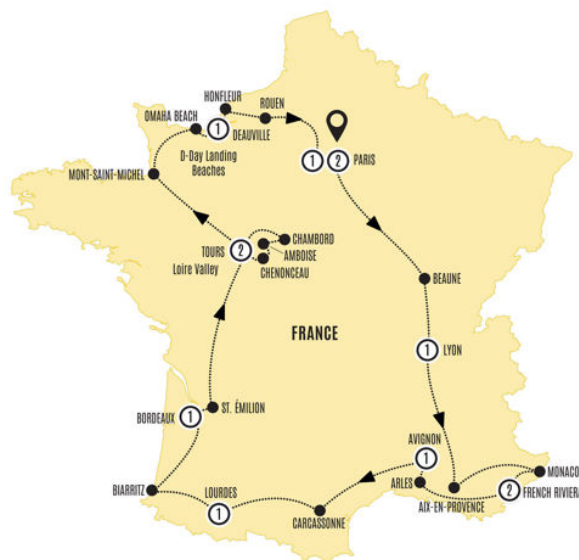


Highlights of France

Trip Map



📍 Start Location

📍 End Location

① Over night

● Visited Location

🚢 Cruise

🚢 Ferry

✈️ Plane

🚆 Train

Day 1 | Arrive Paris



It's time to explore Paris's grand past, its dynamic present and exciting future. This is one capital city that doesn't hold back and doesn't expect you to either. Dive right into the history, culture and culinary delights of this extraordinary city, from the iconic Iron Lady to croque monsieurs, lazing on the banks of the Seine, or visiting museums and monuments. After checking in there's time to relax or explore the city your way, but you might like to get a head start on your sightseeing by joining a Choice Experience - a Seine cruise and scenic drive taking in many of the major sights.

Hotel: Mercure Paris Porte d'Orleans

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Seine Cruise and Parisian Icons - Get set to see Paris in a whole new way! Hop on a cruise along the River Seine, where iconic landmarks like the Grand Palais and Eiffel Tower line the route. Then, enjoy a comfortable drive through the city, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere as you see some of its most celebrated sights.

Adult: 51.00 EUR

Day 2 | Paris sightseeing and free time



The Parisians know a thing or two about beauty, elegance and a life well lived, which your full day in Paris will deliver in abundance. Hit the grand boulevards on a city sightseeing tour through the heart of the city conducted by your Travel Director. See the Arc de Triomphe and Champs Élysées, then perhaps choose to tread in the footsteps of Picasso and Dalí during an optional visit to Montmartre, exploring the cobbled streets and Artist's Square. Enjoy an optional dinner experience this evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mercure Paris Porte d'Orleans

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Latin Quarter and Luxembourg Gardens - With your Local Specialist, you'll be en route to the iconic Latin Quarter. Where you'll stroll through the Luxembourg Gardens, admiring a replica of the Statue of Liberty and the garden's famous beehives before enjoying free time to explore the Latin Quarter and view Notre Dame Cathedral.

Adult: 40.00 EUR

Montmartre Village and Artists' Square - Montmartre, dominated by the soaring Sacre Coeur Basilica, is Paris's treasure not to be missed. Wander its quirky streets with a Local Guide who'll help you explore hidden galleries and the iconic Artist's Square – a playground for legends like Toulouse Lautrec and Picasso. Dive into the local scene: haggle over one-of-a-kind art, get a taste of local eats, and soak up the real Montmartre vibe on this eye-opening tour.

Adult: 51.00 EUR

Paris Dinner and Iconic Landmarks - Get ready to indulge in an authentic Parisian feast at a charming local spot you're bound to love. After dinner, immerse yourself in the vibrancy of the city as you stop by iconic landmarks. It's your chance to capture the unforgettable essence of Paris.

Adult: 81.00 EUR

Day 3 | Paris – Beaune – Lyon



Au revoir Paris. The City of Light will keep shining, but for now your sights are set on medieval Beaune where the official raison d'être is the local wine. The beautiful marketplace and 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu are yours to explore before later continuing your journey to Lyon. Get your bearings during an orientation tour, then perhaps consider joining a Choice Experience delving into the rich history of the city and the classical French cuisine that helped make it famous.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Styles Hotel Lyon Confluence

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Flavours of Beaujolais and Lyon's Old Town - Kick back on an drive by the Saône River and get ready to treat your taste buds to top-notch French cuisine. Dive into Lyon's rich past, from ancient Gauls to the cobblestone streets of the medieval old town, all while sitting in the food capital of France! Your chef's whipping up a delicious three-course dinner, and yes, expect some fantastic local wines, too. It's all the history and flavour – the perfect mix for a memorable night.

