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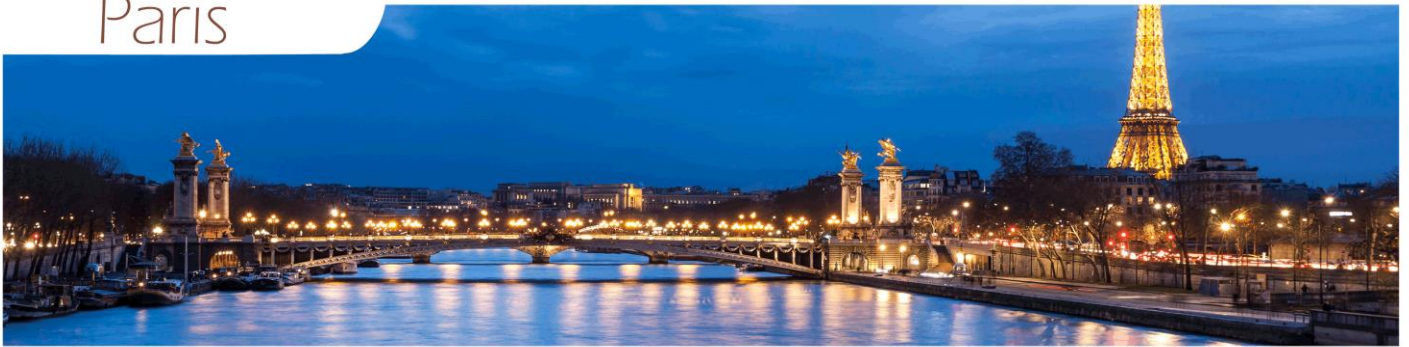
Custom Journey to France

Day 1 Depart USA

International flight to Paris, France (independently booked).

Day 2 Arrive Paris

Paris



Bonjour et Bienvenue/Welcome to Paris! Upon arrival at the Paris airport, meet your private driver outside of baggage claim for transfer to your hotel. Check in, relax and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. In the evening, you will enjoy a memorable dinner cruise along the famous Seine River. Overnight in Paris. PT/D/BR/H

Day 3 Paris Historique

Paris



Breakfast at hotel. This morning, meet your private bilingual certified guide at 9:00 am in the hotel lobby for a three hour tour of Paris's historical sites. A visit to Paris Historique includes Notre Dame Cathedral and St. Chapelle. To save valuable time, we will prearrange entrance tickets for you. You will also see Place de La Concorde, site of the royal beheadings as well as the Champs Elysees, the most famous avenue in the world. In addition, you will see the Arc de Triomphe, commissioned by Napoleon in honor of his army's victories as well as Les Invalides and Napoleon's tomb, a beautiful

golden domed monument housing his remains. Your tour will end around 12:00 p.m. in front of the iconic Eiffel Tower. *We will try to purchase Eiffel Tower tickets for you to visit the summit today or another day, but please note these cannot be guaranteed due to limited availability* Overnight in Paris. B/G/ET/H + ET

Day 4 Paris, Versailles

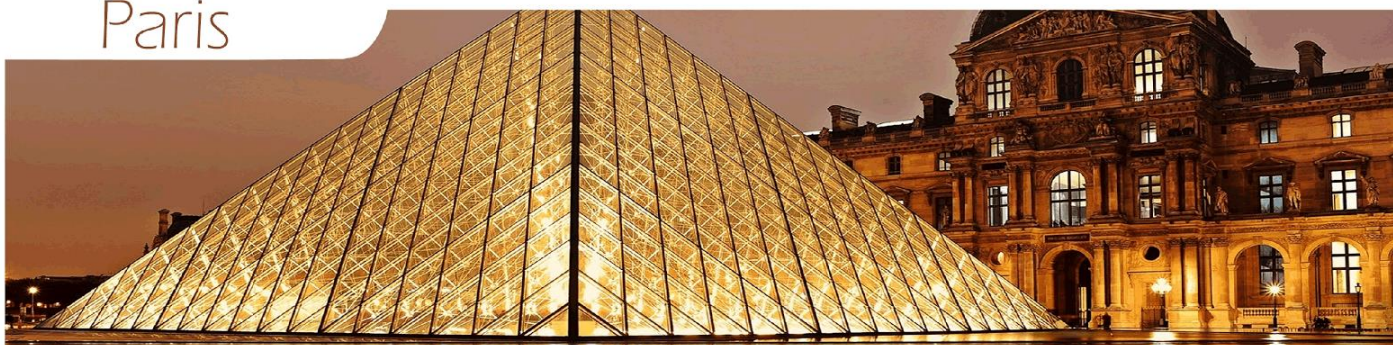
Versailles



Breakfast at hotel. This morning, meet your private bilingual certified guide and driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to Versailles. Versailles is the last residence of the French Monarchy as well as the center of political power until 1682. Your tour will include a visit to the Palace, for which we will pre-arrange entrance tickets for you. After your tour, you will enjoy an independent lunch and then return to Paris to partake in an authentic pastry making lesson. Learn to bake in the classic French technique and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Overnight in Paris. B/PD/G/ET/Pastry Class/H

