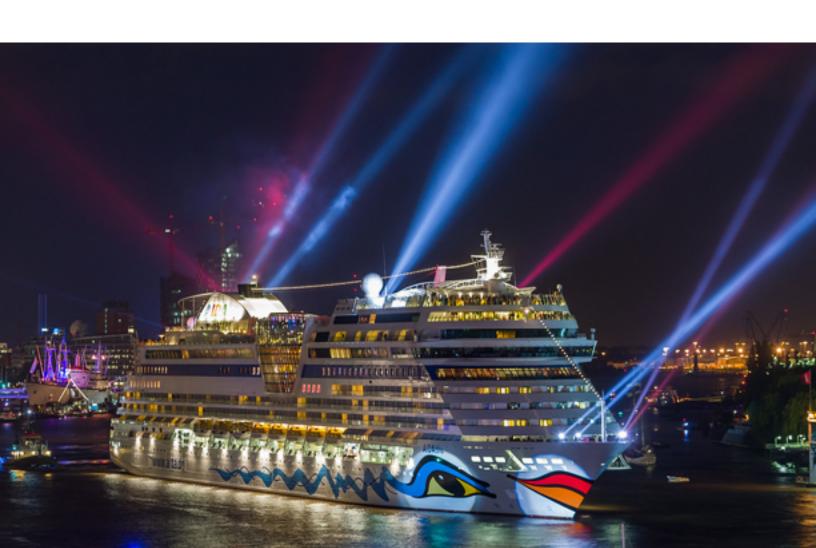
AIDAblu offers six restaurants (with a total area of 3,988 square metres (43,000 sq ft),ten bars, a 1,956 square metres (21,000 sq ft) wellness area, 8,120 square metres (87,000 sq ft) of outer deck area, and a 3,000 square metres (32,000 sq ft)

theatrium. There are also special internal and external areas for children.





AIDAblu currently feature one of the largest wellness centers on a cruise ship, at 2,600  $\text{m}^2$ , surpassing the Costa Concordia, of Costa Cruises, with a 2,000  $\text{m}^2$  (21,000  $\text{ft}^2$ ). It also has the first brewery installed on a cruise ship, where the beer served in the ship are brewed.



### **Tunis**

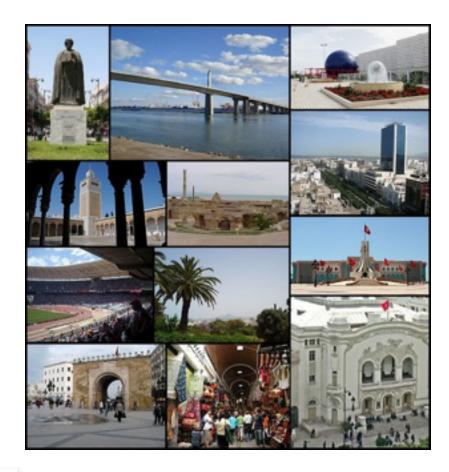
#### **Tourist Attractions**

- > Carthage
- > Zitouna Mosque
- > Bardo Museum

#### Must Have

souvenirs.

- > Picture Session
- > Swimming in the Sea
- > Buy "Tunis" food





Founded by the Berbers in the 2nd millennium BCE, the city of Tunis has been controlled by Phoenicians, Romans, Arab Muslims, the Ottomans, the Spanish, the French and the Germans, finally achieving independence as the capital of Tunisia in 1956. This history has made Tunis a mélange of ancient and modern cultures. The medina is a network of narrow alleyways, mosques, mausoleums, palaces and a souq where shoppers haggle over the price of everything from filigreed gold to inexpensive

Located on the Mediterranean coast but lacking much in the way of beaches, Tunis has been spared the onslaught of package tourism in the resorts to the north and south. With a population of less than 700,000 (the greater metropolitan area holds some 2,412,500 inhabitants), the entire city feels small and compact. There isn't much in the way of must-see attractions, but Carthage is easily accessed from here and the souq is one of the most authentic and hassle-free in North Africa.



## Palermo

**Tourist Attractions** 

- > Gesu Church
- > Nature

Must Have

- > Swimming
- > Lots of Pictures
- > Pizzeria Frida



Type to enter textSicily's main city is draped in a mantle of unpredictability and adventure: its streets are chaotic, its buildings are magnificently dishevelled and its residents – many of whom have a penchant for rule bending and a healthy suspicion of outsiders – can be an inscrutable lot. To gain an initial understanding of the city's unique culture, start by wandering the streets of the old city. The mix of architectural styles points to the wave upon wave of invaders who have claimed the city as their own, as does the look of the locals. Put simply, there's no one style or people in this urban melting pot, and there never has been.



