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It's Time to Hit the Rails! Friendly Planet Travel Introduces New Europe by Rail Travel Packages

Travelers can now explore the top cities in Italy and experience London and Paris for as little as \$1,799

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—October 28, 2014—Perhaps no form of travel is as romantic as voyaging across Europe by rail. Now [Friendly Planet Travel](#) is capturing that romance by adding two new Europe by rail packages to its world-class lineup of exotic international tours.

Travelers can independently explore the top cities in Italy on Friendly Planet's eight-day [Italy by Rail](#) package, for as little as \$1,799, and discover the wonders of both London and Paris on Friendly Planet's eight-day [London and Paris by Rail](#) tour, starting at \$2,099.

"Rail travel is a quick, easy, and relaxing way to explore the world, and one of my favorite ways to travel," said Peggy Goldman, President of Friendly Planet Travel. "No continent is more suited for rail travel than Europe, and for that reason, we developed a new series of packages that take advantage of the world-class rail system that extends across the EU. These packages seamlessly unite top destinations, allowing anyone to travel across some of the most scenic landscapes in all of Europe, while enjoying the villages, towns, and cities of Italy, England, and France. Plus, the prices can't be beat, with tours starting at as little as \$1,799, including roundtrip airfare, train tickets, daily breakfast, and quality accommodations."

On Friendly Planet Travel's Italy by Rail tour, globetrotters will fly in to Venice and spend three days at their leisure exploring the city that floats on water. They'll then hop a short train ride to Florence, the home of the Italian Renaissance, and enjoy two days uncovering the history and art of one of Europe's most romantic destinations. Finally, travelers will arrive in Rome and explore world-famous sites like the Colosseum, the Spanish Steps, and the Trevi Fountain.

On the new London and Paris by Rail tour, travelers will spend three days relishing in the pomp, pageantry, and sophistication of London. There they will enjoy breathtaking views of the city from the London Eye, discover how the royals live on a tour of Buckingham Palace, or study some of the world's most celebrated works of art at the National Gallery. The tour's independent, so the experience is completely up to the traveler! Next hop a short two-hour train ride to the city of love: Paris. Visitors will spend three-days searching for Quasimodo in the bell tower of Notre Dame, climbing the Eiffel Tower, or shopping along the Champs-Élysées.

The eight-day London & Paris by Rail tour starts at just \$2,099, and includes round-trip airfare from Newark or JFK (or other gateways at low through fares), a train ticket from London to Paris via the Chunnel, three nights at the K+K Hotel George in London, and three nights at the K+K Hotel Cayré in Paris.

The eight-day Italy by Rail tour starts at \$1,799, which includes round-trip airfare from Newark or JFK (or other gateways at low through fares), prima-class rail tickets from Venice to Florence and Florence to Rome, and six nights in first-class Italian hotels.

ABOUT FRIENDLY PLANET TRAVEL

Friendly Planet Travel makes high-quality exotic travel affordable for everyone. Since 1981, Friendly Planet Travel has been arranging all-inclusive escorted discount vacation packages and cruises to the most exciting destinations in the world at the lowest possible prices.

Each year, Friendly Planet Travel offers more than 30 different group travel packages to Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and South America—at discounts of hundreds of dollars off similar vacations. With no hidden charges, add-ons, or surprises, Friendly Planet Travel vacations include convenient flights and airfare; carefully selected, first-class and superior hotels; knowledgeable, English-speaking guides; many meals; planned itineraries; as well as friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Friendly Planet Travel offers its extensive, economical travel services to private groups, including universities, religious institutions, alumni associations, and families. Groups who wish to travel together can count on Friendly Planet Travel's three decades of experience to operate their group travel program expertly and always at the very best possible prices. Visit the company at www.friendlyplanet.com. You can also follow Friendly Planet Travel on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).