Grand Tour of France

14 Day Tour from Paris to Paris





Vacation Overview

You've seen photos of the Eiffel Tower-now is your time to see it in person. You've studied and read about D-Day's Normandy Beaches-now's your chance to visit them. You've heard about France's famous wines-now's your chance to see the Bordeaux wine-growing region. All of this and much more are included on this tour of France that begins and ends in Paris. History buffs are sure to be amazed by the many historic towns and attractions on this tour. Immerse yourself in ancient Roman history with a stop at Pont Du Gard bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 1st Century. Visit the amphitheatre in Aries, the city with the most Roman remains outside of Rome. Go back in time to the Middle Ages with a visit to the clifftop town of Rocamadour. Walk by the ancient battlements in the beautifully preserved, medieval town of Carcassonne; and visit Beaune's Hotel-Dieu charity hospital, built in 1443 after the Hundred Years' War left many of the town's population destitute. Coming to recent history, see Normandy's landing beaches, where Operation Neptune was launched on June 6, 1944. Art history fans will enjoy a visit to Aix-en-Provence, the birthplace of painter Cezanne, and a stroll around the 17th-century Cours Mirabeau, a lively area with fountains, elegant homes, and famous cafes. Spend time in the Loire Valley with its spectacular vineyards and castles. Discover Dordogne, one of France's most picturesque regions, showcasing many charming villages. Of course, no France tour is complete without visiting the French Riviera, and you'll have plenty of time to explore this beautiful area on the Mediterranean Sea. This value-minded tour through France is truly a vacation of a lifetime!

Itinerary

Day 1 ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE

Check into your hotel and spend free time strolling around Paris. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travel companions.

Day 2 PARIS-ROUEN-HONFLEUR-CAEN

Drive first to the historical capital city of Normandy, Rauen-one of the most prosperous cities of medieval Europe. Walk through its center, rich in Gothic architecture. Next, visit lovely Honfleur, known for its picturesque port and houses with slate-covered facades. Continue to Caen. Today's Distance: 186 mi/ 300 km

Breakfast <u>s</u> Dinner

Day 3 CAEN-NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES-BAYEUX-MONT ST. MICHEL

Time to see Caen before visiting the legendary beaches where Allied troops landed more than 75 years ago. Experience the most moving site of the American Cemetery at Omaha. Next, journey to Bayeux, home to the famous tapestry, listed by UNESCO, depicting William the Conqueror's epic battle in 1066 (entrance fee extra). Then, on to the unique beauty of Mont St. Michel, which stands on an island accessed via a causeway.

Today's Distance: 118 mi/ 190 km

Breakfast

Day 4 MONT ST. MICHEL-ANGERS-CHATEAUX COUNTRY

Time to enjoy a visit of Mont St. Michel before departing for Angers to visit its cathedral. Then, travel along the banks of the Loire River to reach the enchanting Chateaux Country. This evening, join an optional dinner at a local restaurant.

Today's Distance: 236 mi/ 380 km

Breakfast

Day 5 CHATEAUX COUNTRY

Spend the day at leisure or take an optional excursion to see some of the most spectacular castles of the Loire Valley, steeped in the history of noblemen and kings since the 11th century. Gothic spires, medieval turrets, great fortresses, and beautiful chateaux make for splendid panoramas.

Breakfast a Dinner

Day 6 CHATEAUX COUNTRY-BORDEAUX

Enjoy a scenic drive through the Nouvelle Aquitaine region, rich in agricultural resources including vineyards, forests and cereal fields, and stretching from the Atlantic coast to the Pyrenees in the South. On arrival in Bordeaux, discover the city on the included guided city sightseeing tour and consider an optional wine tasting excursion.

Today's Distance: 230 mi/ 370 km

Breakfast

Day 7 BORDEAUX-DORDOGNE-ROCAMADOUR-TOULOUSE

Discover one of France's most scenic regions, the Dordogne. Stop in the sacred medieval town of Rocamadour, dramatically perched high upon a cliff. Built on three successive levels, Rocamadour is both a place of legend and history where old stone houses, majestic towers and an impressive castle were built on the cliff edge of the Alzou Canyon. Continue southwards to Toulouse.

Today's Distance: 267 mi/ 430 km

Breakfast a Dinner

Day 8 TOULOUSE-CARCASSONNE-PONT DU GARD-AVIGNON

Travel to Carcassonne, immerse yourself fully in the medieval atmosphere of the city and discover its secrets on a guided tour. Then, stop for a picture at famous Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of Antiquity, and the finest remaining example of an ancient aqueduct built 2000 years ago by the Romans. This architectural gem, listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site, is set in a beautiful, unspoilt natural setting. Upon arrival in Avignon, free time to explore the old quarter featuring an amazing architectural and historic heritage, such as the Palace of the Popes. Today's Distance: 217 mi/ 350 km

Breakfast

Day 9 AVIGNON-ARLES-AIX-EN-PROVENCE-FRENCH RIVIERA

Visit Aries, known all over the world for Van Gogh's paintings. Admire the famous Roman amphitheatre, then continue to Aix-en-Provence. Walk down its main street, the Cours Mirabeau, lined with plane trees in the French tradition, and the 17th-century palace, houses, and fountains. Finally, head to the French Riviera on the shores of the Mediterranean. Today's Distance: 186 mi/ 300 km

Breakfast

Day 10 FRENCH RIVIERA

Take time to enjoy all the amenities of the French Riviera at your own leisure. Tonight, maybe join the optional "Monte Carlo by Night" excursion to see the Principality of Monaco.

Breakfast

Day 11 FRENCH RIVIERA-ORANGE-LYON AREA

See more of the Provence region today and stop in Orange, a town surrounded by beautiful countryside. It boasts Roman and Celtic heritages, as well as first class wines and original culinary and craft products. Next is Lyon, located at the confluence of the Rhone and Saone Rivers. On arrival, enjoy an orientation tour.

