

Independent Travel

Travel on your own but never alone!

Travelers seeking a flexible vacation with limited structure will find our pre-packaged Independent Vacations the perfect solution. Choose from over 20 exciting vacation combinations, all offering a choice of trip and hotel standard as well as sightseeing, rail or ferry transportation between each city and airport transfers throughout. In addition, you'll have 24/7 access to a local host in each city. These hosts know "the lay of the land" and can provide advice and answer any questions for you throughout your trip.

All Independent Vacation packages operated by Brendan Vacations include:

- Guaranteed daily departures – travel any day you wish
- Private round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- A choice of 4- or 5-star centrally located hotels in each city, including hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast daily
- Rail transportation with reserved seats between each city. Standard class on 4-star option (upgrades available). First class on 5-star option. Ferry transportation between islands in the Mediterranean
- City sightseeing tour in featured city

- An English-speaking local host available 24/7 in each city who can provide insights, recommendations and tips about sightseeing, activities, local events and celebrations, restaurants, shopping and more

All this makes it AAA Vacations®

- 24/7 Member Care
- Best Price Guarantee
- \$40 per person dining credit redeemable at select restaurants that are popular with the locals
- Member Benefit: Receive a \$40 per person discount on packages totaling \$2,000 or more per person.

Create the vacation of your dreams with our wide selection of popular city combinations.

Rates quoted are per person, land only, and based on double occupancy in first class hotels for travel departing April 1–Oct 31, 2013. Airfare is additional. Private airport transfers are included. The AAA member benefit requires a minimum purchase of \$2,000 per person. The AAA Vacations dining credit voucher is redeemable at participating pre-selected restaurants only. Advance reservations must be made through the local host. Vouchers are non-refundable and have no cash value.

British Isles and Western Europe



Dublin

Dublin & Killarney

5, 6 or 7 days

5 days from \$1109 land only

Start in the lively Irish capital, Dublin. See all the highlights on a Hop-On Hop-Off tour, plus there is free time to raise a pint[†] in a pub. Then take the train to Killarney. Travel the Ring of Kerry on a guided tour, and the balance of your time is free to discover the city and the beautiful national park your own way. Local hosts in each city will provide insight and any additional information you may need.

London & Paris

5, 6, 7, or 8 days with the option to add

two or more nights in Rome

5 days from \$1275 land only

Fall in love with two of Europe's great destinations, or fall in love all over again. Discover London to your heart's content with a Hop-on Hop-Off tour, highlighting landmarks such as the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and Big Ben. Then it's time to head to Paris by the famed *Eurostar* high-speed train that takes you under the English Channel. The City of Light shines bright with a Hop-On Hop-Off tour, featuring views of the Opera House, Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame Cathedral and more. Add another of Europe's grand cities with an optional Rome extension.

All walking tours are guided. Hop-On Hop-Off entry fees not included unless specified.

Amsterdam, Paris & London

7, 8 or 10 days

7 days from \$1985 land only

Discover three amazing cities with three Hop-On Hop-Off tours. In Amsterdam, it's a Canal Bus that offers three routes with 20 stops crisscrossing a hip and historic city. In Paris, hop aboard a double-decker coach to see the Opera House, Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and so much more. London's grand sights include Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Journey between each city by train, anticipating explorations of charming streets, world-class museums and enchanting parks.

Amsterdam, Brussels & Paris

7, 8 or 10 days with the option to add two

or more nights in London

7 days from \$1771 land only

Foodies, flower lovers, Francophiles and anyone with an amour for history rejoice: This is your European vacation. Appreciate the gabled merchant houses and picturesque canals of Amsterdam; discover the Art Nouveau façades, stately squares and imposing EU buildings in Brussels; have your camera ready for the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and Champs-Élysées in Paris. Hop-On Hop-Off tours in all three cities let you encounter these highlights and more. Care for a spot of tea? Then head to London with an optional extension to become steeped in English tradition.

