December 28th: PARIS Settle into our 4 star Left Bank Hotel. Meet your fellow tour members for Drinks and Dinner. [D]

December 29th: PARIS Every day on a Great Trains of Europe tour begins with a full buffet breakfast. Our morning sightseeing includes the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees and Notre Dame ending up at the Louvre to say hello to Mona Lisa. An afternoon optional excursion is available to the Versailles Palace of Louis XIV. [B]

December 30th: PARIS Department stores, fashion boutiques, a long lunch? There is an optional excursion offered today to the Somme Battlefields of WWII. Here we visit sites sacred in Australia & NZ’s national history. [B]

December 31st: PARIS A final free day in every true romantic’s favourite city. Join the crowds tonight on the Champs Elysees to celebrate the dawning of the New Year. [B]

January 1st: INTERLAKEN Farewell Paris this morning. We begin our love affair with the Great Trains of Europe on her fastest – the French TGV – reaching 320kph towards the Alps and Interlaken with stunning views of the Eiger and Jungfrau. This is our home for 3 nights. Interlaken hosts a huge street party on New Year’s Day culminating in spectacular fireworks. [B, D]

January 2nd: INTERLAKEN Enjoy a late and leisurely brunch before deciding whether to do nothing or to do very little. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for some mountain railway or cable car rides to the peaks of the surrounding Alps. [B]

January 3rd: INTERLAKEN Today we take one of the Great Rail Journeys of the World – the tiny red Glacier Express through the Alps as we enjoy breathtaking views from the panorama car. [B]

January 4th: TO VENICE Another of Europe’s great rail journeys today. The Swiss—Italian Cisalpino takes us through the Alps past the Northern Italian lakes via Milan and on to the City of Canals, Venice, another of Europe’s truly romantic cities. Our 4 star hotel overlooks the Grand Canal. Settle in, watch the lights come on as the waterbuses chug past. [B, D]

January 5th: VENICE There is time for a gondola ride and a visit to an outer island – Burano for exquisite lace, Murano for world famous Venetian glass. Art lovers will want to see the Tintoretto paintings in the Scuola di San Rocco, the Titian in the Friary Church and the collection of Venetian Renaissance art in the Accademia Gallery. [B]

January 6th: VENICE This morning we begin to explore the art and history of Venice. Byzantine St Mark’s is considered by many to be the most beautiful church in the world and the historic Doge’s Palace and its Bridge of Sighs are “must sees”. [B]

January 7th: VENICE or Day Trip to Florence Either another quiet day today exploring the bridges and canals of Venice or join Italy’s flagship train the Eurostar Italia for a visit to Florence, the cradle of Western civilisation and birthplace of the Renaissance. [B]

January 8th: To INNSBRUCK Farewell Italy, as we head back towards the Alps. After lunch we join our Eurocity train for Innsbruck as our luggage is taken on ahead. We are not staying in downtown Innsbruck but in the beautiful Alpine Village of Igls perched 15 minutes above. Thaw out with a glass of gluhwein in front of the roaring log fire. This is our home for 4 nights. [B, D]

January 9th: INNSBRUCK Choices today: skiing or join your Tour Leader in an exploration of Innsbruck, the Imperial city of Hapsburgs. We commence by riding a tramcar through snow-decked forests, to Innsbruck below. Explore the mediaeval quarter and take a ride up the Hungerberg railway for a panorama of the Alps. [B]

January 10th: INNSBRUCK or Day Trip to Salzburg Today you may choose to ski, to potter about the village, to sit in front of the log fire or to take the tram back down into Innsbruck to the shops. There is an optional excursion by Austrian Railjet train to Mozart’s birthplace, Salzburg. [B]

January 11th: INNSBRUCK Another quiet day in our Alpine haven – a good book in front of the log fire? Alternatively, your Tour Leader will assist you if you wish to make a visit to nearby Munich or the fairy-tale castle of Neuschwanstein. [B]

January 12th: TO PRAGUE Our luggage is collected and taken on ahead as we bid farewell to the Alps and join a EuroCity train for another of Europe’s great romantic cities – Prague. Our hotel is in the historic centre. [B]

January 13th: PRAGUE Today there is a visit to Prague Castle overlooking the city. Here is also the cathedral church of St Vitus, incorporating the chapel built to house the relics of Good King Wenceslas, murdered here a thousand years ago. A free afternoon for the shops or to enjoy the music. [B]

January 14th: PRAGUE or Day Trip to DRESDEN A free day – continue your exploration of this city or join an optional excursion to Dresden, one of Europe’s cultural wonders now emerging from the ashes of World War II bombing and 44 years of communism. [B]

January 15th: PRAGUE Enjoy a last free day in magical Prague. Understand why Mozart loved it. Crystal and garnet are popular with shoppers. Our Farewell Dinner tonight. [B, D]

January 16th: HOMEWARD BOUND The tour ends after breakfast this morning. [B]
KIDS STAY FREE — White Christmas & Winter Wonderland

Children under 12 sharing adults’ room travel free. Children aged 12 to 17 sharing adults’ room travel at 50%.

