



Treasures of France Tour, an Iconic Journey

11 Nights

May - September 2018



Summary

If Europe were a collection of art and culture, France would be its premier exhibit. The museums of Paris display masterworks of Western Civilization that inspire Parisians and visitors from around the globe. The shores of Normandy evoke a deep and humble connection to the contemporary world. Medieval castles in the Loire Valley represent exuberant nobility in their extraordinary architecture and gardens. Half-timbered villages reflect images from storybooks that come to life. Your custom tailored France tour immerses you in the splendor of France, a country brimming with inherent treasures and known for its expressive culture.

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- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
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Overview

Dates: May - September 2018

Interest: couples – family – seniors – group

Level of Comfort: 5/5

Minimum # of passengers: 2

Maximum # of passengers: none

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Euro
- **Language:** French - English
- **Transportation:** private car or bus
- **Dialing Code:** 33
- **Recommended vaccines:** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** It is better to exchange currencies before you go

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Day 1: Paris

Upon arrival at Paris's international airport, meet greet and transfer to the hotel

Enjoy a brief walking tour before dinner to take in the exciting monuments that are close to your hotel

In the evening, the city radiates with light, living up to its moniker, "The City of Lights." The Eiffel Tower, the iconic image of Paris, shimmers with elegance across its entire 906-foot frame. The tower was erected in the 19th century as the entrance gate to the World Fair, located on the Champs du Mars. A single beam continues to shine from the tower's pinnacle

Day 2: Paris

In the morning, your guide meets you at the hotel and escorts you through the city's history in the Ile de la Cité. The 12th-century cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris towers over the encircling Seine River. The tallest spire reaches a height of 300 feet. Gargoyles protrude from the roof, overlooking the flying buttresses. A relief of the Last Judgment decorates the Tympanum. People stroll along the cobblestone streets of the Latin Quarter

At the church of Sainte-Chapelle, you discover a world of color. Spectacular stained glass windows decorate the 13th-century chapel

Day 3: Paris

Today, your guide escorts you through the inspiring streets of Paris to the Louvre Museum

The Louvre contains more than 35,000 objects, from prehistoric artifacts to 21st-century art, displayed over an area of 652,300 square feet. Follow your guide through the labyrinthine halls of the galleries, including the Venus de Milo

Rest of the day at leisure

Day 4: Versailles

In the morning, your guide escorts you to the gates of the Chateau de Versailles, the former residence of the French monarch. The estate was originally built as a hunting resort for King Louis XIII and soon became a dazzling display of French prestige. The Baroque façade sets the tone for the grounds. Once inside the halls, you step into the exuberant lifestyle of royalty.

Day 5: Paris - Treigny

Leave Paris behind for the unique grounds of Chateau de Guédelon. In Treigny, France is attempting to recreate a 13th-century castle using only medieval techniques

Immerse yourself in the 13th century, watching the builders move brick, set mortar, and even carve graceful images into the stones to decorate the forthcoming structure.

Day 6: Chateau de Chambord

The Loire Valley is known for its stunning castles and beautiful fairytale landscape. French kings created a region of luxury and opulence rising from the lush riverbanks nourishing the area. The result was a collection of unforgettable chateaus and royal gardens. Today you visit the stunning Chateau de Chambord, a majestic 16th-century estate encompassing nearly 13,591 acres

Day 7: Chateau Chenonceau

In the morning, the sunlight washes over the lush plains of the Loire Valley and glints off the serene waters of the various rivers. Make your way to the exquisite 16th-century Chateau Chenonceau for a tour of the grand estates. The castle straddles the River Cher, utilizing the water to create a moat. An arched bridge connects the grounds to the luxurious edifice. Catherine de Medici created the gardens and Corps de Logis gallery, a term referring to the palace's principal block. Rib vaults cover the hall. The smooth stones create a comfortable effect. Armed men once filled the Guards' Room.



Day 8: Brittany - Mont-St-Michel

Today you step away from the Loire Valley and follow your guide to Brittany, a region bounded by the sea and decorated with quaint fishing villages set along the Atlantic coastline

Spend some time enjoying the remarkable charms of the town of Quimper. Half-timbered houses lead to pleasant squares. Pedestrian footbridges crossing the Odet River meet cobblestone streets. Place Saint-Corentin in the heart of town houses the 13th-century Gothic Cathedral of St. Corentin. The two towers rise to a height of 250 feet. You continue to the shores of Mont-St-Michel, where you settle in for the evening

Day 9: Mont-St-Michel

Mont-Saint-Michel rises out of the water off the coast of Normandy. A striking abbey adorns the rugged island perched on the highest point. The Gothic spires rise above the water at a height of 508 feet. At low tide, the water washes away from the island shores, allowing people to walk to the mainland. During high tide, the water can rise, creating a difference of 50 feet. Your guide leads you on a morning tour of the island, taking in the tremendous swirling sand of the seafloor and the twisting stone lanes of town.

After your morning tour of the island, you return to mainland France to witness the treasures of Bayeux. The Musée de la Paisserie de Bayeux houses the 230 foot long Bayeux Tapestry, which depicts the Norman conquest of England.

Day 10: Touching Contemporary Legends

Today your guide leads you on a humbling tour of the coastline, where the Allied forces landed during the D-Day invasions of World War II

A pathway encircles the area for elevated views of the pockmarked grassland, along with the remaining bunkers and gun pits.

Day 11: Giverny

In the morning, your guide escorts you to the serene town of Giverny, home to Monet's Gardens. Giverny is located near Normandy's southern border.

Like Monet's stunning portrayal of the gardens, you discover the balance of overgrown grass tufts and exquisite water lilies creating a perfect portrait

By visiting Giverny, you are walking through the images captured and cherished by the master painter.

Day 12: Paris

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Paris (economy class)
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport
11-night accommodation at hotels
Meals: daily breakfast
Tours and excursions as per the program
Assistance of our representative in France

Prices Exclude

Airport taxes
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Starting Price Per Person in US\$

Hotel	Double
3* Hotel	5940
4* Hotel	7550
5* Hotel	11845

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Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Paris	ME 209	02:05	05:45
Paris	Beirut	AF 5106	13:40	18:55

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