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## Day 1 | Bonjour France



Discover romance, sophistication and French joie de vivre in Paris – the launch pad to a memorable journey through the French countryside. Explore the grand boulevards and picturesque avenues of the 'City of Light', before meeting your Travel Director and companions for a Welcome Reception. We take to the streets this evening to see some of the city's most iconic sights, including the Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe, standing in all its glorious splendour for you to admire.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Renaissance La Défense

## Day 2 | Discover the Delights of Paris



Join a Local Specialist to explore the Latin Quarter, a vibrant student hotspot and home to the Sorbonne University. View the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice, then soak up the authentic atmosphere and local day-to-day life of the Parisians as you stroll through historic neighbourhoods. Spend your evening embracing the pageantry of Paris and perhaps experience a traditional Parisian Cabaret.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Renaissance La Défense

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Giverny House and Gardens of Claude Monet*** - Step into the enchanting world of Giverny – Claude Monet's carefully-crafted paradise. The gardens and home of the Impressionist master were the inspiration behind some of his most renowned paintings. The famous Japanese bridge, the magnificent waterlilies, his charming pink house – it's all there waiting for you to discover.

Adult: 54.00 EUR

In Paris, depending on availability, you will be offered one of the below two cabaret:

*Please note both involve a pre-paid reservation. Cancellation within 24 hours will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee.*

***Moulin Rouge Cabaret and Dinner*** - It's world famous for a reason, and this is your chance to see the real-life inspiration behind the award-winning movie. This Parisian institution features 60 dancers and entertainers with over 1,000 costumes to create a dazzling spectacle. You'll enjoy wine, dinner and Champagne during this unforgettable soirée at the original Parisian Cabaret!

Adult: 192.00 EUR

***La Nouvelle Eve Cabaret and Dinner*** - Set in the heart of Montmartre District and famous for the filming of 'Emily in Paris' plus host to numerous fashion events including Dolce & Gabbana, Christian Louboutin & Vivienne Westwood, Nouvelle Eve is a must! Celebrating 125 years as one of the most elegant revue theatres in Paris, you will enjoy a night of sumptuous surroundings, a la carte menu and a sparkling cabaret highlighting the spectacular French Cancan.

(Open Thursday April 27th until Sat Oct 21st)

Adult: 163.00 EUR



## Day 3 | Journey through Burgundy to Lyon



Travel through the picture-perfect Burgundy wine region and stop in its walled regional capital, Beaune – most famous for the colourful geometric-tiled Hôtel-Dieu. We continue to the gastronomic capital of Lyon, where we spend the night. Discover the historic treasures of its well-preserved Old Town or perhaps indulge in delicious Beaujolais flavours in a local bouchon – the choice is yours.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Charlemagne

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Local Beaujolais Dinner and Old Town Discovery** - Strolling through the maze of hidden courtyards, cobbled streets and hidden traboules with our Local Specialist, we'll step back in time to discover Lyon's secrets. The World Heritage city was formerly home to ancient Gauls, powerful Romans, Gothic Cathedral builders and wealthy Renaissance Silk Merchants. We'll finish the evening with a mouth-watering three-course French feast, paired with local wine.  
Adult: 77.00 EUR

## Day 4 | Continue to Monaco and the French Riviera



Follow the Rhône Valley south, enjoying some free time in Aix-en-Provence for lunch and perhaps a taste of the sweet flavours of calissons. Continue to the glamorous Principality of Monaco, one of the smallest and wealthiest nations on earth. View the palace, home to the Grimaldi family since the 13th century, and the cathedral where Princess Grace and Prince Rainier were married. Enjoy a delicious Regional Dinner together in Monaco before travelling further along the sun-kissed shores of the French Riviera to our hotel, where we'll spend the next two nights.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Novotel Nice Centre Vieux Nice

