

UNITED KINGDOM

JAN-FEB		MAR-MAY SEPT-OCT		JUN-AUG DEC	
WEATHER					
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
4°C - 12°C			7°C - 21°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
13°C - 23°C			5°C - 16°C		

PEAK DATES

CHRISTMAS
SUMMER
EASTER
EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

TIPS

- England: Train delays are common in autumn due to falling leaves
- Rain falls throughout the year. Always bring an umbrella.
- During August and year-end holidays, UK is overcrowded with holidaymakers.
- Mini peak seasons: Bank holidays, music festivals, folk festivals, Wimbledon, football and rugby championships.

WESTERN EUROPE

NOV JAN-FEB		MAR-APR OCT		MAY-SEPT DEC	
WEATHER					
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
2°C - 7°C			8°C - 16°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
12°C - 21°C			5°C - 10°C		

PEAK DATES

CHRISTMAS
SKI SEASON
SUMMER
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
OKTOBERFEST

TIPS

- Paris is quieter in summery July and August. A good time to visit.
- In big cities, some business hotels offer big discounts in summer
- Closures: Locals flock to the Mediterranean coast in summer. In France and Italy, many businesses are shut.
- Daylight hours: Winter days are shorter.
- But, winter is a peak period in some parts: Christmas is wonderfully festive. Ski resorts at their busiest. Many winter festivals.
- Closures: The shoulder season in Switzerland is generally quiet. Some hotels and cable cars are closed. Always check the attractions' websites and book in advance.
- Mini Peak Seasons: Oktoberfest (Germany) / Fasching / Queen's Day (Amsterdam) / Christmas Markets

SOUTHERN EUROPE

NOV-MAR		APR SEPT-OCT		MAY-AUG	
WEATHER					
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
7°C - 17°C			10°C - 30°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
22°C - 34°C			9°C - 24°C*		

PEAK DATES

SUMMER
EASTER

TIPS

- The southern parts of Spain, Portugal, France and Italy hug the Mediterranean coast, along with Greece and Croatia.
- Amidst the relaxed life-loving vibe of the South, everything starts later and ends late. Including restaurants and bars.
- Locals love holidaying here. If you want to avoid crowds, avoid local holidays, school holidays and especially summer.
- Very busy during summer, especially the beaches. Common for Europeans to spend their entire summer break here.
- Late Aug- early Sept is a good time to catch the tail end of summer minus the crowds, as locals start returning to work.

THE NORDICS

OCT-APR		MAY-JUN AUG-SEPT		JUN-AUG	
WEATHER					
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
-7°C - 6°C			2°C - 20°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
7°C - 22°C			-3°C - 10°C		

PEAK DATES

MIDSOMMER
CHRISTMAS
NORTHERN LIGHTS

TIPS

- In Scandinavia, peak season is really the most fun time to visit. It's festive rather than crowded.
- Daylight Hours: Winter days are long, summer days are very long. Some areas have midnight sun.
- Business hotels are often cheaper in summer
- Closures: During winter, most tourist attractions shut down earlier (or completely). Snow gets disruptive.
- Bright side? Winter is the time to catch the Northern Lights. Monitor forecasts closely.
- Great festivals during Autumn
- Great festivals: Midsummer Festival, Easter, St. Lucia, Christmas markets, Pride Parade and many folk festivals.

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

NOV-MAR		AUG, OCT		MAY-SEPT	
WEATHER					
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
-3°C - 10°C			6°C - 24°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
12°C - 26°C			-1°C - 16°C		

PEAK DATES

SUMMER
SKI SEASON
CHRISTMAS

TIPS

- Great for Europe-on-a-budget. Especially during Christmas, when there are amazing Christmas markets.
- Winter is concert season
- Closures: Some closures in summer, when locals travel for summer break.
- In May - July, Russia experiences White Nights (bright sky throughout the night). Enjoy longer days out in the cities.
- Turkey and Greece gets very busy when there are holidays in Europe
- Croatia is overcrowded in peak season, and near dead in low season. Shoulder season (May-Jun, Sept-Oct) is best.