London & Amsterdam

5, 6 or 7 days

5 days from \$1540 land only

Smart, sophisticated, timeless, photogenic. Just a few ways to describe London and Amsterdam, which you'll explore your own way with convenient Hop-On Hop-Off tours in each city. In London, marvel at landmarks such as Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Cruise along Amsterdam's waterways on the Canal Bus, passing historic buildings and world-renowned museums. Travel between your two destinations aboard the high-speed train that will take you under the English Channel and over the moon with delight.

Amsterdam & Paris

5, 6 or 7 days

5 days from \$1321 land only

Amsterdam, with its gabled buildings and flowery parks is one of Europe's most progressive cities. During ample free time, you might hop on a bike or boat to experience the charming sights of canal-laced Amsterdam. Paris is full of culture, history and fabulous food. Have your camera ready for the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and Champs-Élysées. Hop-On Hop-Off tours are included in both cities so you can experience all the highlights.



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Italy, Spain and the Eastern Mediterranean



Taormina

Rome, Florence & Venice

**7, 8 or 10 days with the option to add two or more nights in Sorrento and/or Milan
7 days from \$1512 land only**

Visit some of Italy's favorite cities your way! Spend time in glorious Rome, with a Hop-On Hop-Off tour to start your travels. Next, travel by high-speed train to Florence. Your visit here includes a guided walking tour and a visit to the Galleria dell' Accademia, the Bargello Museum or the Medici Chapels. Then it's on to magical Venice, built on 118 islands. A walking tour shows you the highlights, including majestic St. Mark's Basilica. There is plenty of time on your own, and your local host will be more than happy to offer suggestions for your stay. Perhaps extend your vacation with a few days in beautiful Sorrento or Milan, or both!

Rome & Venice

**5, 6 or 7 days with the option to add two or more nights in Sorrento and/or Milan
5 days from \$944 land only**

The timeless cities of Rome and Venice welcome you! After a sightseeing tour in each, you will have time to discover more on your own, savor authentic Italian cuisine, shop in trendy boutiques or sit back and people watch. Perhaps extend your stay with a few days in sophisticated Milan or the seaside resort of Sorrento.

Rome & Florence

**5, 6 or 7 days with the option to add two or more nights in Sorrento and/or Milan
5 days from \$899 land only**

Rome is often called the Eternal City and a Hop-On Hop-Off tour will introduce you to all its historic highlights. Then there is plenty of time to explore at your leisure. All aboard the train to magnificent Florence. Your stay includes a sightseeing tour with a local guide, a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia, the Bargello Museum or the Medici Chapels and plenty of free time to explore this Renaissance city your way. And maybe extend your vacation to Sorrento and/or Milan!

Florence & Venice

**5, 6 or 7 days with the option to add two or more nights in Rome and/or Milan
5 days from \$1063 land only**

Spend your vacation in these two magical cities. In Florence, join a guided tour to the Duomo complex, boasting the iconic Bell Tower and the Baptistery with its famed bronze doors. Take the train to Venice, where a walking tour features St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica, then witness the Venetian art of glassblowing at a glass factory. Plus, in both cities you'll have lots of time to explore on your own. Not quite ready to say "arrivederci" to Italy? Then why not discover the Eternal City with an optional Rome extension.

Sicily - Palermo & Taormina

**5, 6, or 7 days with the option to add two or more nights in Rome
5 days from \$1230 land only**

A tale of two Sicilian cities takes you back in time (Palermo is 2,700 years old), while keeping you in step with all that's chic and fashionable (Taormina can be described as Sicily's Monte Carlo). These coastal cities feature picturesque squares, lively marketplaces, medieval streets, seductive shops and even a ghastly and fascinating site of the dead – the mummy-inhabited Catacombs in Palermo. See Palermo with a Hop-On Hop-Off tour and enjoy lots of free time in each city. A car transfers you between your two destinations. Add a third – Rome – with an optional two or more night extension.

