

GRAND TOUR

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A continent of wonder and fascination where new experiences and unexpected discoveries await, a trip to Europe will broaden your mind as well as your horizons.



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Looking south from the Rialto Bridge, gondolas and motorised water taxis and water buses can be seen working the Grand Canal, one of the busiest waterways in the city of Venice. Lined with the grand facades of palazzos and churches built between the 13th and 18th centuries, the Grand Canal winds for nearly four kilometres through the central districts, splitting the city in two. Only four bridges cross the Canal, the newest – Constitution Bridge – unveiled in 2008.

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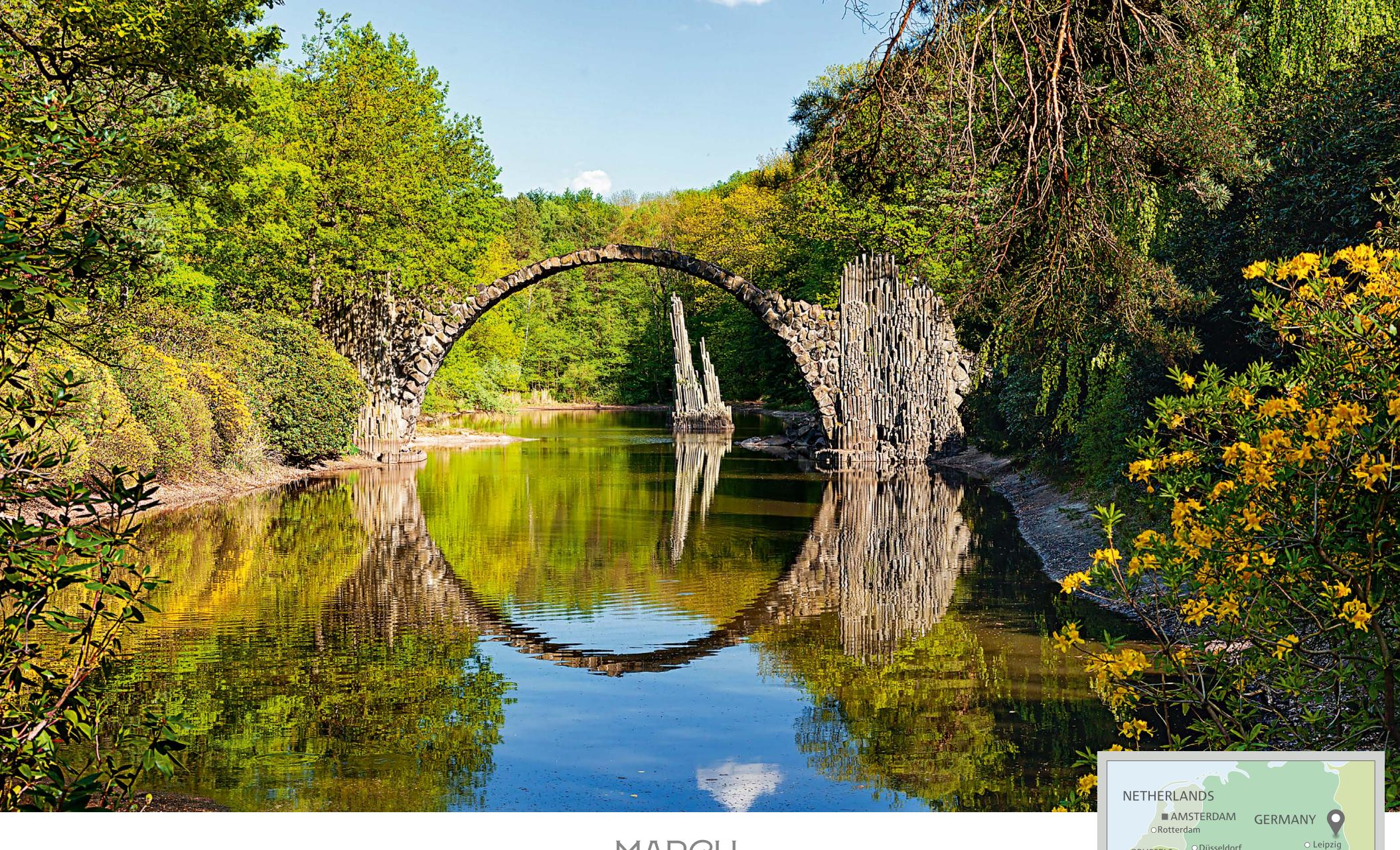
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LANDWASSER VIADUCT, FILISUR, GRAUBÜNDEN, SWITZERLAND

A 30-minute walk from Filisur railway station brings visitors to a viewing platform and a wonderful view of trains crossing the elegant curve of the Landwasser Viaduct. The impressive limestone structure, completed in 1902, carries a single railway track 142 metres across a steep valley between Schmitten and Filisur, 65 metres above the ground, and is considered such a feat of engineering that it is on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

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■ PARIS

BELGIUM

Although otherworldly in appearance, the Rakotzbrücke, or Devil's Bridge, in Kromlau Park is not from a fairytale but is manmade, thought to have been standing since 1860. Legend has it that the devil helped to construct such an extraordinarily delicate arched bridge in exchange for the soul of the first person to cross. Kromlau is a trail-laced park two hours' drive southeast of Berlin, filled with the heavy scent of rhododendrons and azaleas in summer.