## Day 5 | The French Riviera Your Way



The sun-kissed shores of the French Riviera are yours to explore today. Consider relaxing on the beach with your fellow sun-worshippers or an Optional Experience could see you visit the hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a popular haunt for actors seeking a relaxing retreat. In your free time, you have the opportunity to soak up the fresh sea air and perhaps indulge in a delicious Salade Niçoise.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Novotel Nice Centre Vieux Nice

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Saint-Paul-de-Vence, Corniche Drive, Perfumery and Meal** - Today, with our Local Specialist, discover the artists' and shoppers' paradise that is medieval Saint-Paul-de-Vence, consistently named the most beautiful hilltop town in the region. Next, we'll travel the famed Corniche roads to witness the most spectacular views of the Riviera coastline and its lavish villas. Along the way we'll pay a visit to a traditional French perfumery and then finish our excursion at a local restaurant for a delicious meal with wine.

Adult: 91.00 EUR

## Day 6 | On to Saint-Tropez, Arles and Avignon



We arrive by boat in glitzy Saint-Tropez for a morning sojourn to soak up our fashionable surroundings. This afternoon journey to the ancient city of Arles to admire its Roman theatre and arena - once the site of bloody battles and exhilarating chariot races. Tread in the footsteps of Vincent van Gogh with your Local Specialist, exploring the heritage of this town where he was inspired to produce more than 300 paintings and drawings. Later, journey to Western Europe's largest river delta region - the Camargue. Here we will Connect With Locals for a home cooked Be My Guest meal of original, regional dishes made with produce from local farmers and markets. Later, we make our way to Avignon where we will spend the next two nights.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Mercure Pont d'Avignon

## Day 7 | Explore Ancient History in Pont du Gard and Avignon



This morning we visit the impressive Pont du Gard – an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge to cross the river Gardon. It's arches of stone, still standing since the 1st century AD when it was originally built to take water to the Roman settlement of the present day city of Nîmes. Take time in Avignon to explore its impressive Old Town, once the seat of the Papacy. Our orientation of this extraordinary historic city includes views of the imposing Palace of the Popes and the famous ruined bridge straddling the Rhône, which inspired the French song, Sur le Pont d'Avignon.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Mercure Pont d'Avignon

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Treasures of Provence** - The prestigious name, the famous curved bottles and the connection to the papacy all mean that Châteauneuf-du-Pape is a wine region unlike any other. We'll visit the vineyards and cellars at a favourite French Chateau Estate. Later, there'll be plenty of wine to sample while we enjoy a traditional Provençal-style dinner!

Adult: 83.00 EUR



## Day 8 | Travel By High-Speed Train to Paris



The French countryside is your companion as you take the high-speed TGV train through the heart of France, past Auxerre and the vineyards of Burgundy, back to Paris where you'll have the rest of the afternoon to explore the city on your own. This evening, enjoy market-fresh produce and seasonal cuisine at Maison Plisson celebrating an unforgettable sojourn through France during a Farewell Dinner and MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that advances Global Goal 12: Responsible Production and Consumption.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Evergreen Laurel

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Montmartre Village and Artists' Square** - Many people go to Paris, but only a few are lucky enough to experience what it's really all about. Join us for a stroll with our Local Specialist through Montmartre – an artists' village once home to Picasso and Toulouse Lautrec, tucked away from the modern city. The paint will still be wet on the canvasses, as we watch apprentices work before our eyes in the famous Artist's Square. Mingle, barter, and stand in awe of Sacré Coeur Basilica in this historic, bohemian neighbourhood.

Adult: 43.00 EUR

**Seine Cruise and Paris Illuminations** - To truly see Paris in all its glory, you need to see it from the Seine. Enjoy a cruise along this famous river and take in unmatched views of the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower. Afterwards, we'll drive through the City of Lights to see some of the fascinating sights this beautiful city has to offer.

Adult: 47.00 EUR

## Day 9 | Au Revoir Paris



This morning after breakfast, it's time to bid Paris a fond au revoir as our fascinating journey through France comes to an end.

**Meals:** Breakfast