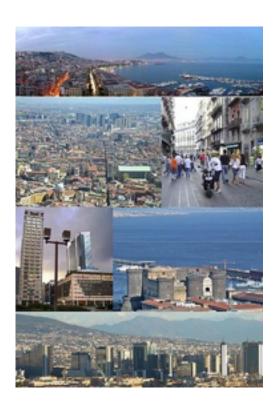
## Naples

**Tourist Attractions** 

- > Ruins of Herculaneum
- > Basilica di Santa Chiara

Must Have

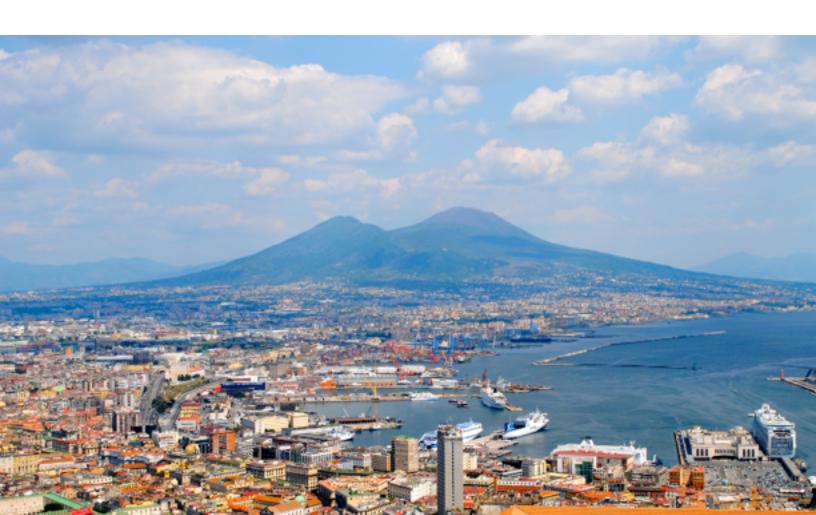
- > Mercato di Porta Nolana
- > La Pignasecca
- > GAY-ODIN



Extremes are something Naples does impressively well. Grimy streets hit palm-fringed boulevards, crumbling façades hide baroque ballrooms and cultish shrines flank cutting-edge clubs. One minute you're in dusty Tangiers, the next you're thinking of Paris.

Stepping onto Piazza Garibaldi from Stazione Centrale, your impression will probably be of the former. Wild traffic, shabby street stalls and smooth-talking African salesmen make for an intense introduction. To the south and southwest, the Mercato quarter is a high-octane spectacle of rough-and-ready markets, multiculturalism and

Not so much a chocolatier as an institution, Gay-odin concocts some of the city's finest cocoa creations, including oh-so-Neapolitan chocolate 'cozze' (mussels). For a punch to the palate, try the chocolate-coated coffee beans or the fiery peperoncino-cioccolato (chilli-chocolate) combo. This branch also sells Gay-odin's sublime ice cream; they produce the city's best non-sorbet flavours.



## Rome

**Tourist Attractions** 

> Coloseum

> St Peter's Basilica

Must Have

> Aida-Tour



For much of its history Rome has been at the centre of world events, first, as caput mundi (capital of the world), the fearsome hub of the Roman Empire, then for centuries as the seat of papal power. It was a city that counted and this is writ large on its historic streets - martial ruins recall ancient glories, stately palazzi evoke Renaissance intrigue, towering basilicas testify to artistic genius and papal ambition. Elsewhere, underground temples, buried houses and maddonelle (roadside shrines) tell of past lives and local beliefs.

Rome: Coliseum & St. Peter's Basilica

Stations: about 1 hour 30 bus ride to Rome; about 30 minutes scenic drive to the Coliseum, about 1 hour visit inside; by bus to Vatican City; short walk to St. Peter's Basilica; about 3 hours, 30 leisure for individual visit St. Peter's Basilica and a snack; Return to Ship



### Livorno

**Tourist Attractions** 

- > Museo Civico Giovanni Fattori
- > Fortezza Nuova

Must Have

- > Piccola Venezia
- > Piazza dei Domenicani
- > Surfer Joe's Diner



Surfer Joe's Diner

What a burst of dynamism this zesty surf bar on the seafront adds to Livorno drinking and dining scene. American burgers, onion rings, pancakes and smoothies is its culinary bias; 1950s diner is its 'look'; and surf music is its idol. A huge terrace licked by the sea breeze and shaded with bamboo huts is the icing on the cake.

Tuscany's second-largest city is a quintessential port town. Though first impressions are rarely kind, this is a 'real' city that really does grow on you. Its seafood is the best on the Tyrrhenian coast, its shabby historic quarter threaded with Venetian-style canals is ubercool, and pebbly beaches stretch south from the town's elegant belle Epoque seafront. Be it a short stay between ferries or a day trip from Florence or Pisa, Livorno (Leghorn in English) is understated and agreeable.



