



Coffee to Cork is here to inspire taking trips without the burden of the complete unknown. From your morning coffee to your evening glass of wine, I've got you covered! Whether you are a planner or spontaneous traveler, you can find peace in having recommendations available to you in an organized fashion. By organized, I'm referring to how I order events by location, in a manner that is travel efficient, with realistic expectations for how long activities, sightseeing and meals last. I pride myself on the extensive thought that goes into each itinerary to help make trips more effective and enjoyable!

As you may have gathered, I have a desire to plan anything and everything. Whether it is in my home city of Chicago or an International trip, you better bet I am researching, experiencing and recording. Although I am not a travel agent, for years, my itineraries have been distributed to friends and families to enhance their trips. Why not share something I love with other eager travelers?

My itineraries are made with a focus on doing, eating & drinking, which leads to seeing! Make plans easier — the editable excel templates allow you to add in your own personality, interests and adventures. Or simply download the PDF for a ready to go version. Enjoy! I am eager to hear from you!

MORNING TO EVENING ITINERARIES WITH A FOCUS ON DOING, EATING & DRINKING, WHICH LEADS TO SEEING.

XO Jamie | Coffee to Cork

The I Love You Trip - Paris, Bruges & Amsterdam

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	Notes	
Tuesday, March 21, 2017	Flight to Paris	3:30PM	Arrive in Paris	Paris Charles De Gaulle	\$\$\$\$	Welcome to the amazing city of Paris! Grab an uber from the airport to your lodging of choice.	
	Paris	5:00PM	Check into lodging	7th ARR, 8th ARR or 1st ARR		I suggested staying within the neighborhoods walkable to the Eiffel Tower, but not right there in order to avoid the tourist trap area. We were in the 7th ARR, about a 15 minute walk east of the Eiffel Tower, and it was perfect. It was central to many of our activities and restaurants, and was near the underground transportation.	
		7:30PM	Dinner @ La Fontaine De Mars	129 Rue Saint-Dominique, 75007 Paris, France	\$\$\$	First meal in Paris must be your traditional french cuisine and atmosphere! Arrive upon opening if you do not have a reservation.	
		9:00PM	Eiffel Tower lights	Champ de Mars, 5 Avenue Anatole France, 75007 Paris, France	\$	Check out the Eiffel Tower at night! There is no doubt you will pass by it during the day, so finding a time to see the light show at night is very cool. If you'd like to go up the lift, here is the website to grab tickets (https://www.toureiffel.paris/en/rates-opening-times). I believe it closes at 11pm throughout the year, and midnight over the summer.	
Wednesday, March 22, 2017	Paris	11:00AM	Musee D'Orsay Museum	1 Rue de la Légion d'Honneur, 75007 Paris, France	\$	We chose to go to the Musee de Orsay over the Louvre based on reviews that it is less crowded and has better architecture. If you are more into well known art, then change this out for the Louvre. Or go to both! Musee De Orsay was very cool in an old train station housing 20th century art. Open from 930AM-6PM. \$15PP.	
		2:00PM	Latin Quarter for lunch	Latin Quarter, Paris, France	\$\$	Explore a variety of food options and coffee shops in the Latin Quarter. We walked around for a bit enjoying the bustle of this area and then decided to pop in what seemed like a local eatery.	
		3:00PM	Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris	6 Parvis Notre-Dame - Pl. Jean-Paul II, 75004 Paris, France	\$	A legendary cathedral. I couldn't help but replay the Hunchback of Notre Dame in my mind as we walked the outside and inside. Once you enter and read about all it's glory, you understand just how much history was made here.	
		3:30PM	Shakespeare & Co.	37 Rue de la Bûcherie, 75005 Paris, France		Iconic (and old!) bookstore, bring your coffee and look at the amazing collection of books. On occasion, there is live music to enjoy.	
		4:00PM	Pantheon	Place du Panthéon, 75005 Paris, France	\$	Talk about architecture! It is the monument showcasing some of France's notable figures in history. I think this was one of my favorite pieces of history in Paris to explore. It was breathtaking and surprising. But note: It was COLD in there. Colder than the air outside in the spring, so make sure you have some gloves if you are going during the same season. It is Open 10AM-6PM. \$10PP.	
		6:00PM	Rest, shower and snack at lodging	7th ARR, 8th ARR or 1st ARR		Make sure you get a little nap in because tonight we are going out in Paris!	
		10:00PM	Dinner at Aux Trois Mailletz	56 Rue Galande, 75005 Paris, France	\$\$	Make late reservations at Aux Trois Mailletz which doubles as a restaurant and show establishment. Upstairs there is a piano bar and eatery. Downstairs there is a cave where the cabaret show starts around midnight.	