Adult: 85.00 EUR

Day 4 | Lyon – Aix-en-Provence – Monaco – French Riviera



Follow the Rhône Valley south and enjoy some free time in the Provençal town of Aix-en-Provence, founded by the Romans over natural hot springs. The last leg of your journey southwards stretches out to the shimmering Mediterranean coast, where the Principality of Monaco and the Côte d'Azur await. Keep your cameras at the ready as you drive along its elegant boulevards and attempt to capture the sophistication that seems to ooze from every corner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Ibis Cannes Mandelieu

Day 5 | French Riviera free day



Ooh là là! A full free day on the French Riviera. There's no shame in spending the day sprawled out on a sun-lounger with a cocktail, but if you can pull yourself away from the beach you'll want to join your fellow travellers for an optional exploration of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. Life is rather idyllic in this enchanting walled hill-town and, like some of its famous residents, you'll want to linger here a little longer. You never know who you might spot seated in those sleek Ferraris and private yachts that dot the French Riviera.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Cannes Mandelieu

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Saint-Paul-de-Vence and Nice - Dive into the beauty of Esterel Heights and discover the charming town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. Stroll its twisting alleys alongside your Local Guide, soaking in the sight of graceful fountains and timeless medieval builds. Next stop? The glitz of Nice on the Riviera. Lose yourself in the allure of its old town and dive into the colours and scents of its Provençal markets.

Adult: 55.00 EUR

Day 6 | French Riviera – Arles – Pont du Gard – Avignon



Fuel up on a characteristically French breakfast of croissant and coffee before embarking on your next adventure. Today you travel west to the Camargue centre of Arles, where Vincent Van Gogh found inspiration for so many of his paintings. Next, you'll view the magnificent Pont du Gard, an aqueduct carefully constructed in the first century to supply fresh water. Continue to the heart of Provence and the city of Avignon which features one of the world's most incredible religious architectural legacies.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Ibis Avignon Sud

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

On the Trail of Vincent Van Gogh - Arles is a treasure chest of history, and you'll be diving into its Roman past with marvels that have stood the test of time. Gaze in awe at the 2000-year-old amphitheatre. But there's more to Arles than ancient ruins. With your Local Guide, explore the very spots that inspired Vincent Van Gogh to create masterpieces like 'The Starry Night'.

Adult: 30.00 EUR

Day 7 | Avignon – Carcassonne – Lourdes



Like a scene straight from the pages of a children's storybook, Carcassonne stands proudly on a hillside behind fortified stone walls. Its undeniable charm is evident when you come across the town's 12th century architecture and turreted medieval castle. From fairy tales to the foothills of the Pyrénées, your next stop is the town of Lourdes where you'll tread in the footsteps of the millions of pilgrims, who have made the journey to pay homage to St. Bernadette and view the basilica on top of the Grotto where she is said to have seen visions of the Virgin Mary. This evening presents an opportunity to join a procession by torchlight with the pilgrims – a truly magical and moving experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mercure Imperial

Day 8 | Lourdes – Biarritz – Bordeaux



The beach is back on the agenda today, so get your hat and sunglasses ready for a trip to the glamorous seaside town of Biarritz on the Atlantic coast. There's no need to think about what to do next. Take your cue from the European royals who have been visiting this resort town since the 1800s and find your new favourite spot on a wicker chair in the sun. If watching local surfers perform their stunts isn't enticing enough, you could choose a Choice Experience into the Basque country. After a good dose of sun, sea and lofty peaks, it's back into the rolling countryside of Les Landes and onwards to our final destination of the day, Bordeaux.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Centre Mériadeck

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

St. Jean de Luz, Jewel of the Basque Country - St. Jean de Luz isn't just any town; it's the crown jewel of the Basque Country. Think pirates, royal weddings, and secret recipes passed down through generations. Dive into its rich history and taste its claim to fame—the world-famous macaron—with your Local Guide leading the way. Then, it's your turn to discover. Wander through craft shops, hit the beautiful beach, and make your own tales.

