

## The Top 8 Accessible Tourist Destinations in Europe (and 4 of the Most Difficult)

### Presentation abstract

Most people don't have the time, money, or energy to visit all of the worthwhile destinations in Europe. If a disabled traveler can only take a few European vacations, how should they prioritize their list?

Based on firsthand accessibility inspections, internet search traffic, accessible vacation bookings, and client feedback, John Sage will describe the top 8 accessible tourist destinations in Europe. The best accessibility features and the biggest accessibility challenges will be described in each destination.

Each of the 8 destinations has received Sage Accessibility Ratings for various criteria. These ratings will be presented and include:

- Cobblestone abundance
- Cobblestone smoothness
- Flatness (lack of hills)
- Proximity of sights to each other
- Accessible public transportation
- English spoken
- Overall accessibility
- Quality of sights
- Quantity of sights

In addition to the top 8 accessible tourist destinations, a bottom 4 accessible tourist destinations will be presented. These destinations would be challenging for someone who doesn't have experience traveling with a disability, but they can still be visited with the help of a trip planner who knows the tricks how to navigate the local accessibility challenges.

Destinations that made the top 8 or the bottom 4 include Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Cinque Terre, Edinburgh, Interlaken, Istanbul, Salzburg, Tuscany, and Venice.

Come to the presentation to learn the final rankings and see which city ranks #1!

**Lead speaker :** John Sage

**Organisation :** Accessible Travel Solutions

**City (Country) :** Houston(USA)

**Biography :** John Sage is president of Sage Traveling which provides accessible vacations in more than 60 European destinations. He is also president of Accessible Caribbean Vacations which provides accessible shore excursions in all the major Caribbean cruise ports. His B2B tour operator company, Accessible Travel Solutions, won Travel Weekly's 2016 Tour Operator



of the Year Award. John is a manual wheelchair users and has researched accessibility in 160+ cities.

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