		11:30PM	French Cabaret & Piano Bar at Aux Trois Mailletz	56 Rue Galande, 75005 Paris, France	\$\$	Make reservations for the basement around 11:30pm. The cabaret show starts around midnight and goes until 3am!!! Too late for us.. we stayed until 1:30AM. But it was exciting, entertaining and different. There were multiple acts, singers and dancers.	
Thursday, March 23, 2017	Paris	11:00AM	Palace of Versailles	Place d'Armes, 78000 Versailles, France	\$\$	40 minute Metro from Eiffel tower which cost ~\$20/PP. Rent golf carts or bikes to make your way around the gardens and fountains in the back. It was \$20PP at Versailles to rent the carts/bikes. We spent at least 3 hours including lunch on the grounds. We never made it inside the palace!! Ragrets! But next time we will be more patient and stand in line.	
		4:00PM	Pizza!	Versailles, France	\$\$	There are so many pizza places around Versailles and pizza was the PERFECT meal after last night and exploring the palace grounds all day. Think of this as your late lunch/first dinner.	
		6:00PM	Rest and shower at lodging	7th ARR, 8th ARR or 1st ARR			
		8:00PM	Dinner (that never happened for us!)	NA	\$\$	<i>We never made it to dinner... we were SO exhausted. And maybe still a little hungover. So good thing we got our pizza earlier.</i>	
		9:30PM	Chez Georges	11 Rue des Canettes, 75006 Paris, France	\$\$	<i>We never made it here either! Sad! Because our friends said it was great. It is a wine bar in a cave. I mean, everything I want and more!</i>	
Friday, March 24, 2017	Paris	11:00AM	Arc De Triomphe	Place Charles de Gaulle, 75008 Paris, France	\$	This is the arc in the middle of the square that honors Napoleon's victories. Go to the top and see the view of the city. You can buy tickets onsite for ~\$15 per person. This is also where you could pick up a double decker bus to take you around the city; some even serve gourmet lunches! Just Google it and you'll find ticket sites.	
		1:00PM	Caves Augé	116 Boulevard Haussmann, 75008 Paris, France	\$\$	budget and they will assist you in your purchase. Grab a bottle to share during sunset at Sacre-Coeur Basilica. Is drinking in public legal??	
		2:00PM	Explore Montmartre, Paris	Montmartre, Paris, France		Walk around this quiet village on a hilltop, adoring beautiful homes. Grab a crepe & coffee at a local shop. Do some shopping along the cobblestone streets.	
		6:00PM	Sacré-Cœur Basilica	35 Rue du Chevalier de la Barre, 75018 Paris, France		Walk out and sit amongst the steps. A stunning view of Paris at sunset. Make sure you look up what time the sun sets and adjust within the itinerary. It was raining during ours but still spectacular, so I cannot imagine how'd it look on a clear day.	
		6:45PM	Cocktails at Le Tres Particulier	Hôtel Particulier Montmartre, 23 Avenue Junot, 75018 Paris, France	\$\$	Speakeasy bar within a boutique hotel with a tropical paradise feel and very cool cocktails. It is HARD to find! You must walk through a gate that looks like a residential house into an alleyway that leads to the hotel. The hotel bar is downstairs.	
		8:30PM	Last dinner in Paris! Make it good!		\$\$\$	Grab dinner! We did so much snacking in Montemarte and got apps during cocktails so we weren't hungry for dinner.	
Saturday, March 25, 2017	Bruges	10:30AM	Check out of lodging & grab lunch to go	7th ARR, 8th ARR or 1st ARR	\$	Grab lunch and snacks for the train ride. It is a few hours so having necessities onboard is key.	
		12:00PM	Train from Paris to Bruges - Paris nord	112, rue de Maubeuge 75010 Paris	\$\$	View Rail Europe website for information on direct trains. The ride is ~3.5 hours from Paris to Bruges.	
							You MUST stay at a Bed & Breakfast. There are so many backing up to the canal with beautiful backyards, traditional breakfasts and enjoyable rooms. We spent more time in the B&B backyard than anticipated because it was like having our own little oasis along the canal. Our Airbnb was the CUTEEST, also very clean and conveniently located: https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/15951714
		3:30PM	Check into Bed & Breakfast	Find lodging along the canals	\$\$\$		
		4:00PM	Canal Boat Tour - Boottochten Brugge	Nieuwstraat 11, 8000 Brugge, Belgium	\$	Closes at 5pm! You can buy tickets at the dock.	
		5:00PM	Do your own chocolate tour!	The Chocolate Crown, Chocolates & Happiness, Pralinette, Chocoholic, The Old Chocolate House, Chocolaterie Dumon, The Chocolate Line	\$\$	Nothing wrong with dessert before dinner! There are chocolate shops EVERYWHERE. It is the best chocolate ever. So pop in and out of the shops along the canals, exploring while enjoying the beautiful views. We actually visited the chocolate museum, but I'm not sure I'd recommend it -- taught the history behind chocolate, how they made it over the years and you get to taste one piece.	
8:00PM	Dinner at In Den Wittenkop	Sint-Jakobsstraat 14, 8000 Brugge, Belgium	\$\$	Cozy and casual bistro. Servers were kind and helpful. We asked for recommendations and were satisfied.			

