





European Adventures



Fun Facts & Activities for Kids



L'Hotel Colosseum • Roma, Italia

Hello Adventurers,

I'm excited to share with you some of my favorite places in Europe!

They include Paris, Rome, Athens, Amsterdam, and London. In this guide, you'll learn what makes each city so special. And when you visit, you can use it to find and discover each exciting place in person. Adventure Awaits!

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Tuileries Garden

This gorgeous park was once the garden of the Tuileries Palace.



Paris is the capital city of France. It is sometimes known as "The City of Light" - it began using street lights before most other European cities!



Eiffel Tower

A famous Paris landmark built for the 1889 World's Fair.

It is named after Gustave Eiffel, the engineer whose company built it! It is the tallest structure in Paris.



How many gargoyles can YOU find?

How high can YOU go on the Eiffel Tower?

Notre Dame Cathedral

This Gothic cathedral is one of the largest and most well-known churches in the world. In French, *Notre Dame* means "Our Lady," so the church's full name - *Notre Dame de Paris* - is "Our Lady of Paris."



Can YOU find a crêpe stand in the gardens like KeeKee found?

Mona Lisa

The Mona Lisa is a famous painting by Italian artist Leonardo Da Vinci. The woman in the painting is said to be the wife of a local merchant. When an artist paints a picture of another person, that picture is called a portrait.

The Louvre Museum

One of the largest art museums and was once a royal palace. The Louvre is home to the Mona Lisa, there are over

35,000 items on display in the museum, and it's the most visited museum in the world!

Also, in Paris, see if you can find?



Arc De Triomphe









Seine River

Cleopatra's Needle



What's YOUR favorite part of the museum?





Rome, the Eternal City, is the capital of Italy. Founded nearly 3,000 years ago and home to the Roman Empire, today it's full of ancient ruins, beautiful architecture, incredible history, and delicious food!

The Colosseum

The Colosseum is the world's largest amphitheater (outdoor theater). In ancient Rome, the Colosseum could hold between 50,000 and 80,000 spectators and was used for gladiatorial contests and re-enactments of famous mythological

battles.

The Sistine Chapel

The Sistine Chapel is a large chapel in the Vatican Museums in the Vatican City in Italy, just outside of Rome.

The ceiling has 366 figures painted by the famous artist Michelangelo. It took him over 4 years to complete!



Can you find the part of the ceiling painted similar to this?

The Pantheon

The Pantheon is a temple in Rome that was built in 126 AD. It is Rome's bestpreserved building.

Be sure to look up! The dome roof is the biggest brick dome in the history of the world! And the hole, or oculus, at the top of the dome lets in sunlight (and rain).



Look for the floor drains.

Mouth of Truth



La Bocca della Verità is a marble carving of a manlike face. It used to be a drain cover but is now part of a church courtyard.

Since the Middle Ages, it is believed that if one told a lie with one's hand in the mouth of the sculpture, it would be bitten. Be careful!

Be Honest!

Trevi Fountain

The Trevi Fountain is one of the most famous fountains in the world.

According to legend, using your right hand to toss a coin over your left shoulder will guarantee a return visit to Rome.

Also, in Rome, see if you can find...



Spanish Steps



Roman

Forum

Toss your coin and make a wish!

Piazza

Navona

(Sorry, No Swimming.)



Athens is the capital of Greece. There aren't many places you can visit that are 7,000 years old! Greece is known for being the birthplace of Democracy and Theater.

Parthenon

This temple was built 2,500 years ago. It was dedicated to the goddess Athena, which is how Athens got its name. It sits on top of the Acropolis, the huge hill in the center of the city. Acropolis means "high city."

Greece

Odeon of Herodes Atticus

Ancient amphitheater – a semi-circle outdoor theater built in 161 AD. Performances are still held here. Odeon means "theater."



Plaka

How many columns

do you see?

The oldest neighborhood in Athens. Its narrow, winding streets are still full of houses, shops, and *tavernas* (restaurants). Be sure to try tzatziki at a taverna!

Panathenaic Stadium

Ancient Olympic stadium was built in 556 AD. Olympic games have been played here for over 2,000 years.

Agora



The heart of ancient Athens, this area was the city's main market and meeting place. Democracy was invented here. Agorα means "gathering place."

> Can you find the Stoa of Attalos with 45 Doric columns?

Stoa of Attalos

A stoα (sto-AH) is a covered walkway. It is the first-ever shopping mall.

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See how many Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns you can find during your visit to Athens.

You can also look for these columns on buildings in your home town.



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Amsterdam, Netherlands



Amsterdam is a beautiful city in the Netherlands, a country known for windmills, tulips, cheese and clogs, and much more!

Canals

Amsterdam was founded on the banks of the



Amstel River as a fishing village. A long time ago, in the year 1222, people decided to build a wall - called a dam - across the river, a dam. This is how the city got its name, *Amstelledamme* or Amsterdam!

There are over 165 canals in Amsterdam. More than Venice, Italy, or any other city in the world!

Bicycles

If you like riding a bike, Amsterdam is the city for you! The Dutch love biking. They use *fietsen* or bicycles, the way people use cars in other cities. The Netherlands is one of the safest places in the world to ride a bike and a cool way to see and get around the







Plant or buy tulips flowers at your local nursery to make your home like Amsterdam.

Rijksmuseum

The National Museum is home to the world's greatest Dutch art. With its grand castle-like appearance, it's a place where you can explore, discover, and be amazed.



De Poezenboot

(Cat Houseboat)

A floating shelter for

stray cats on the Singel Canal.



Houseboats

THE TOTAL

Bloemenmarkt (Flower Market)

The world's only floating flower market. Flowers

arrive every day from the

countryside by boat.

Houseboats are boats that people live in! You can see them on the canals while exploring the city.



Magere Brug (Skinny Bridge) Of the city's 1,200 bridges, this wooden drawbridge is one of the most famous.







London is the capital city of England. The countries of England, Scotland, and Wales are Great Britain, and with Northern Ireland is the United Kingdom (UK).

Elizabeth Tower & Big Ben

This world-famous clock tower - officially called the Elizabeth Tower has kept exact time for the nation since 1859. Big Ben is the name of the bell inside the tower.



Buckingham Palace

The official London home of the King and Queen of the United Kingdom.



King's Horse Guard

These guards on horseback have been standing watch at the entrance to Buckingham Palace since 1660.

> This ceremony takes place everyday!





Shakespeare's Globe Theater This indoor/outdoor theater was originally built in 1599 by William Shakespeare, the famous playwright and poet, and his theater company.



Two bees? Or not two bees?

Double-Decker Bus

These buses are famous in the UK. They have two levels or "decks" and are usually painted red.

Ride on the top deck to see the city from up high!

The London Eye

This giant observation wheel towers over the city. Take a ride with your family for amazing views!

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Medieval Tower of London

This castle has served as a palace and a prison. The British Crown Jewels are stored here. It is protected by 37 ceremonial guards wearing uniforms like those from Tudor

The Tower is home to six "good luck" ravens.

Afternoon Tea

Afternoon Tea is a tradition to relax and enjoy a cup of tea and delicious treats like scones, sandwiches, and cakes.

times.



Fancy a cuppa?

official Royal carriages, cars, and 30



Royal Mews

Built 500 years ago, the rows of stables or "mews" are home to the horses.



KeeKee Favorite Places Word Search

Put on your adventurer hat and see if you can find the 18 hidden words in the puzzle. Words appear across and down.

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