## Korsika/Ajaccio

**Tourist Attractions** 

> Palais Fesch - Musée des Beaux-Arts

> Citadel

Must Have

> Pictures

> Le 20123

> Swimming



Ajaccio is all class and seduction. Commanding a lovely sweep of bay, the city breathes confidence and has more than a whiff of the Côte d'Azur. Everyone from solo travellers to romance-seeking couples and families will love moseying around the centre, replete with mellow-toned buildings and buzzing cafes - not to mention its large marina and the trendy rte des Sanguinaires area, a few kilometres to the west.

The spectre of Corsica's general looms over Ajaccio. Napoléon Bonaparte was born here in 1769, and the city is dotted with sites relating to the diminutive dictator, from his childhood home to seafront statues, museums and street names.



### Barcelona

Aida Trip

Barcelona classic - with Park Güell

Stations: about 30 min bus ride through the city towards Sagrada Família; about 15 minutes walk to the church and photo stop (exterior only); about 15 min walk back to the bus and drive to the Parc Guell, about 45 min visit; further along the Plaça de Catalunya and the Ramblas; walk through the Gothic Quarter to St. Eulalia Cathedral (exterior); Return to Ship



Set on a plain rising gently from the sea to a range of wooded hills, Barcelona is Spain's most cosmopolitan city and one of the Mediterranean's busiest ports. Restaurants, bars and clubs are always packed, as is the seaside in summer. The city's avant-garde chefs whip up a storm that has even the French reaching for superlatives.

You might get the impression it's dedicated exclusively to hedonism, but it's a hard-working, dynamic place hoping to place itself in the vanguard of 21st-century Europe with a heavy concentration of hi-tech and biomedical business.

It regards its long past with pride. From Roman town it passed to medieval trade juggernaut, and its old centre constitutes one of the greatest concentrations of Gothic architecture in Europe. Beyond this core are some of the world's more bizarre buildings: surreal spectacles capped by Antoni Gaudí's Sagrada Família church.

Barcelona has been breaking ground in art, architecture and style since the late 19th century. From the marvels of Modernisme to the modern wonders of today, from Picasso to the likes of Susana Solano, the racing heart of Barcelona has barely skipped a beat.



## Salzburg

**Tourist Attractions** 

- > Festung Hohensalzburg
- > Mozart Haus

Must Have

- > Pictures
- > Mozart
- > CityCenter

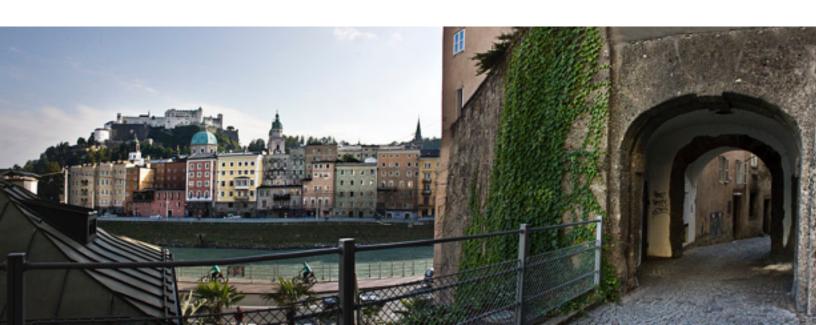
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Salzburg is storybook Austria. Standing beside the fast-flowing Salzach River, your gaze is raised inch by inch to the Altstadt's mosaic of graceful domes and spires, the formidable cliff-top fortress and the mountains beyond. It's a view that never palls. It's a backdrop that did the lordly prince-archbishops and home-grown genius Mozart proud.

Tempting as it is to spend every minute in the Unesco-listed Altstadt drifting from one baroque church and monumental square to the next in a daze of grandeur, Salzburg rewards those who venture further. Give Getreidegasse's throngs the slip, meander side streets where classical music wafts from open windows, linger decadently over coffee and cake, and let Salzburg slowly, slowly work its magic.

Beyond Salzburg's two biggest money-spinners - Mozart and The Sound of Music - hides a city with a burgeoning arts scene, wonderful food, manicured parks and concert halls that uphold musical tradition 365 days a year. Everywhere you go, the scenery, the skyline, the music, the history sends your spirits soaring higher than Julie Andrews octave-leaping vocals.







## Lugano

**Tourist Attractions** 

> Lake

Must Have

- > Tackling
- > Fireplace Love
- > Swimming

Estimated Cost 50



Situated on a sunny plateau, surrounded by nature & stunning panoramic views over the Lugano lake, you reach the small country house in 15 minute walk over a forest / stair path leading from Albogasio from. The typical Rustico has a generous and cozy living room / dining area, wood burning stove, and a fireplace for romantic hours. A integrated kitchen complemented the living area.

The large and flat garden area offers a nice stone barbecue and outdoor seating, order to enjoy all day sun, nature and tranquility extensively.