Adult: 48.00 EUR

Picture Perfect Bordeaux - Uncovering the hidden corners and stories of Medieval Bordeaux's pedestrianised old town with our Local Specialist while also discovering the places to take the perfect photo of Bordeaux to post to friends and family.

Adult: 32.00 EUR

Day 9 | Bordeaux – Saint-Émilion – Tours



After a night sampling Bordeaux blends and the city's eclectic mix of street life and well-preserved 18th century architecture, a new adventure awaits. The hilltop village of Saint-Émilion is an appealing stop for red wine lovers. This is château country and there's no better way to explore it than joining an optional wine tasting at a historic vineyard. Continue to your hotel by the city of Tours, known as the gateway to the Loire Valley.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Ibis Tours Centre Gare

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Wine Tasting in a French Chateau - Enjoy an unforgettable adventure in Bordeaux with this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. You're off to explore picturesque vineyards at a beloved French Château Estate. Get the inside scoop with a guided tour of vibrant vineyards and historic cellars, then treat your taste buds to some of the globe's most celebrated wines. Return home with the art of French winemaking in your back pocket, ready to impress as a bona fide wine expert.

Adult: 46.00 EUR

Day 10 | Loire Valley and Châteaux excursion



Indulge your inner king or queen when you embark on a whimsical tour of Château de Chenonceau with a Local Guide. This enchanting, fairy-tale château straddling the Cher River is the most photographed sight in the Loire Valley and it's easy to see why. Explore its priceless collections of Renaissance art and furniture and stroll through the exquisite landscaped gardens before continuing to the royal town of Amboise where Leonardo da Vinci is said to be buried. Your encounter with French nobility not quite at its end, you'll view the splendid Château de Chambord, one of the world's most remarkable châteaux. Make the most of your last night back in Tours with an Optional Experience to visit the Old Town and enjoy Touraine cuisine in a traditional restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Tours Centre Gare

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Tours, Old Town and Traditional Dinner - Get ready for a magical excursion through Tours' Old Town that feels like stepping into a fairy tale. With a Local Guide at your side, uncover the wonders of the Basilica of St. Martin and dive into tales of Renaissance Kings. Then, as twilight falls, indulge in the local flavors of Touraine Cuisine at a classic restaurant, adding a deliciously authentic twist to your adventure.

Adult: 73.00 EUR

Day 11 | Tours – Mont Saint-Michel – D-Day Landing Beaches (Omaha) – Deauville



Only the epic sight of a medieval town rising out of the sea could compete with the beauty of the Loire Valley and your visit to Mont Saint-Michel will certainly not disappoint. Hear how the Archangel inspired the Bishop of Avranches to build a church atop this rocky outcrop, then continue your journey to the iconic D-Day landing beaches where thousands of Allied soldiers first landed on French soil, in what became the largest seaborne invasion in history. After a poignant stop at the Normandy American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, you'll continue on to your hotel in Deauville. This elegant resort is renowned for its racecourse, harbour and high-profile international film festival held in September.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Ibis Deauville Centre

Day 12 | Deauville – Honfleur – Rouen – Paris



You'll wish you had the talents of Monet during your brief visit to the colourful port town of Honfleur. It's easy to see why this 'most ravishing spot in the world' was immortalised on canvas by many of the world's greatest artists. Next head to Rouen, where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. Despite this tragic episode, there's much to fall in love with here, from the cobbled streets to Gothic churches and the impressive cathedral. After a busy day engaging with all that history, return to the glittering French capital for the final evening of your adventure. Consider joining an Optional Experience dinner and a cabaret performance for a celebration of your memorable journey with new friends.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mercure Paris Porte d'Orleans

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

La Nouvelle Eve Cabaret and Dinner - Get ready to be dazzled at La Nouvelle Eve, the iconic spot you've seen in "Emily in Paris" and the backdrop for ultra-chic fashion events including Dolce & Gabbana, Christian Louboutin & Vivienne Westwood. Celebrating 125 years of elegance, this Parisian revue theatre offers more than just a night out—it's an experience. Feast your eyes and taste buds with an à la carte menu and a cabaret show that brings the French can-can to life in all its sparkling glory.

Adult: 169.00 EUR

Day 13 | Depart Paris



And just like that, you've seen all the highlights of France. From Paris and beyond, you'll be finishing your trip this morning with a lifetime's supply of memories. Say a fond au revoir to your Travel Director and newfound friends.

Meals: Breakfast

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