

**BEGIN YOUR
JOURNEY OF A
LIFETIME WITH
SEE THE
SACRED**

HOW WE WORK

The timeline for organizing and executing plans throughout Europe and the UK might be different than what you expect.

Rest assured, however, that we have learned through **DECADES** of experience to employ the best timelines for the success of a truly custom and bespoke trip. That is because we are malleable and work seamlessly to adjust and perfect our timelines.

We use a deep understanding of the **unique conditions** of European & World Heritage cultural sites, together with a penchant for adapting and updating based on real-time conditions on the ground in order to give you an action plan that will help you to not only meet, but exceed, your expectations for a once-in-a-lifetime journey!

NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR OUT: LET'S GET STARTED!

ABOUT 6-12 MONTHS OUT

Now is the time to start planning! And we start with the fun stuff: dreaming about all your wishes and goals, understanding the unique vibe of your trip, and getting you hyped and excited for the experience! This is also a great time to make your hotel lodging arrangements, flights, plus any extra-special, VIP (read: super splurge) experiences you might want to book. If it's not hotels or flights or super-duper VIP stuff, it's best to wait a little bit ...

Why? Read below.

BUT I LIKE TO PLAN EARLY...

At this point, we like to remind you of a few things that most travel consultants, travel influencers, tour operators or travel agencies won't tell you.

1) Almost every cultural site will **not** accept bookings more than 60 days prior to the date of your visit. So, sure, you can "bookmark" a skip-the-line-ticket or a reservation, but you can't actually buy and guarantee it more than 60 days' beforehand.

2) The policies and procedures for sites are updated throughout the calendar year, often on a moment's notice (without forewarning). So, it is best not to plan too early, since you are guaranteed **things will change** and then you will guarantee that you have to replan and readjust. We prefer you avoid that hassle and heartache!

3) **This is Europe!** The land of *laissez faire* and *dolce vita* and *siesta*! If you reserve, say, a restaurant too far in advance, they will think you are a crazy foreigner and they will forget you. We will be on top of all this in the right (early-for-Europe) timeframe AND remind them on your behalf.

ABOUT 90 DAYS OUT: TIME TO REALLY GET STARTED

We will lock in all your custom tweaks and your top choice lodging selections by this point.

Just before or just after this marker you will also receive the following documents:

- A “**paying for expenses**” instruction form
- A **credit card authorization form**

Together with our team, you will set up two WhatsApp booking windows for making any bespoke reservations you might request. Setting up these windows is important because of the security alerts coming from your credit card when used abroad for online purchases. You may receive a security code via text or email that we will promptly need to finalize the booking(s) on your behalf.

This is the month to start really proposing, planning, and selecting the major pieces of your experience!

ABOUT 60 DAYS OUT: LET'S START LOCKING THINGS IN...

At this point, we will use your credit card to book **all the confirmed expenses** for your trip that require advance booking. These expenses may include the following:

- tickets
- premium experiences
- deposits
- museum / spa entrances
- etc.

You will also receive an invoice for the final payment for any activities or tours.

Please note that the invoice is due between 45-30 days prior to your trip.

During this month, we will proceed with making any tweaks and doing any fine details for the bespoke elements of your experience!

ABOUT 30 DAYS OUT: LET'S START FINALIZING YOUR CUSTOM, BESPOKE ITINERARY

We will update the previous itinerary with its "final" version. Everything not already purchased (plus lodging) becomes **non-refundable and changeable** at this point.

You will receive a highly informative custom web itinerary. According to your trip plan, we will schedule your pre-departure zoom in the coming month to discuss all the last details before your departure!

This is the month to **start getting excited** for your trip by reviewing everything we have put in place for you!

On our end, and it's also the time we adjust and adapt as necessary given the conditions on the ground leading immediately into your trip.

ABOUT ONE WEEK OUT: LET'S GO!

We will send an email reminder that your very very detailed and instructive "**pre-departure itinerary**" is ready (and visible by refreshing the website) within 72 hours of your first scheduled event or activity (or arrival at first destination) with SeeTheSacred.

This very final version of the itinerary will feature all the **contact info** for your private guides. Depending on your selected trip plan, on the pre-departure itinerary, you will also see all the contacts for your on-call trip assistant.

This is the "let's go!!!!!!!" stage of your experience. Pure adrenaline, Pure Joy, and Pure **everything-to-look-forward-to**.

YOU'VE MADE IT: SEE THE SACRED + YOU = +JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME!

Arrival at your Destination = Everything is set to go and you just roll on into the **best vacation** abroad you've ever had in your whole life.

We will meet you the day of arrival, give you printouts of your plan, welcome gifts, and QR coded business cards so that you can easily scan and see your itinerary and plans throughout your trip.

From this point on you just **relaxxxxxxx** and **adventureeeee** and live the *dolce vita* (sweet life).