HIGHLIGHTS
- 4 nights in each of Europe’s Most Romantic Cities: Paris, Venice & Prague
- New Year’s Eve in Paris
- 3 nights in the Swiss Alps
- 4 nights in the Austrian Alps
- Ride the Glacier Express

INCLUDED FEATURES:
- First Class rail travel in reserved seats
- 4 & 5 star city-centre hotels
- 6 dinners
- Full luggage handling
- Full-time Australian Historian Tour Director who is the Company Principal

FACT BOX:
DURATION: 20 DAYS
DEPARTURES:
DECEMBER 28th 2019
DECEMBER 28th 2020
COST: Land Only Content
(Join in Paris, Leave in Prague).
Ask about KIDS STAY FREE
$AU 10,950 per person twin share
Enquire about competitive airfares
Single room supplement $1,500

NOTE: Your hosts are on hand to provide sightseeing suggestions and assistance, but there are no escorted activities during this relaxing week.

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$AU 2,500 per person twin share
Single supplement $600
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DEPART ANY DAY — INDEPENDENT TOURING

The Winter Wonderland Tour is available as an unescorted tour, departing any day of the year at a SAVING of 25% of the group tour cost. We provide hotel accommodation, rail travel and detailed sightseeing notes.

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The village itself offers excellent shopping and a wide variety of restaurants and coffee shops for lingering lazy lunches, before returning to the hotel to read or snooze in front of the log fire. On December 28th (is it all over so soon?) you are escorted on the rail journey to Paris to commence the Winter Wonderland Tour.

✓ 7 nights accommodation in a superior standard room with private facilities in a 3 star hotel in the Swiss village of Grindelwald.
✓ 7 buffet breakfasts, 7 four course dinners (inc. Special Christmas Dinner on Christmas Eve).
✓ Transfer from Zurich or Geneva Airport to Grindelwald on Dec 21st; escorted rail transfer from Grindelwald to Paris on Dec 28th to join Winter Wonderland Tour.

Why not enjoy a White Christmas in a beautiful Swiss Alpine village (with opportunities to visit Christmas markets) before embarking on the Winter Wonderland Tour?

On arrival on December 21st there is an airport transfer to the picturesque Swiss Alpine village of Grindelwald, nestled under the North Face of the Eiger. Our hotel is rated 3+ stars and oozes Swiss charm. There are breathtaking Alpine views and a roaring log fire. We have reserved superior-standard rooms with private facilities for our tour members.

Every morning there is a buffet breakfast, and every evening a four course dinner is provided for our tour members. This includes the festivities of a special Christmas Dinner, as Swiss tradition dictates on the night of Christmas Eve. There is a beautiful church 50 metres away with a midnight service on Christmas Eve should you wish to attend.

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BOOKING CONDITIONS

Great Trains of Europe Tours (ABN 75 325 010 987) is an accredited travel agent (ATAS #12982). We are members of IATA (Licence #968366100) and the Concorde Independent Agents’ Network.

Costs: All costs in this brochure are expressed in Australian dollars and are based on airfares, and land transport and accommodation costs, and Australian dollar exchange rates effective as at June 1st, 2018. Exchange rate fluctuations in the price of any service provided, beyond the control of Great Trains of Europe Tours, may be passed on to travellers, right up to the date of departure. Please note that some city taxes or bed taxes cannot be pre-paid by agents, and must be paid by the tour member at check-out.

A deposit of $2,500 per person will guarantee a place on your chosen tour (unless already filled, in which case you will be advised of your place on the waiting list. With a maximum tour size of 25 travellers, tours often fill early).

Full final payment is due 90 days before commencement of the tour. Please make payment by cheque to “Great Trains of Europe Tours” or by bank transfer as follows: Heritage Bank, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. BSB 636-060 Account Number 111 097 34.