Today's Distance: 298 mi/ 480 km

Breakfast a Dinner

Day 12 LYON AREA-BEAUNE-PARIS

Travel through the picturesque vineyards and fields of Burgundy to medieval Beaune, the region's wine capital since Roman times. Stop to visit the famous Hotel-Dieu. Return to the French capital of Paris.

Today's Distance: 304 mi/ 490 km

Breakfast

Day 13 PARIS

Discover the glorious ville lumieres (City of Lights) and its many boulevards and monumental buildings. On your included sightseeing tour, a local expert will guide you through Parisian history, tradition, and modern living. Optional excursions are also available to complete your experience.

Breakfast

Day 14 PARIS

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Breakfast

Vacation Highlights

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Hotels

Paris



Tribe Paris La Defense Esplanade

Hotel as shown or similar First-Class

The city-styled Tribe Paris La Defense Esplanade offers stylish warm spaces in a relaxed atmosphere and has 184 spacious, air-conditioned guestrooms and a fitness center. The terraced restaurant offers delicious cuisine using local produce, the menus are a nod to TRIBE's Australian roots and the bar offers low-alcohol cocktails to make life more inclusive. The ultracomfy rooms are fully furnished with a flat-screen TV, coffee machine, mini-bar, complimentary toiletries and hairdryer. The property is located in a natural setting near the esplanade, and the nearest metro station is less than a ten minute walk away.

Caen

Ibis Caen Porte D'Angleterre

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class



This 91-room property is located not far from the city center of Caen, its in-house restaurant serves regional cuisine and there is a friendly all day bar for drinks.

Mont St. Michel



Hotel Vert

Hotel as shown or similar Tourist Class

Hotel Vert offers all comfort and services to make easier you to stay at Mont-Saint-Michel: a staff that listens to you, reception open all day, and some spacious and comfortable rooms. You'll be charmed by the good value for money of this 2-star hotel.

Amboise



Novotel Amboise

Hotel as shown or similar Superior Tourist-Class

The Novotel Amboise hotel is located in the heart of the Pays de la Loire with its nearby castles (including Chenonceaux, Chambord and Cheverny). Built on a hill overlooking Amboise and its castle, this 4-star hotel has 121 air-conditioned rooms.

Bordeaux

Ibis Styles Bordeaux Meriadeck



Hotel as shown or similar Superior Tourist-Class

The decor of the Ibis Styles Bordeaux Centre Meriadeck is inspired by the industrial heritage of Bordeux and the property offers 102 modern, air-conditioned rooms, all equipped with a flat-screen TV, Free Wi-Fi and a functionally furnished bathroom. Delicious drinks can be enjoyed at the lounge bar, which is open daily and the in-house restaurant serves French cuisine for lunch and dinner. The tram stop next to the hotel, allows easy access to the UNESCO-listed capital of southwest France, with its historic center, gardens, museums and monuments.

Toulouse

Ibis Pont Jumeaux

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

This 104-room modern budget hotel is located on the bank of the Canal du Midi, near the Palais des Congres, an ideal location from which to discover the monuments of the pink city. Free Wi-Fi access is offered throughout, there is a traditional restaurant serving fresh colorful lunch and dinner menus as well as a relaxed 24-hour bar with terrace.

Avignon



Ibis Avignon Centre Ponte De l'Europe

Hotel as shown or similar Superior Tourist-Class

Located opposite to the city walls, just a short walk from the city centre and the famous "Pope Palce" and "Pont d'Avignon" as well as its conference centre. Free public car parks nearby. Easy access: 437 yards (400 m) from the central train station and 10 minutes by train shuttle to the TGV train station.



Ibis Styles Nice Vieux Port

Hotel as shown or similar Superior Tourist-Class

The hotel has 114 spacious, air-conditioned and fully renovated rooms and a paying enclosed car park.

Lyon Area

Doubletree by Hilton Lyon Eurexpo

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

A polished contemporary 133-room hotel located in the St. Priest area with a surrounding park and views of the Alps and Lyon Hills. The Spacious, modern rooms beautifully combine a warmheated decor with functional amenities such as Free Wi-Fi, ecological individual air-conditioning, adjustable bedside table, work area and LED TV screen. Amenities include a fitness centre and a restaurant serving eco-friendly, authentic cuisine using local produce and fruits and vegetables from the hotel's own garden.

Paris



Novotel Paris Charenton Le Pont

Hotel as shown or similar

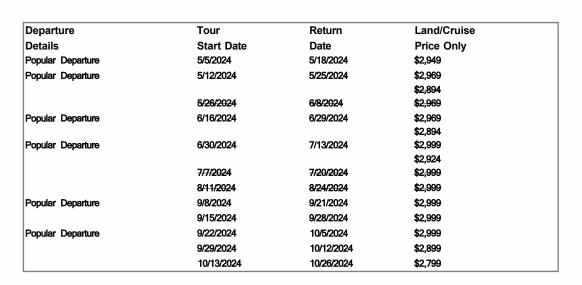
The Novotel Paris Charenton is ideally located on the edge of Bois de Vincennes, Paris's largest public park. It has 133 spacious, soundproofed rooms, all equipped with a flat-screen TV, Free Wi-Fi, a minibar, coffeemaker and a bathroom furnished with a hairdryer and complimentary toiletries. The restaurant serves modern, delicious cuisine with a sunny outdoor terrace and drinks can be enjoyed at the hotel's bar well into the night. The Liberte Metro Station is 80 meters away from the hotel and provides direct access to Bastille, Opera Garnier and Place de la Concorde.

No Excursions are available at this time.

Dates and Prices

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