



Boston (Boston C.V.B. Inc)

## Amsterdam

Diamond capital of the world, Amsterdam is a city of contrasts. Like a spider's web, the canal network weaves under dozens of bridges, past elaborately gabled buildings and countless pubs and cafes. At the heart of the city is Dam Square, dominated by the Royal Palace, whilst in the quieter parts can be found the fabulous art and historical museums.

## Athens

Dominated by the Acropolis and its Parthenon, Athens is an exciting blend of classic history and cosmopolitan life. Attractive tavernas and bouzouki music spread into the streets, contrasting with modern stores and office buildings. Always bustling with life, the city is a fascinating metropolis, steeped in history and mythology that will fascinate every visitor

# City Breaks

## Barcelona

The capital of Catalonia offers a blend of historical sights, entertainment and cuisine. There is so much to see in this city, from the breathtaking Sagrada Familia church to the fascinating Ramblas shopping area. The city is the Spanish centre for both haute couture and haute cuisine, fashionable in every sense, with excellent restaurants of many types.

## Berlin

Now a united city, Berlin is today an exciting and thriving community as it prepares to be Germany's capital once again. Famous sights include the Charlottenburg Palace, the Brandenburg Gate and the imperial splendour of the Reichstag. The "Kurfurstendamm" is the place to go shopping and the night-life is legendary, whether your taste is for opera or jazz.

## Boston

Scene of the famous "Tea Party", Boston today is a striking blend of modern skyscrapers and historical sights. The popular 3 mile long "Freedom Trail" offers visitors a walking tour of most of the major historic sights, including the harbour, Chinatown, Back Bay and Beacon Hill, and eating out in Boston is a pleasure, especially if you enjoy seafood!

## Budapest

Straddling the River Danube, Buda and Pest are contrasting halves - the old quarter of Buda, with its narrow cobbled streets, and the more modern Pest with its shopping areas and wide avenues. Sights to see include the Parliament, Castle Hill and St Matthias Church, while for charming and typical Hungarian shops, visit Erzebet and Terez Streets.



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Compact and charming, Copenhagen and its seafaring heritage are symbolised by the famous "Little Mermaid" statue. If you want entertainment, Tivoli Gardens with its many cafes, restaurants and fairground attractions is a great place to relax. The city also has many museums and other cultural attractions - and excellent beer!

## Dublin

Always delightful, full of life and enormously entertaining, the "Fair City" offers sights such as Dublin Castle, the National Gallery, Christchurch Cathedral, Trinity College, Dublin Writers Museum, and of course O'Connell Street. It has an excellent variety of restaurants and of course the abundance of pubs is very much a feature of Dublin's attractions!

## Hamburg

This thriving metropolis, founded by Charlemagne in the 9th century, derives much of its wealth from the bustling dockyard and harbour. Hamburg has always played an important role in Germany's history, and today it is a the country's entertainment centre, with a lavish night-life including many long running shows such as "Phantom", "Cats" and "Buddy".

## Istanbul

The world's only capital built on two continents, Istanbul offers an intriguing mixture of Europe and Asia. It has an incredible variety of historic monuments, including the world famous "Blue Mosque". For the ultimate shopping experience, the Grand Bazaar offers an incredible variety of goods, including wonderful leather work and hand-woven rugs.

## Madrid

The capital of Spain offers visitors an outstanding variety of art galleries, historic buildings, delightful parks and museums such as the world famous "Prado". Madrid's shopping areas are excellent, especially along the Grand Via and Puerto del Sol. It also has an excellent variety of restaurants, particularly around Puerto del Sol and the Salamanca district.

## New York

"The Big Apple"—dynamic and vibrant, full of life and seemingly always on the move. The city has a wealth of sights to see: the Empire State Building, Wall Street, the Statue of Liberty, 5th Avenue, Greenwich Village, Harlem—the list is endless. Don't miss Broadway, for a fantastic choice of shows, or Macey's the largest department store in the world!



The Blue Mosque, Istanbul

## Prague

Perhaps the most beautiful city in Europe, Prague is rich in impressive mediæval buildings. The "old town" is a joy to explore, with its narrow cobbled streets and impressive squares. The 14th century Charles Bridge is always busy with pedestrians, street vendors, artists and performers, and the Bohemian crystal shops are not to be missed.

## Rome

"When in Rome, do as the Romans do"—good advice for any visitor to the "Eternal City". It constantly buzzes with a wealth of restaurants, bars and cafes, seemingly open at all hours. With its long history, Rome probably has more historic sights than any other city in the world—the Colosseum, St Peters and others too numerous to mention.

## St Petersburg

Interlaced with canals, it is often referred to as the "Venice of the North" and was once Russia's capital. St Petersburg's treasures date largely from the extravagant period of the Tsars and Catherine the Great. Not to be missed are the Winter Palace, St Peter & St Paul fortress, the Hermitage museum and the palace at the nearby town of Pushkin.

## Toronto

Situated on Lake Ontario, Toronto is an exciting and dynamic city, its skyline dominated by the CN Tower which symbolises this bustling metropolis. Toronto has a thriving theatreland offering visitors a wonderful choice of shows. Not far away is the awesome splendour of Niagara Falls, a breathtaking sight easily reached on a day trip from Toronto.

## Vienna

Always a centre of culture, the city is synonymous with Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Strauss. On the banks of the Danube, Vienna is one of the greatest cities of Europe, with wonderful buildings, fine galleries and museums. Previously the capital of the Hapsburg Empire, it has a wealth of sights, among them the Schoenbrunn and Belvedere palaces.

### Our weekend city tours are usually based on the following itinerary:

DAY 1 Home area to London, Manchester or other available airport for a scheduled flight to the destination city's own airport, with a guided coach transfer to your hotel on arrival.

DAY 2 Morning guided sightseeing tour by coach, including entrances to several places of interest, with afternoon free for you to explore the aspects of the city which interest you most.

DAY 3 Full day at leisure for shopping or further sightseeing.

DAY 4 Further free time according to scheduled flight departure, then a transfer by coach to the airport and the return journey home to Britain.

Our City Breaks in North America usually feature an extra hotel night and an overnight flight on the return journey, arriving back in the UK on the morning of Day 6.



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