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## Spring in Paris & Normandy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day Tour

Day 1 Friday April 5, 2019 Depart USA  
International flights to Paris Charles De Gaulle airport (independently booked).

Day 2 Saturday April 6, 2019 Arrive Paris

Paris



Bonjour et Bienvenues/Welcome to Paris! Upon arrival at the airport, meet our private driver and bilingual group manager, outside of baggage claim, holding a sign with your name, for transfer to our hotel. Please note official check in time is 2:00-3:00 pm. Check in, relax and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. You will be able to settle in to your room for the week. In the evening, we will enjoy a memorable dinner cruise along the famous Seine River. Smart dress is required for this event, where you will experience the sights of Paris from another perspective. Overnight in Paris. PT/D/BR/H

Day 3 Sunday April 7, 2019 Paris, Normandy  
Breakfast at hotel. Meet our private driver early this morning in the hotel lobby for transfer to Normandy.

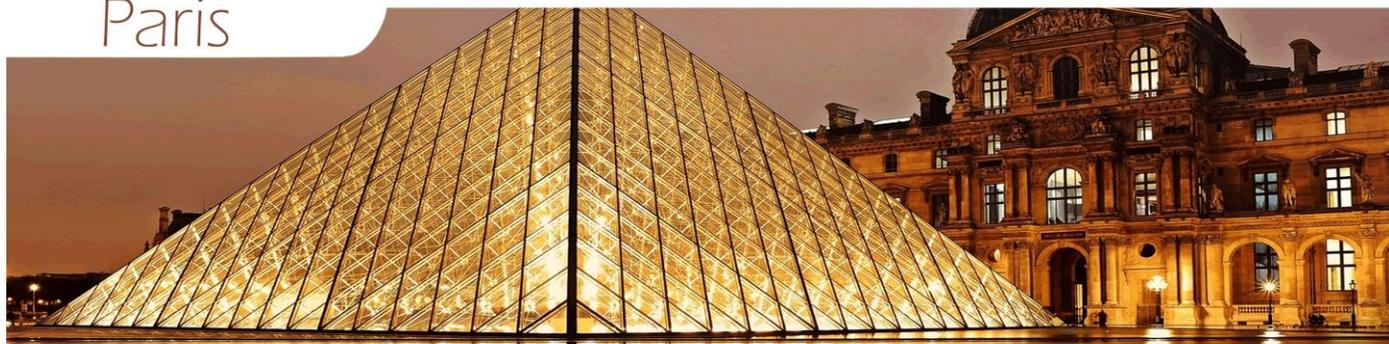
Normandy



Upon arrival, meet our private bilingual certified guide for a memorable and emotional tour. During the battle of Normandy in World War II, this city became the landing site for the invasion and liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany. This is recognized as the start of the second phase of the war in Western Europe. This year, 2019, is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, which makes our tour especially important and extraordinary. We will stop at Caen to visit the war museum dedicated to the re-enactment of the historical moments that took place there and changed the face of history forever. From there, we will proceed towards the famous Omaha and Juno beaches where original German bunkers and stranded war ships have come to rest and serve as a reminder of the battles fought there. Lunch will be provided today in Normandy. Return to Paris together in the late afternoon. Enjoy the evening in Paris and overnight. **B/PD/G/ET/L/H**

Day 4 Monday April 8, 2019 Paris Historique & Artistique

Paris



Breakfast at hotel. This morning, meet our private bilingual certified guide and private driver in the hotel lobby for a tour of Paris. First we will discover the historical side of Paris, including visits to the Notre Dame Cathedral and St. Chapelle. Our tour will first include a visit to the Louvre Museum, where we 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. Many works of art will be sure to provoke a “Mona Lisa Smile”. Entrance tickets are provided to skip the line. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your own pace. This evening, we will meet again for dinner together at 7:30 pm. Overnight in Paris. **B/G/ET/ET/PD/D/H**

Day 5 Tuesday April 9, 2019 Paris

Breakfast at hotel. Today is yours at your own pace. You could 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 could visit 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. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Paris. **B/H** **OPTIONAL: Pastry CL**

\*For those wishing to participate, you may choose our optional pastry making lesson today. Today you will learn recipes and techniques to create fantastic classic French desserts. This experience last several hours. Kindly let us know your preferences!\*

Day 6 Wednesday April 10, 2019 Paris, Versailles, Giverny

## Versailles



Breakfast at hotel. Meet our private bilingual certified guide and driver in the hotel lobby at 9:00 am for transfer to Versailles. Located in what is now a wealthy Parisian suburb, the Palace of Versailles was the last residence of the French Monarchy and is now dedicated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The center of political power in France from the 1600s, Versailles encompasses the history of the “absolute monarchy” of the Ancient Regime. Enjoy visiting this grand royal chateau, as the ornate décor and extremely lavish rooms will dazzle you. Step into the bedroom of Marie Antoinette and see how royalty lived in 16 and 1700s France. Be sure to visit the incredible and vast Gardens of Versailles, with its meticulously manicured lawns and delicately sculpted shrubbery. Our tour will include a visit to the Palace, for which we pre-arrange entrance tickets.

## Giverny



After the tour, together we will enjoy a delicious and memorable lunch and will continue to the town of Giverny. Together with our guide, we will view Claude Monet’s beautiful gardens. Entrance tickets are provided. These gardens inspired many of his most creative artworks of the Impressionist movement. He revolutionized painting in the 1870s. After, we will return to Paris in the late afternoon to enjoy the remainder of the day at your own pace. Overnight in Paris. **B/PD/G/ET/L/G/ET/H**

Day 7 Thursday April 11, 2019 Paris

Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy the day at your own pace in Paris. Perhaps stroll through the beautiful Jardin du Luxembourg or enjoy strolling along one of the many charming streets as you watch the stylish locals pass by. Perhaps visit Rue Mouffetard, filled with cafés, shops, and an outdoor market. We will also provide entrance tickets to the Eiffel Tower, based on availability, for a visit to the summit today. This evening, we will meet again for a farewell dinner. Prepare for overseas flights. Overnight in Paris. **B/ET/D/H** OPTIONAL: Musee’ D’Orsay ET

## Musée d'Orsay



\*For those wishing to participate, you may choose entrance tickets to the Musée D'Orsay. We will visit Musée D'Orsay, located on the left bank of the Seine River. The museum is located in the former Gare d'Orsay, which was a former railway station built between 1898 and 1900. It houses many important photographs and artworks from artists like Monet and Van Gogh. Enjoy viewing these classics at your own pace. Kindly let us know your preferences!\*

Day 8 Friday April 12, 2019      Depart Paris

Breakfast at hotel and check out. Meet our private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to the Paris Charles De Gaulle airport, where you will board return flights to the USA. Au revoir, Paris! **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    CL=Cooking Lesson

### Your custom itinerary includes:

- 24/7 concierge service from bilingual group manager
- 6 nights in hotels
- 6 breakfasts
- Transportation with private drivers throughout journey
- 4 private bilingual certified guides
- 6 entrance tickets per person, skip the line
- 3 dinners, with wine
- 2 lunches, with wine
- 1 Seine river cruise

### Optional add on activities:

- 1 Pastry making lesson
- 1 Musée D'Orsay entrance ticket per person, skip the line  
(Additional cost TBD)

8-9 participants: Price per person, based on double occupancy, is \$4448.00 per person + international airfare

10-12 participants: Price per person, based on double occupancy, is \$4136.00 per person + international airfare

13-16 participants: Price per person, based on double occupancy, is \$3892.00 per person + international airfare

Single room supplement: \$549.00