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BLUES MUSIC

TOUR OF
EUROPE

with **Jules Boulton**

2024

7 - 25 July, 2024

Berlin, Hamburg, Amsterdam,
Rotterdam, Villers-Bretonneux,
Paris, London, British Midlands,
Liverpool.

Includes

Upton Blues Festival (British Midlands),
& North Sea Jazz Festival (Rotterdam)



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The Blues Music Tour of Europe is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a fabulous sightseeing tour of Europe. The tour visits many of Europe's most beautiful and interesting cities, including Berlin, Amsterdam, Paris and London. The tour also visits some of Europe's best-known music cities, including Liverpool and Hamburg. There will be many musical highlights, including 2 outstanding festivals (the Upton Blues Festival & the North Sea Jazz Festival), visits to Penny Lane & Strawberry Fields (in Liverpool), and visits to many of Europe's best blues clubs. The tour, fully escorted by Jules Boulton and a hard-working Travelrite tour manager, is sure to be fun-filled from beginning to end!

Itinerary

DAY 1 Sunday 7 July, 2024

Depart Australia on our flight to Berlin.

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DAY 2 Monday 8 July, 2024

Afternoon: Arrive in Berlin. Transfer to our hotel. *Overnight:* Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre.

Berlin

DAY 3 Tuesday 9 July, 2024

Morning: Sightseeing tour of Berlin. It is a modern city being revitalised after the many years of communist rule in the East. We explore this fascinating city of museums and modern architecture, visiting the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the Reichstag building and much more. Music is the heartbeat of Germany's capital city – from the blues, the jazzy strains reverberating through smoky clubs, renowned orchestras playing in highbrow concert halls and the street musicians uplifting the city with their song. *Evening:* Welcome Dinner, including special Jules Boulton blues performance, at one of Berlin's best blues clubs or fine restaurants. (B,D)

Berlin

DAY 4 Wednesday 10 July, 2024

Morning: Travel to Hamburg, second largest city in Germany. *Afternoon:* Enjoy sightseeing tour with a local guide. Hamburg has a long and colourful R'n'B, Blues and Jazz music history and we visit the epicentre during our visit. The Reeperbahn is a street and entertainment district in Hamburg's St. Pauli district. Near the Reeperbahn, we visit the Star Club memorial in St. Pauli where the likes of Ray Charles, Bo Diddley, Fats Domino, The Everly Brothers, Bill Haley, Jimi Hendrix, The Beatles and many more famous musicians played in the 60's and 70's. We will also visit Hamburg's historic harbour and Lake Alster. *Evening:* Enjoy a performance by the legendary Hamburg Blues Band (if available), at Hamburg's excellent Downtown Bluesclub. *Overnight:* Ibis Hamburg City. (B)

Hamburg



DAY 5 Thursday 11 July, 2024

Morning: See legendary music venues like Mojo Club & Grosse Freiheit 36, where blues greats have performed. *Afternoon:* Free time. You may like to go on a harbour cruise, visit Hamburg's International Maritime Museum, or visit Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe (amazing collection of porcelain, furniture & musical instruments) [all optional]. *Evening:* Enjoy live blues at the Cotton Club, a renowned jazz & blues club. (B)

Hamburg

DAY 6 Friday 12 July, 2024

Morning: Travel by coach to Amsterdam, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. It's a city of canals, bridges, bicycles (there are millions of them!) and distinctive canal houses, with their stately facades and striking gables. On arrival, enjoy a sightseeing coach tour, with local guide. *Evening:* Enjoy a one hour canal cruise. After the cruise, Jules Boulton will take those interested on a walking tour of Amsterdam's famous Red Light District. *Overnight:* Mercure Amsterdam City Hotel. (B)

Amsterdam

DAY 7 Saturday 13 July, 2024 North Sea Jazz Festival, Rotterdam

Today we travel to Rotterdam, home of the North Sea Jazz Festival. We will enjoy an orientation tour of Rotterdam on arrival. *Afternoon & Evening:* Attend the North Sea Jazz Festival. The festival includes top jazz & blues acts, from around the world, on fifteen different stages. *Overnight:* Novotel Rotterdam Brainpark. (B)