All walking tours are guided. Hop-On Hop-Off entry fees not included unless specified.





Dubrovnik

Barcelona & Madrid

**5, 6 or 7 days with the option to add two or more nights in Seville or Granada
5 days from \$1007 land only**

Spend as much time as you need seeing all that Barcelona has to offer. You'll enjoy a Hop-On Hop-Off tour to get your adventure started, and then your time is your own. After a high-speed train ride to Madrid, see the Spanish capital your way, including a Hop-On Hop-Off tour. And in both cities, a local host is at your service with assistance and suggestions.

Madrid, Granada & Seville

**7, 8 or 10 days with the option to add two or more nights in Barcelona
7 days from \$1215 land only**

Explore Spain from its center to the south with visits to its capital, Madrid, the North African-influenced city of Granada, and the hip city of tapas, flamenco and more than a little romance and history, Seville. Hop-On Hop-Off tours give you the chance to see Belle Époque neighborhoods, discover the famed Moorish palace, the Alhambra, and investigate medieval lanes and world-class museums. Travel the European way with train journeys between each city. An optional two or more night Barcelona extension takes you northeast to a city known for Gaudi and Gothic, two sides of a rich architectural coin.

Athens, Mykonos & Santorini

**8, 9 or 10 days
8 days from \$1955 land only**

Explorations of Mykonos and Santorini will leave you breathless – both from their beauty and from idyllic Mediterranean settings. Mykonos' windmills and Santorini's sugar-white, blue-domed buildings are sights to behold. In Athens, the birthplace of democracy, it's the Acropolis that takes the vote for most amazing. You may elect to upgrade your vacation if you wish, opting for transfers by airplane rather than high-speed ferry to the islands and sightseeing by private tour rather than a Hop-On Hop-Off tour in Athens and coach tours on Mykonos and Santorini.

Athens & Mykonos

**7, 8 or 9 days
7 days from \$1451 land only**

Join a Hop-On Hop-Off tour of Athens for a chance to see ruins on the Acropolis, magnificently crowned by the Parthenon, and the Agora marketplace, where Socrates addressed the public and democracy found roots. During an island tour of Mykonos, you'll find innumerable photogenic subjects, including grey-cobbled lanes, white-washed buildings and the iconic windmills. Included in your adventure are round-trip island transfers by high-speed ferry. With an upgrade, you may instead transfer by airplane and enjoy private tours.

Athens & Santorini

**7, 8 or 9 days
7 days from \$1409 land only**

Two iconic locations with storied pasts – what could be a better choice for vacationers eager to dine in snug tavernas, glimpse the world of Socrates, Zorba the Greek and a whole pantheon of gods and goddesses, and comb pretty beaches and villages? Athens reveals a romantically crumbling ancient city and lively streets that host quick shopping trips and long lunches. Santorini simply defies description, with its blue-domed buildings rising above sparkling waters. If you wish, you may upgrade, enjoying airplane travel rather than high-speed ferry, and private tours rather than a Hop-On Hop-Off tour in Athens and a coach tour in Santorini.

Dubrovnik, the Dalmatian Coast & Zagreb

9 days from \$1664 land only

Visit beautiful Dubrovnik, the island of Hvar and Split on the Dalmatian Coast, then on to Zagreb, the Croatian capital. Your 9-day vacation includes sightseeing, ferry and catamaran rides between the mainland and Hvar, and of course the services of a local host, 24/7.

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Central and Eastern Europe



Prague

Prague, Vienna & Budapest

7, 8 or 10 days with the option to add two or more nights in Bucharest
7 days from \$1484 land only

Visit the superb cities of Prague, Vienna and Budapest, spending ample time in each to see all the highlights. Explore on your own, sample the local cuisine, stroll through a park or simply relax. Perhaps extend your vacation with two or more nights in Bucharest. Your local host, one in each city, is available at any time throughout your stay for advice and suggestions.