Day 5 Paris Artistique

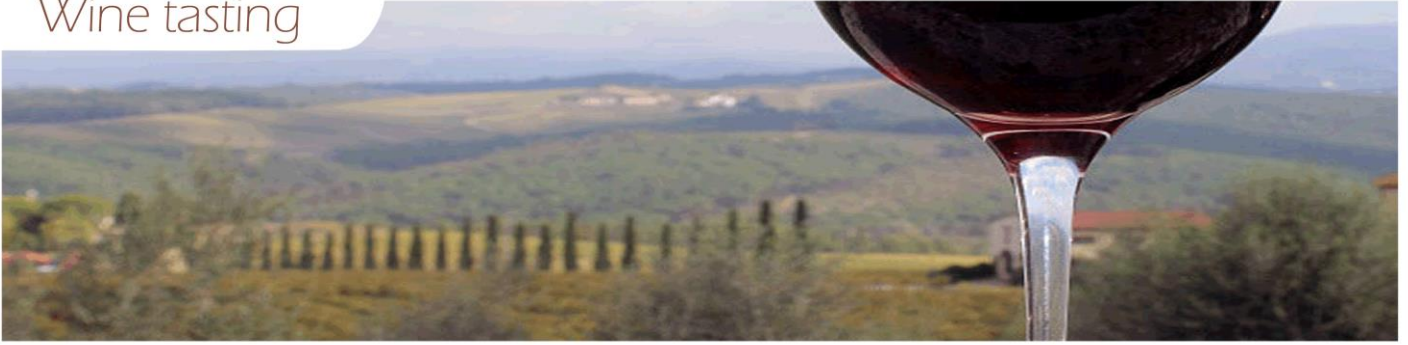
Paris



Breakfast at hotel. In the late morning, you will independently visit The Louvre Museum, located on the right bank of the Seine River. (A private guide could be arranged if you would like!) It is here that you will view one of the most important collections of fine art in the world. It contains 35,000 objects from around the world dating from prehistoric times to the 19th century. After your time at the Louvre, enjoy the day at leisure. Perhaps stroll through the beautiful Jardin du Luxembourg or enjoy sipping a glass of champagne along one of the many charming streets as you watch the stylish locals pass by. You could also visit Rue Mouffetard, filled with cafés, shops, and an outdoor market. Overnight in Paris. B/ET/H

Day 6 Paris, Loire Valley

Wine tasting



Breakfast at hotel and check out. Meet your private driver in the hotel lobby today for transfer to the Paris train station. Here you will board a high-speed train to Tours, France (1h 30m). Upon arrival, meet your private driver at the start of your track, holding a sign with your name, for an enjoyable day visiting the Loire River Valley. This area is known as the “Garden of France,” with its wealth of vineyards, orchards and vegetable crops. There is also an abundance of chateaux; these incredible castle-like homes include the Chateau d’Amboise and Chenonceau. Transfer to a small and simple wine chateau nearby in Ange’ sur Cher or Vouvray. Here you will partake in a tour of the winery, which produces six varieties of grapes, and enjoy tasting local wines. After this amazing experience, you will continue on your way to a second nearby winery where you will partake in an additional wine tasting in Amboise. In this area, wines are known for their slightly fruity and fresh, crispy palate. In the late afternoon, continue to your beautiful hotel with your driver. Check in and settle. Overnight in Loire Valley. B/PT/TRTK/PD/WT/WT/H