DAY 8 Sunday 14 July, 2024 North Sea Jazz Festival, Rotterdam

Enjoy a fantastic second day attending the North Sea Jazz Festival. The North Sea Jazz Festival is known for its diverse line up and vibrant atmosphere. The festival showcases a wide range of jazz, blues, soul, funk, and contemporary music performances. (B)



JULES BOULT is an award-winning Australian singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and recording artist. Jules' musical career has taken him across Australia, the United States and Europe. Since 2011 he has released five albums to critical acclaim and been awarded a coveted Australian Blues Music Award. Since 2015 Jules has toured the USA and Canada each year, from New Orleans to Nova Scotia via the Mississippi delta, performing & recording across genres and sharing the stage with various musicians as diverse as Kermit Ruffins, Terry "Harmonica" Bean, and The Oak Ridge Boys. Jules' music, and effortless performance style, are true to the blues tradition.

"I recently saw Jules at an intimate venue, where his superior musicianship, engaging personality and craftsman-like songs won over a packed house. Loved the humanity in his lyrics and the respect he has for the blues idiom."

Billy Pinnell – Australian Radio Personality



DAY 9 Monday 15 July, 2024

Villiers-Bretonneux / Paris

Morning: Travel to Paris, stopping at Villiers-Bretonneux (northern France), where we visit the Villiers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery (incl. the Australian National Memorial). *Evening:* In Paris, visit a blues music venue near our hotel. *Overnight:* Holiday Inn Gare de Lyon Bastille. (B)

DAY 10 Tuesday 16 July, 2024

Paris

Morning: Enjoy sightseeing tour of Paris with a local guide. We will see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, and Hotel des Invalides. We will see Notre Dame Cathedral, the Latin Quarter, and the Jardin des Tuileries (gardens). *Afternoon:* We will visit the Louvre, one of the finest art galleries/museums in the world. See Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa. *Evening:* A free night in Paris. You may wish to attend legendary Parisian dinner/cabaret show Moulin Rouge (optional). (B)

DAY 11 Wednesday 17 July, 2024

London

Morning: Board the Eurostar and travel by train to London. *Afternoon:* On arrival in London enjoy a guided coach tour of London. See Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben and many other famous landmarks. Our tour includes one of the Changing of the Guard type ceremonies, if available. *Overnight:* Holiday Inn Kensington. (B)

DAY 12 Thursday 18 July, 2024

London

A free day to explore London and shop. You may like to visit Buckingham Palace or Westminster Abbey (both optional). Jules will take those interested to see the famous Abbey Road Recording Studios (where The Beatles recorded) and Lords Cricket Ground (both optional). *Evening:* Attend a West End musical, theatre production, British Music Hall show, or London Blues gig of your choice (optional). (B)



DAY 13 Friday 19 July, 2024 Upton Blues Festival, British Midlands

Morning: Travel to Worcester, in the British Midlands. On the way, visit the city of Oxford, home to one of the world's oldest universities – the University of Oxford. Then, in the beautiful Cotswolds region, visit Bourton-on-the-Water, one of the prettiest villages in England. *Evening:* Attend the Upton Blues Festival, in the town of Upton upon Severn. *Overnight:* Whitehouse Hotel, Worcester. (B)

DAY 14 Saturday 20 July, 2024

Upton Blues Festival

Today enjoy a day of Blues music at the Upton Blues Festival. Set in the beautiful Worcestershire riverside town of Upton upon Severn, Upton Blues Festival has grown into a festival that fills the town with many thousands of music fans. There are three main stages and 13 pub venues, and over 160 performances. A great day and evening of music. (B)



DAY 15 Sunday 21 July, 2024

Upton Blues Festival

Today is the third day of the Upton Blues Festival and a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the blues festival. Another opportunity for you to explore the many stages and stalls in search of your favourite flavour of blues, food and good times! (B)

