



FRANCE EXPERIENCE TOUR

EUROPEAN CLASSIC: FRANCE EXPERIENCE

1.

ARRIVE PARIS (2 NIGHTS)

Welcome to Paris. After a welcome meeting with your Travel Director, there is time to relax and explore this beautiful city. Consider an evening tour to Montmartre, an area full of charm and character.

Hotel

Mercure Paris La Defense Grande Arche

2.

PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

This morning your sightseeing tour features views of the Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysées and the Arc de Triomphe. Spend the rest of the day as you wish.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

3.

PARIS – BEAUNE – LYON

Visit medieval Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy. Arrive later in Lyon, a dynamic cultural city with an orientation tour en route to your hotel.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel

Campanile Centre Berges Du Rhone

4.

LYON – AVIGNON – MONACO – FRENCH RIVIERA (2 NIGHTS)

Enjoy a scenic drive south to Avignon to view the Palace of the Popes and St. Bénézet Bridge. Then continue to the tiny Principality of Monaco on the coast. Finally drive to your hotel on the glamorous French Riviera.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel

Park & Suites Le Cannet

5.

CANNES FREE DAY

Relax and experience the Côte d'Azur's sophisticated atmosphere. Perhaps laze on the beach and sip cocktails in a shady terraced bar, shop for the latest fashions or explore the town of Cannes famous for its film festival.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

6.

FRENCH RIVIERA – PONT DU GARD – NIMES

View the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct spanning the Gardon River which was built in the 1st century AD to supply

water to the nearby towns. Continue to your hotel in Nimes.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel

C Suites

7.

NIMES – CARCASSONNE – LOURDES

Drive to Carcassonne for an orientation of this walled medieval town. Visit Lourdes nestled in the foothills of the Pyrénées to view the basilica on top of St. Bernadette's Grotto. This evening there is an opportunity to join a procession by torchlight to the basilica with the pilgrims – a magical and moving experience.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel

Quality Hotel Christina

8.

LOURDES – BIARRITZ – BORDEAUX

Drive westwards from Lourdes to the Atlantic coast. In the glamorous resort of Biarritz explore the chic boutiques and watch the surfers perform their stunts. Traverse the rolling countryside of Les Landes to classical Bordeaux.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel

Ibis Centre Meriadeck

9.

BORDEAUX – ST. EMILION – COGNAC – LOIRE VALLEY (2 NIGHTS)

Enjoy a scenic drive to the hilltop village of St. Emilion which is famous for its wine. Stop in Cognac to visit a brandy distillery. Continue past the strange buildings of Futuroscope, the amusement and science theme park at Poitiers, to the Loire Valley.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel

Ibis Styles Tours Sud

10.

LOIRE VALLEY AND CHÂTEAU EXCURSION

Your Local Specialist takes you on a fascinating visit to Chenonceau, a fairytale château built across the River Cher, home to priceless collections of Renaissance art and furniture. Your journey continues through verdant countryside. View the imposing castle at Amboise, where Leonardo da Vinci is said to be buried and view the splendid Château de Chambord. Tonight why not try delicious local Touraine cuisine?

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

11.

LOIRE VALLEY – MONT ST. MICHEL – D-DAY LANDING BEACHES (OMAHA) – DEAUVILLE

Head north through the picturesque countryside of the Loire Valley and Normandy. Visit Mont St. Michel and view the abbey. Then continue to the historic D-Day landing beach and the American cemetery at Omaha Beach. Arrive later at your Normandy hotel in Deauville, the elegant resort renowned for its racecourse, harbour and international film festival.

- Meal(s)
- Buffet Breakfast
- Dinner
- Hotel
- Ibis Centre

12.

DEAUVILLE – HONFLEUR – ROUEN – PARIS

Explore the picturesque harbour at Honfleur on the Normandy coast, a summer haunt of the impressionist painters. Drive through cheese and cider country to Rouen, where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake, and view the impressive cathedral. Your day ends in the glittering capital, Paris, where you may consider an Optional Experience to a Parisian cabaret.

- Meal(s)
- Buffet Breakfast
- Hotel
- Adagio City Hotel Malakoff

13.

DEPART PARIS

Say 'au revoir' to Paris, your Travel Director and newfound friends at the end of a memorable holiday in France. Transfers are available to Charles de Gaulle Airport. Conditions apply.

- Meal(s)
- Buffet Breakfast

What's Always Included

Sightseeing Highlights

- Paris-
Sightseeing includes views of the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Élysées and the Eiffel Tower
- Beaune-
Visit this charming town
- Lyon-
Orientation tour of this gastronomic city
- Avignon-
View St. Bénézet Bridge and the Papal Palace
- Monaco-
Visit the Principality
- Cannes-
Visit the home of the annual film festival
- Pont du Gard-
View the Roman Aqueduct
- Carcassonne-
Visit this beautifully preserved walled city
- Lourdes-
View St. Bernadette's Grotto

- Biarritz-
Visit this glamorous resort
- Bordeaux-
Orientation tour
- St. Emilion-
Visit the famous wine village
- Cognac-
Visit a brandy distillery
- Loire Valley-
Visit the magnificent Château de Chenonceau with your Local Specialist. View the Château at Amboise and Chambord
- Mont St. Michel-
Visit the island town and view the Abbey
- Normandy-
Visit the D-Day landing beach of Omaha
- Honfleur-
Visit this picturesque port
- Rouen-
View the Cathedral

Dining

- 12 buffet breakfasts
- 5 three course dinners

Travel Highlights

- Luxury air-conditioned coach
- Hand-picked 3 and 4 star accommodation
- All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes
- Variety of Optional Experiences
- An expert Travel Director and separate driver
- Airport transfers are provided on the first and last travel day
- Audio Headsets Provided throughout your holiday to enhance your included sightseeing experiences