Munich, Salzburg & Vienna

7, 8 or 10 days
7 days from \$1579

Spend a few days waltzing through the meandering alleyways, gracious squares and grand imperial gardens of three wonderfully beautiful cities. Downtown Munich comes alive with a Hop-On Hop-Off tour, putting the Koenigsplatz, Royal Palace and Olympic Park on center stage. Salzburg may just become one of your favorite things with your “Salzburg & Sound of Music” tour. In Vienna, join a city tour with a visit to the showrooms of Schönbrunn Palace. Lots of time on your own lets you discover these cities, known for oompah bands and classical music, to the beat of your own drum. Travel between these historic cities is by rail.

All walking tours are guided. Hop-On Hop-Off entry fees not included unless specified.

Prague & Budapest

5, 6 or 7 days
5 days from \$835 land only

Prague and Budapest are two of Europe’s most beautiful capitals. See the highlights of both on a vacation that balances included sightseeing and time at leisure to explore at your own pace. Relax with the knowledge that a qualified local host is there to assist you with any needs, 24/7.

Prague & Vienna

5, 6 or 7 days with the option to add two or more nights in Krakow
5 days from \$951 land only

Visit the “City of a Hundred Spires” and the “City of Music” – Prague and Vienna – on a flexible vacation featuring sightseeing, free time and the assistance of a local host in each city, 24/7. Discover the highlights on your sightseeing tour, and your own favorite spots during your time at leisure. Enjoy even more days off by adding two or more nights in Krakow to your vacation.

Berlin, Prague & Vienna

7, 8 or 10 days
7 days from \$1436 land only

Three iconic cities are included on this flexible vacation. Spend two or three nights in Berlin, Prague and Vienna, with a sightseeing tour in each, then there’s free time to explore at your own pace. No matter which option you choose, rest assured you have the services of a local host in each city throughout your stay, 24/7.



Budapest

Zurich, St. Moritz, Zermatt & Lucerne

7, 8 or 10 days
7 days from \$2890 land only

Experience for yourself how the amazing images you’ve seen of picture-postcard Swiss perfection are indeed real. There is time to explore Zurich with its medieval Old Town and lakefront setting. Then take the train to glamorous St. Moritz, a legendary haven for movie stars, political movers and finance shakers. You’ll find that it’s just plain gorgeous, too, with an afternoon to explore on your own. At the base of the Matterhorn sits Zermatt, which you will reach with the stunningly beautiful, seven-hour journey aboard the *Glacier Express* train. Finally, discover lovely, lakeside Lucerne with a walking tour and free time.



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Choose Your Accommodation: Mix and Match

Bed and Breakfast

(Farmhouses and Town & Country Homes)
If you prefer discovering the local way of life in an informal setting and relaxed atmosphere, then this is the choice for you. You can choose from over 1100 B&Bs located throughout Ireland. These homes are regularly inspected to ensure high standards of cleanliness and comfort, and all have been approved by the Irish Tourist Board. You can go as you please and purchase accommodation vouchers before you leave home or you can pre-book as much as possible to avoid any disappointment. Pre-booking is recommended during busy summer periods.

B&B Pass Prices Per Person Per Night From:

Tourist Board Approved (no rating)	\$55-\$61
3-4 Star	\$57-\$65
5 Star	\$63-\$68

Hotels

Many travelers prefer staying in hotels. You can choose from more than 250 properties throughout Ireland that suit every taste and budget. You will find everything from historic hotels with old world charm, to modern properties with all the conveniences. You might stay in a country inn or a luxury retreat. You can also sample B&Bs for a few nights and then hotels for others. Hotels must be pre-booked before leaving home.

Castles

Why not experience the luxury of an Irish castle or manor? Live like royalty in a hotel rich in history and character. It is essential that you pre-book these special properties to avoid disappointment.

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