DAY 16 Monday 22 July, 2024

Liverpool

Morning: Travel to Liverpool via the beautiful UK countryside. Visit Stratford-upon-Avon, home of William Shakespeare. Enjoy walking tour and see Shakespeare's birthplace and New Place, the playwright's retirement home. Visit Birmingham, England's second largest city, known for its network of canals and industrial revolution era landmarks. *Afternoon:* On arrival in Liverpool enjoy 50 minute Mersey River cruise on the colourful Dazzle Ferry. We will sing the Gerry & The Pacemakers song, Ferry Cross the Mersey. *Overnight:* Novotel Liverpool Centre. (B)



DAY 17 Tuesday 23 July, 2024

Liverpool

Morning: Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Liverpool, with local guide, including visits to famous Beatles sites – Penny Lane & Strawberry Fields. Visit The Beatles Story exhibition and Mathew Street, location of the Cavern Club (where The Beatles performed in their early days). *Evening:* Join Jules Boulton for an included farewell dinner at Ruby Blues in the heart of Liverpool with a few songs from Jules to celebrate our time in Europe. (B,D)

DAY 18 Wednesday 24 July, 2024

Departure

Morning: Travel to Manchester airport. Commence flights back to Australia. (B)

DAY 19 Thursday 25 July, 2024

Arrive back in Australia

We arrive back in Australia and tour concludes.

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Tour Price

Per person twin-share	\$10,995
Air taxes and fuel surcharges at 1/6/23	\$ 505
Total per person twin-share	\$11,500
Single supplement	\$ 1,995



Included in the tour price:

- Return economy-class airfare from Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Perth to Berlin and return from Manchester.
- 16 nights' accommodation in centrally located first-class and moderate first-class hotels, with private facilities, on twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Meals as per the itinerary (as indicated by B.L.D., etc.). Breakfast daily; 2 dinners.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Admission to music concerts/events mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'. Upton Blues Festival is free entry. North Sea Jazz Festival will include two-day admission to the festival.
- Eurostar fare, from Paris to London.
- Mersey River cruise on the Dazzle Ferry, in Liverpool.
- Transport by first-class chartered coaches throughout. All airport/hotel transfers.
- Tour escorted throughout by well-known Australian & International entertainer, Jules Boult.
- Tour managed throughout by professional Travelrite International tour manager.

Please Note: If any of the musical entertainment in the itinerary is unavailable, we will make every effort to replace that entertainment with similar performers/events.

Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance.
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners and morning teas that are 'included' are marked B, L, D, and Morning Tea, in the itinerary.
- Entry to concerts/entertainment events (1) not mentioned in the itinerary, or (2) mentioned in the itinerary, but marked 'optional'.
- International airport and departure taxes above the rate quoted.
- Domestic flight connections to and from departure cities (& arrival cities) in Australia.



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General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd. ABN 64 005 817 078 is the tour operator.

TOUR COSTS: The tour's costs are based on transport, accommodation costs and entrance costs at 1 June 2023. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change including currency changes, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to costings will be made within 60 days prior to departure.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days prior to departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa and Mastercard.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations within 60 days of departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellation outside 60 days from departure will result in a cancellation fee of \$900 per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc. Changes to the Tour Itinerary. Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary to fit in with operational requirements. Any changes to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

BAGGAGE: All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

RESPONSIBILITY: Travelrite International Pty Ltd. (Licence number 30858) is the tour organiser. Travelrite International acts only as agents in making of arrangements with carriers, hoteliers and others for the tour. As a result we cannot accept liability for any act or omission whatsoever, whether negligent or otherwise of those carriers, hoteliers or other persons providing services in connection with the tour over whom we have no direct or exclusive control. We do not accept responsibility for any injury, damage, loss, delay, change of schedule or any other events which are beyond our direct control, such as, but not limited to, war, flood, fire, civil disturbance, acts of God, acts of government, or any other authorities, terrorism, accidents to or failure of machinery or equipment, or industrial action. The passage contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies or firms and the purchasers of these tours and the passengers. Baggage is at own risk throughout the tour. This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be taken in the State of Victoria.

DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly

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HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$900 per person to:

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