



Join Collins Tours for an unforgettable journey and experience the best of Europe! Enjoy three relaxing pre-cruise days in Rome before sailing aboard the NCL Dawn! Experience several ports of call in Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, The Netherlands, Belgium and England! This unique repositioning cruise is offered only once and Collins Tours has your adventure ending with one night in Normandy to learn of the sacrifice given by those who came before us and fought for our freedom at Juno Beach, and two more nights in “City of Lights”: Paris before returning home to Canada or abroad! Your tour director looks forward to meeting you and providing a smooth and well-executed professional tour!

-Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

Day 1 – Tuesday, April 29 – Overnight flight to Rome, Italy

For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air, you will depart from your local airport and meet the Tour Manager and your fellow travelers at Toronto airport for group flight to Rome. All passengers are flying on Air Canada flights. **PLEASE NOTE: Each passenger has 1 piece of luggage included up to 50 lbs each bag, included in the Collins Tours Inclusive Airfare Package. Additional pieces of luggage may require fees paid directly to the airline. Fees will be charged on both the outbound and return flights if applicable.** Be sure to have your ***valid passport** for Customs & Immigration which you will clear in your final destination, Rome, and **not** in Canada.

Day 2 – Wednesday, April 30 – Rome, Italy (Welcome Reception)

- Benvenuti in Italia! Your flight into Rome will arrive early morning. After clearing customs, we proceed to the baggage carousel to collect luggage and meet our private deluxe motorcoach. Once we meet our coach, your luggage (1 piece per person) is looked after and will be delivered to your hotel room upon check-in, later this afternoon.
- Spend your day exploring more of the “Eternal City” at your own pace. Relax at a café in one of Rome’s many piazzas where you can have a plate of fresh pasta and a glass of Italian wine while you watch thousands of people explore this breathtaking city. Perhaps a stroll down the Via Del Corso shopping promenade is a great way to spend your afternoon. Maybe visit to pedestrian-friendly Piazza Navona or night-lit Trevi Fountain is the perfect way to cap a splendid evening in “The Eternal City”!
- Lunch will be on your own today.
- This afternoon, we check into a 4-star city centre hotel where your luggage will be delivered to your room. Note: Check in is not guaranteed until 3:00 p.m. Early check in has been requested. You will be arriving late afternoon in order to provide adequate time for rooms to be ready.
- This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for a Welcome Cocktail reception with hot and cold appetizers **(included)**. Here you will have an opportunity to meet your fellow travellers and discuss the exciting tour ahead.
- Following our reception, feel free to enjoy the city and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 3 – Thursday, May 1 – Rome, Italy (B, Welcome D)

- Wake up and enjoy a delicious Italian breakfast buffet this morning **(included)**.

- We will meet our local guide who will take us through the heart of Rome for a glimpse into its ancient past. Visit the mighty Pantheon before we stroll through the Roman Forum along the Via Sacra (Sacred Way) from the Arch of Septimius Severus to the Arch of Titus! The ancient Curia or Senate House (where senators discussed matters of politics) still stands today! Our tour culminates with a visit to the mighty colosseum where gladiators fought mighty beasts in epic battles in front of crowds of up to 60,000 spectators! **(entrance included)**.
- Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure. Lunch today will be on your own.
- This evening, please meet your tour manager and join your fellow Collins Tours group passengers for a Welcome Group Dinner in a restaurant just a short walk from our hotel. Tonight, you will sample some delectable local cuisine with wine or beer included with meal **(included)**. We will share stories together and discuss further details of our amazing experience!

Day 4 – Friday, May 2 – Rome, Italy (B) **** Optional Vatican City Tour**

- After another delicious Italian buffet breakfast this morning.
- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers for an optional tour of Vatican City – the epicenter of Christendom. Our tour includes a skip-the-line admission into the Vatican Museum where we are greeted by a museum employee for a professionally guided tour culminating with an awe-inspiring visit to the Sistine Chapel. Next, you will have time to explore the immense St. Peter’s Basilica. Admire Michelangelo’s Pieta or stroll through the grotto to see graves of past popes. ***Private transportation to and from Vatican City is included. (Pricing TBA)**
- Dinner this evening can be enjoyed on your own. There are many options near our hotel for your convenience.