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MOUNT KIRKJUFELL AND KIRKJUFELLSFOSS, GRUNDARFJÖRÐUR, SNÆFELLSNES, ICELAND

Towering 463 metres over the fishing town of Grundarfjörður, the steep-sided and free-standing Mount Kirkjufell is probably one of the most photographed mountains in Iceland. It is also known as one of the most dangerous and climbers have been actively warned against attempting its vertiginous cliffs following several tragedies. The waterfall below the mountain is one of three along the Kirkjufellsá River that flows from the volcano Helgrindur, all of which are called Kirkjufellsfoss.

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RABAT MOROCCO PLAZA DE ESPAÑA,

SEVILLE, ANDALUSIA, SPAIN

The ornately decorated Plaza de España has been one of Seville's mostvisited attractions since it opened for the Ibero-American Exposition in 1929. Its architecture, covered walkways, alcoves and bridges are adorned with carvings representing Spanish royalty and coats of arms. The variety of decorative elements, elaborate balustrades, ceramic tiles, frescos, mosaics and Venetian-style bridges combine to create an explosion of colour and grandeur that cannot fail to impress.

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KYRENIA HARBOUR, KYRENIA, CYPRUS

Pleasure craft and fishing boats jostle for space in the crowded waterfront of Kyrenia Harbour in Cyprus. Believed to have been founded around 1,000 BC, the town's central position on the northern coast of the island historically allowed for easy trade with neighbours to the north and east. Today, the ancient horseshoeshaped harbourside is filled with restaurants and cafés housed in the well-preserved and centuries-old former warehouses and Venetian buildings, the perfect spot to enjoy the local catch of the day.

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DODECANESE ISLANDS, GREECE The waterside village of Emporio is Halki Island's only settlement,

EMPORIO, HALKI ISLAND,

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where narrow streets and alleyways filled with pastel-coloured houses crowd the gentle slopes around the harbour. The remains of a crusader castle can be seen further inland. Off the beaten tourist track, Halki is known as a haven of peace and tranquility, much quieter than many of its island neighbours and those looking for livelier nightlife or luxury accommodation head to Rhodes, a few kilometres to the east.

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ALLAN & BERTRAM

13th: Bank Holiday (N. Ireland)



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SERBIA BULGARIA BULGARIA BLACK SEA Thessaloniki ANKARA GREECE TURKEY

MELNIK EARTH PYRAMIDS, MELNIK, BULGARIA

Dotted across 50 km² of mountainous countryside in south-western Bulgaria are these incredible rock formations, sculpted from the region's sandstone and sedimentary rock by erosion, which continues to shape them. The largest, in the Karlanovo group of rocks, are 100-metre high shards and obelisks decorated with tufts of grass clinging to their sheer cliff faces. South of the village of Rozhen, the formations appear as variously-sized mushrooms and Rozhen Monastery, formed in the 13th century, can be found nestled among the formations and pyramids.

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CALA LLOMBARDS, MALLORCA, BALEARIC ISLANDS, SPAIN

The pristine white sands of Cala Llombards cove in southeastern Mallorca are just 55 metres wide but this secluded and gently sloped beach stretches back nearly 150 metres from the waterfront to the pine forest behind. A favourite of the locals due to its tucked-away location, it is popular with families who value its sheltered, crystal clear waters which are ideal for snorkelling. A short distance around the coast, the large natural rock arch of Es Pontàs can be seen projecting into the sea.

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SERBIA SARAJEVO -ITALY MONTENEGRO BULGARIA PODGORICA ROME NORTH MACEDONIA

VINEYARDS AT SVETINJE, ORMOŽ, SLOVENIA

The setting sun casts a golden glow across the vineyards of Svetinje in the municipality of Ormož in northeastern Slovenia, an area known for its wine production and beautiful countryside. A route known as the Jeruzalem Wine Road connects vineyards in Svetinje, Ormož, Ivanjkovci, Jeruzalem, Miklavž and Kog on which visitors can travel by bicycle, horse or carriage to wine tastings paired with good food, visit a wine-growing museum and centuries-old farms as well as stopping at wine cellars, shops and taverns along the way.

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VLTAVA RIVER AND BRIDGES, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

A total of 18 bridges cross the VItava River in Prague including four railway bridges and three reserved for pedestrians only. The multi-arched Charles Bridge, completed in the early 15th century, was the only way to cross the waterway until 1841, connecting Prague Castle to the city's Old Town.

Jirasek Bridge, built in the inter-war period, in 1929, was designed with future conflicts in mind: in case of invasion its pillars could be filled with explosives to destroy the structure, but in the Second World War, German forces filled

them with concrete to prevent the Resistance from doing exactly that.

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MARKET SQUARE, BRUGES, BELGIUM

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LUXEMBOURG

The old market square in Bruges, the Markt, is the heart of the ancient town and has been the site of a market since the 10th century; stalls selling fresh produce, meat, cheese, crafts and flowers continue to gather here every Wednesday. It is lined with the prettily coloured step-gabled facades of shops, restaurants and cafés – some of which are reconstructions and not as old as their medieval counterparts. Opposite the pavement terraces, one flank of the cobbled square is formed by the Provincial Palace, completed at the end of the 19th century.

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