Great Trains of Europe Tours currently does not accept payment by credit card.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation at any time after the deposit is paid will result in the forfeiture of the deposit. Any booking cancelled between 90 days and 45 days before departure will incur a 50% cancellation charge on airfares, depending on the airfare used. Bookings cancelled within 45 days before departure will incur a 100% cancellation charge on land content and up to 100% on airfares, depending on the airfare used. Bookings cancelled within 45 days of departure will incur a 50% cancellation charge on airfares, depending on the airfare used. On rare occasions European rail companies may change timetables, classes of travel available or rolling stock within the period of validity of a travel brochure. Descriptions of trains & routes provided in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and provided in good faith. It is not possible to request rail seating either facing or back to the direction of travel. Many European trains change direction during a journey.

Baggage allowance: Porteager of one suitcase per person is included in tour cost.

Coaches: When itineraries take us away from rail routes and coaches must be used, a seating rotation system applies.

Hotels: European hotel rooms – even in 4 or 5 star hotels – are often smaller than in Australian hotels. Single rooms, particularly, can be very small. Should a traveller who has requested a single room wish to have a quote for the cost of a single occupancy of a double room, please ask. Tea and coffee making facilities are rare in European hotels, as are in-room security safes. In some European countries, government environmental agencies restrict the use of air-conditioning in hotels to the summer months.

Travellers sharing a room on a twin share basis will be asked their preferences re a double bed or twin beds, but no guarantee can be given that your request will be met. Hotel star ratings, where provided, are those of the country in which the hotel is situated, and vary from country to country.

Other Important Advice: All tours will proceed as advertised. Descriptions of trains & routes provided in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and provided in good faith. It is not possible to request the standards of accommodation for any individual hotel. Hotel room descriptions, and other information in this brochure are intended to fill an average budget for the average traveller, and vary from country to country.

Travel Insurance: A condition of joining a Great Trains of Europe tour is either the purchase of travel insurance through Great Trains of Europe Tours, or documentary evidence of a sufficient level of travel insurance purchased elsewhere.

European Rail Travel: The standard of rail travel in Europe ranges from small and basic local trains to luxury high-speed international trains. On rare occasions European rail companies may change timetables, classes of travel available or rolling stock within the period of validity of a travel brochure. Descriptions of trains & routes provided in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and provided in good faith. It is not possible to request rail seating either facing or back to the direction of travel. Many European trains change direction during a journey.

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Noel and Alwynne Towler, Brisbane

(8 time tour members on the Great Trains of Europe Tours)
One form per person please.

Tour Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________ Departure Date: ________________

PASSPORT DETAILS

Full name (as in passport): ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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Passport No: ________________________________ Date of Issue: ___________________ Expiry Date: __________________

Nationality: _________________________________ Date of Birth: ______________________

Ph. Home: (     ) ______________________________ Ph. Work: (     ) ____________________________

Mobile: __________________________________________________________________________ Email: ______________________________________

MEDICAL / DIET

Do you have any medical conditions or dietary requirements that we should be alerted to?

☐ YES  ☐ NO If you answered YES, please outline briefly: _____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Are you able to walk 500 metres and climb 25 stairs without assistance? ☐ YES  ☐ NO

NEXT OF KIN (to be contacted in event of an emergency)

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Ph. Home: (     ) ______________________________ Ph. Work: (     ) _____________________________________ Mobile: ____________________________

TRAVEL INSURANCE

☐ Please provide me with travel insurance. ☐ I have a pre-existing medical condition.

(NOTE: Passengers over 75 years of age at end of a tour will need a medical clearance)

☐ I decline your offer of travel insurance and attach documentary evidence that I have sufficient travel insurance cover. Insurance Company ______________________________________ Policy Number ___________________

ACCOMMODATION

☐ Double  ☐ Twin, sharing with ________________________________________________________________

☐ Twin, please find someone to share with me. If no suitable room-mate can be found, the single supplement is payable.

☐ Single Room  ☐ Single occupancy of double sized room (surcharge)  ☐ Non-smoking  ☐ Smoking

EXTRA ACCOMMODATION

☐ Pre-Tour in ___________________________(city) Date IN ___/___/___ Date OUT ___/___/___

☐ Post-Tour in ___________________________(city) Date IN ___/___/___ Date OUT ___/___/___

FLIGHTS

☐ I seek your assistance with an airfare. Please contact me.  or  ☐ I will make my own flight arrangements.

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ I enclose a cheque, payable to “Great Trains of Europe Tours” for $ ________________________________ or

☐ I have deposited $ ________________________________ in the “Great Trains of Europe Tours” account at Heritage Bank, 400 Ruthven St, Toowoomba, Qld., 4350, Australia as follows. BSB 638 – 060 Account Number 11109734 Swiftcode HBSLAU4T, and I attach a pay-in slip as evidence.

By signing this form I declare that I have read the Tour Terms and Conditions, understand them, and agree to abide by them.

Signature ________________________________ Date __________________________