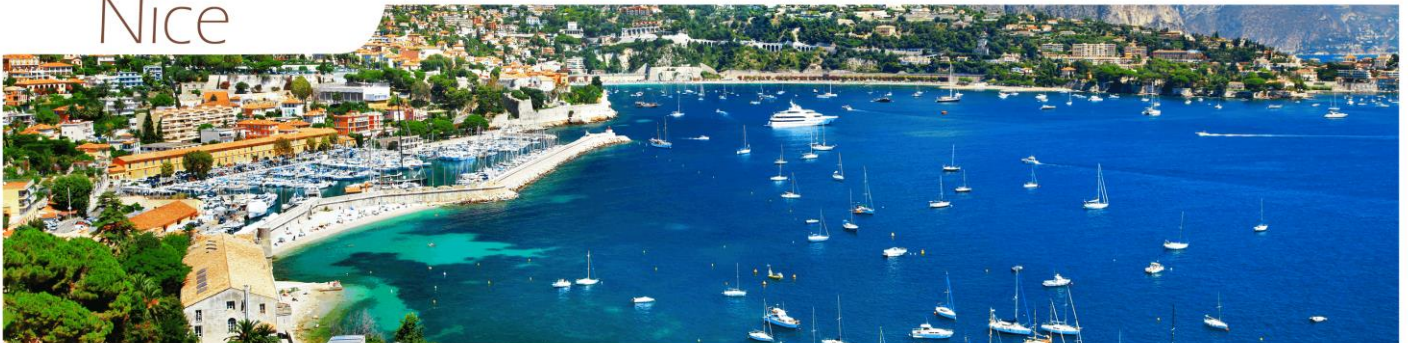
Day 7 Loire Valley, Paris, Nice

Breakfast at hotel and check out. Meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to the Paris Orly Airport (2h 30 min). Here you will board a quick flight to Nice (1h 25m). Upon arrival in Nice in the early afternoon, meet your private driver in the arrivals hall, holding a sign with your name, for transfer to your hotel. Check in and settle for the remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight in Nice.

B/PT/Flight/PT/H

Day 8 Nice

Nice



Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy the day at leisure. You will have free time in this beautiful coastal city. Known for its elegance, the city presents an option to experience vibrant French life. The clear air and soft lighting of this upscale city has been inspiring artists for many decades. Sample some delicious

French cuisine here, and note the Italian influence from Liguria and Piedmont. You may wish to make your way to Castle Hill for a bird's-eye view of the city, or stop in the Sainte-Réparate cathedral to admire the ornate décor and gilded interior. Perhaps spend time at the beach and swim in the Mediterranean or visit one of Nice's many open air markets. Here, we can arrange a walking tour focused on food- you will stop at local markets and restaurants, trying the dishes and wines that have made the region famous. You will indulge in candied fruits, Riviera wines, Pissaladiere and other 5 star delights. Overnight in the Nice. **B/H**

Day 9 Nice, St. Tropez

Breakfast at hotel. This morning, meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to St. Tropez (2h). Here you will enjoy time at your own pace. It is a picturesque and upscale coastal town located on the French Riviera, in the Provence region of southeastern France. The town became famous back in the 1960's attracting the international "jet-setters" and still, today, St. Tropez remains known for its elegant beaches and nightlife. The cobblestoned La Ponche Quarter was known as a fishing village though today, yachts outnumber fishing boats in the Old Port. You can explore the open-air markets, relax in a café overlooking the harbor or partake in the exciting nightlife of the town. The Provençale cuisine will surely delight you- you must try boullaibaise accompanied by a fine glass of burgundy or Boudreaux from a local vineyard. Return in the early evening to Nice with your driver for overnight. **B/PT/PT/H**

Day 10 Nice, Monte Carlo/Monaco, Eze



Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, meet your private driver for transfer to Monaco, where you will meet your private bilingual certified guide. Enjoy a two hour walking tour. The upscale principality of Monaco is renowned for its Royal Palace, the Grand Prix of Monaco, its luscious gardens and breathtaking Mediterranean Coastal views. Although the population is very small at 3,000, the city of Monte Carlo bustles with tourists who come for the excess, glamour and casino. After free time and an independent lunch, your driver will take you to the mysterious seaside village of Eze (10 min). Near the Cote d'Azur, perched at 400 meters above sea level, the views from the main garden of Eze are stunning. Eze is a fascinating medieval village and will prove to be an unforgettable part of your journey. In the late afternoon, return to Nice with your driver for overnight. **B/PD/G/H**

Day 11 Nice, Villefranche-sur-Mer

Villefranche-sur-Mer



Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy the day at leisure. If you would like, you could head to the train station and board a train to Villefranche Sur Mer (10 min). A lovely town along the Côte d'Azur, Villefranche Sur Mar has a beautiful seaside, with long sandy beaches, terrace cafés and restaurants, and the authentic old town, *vieille ville*. There are also quiet little squares in Villefranche, like the Place Félix Poullan beside the church, and the Place de l'Eglise just below, with a bench circling a beautiful big tree. The bay is a haven for yachts and has been the sight for countless movies. Less than 3 miles from Nice, Villefranche offers a small town and affordable experience on the beautiful French Riviera. Prepare for overseas flights. Overnight in Nice. **B/H**

Day 12 Depart Nice

Breakfast at hotel and check out. Meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to the Nice Airport where you will board return flights to the USA. Au revoir, France! **B/PT**

CODES: B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner H=Hotel G=Guide ET=Entrance Ticket
PD=Private Driver PT=Private Transfer TRTK=Train Ticket BR= Boat Ride WT=Wine Tasting
PWT=Private Water Taxi CL=Cooking Lesson

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