Day 5 – Saturday, May 3 – Rome, Italy – Embark on Norwegian Dawn (B, L, D)

- Enjoy your final Roman buffet breakfast before we check-out and enjoy your transfer to Civitavecchia to board our ship.
- Once we arrive at the pier, your luggage will be taken by NCL ship staff and delivered to your cabin. All part of our signature group tour experience. We expect to be on board the ship to allow time for lunch.
- All aboard the Norwegian Dawn for your 13-day cruise! Board and enjoy lunch on board the NCL Dawn today after you have completed your embarkation. Please note cabins will not be ready until closer to 3:00pm or slightly after. Once on board the ship you are free to enjoy complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages as part of your Beverage Package.
- Refer to ship’s daily activity itinerary for entertainment/dining options during your first night aboard the Dawn.
- Our cruise sets sail at 5:00pm!

Day 6 – Sunday, May 4 – Livorno, Italy (B, L, Group D) ****Optional Excursion**



- Rise and shine! Today we are in Tuscany! The ship is docked from 9:00am – 8:00pm
- Today join Collins Tours for a 5.5-hour optional excursion in Tuscany’s capital city. We meet our local guide for a private tour of Florence, a city noted for its culture, Renaissance art, architecture and monuments. We will be visiting the Galleria dell’ Accademia where you will stand in awe of Michelangelo’s David. Walk in the shadows of the Duomo (Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiori) on your way to the Ponte Vecchio where you can watch the Arno River lazily flow underfoot with some free time for shopping! **(Pricing TBA)**

- This evening, gather with your fellow passengers tonight for a group dinner **(Included)** at one of the ship's dining rooms Dine together and swap stories of your experiences in Tuscany.

Day 7 – Monday, May 5 – Cannes, France (B, L, Cocktail Reception, D)

- Bienvenue en France and the French Riviera! Today the ship is docked in Cannes from 6:00am – 5:00pm
- Walk the palm-lined promenade de la Croisette and hop from boutique to boutique. Shop at some of the world's most exclusive high-end stores or snap pictures of the stunning high-rises – home to many celebrities and athletes.
- The Dawn sets sail at 5:00pm as we head to Barcelona, our first stop in the Iberian Peninsula.
- Join your tour manager this evening for a welcome cocktail reception **(included)**.
- Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 8 – Tuesday, May 6 – Barcelona, Spain (B, L, D) ****Optional Excursion**

- Bienvenidos a España (Spain)! The ship is docked from 8:00am – 7:00pm
- Today, you will have an opportunity to explore one of Europe's greatest cities: Barcelona!
- Join Collins Tours for another optional 4-hour private tour of Barcelona's city highlights including a must see visit to La Sagrada Familia **(admission included)** for a memorable journey into the creative genius of Antoni Gaudi's most iconic design. The church is inspired by nature and is a stunning display of architecture. Other highlights: Montjuic visit and photo stop & Las Ramblas – Barcelona's main pedestrian thoroughfare through the heart of the historic city centre. This tour is a must and provides a great overview of the Barcelona area. **(Pricing TBA)**
- The Dawn sets sail this evening at 7:00pm.



Day 9 – Wednesday, May 7 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Refer to Ship Itinerary. Perhaps a trip to the spa to relax?
- Enjoy the many entertainment options available on the Norwegian Dawn.
- Join your tour manager tonight for a delicious meal with your group in one of the ship's dining rooms. **(Included)**

Day 10 – Thursday, May 8 – Cadiz, Spain (B, L, D) ****Optional Excursion**



- Today the ship is docked in Cadiz from 5:00am – 7:00pm
 - Join Collins Tours for another optional 5.5-hour private tour of Seville's city highlights with a local guide. We will visit Plaza de España, an architectural masterpiece built for the 1929 Ibero - American Exposition. We will wander the halls of the Moorish Alcazar in the heart of the historic centre and marvel at the Seville Cathedral – the third largest church in the world. We will learn about the city's past through its friendly and colourful pedestrian thoroughfares. **(Pricing TBA)**
 - The Dawn sets sail this evening at 7:00pm. Dinner tonight is on your own.
- Tonight, we sail for Lisbon, Portugal!