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Sunday, March 26, 2017	Bruges	11:00AM	Princely Beguinage Ten Wijngaerde	Begijnhof 30, 8000 Brugge, Belgium		Tranquil garden and exhibit of where the nuns and religious women lived in the 17th century. Field full of yellow flowers surrounded by quaint homes and a small chapel.
		12:00PM	De Halve Maan Brewery Tour	Walplein 26, 8000 Brugge, Belgium	\$	Locally produced beer. The standard tour is €12 for about 45 minutes and you get a Brugse Zot Blond beer after the tour. If you buy your tickets online, the price is 11 € pp. https://www.halvemaan.be/en/home ; Or the XL tour is a must for real beer lovers! You will tour the brewery followed by a professional beer tasting in the cellars of the brewery where you will be introduced to the secrets of serving and tasting beer. The price for this tour is 21 € per person and lasts 90 minutes. This tour is organized once a day at 2:15 pm.
		1:30PM	Lunch at De Halve Maan Tap Room	Walplein 26, 8000 Brugge, Belgium	\$\$	Upscale tap room with fun beer glasses, and great blond beers. The atmosphere was light and fun. The food was fantastic.
		3:30PM	Beer flight at 't Brugsch Bieratelier	Wijngaardstraat 13, 8000 Brugge, Belgium	\$\$	Might as well keep this beer tour going! This is one of our favorite memories of Bruges - sitting outside in the sun with a flight of 12 beers, playing cards and enjoying people watching. We spent about 3 hours here, so you could imagine we were having FUN.
		7:00PM	Dinner	Bruges, Belgium	\$\$	Attempted to go to Poules Moules for dinner, but were too tipsy so we grabbed food from a food truck on our way back to the Airbnb to continue our intense card game of Rummy 500!
Monday, March 27, 2017	Amsterdam	10:00PM	Train from Bruges to Brussels	Station Brugge	\$\$	View Rail Europe website for information on trains. The ride is ~1 hour from Bruges to Brussels.
		12:00PM	Train from Brussels to Amsterdam	Brussels-Midi/Zuid	\$\$	View Rail Europe website for information on direct trains. The ride is ~2 hours from Brussels to Amsterdam.
		2:30PM	Check into lodging	Neighborhoods to consider: Binnenstad, Canal Ring, Oude Pijp, Jordaan, Plantage & East, Oud West	\$\$\$	Check out the buses that leave from the train station. They are cheap and go in all directions from the station! We stayed at an Airbnb in Oude Pijp.
		3:00PM	Explore Amsterdam & grab lunch	Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$\$	Some YELP recommended site seeing options: Heineken Experience, Anne Frank House, canal tour, Van Gogh Museum
		8:00PM	Dinner at Le Restaurant	Frans Halsstraat 26H, 1072 BR Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$\$\$	Upscale, French-international tasting menu in a simple, intimate space. We did the 4 course wine pairing menu. The chef came out and delivered each of our meals. It was very personal and intimate.
Tuesday, March 28, 2017	Amsterdam	11:00AM	Rent bikes for the day	Gerard Doustraat 153, 1073 VW Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$\$	Act like a local and ride your bike around for the day! Check out some cool parks and breweries. There are rental shops all over, but we were close to Ajax Bike. Biking is Amsterdam's main form of transportation so no dilly-dallying!
			Bike through Vondelpark	Entrance: Hobbemastraat 1, 1071 XZ Amsterdam, Netherlands		Huge park with playgrounds, ponds and a theater.
			Hannekes Boom for lunch	Dijkgracht 4, 1019 BS Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$\$	Shack styled café on the water with recycled colorful furniture.
			Browerijt IJ	Funenkade 7, 1018 AL Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$\$	Windmill brewery and beer hall. If nice out, sit outdoors and enjoy the picnic tables under the windmill next to the canal.
		6:00PM	Kartika Indonesian Restaurant	Overtoom 68, 1054 HL Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$\$	Amsterdam is known for some amazing Indonesian food. We tried it out and were not disappointed!
		8:00PM	Coffee shops & bar crawl	Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$	Review this article to learn the Do's and Don'ts of Coffeeshops (legal dispensaries for marijuana) https://www.tripsavvy.com/amsterdam-coffeeshop-dos-and-donts-1456640
Wednesday, March 29, 2017	Amsterdam	11:00AM	Albert Cuypmarkt	1073 BD Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$	Outdoor flower/cheese/farmers market
		1:00PM	Lunch & tea	Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$\$	Walk North along the canal. Find a cute outdoor spot for lunch and enjoy some mint tea. It's a big thing here!
		3:00PM	9 Streets Shopping	Wolvenstraat 9, 1016 EM Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$	Tiny cool streets with shopping, ice cream shops, coffee/tea, etc.
		6:00PM	Explore Amsterdam & dinner	Amsterdam, Netherlands	\$\$	Some YELP recommended site seeing options: Heineken Experience, Anne Frank House, canal tour, Van Gogh Museum
Thursday, March 30, 2017	Fly Home	8:00AM	Flight from Amsterdam to home airport	Evert van de Beekstraat 202, 1118 CP Schiphol, Netherlands	\$\$\$\$	Sad to be leaving, but phenomenal memories! Safe travels & see you next time!