

PARIS IMMERSION



Paris earned its nickname, the City of Light, because it embraced education and the exploration of new ideas during the Enlightenment. Today, Paris still is unparalleled in its cultural wealth. Filled with museums displaying artistic masterpieces and significant artifacts, beautiful architecture and the best restaurants, the city beckons all who are in search of the finest things. Each neighborhood offers a glimpse into Paris' past. Every monument delivers a lesson in Parisian history, if not world history. For 10 days, explore the city and its environs at an unhurried pace. Travel like a local aboard the Métro and TGV. Explore the Marais and other Parisian neighborhoods on customized walking tours led by expert guides. Expand your horizons with day trips to the city of Dijon as well as the lavish Palace of Versailles.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **7 nights** in Paris, France, at the first-class **L'Echiquier Opéra Paris Hotel**.

Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.
- **10 single-ride Métro tickets**.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by **local experts**, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Two-day museum pass**.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception and Dinner**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception and Dinner**.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy seven breakfasts, one lunch and two dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



- Your exclusive **Small-Group experience** is limited to 28 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- Explore Paris with **10 single-ride Metro tickets**.
- A **two-day museum** pass allows you to bypass the lines at the Louvre and the d'Orsay museums and explore them at your leisure.
- Take a day trip to **Dijon**, capital of France's famed Burgundy region.
- **A blend of planned excursions and free time** allows you to surround yourself in the culture of Paris and its environs at your own pace.
- **Three lectures** provide context and background for your adventures.
- **Walking excursions in two Paris neighborhoods** introduce you to different sides of the city.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Paris, France.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ PARIS

Upon arrival, transfer† to the L'Echiquier Opéra Paris Hotel.

Excursion: Welcome to Paris.

Orient yourself with the neighborhood around your hotel on a walking tour and learn about the Métro, Paris' famous subway system, from your Travel Director.

Tonight, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner with your fellow travelers.

DAY 3 ~ PARIS

Educational Focus: The History of Paris.

Excursion: Le Marais. Explore the heart of artistic and cultural life in Paris in this intimate neighborhood. Marais means "marsh," but this neighborhood is much more elegant than its name.

Independent Exploration: The afternoon is yours to explore the city. Perhaps visit boutiques and art galleries, step into the Musée Picasso or stroll the regal Place des Vosges, Paris' first square.

Excursion: Paris by Boat. Cruise the Seine, Paris' famous river, and see the city's most famous landmarks.

DAY 4 ~ PARIS

Excursion: The French

Revolution. Learn about the French Revolution on guided walk through the Sixth Arrondissement, a neighborhood with strong ties to the French Revolution. See the hall where Danton and the radical Cordeliers held their debates, visit the oldest café in Paris and hear about the guillotine and the death of Marat.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy a free afternoon to explore on your own.

Educational Focus: Treasures of the Louvre.

DAY 5 ~ PARIS

Independent Exploration: The morning and afternoon are at leisure to explore Paris. With all the information from yesterday's lecture about the Louvre fresh in your mind, you may want to visit the Louvre with your two-day museum pass. The museum also has several restaurants, so you can enjoy lunch here and continue admiring

the art afterward.

Educational Focus: Treasures of the Musée D'Orsay.

DAY 6 ~ PARIS

Independent Exploration: The day is at leisure to explore Paris. You may wish to visit the d'Orsay to see the collections you learned about yesterday. The museum also has a choice of restaurants, so you can enjoy lunch here and continue admiring the art afterward. In addition, your Travel Director is available to offer other sightseeing suggestions.

DAY 7 ~ DIJON

Excursion: Bourgogne. Travel to Dijon on a high-speed TGV train. Discover the historic sites and culture of this charming Burgundian town. Admire stately stone mansions, a trio of churches, and half-timbered homes from the 15th and 16th centuries.

Local Flavor: Take a break for lunch at a restaurant in Dijon.

DAY 8 ~ VERSAILLES/PARIS

Excursion: Versailles. Travel by train to Versailles to see France's grandest palace on a guided tour. Versailles was France's political capital and seat of the royal court from 1682-1789. The Treaty of Versailles was signed in the famed Hall of Mirrors.

Independent Exploration: Spend the afternoon at leisure.

Tonight, attend a Farewell Reception and Dinner with your fellow travelers.

DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city.†

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. All excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ACCOMMODATIONS



L'ECHIQUEUR OPÉRA PARIS HOTEL

This exciting French immersion experience is grounded in comfort and convenience. Your home away from home is in central Paris near the Opéra Garnier and other theaters of the Grands Boulevards. With three lines of the Paris Métro just a five-minute walk from the hotel, so is the rest of the city. Meet for drinks in the art nouveau Bar Le 38, which evokes the Belle Époque era, for which Paris is so famous. Enjoy the use of the fitness center. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



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