Day 11 – Friday, May 9 – Lisbon, Portugal (B, L, D)

**Optional Excursion

- Today the ship is docked in Lisbon from 9:00am – 7:00pm.
- Bem-vindo a Portugal! Today is your chance to experience one of Europe’s hottest cities, Lisbon.
- Join Collins Tours for an optional 4-hour private excursion. Our city tour takes us to some of the city’s most iconic landmarks such as Alfama neighborhood, Sao Jorge Castle, Tower of Belem, Tower of the Discoverers, Praca do Comercio & city history. **(Pricing TBA)**



Day 12 – Saturday, May 10 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Fun day at sea! Refer to ship’s itinerary for the list of today’s activities, and all the open restaurants where you can dine complimentary or choose another specialty dining room. The choice is yours!
- Join your tour manager tonight for a delicious meal with your group in one of the ship’s dining rooms. **(Included)**

Day 13 – Sunday, May 11 – Le Verdon (Bordeaux), France (B, L, D)

- Today the ship is docked in Amsterdam from 8:00am – 4:00pm
- Located on the Gironde River, Le Verdon is the gateway to the city of Bordeaux, only 2 hours away.
- You can savour the city's visual feast of classic French ornate buildings, broad avenues, picturesque squares and the Cathedral of St. André with stained-glassed glass windows. Stroll through old Bordeaux, or head out of the city to one of the area's famous vineyards.
- The Dawn sets sail this evening at 4:00pm. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 14 – Monday, May 12 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Fun day at sea! Refer to ship’s itinerary for the list of today’s activities, and all the open restaurants where you can dine complimentary or choose another specialty dining room. The choice is yours!
- Tonight, you may choose to dine in one of the many specialty restaurants on board.
- Tomorrow, our port of call is Amsterdam, Netherlands so make sure to get some good rest. You don’t want to miss this world-class city!

Day 15 – Tuesday, May 13 – Amsterdam, Netherlands (B, L, D) **Optional Excursion

- Today the ship is docked in Amsterdam from 10:00am – 7:00pm
- Join Collins Tours for an exciting Optional Private Group Shore Excursion, Amsterdam Highlights and Hidden Gems **(Pricing TBA)**. Meet our local guide and private shuttle right at the pier! Our 4-hour city tour will be combination walking tour and canal cruise where our guide will lead us in exploring iconic landmarks such as Centraal Station, Dam Square, The Royal Palace Amsterdam. Walk by the Anne Frank House, Basilica of Saint Nicholas and more! After the guided city tour, our shuttle returns us to the Dawn this afternoon.
- Enjoy a free evening aboard the ship.



Day 16 – Wednesday, May 14 – London (Tilbury), England (B, L, D) ****Optional Excursion**



- Our ship is docked in London, England from 8:30am - 7:00pm.
- Join Collins Tours for an exciting **Optional Private Group Shore Excursion (Pricing TBA)**. This will be an exciting professional and private city tour which includes major city sights such as St. Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben, Tower Bridge, London Eye and a peaceful cruise along the River Thames.
- The Dawn sets sail this evening at 7:00pm.
- Enjoy a free evening aboard the ship. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 17 – Thursday, May 15 – Zeebrugge (Brussels/Bruges), Belgium (B, L, Group D)

- Good morning from Belgium! Today we are docked in Zeebrugge offering you access to either Brussels or Bruges. Our ship remains in port today from 7:00am until 5:30pm.
- For an urban experience, visit bustling Brussels and sample one of the many local breweries. For a slower pace, choose Bruges! Bruges is known for its serene canals, its cobbled streets and medieval buildings which combine to create a quaint and very picturesque town.
- The Dawn sets sail this evening at 5:30pm.
- Please, join your Tour Manager and fellow passengers this evening for our last delicious group dinner onboard the Dawn **(Included)**! Enjoy your final evening on our beautiful cruise ship and get ready for disembarkation tomorrow morning.

Day 18 – Friday, May 16 – Disembark La Havre – Caen, France (B, Group D)



- Enjoy your final breakfast onboard before we disembark the Dawn. Once we have assembled on the motor coach, we make our way to the Normandy region in Northern France for our one-night stay in Caen.
- As we enter the beautiful province of Normandy, we will meet our local guide for a professional guided tour of Juno Beach and the Juno Beach Visitor's Center. Our tour today will be educational yet somber as we reflect on the sacrifice given by those who came before. Perhaps your friends or family members landed on this historic beach... D-Day occurred on June 6, 1944

making 2025 the 81st anniversary of this history-altering battle.

- You will be responsible for your own lunch today.
- Our tour continues this afternoon as we board our motorcoach and visit other notable locations on the Normandy coast.
- After our tour, before we continue to our hotel. Your tour manager will check your rooms and have luggage delivered.
- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers this evening for a group dinner a restaurant close to our hotel **(included)**.
- Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your own leisure. Experience this beautiful picturesque French town!

Day 19 – Saturday, May 17 – Caen – Paris, France (B)

- Enjoy another delicious, fresh buffet breakfast at our hotel this morning before check-out and departure. Today we set our sights on the City of Lights – Paris.

- Along the way, we visit Beny Sur Mer, The Canadian War Cemetery. Take some time to consider the unfathomable sacrifice of human life given for our freedom.
- We expect a mid-afternoon arrival in Paris at our home for the next 2 nights in a beautiful 4-star city centre hotel. Your tour manager will check you into the hotel and you will have time to get settled in.
- Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure! Take some time to get your bearings and prepare for the next day in Paris. Perhaps take a walk to the Trocadero Gardens and see the Eiffel Tower lit up.

Day 20 – Sunday, May 18 – Paris, France (B, Farewell D)

- Wake up to a beautiful buffet breakfast this morning. Following breakfast, we invite our local guide for a morning city tour by motor coach with the highlights of Paris; Champs-Élysées, Arc du Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. This city never disappoints!
- Enjoy lunch and the rest of the afternoon on your own today. Can we suggest a visit to Montmartre and the Basilica Sacre-Coeur? Perhaps a stroll along the left bank for a day of café hopping?
- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers this evening for an upscale experience for our 'Farewell Dinner' with wine and beer at a restaurant nearby **(included)**. Here's your chance to revisit some of the highlights of your wonderful vacation with your new friends.
- Enjoy the rest of the evening on your own.



Day 21 – Monday, May 19 – Flight to Canada (B)

- Our final morning starts with another delicious breakfast before we depart for the airport. Merci beaucoup mes amis!
- For the passengers who have chosen our airfare package you will enjoy complimentary private luxury motorcoach transportation to the airport. Flight times and details to follow at time of reservation.
- For those who have made their own flight arrangements, thank you for joining us for what has surely been a wonderful and epic adventure. Safe Travels!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are **ONLY** a guideline and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, and other “Acts of God,” can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events. No refunds or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences.
- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least **THREE MONTHS AFTER** your departure date. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension: 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag). Second checked bag is \$100 CAD each way.
- Currency used in Europe is the **Euro**. Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- All liquids and gels that you are planning to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag and kept in your carry-on. Keep prescription medication in original container or carried with you.
- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage and/or personal items.
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- **REMEMBER**, your tour manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest. **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done.
- **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**
 - Collins Tours tour manager - from \$7 - \$10 per person, per day
 - Bus driver \$4 -\$5 per person per day
 - Private city tour guides- \$3 per person, per day

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