

## 10 Day Comprehensive Paris & Surroundings

March 15 – 24, 2019

Especially Prepared for: UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Friday, March 15, 2019

### Los Angeles

(Meals: Per Airline)

- 9:20am
- Check in at Los Angeles Int'l Airport (LAX).
  - Pass through security and customs' formalities.
- 12:20pm
- Depart Los Angeles on Air Tahiti Nui flight TN 008.

### DAY 2 Saturday, March 16, 2019

### Paris

(Meals: Per Airline, D)

- 7:20am
- Arrive Charles de Gaulle Airport, Paris. (CDG)
  - Pass through passport control and retrieve your luggage.
  - Pass through customs' formalities and meet your arrival assistant...
  - Board your local transportation vehicle and travel to central Paris.
  - En route to your hotel enjoy an orientation tour of "La Ville Lumière".
  - From your vehicle you will see the famous icons of Paris – the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame and perhaps the Louvre.
  - Arrive at your hotel, the André Latin, for your French holiday.
  - Located in the vibrant "Quartier Latin" your hotel offers many restaurants and "boites" in an authentic French neighborhood ,
  - Take time to unpack, relax and, if energy allows, meander through the neighborhood.
  - Dinner tonight will be at a restaurant nearby, perhaps the l'Orée du Parc.

### DAY 3 Sunday, March 17, 2019

### Paris

(Meals: B, )

- Breakfast at your accommodations.
- Meet your guide at your hotel for a walking tour of Paris.
- Today's tour will include the major sites of Paris.
- Join the crowd as you view the city from the Eiffel Tower and the fabulous Mona Lisa at the Louvre Museum.
- Gustave Eiffel, creator of the Statue of Liberty in New York, designed this Tower and saw its completion in 1889. Today it stands as the main landmark of Paris and its tallest structure. Each evening it is illuminated hourly.
- The Louvre, or the Louvre Museum, is the world's largest art museum and a historic monument of Paris. This huge complex holds many of the world's treasures including the Mona Lisa, the works of Delacroix, Caravaggio, and so many others. It is located on the Right Bank of the Seine.
- This evening enjoy a Bateau Mouche river cruise on the Seine to view 'vieux Paris' and the original Statue of Liberty.
- This full day will allow an independent lunch and dinner.
- Overnight Paris.

**DAY 4**    **Monday, March 18, 2019**

**Paris**

(Meals: B, )

- Breakfast at your accommodations.
- Meet your local guide in the hotel lobby and begin your tour today using a public transportation pass.
- Proceed with your guide on a “Behind-the-Scenes Parisian Bakery tour.”
  - Paris is known the world over for its bread and there’s no better way to feel like a true Parisian than by learning the secrets behind the classic French baguette. Go behind the scenes of an authentic boulangerie with a qualified guide who shows you firsthand the secrets of a baker.
- Continue your tour in the heart of Paris, the “Ile de la Cité”. Here you will see the iconic Notre Dame de Paris, famous for its buttresses, bells, choir and nave. Please remember Victor Hugo’s classic, Notre Dame de Paris published in 1831.
- Sainte Chapelle, constructed to hold relics, is a small chapel whose stained glass windows are among the most brilliant in the world.
- The Ile Saint Louis will amaze you by its peacefulness, small restaurants and scenic views of Paris and the Seine.
- Remainder of the afternoon is free for shopping and independent visitations, perhaps to the nearby Palais de Luxembourg or the Marais area famous for la Bastille.
- Lunch & dinner at your expense.





**DAY 5**     **Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

(Meals: B, L)

**Paris / Versailles / Paris**

- Breakfast at your accommodations.
- Today we continue the grand tour with a full day in Versailles.
- Travel the short distance to the world of Louis XIV and the French aristocracy.
- Tour the fabulous palace and visit the Ice Palace, site of the signing of the Paris Peace Treaty.
- Weather permitting you will have ample time to have your included lunch outdoors and visit the famous gardens, whose horticulture and design make them a favorite to all who visit.
- Return to Paris in the late afternoon for an independent dinner.

**DAY 6**     **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

(Meals: B, L)

**Paris / Livarot / Paris**

- Breakfast at your accommodations.
- This morning we travel to Livarot to tour and sample the products of Graindorge Cheese Dairy.
- Since 1910, this independent family run business has been producing the Livarot and Pont l'Evèque cheeses, (PDO) cheeses.
- You will experience all the different stages of cheese production from the arrival of the milk until the cheese is packaged.
- Enjoy an included lunch either at the dairy or a restaurant nearby.
- Return to Paris in the late afternoon.
- Have an independent dinner near the hotel.



**DAY 7**     **Thursday, March 21, 2019**

**Paris / Champagne / Paris**

(Meals: B, L)

- Have an early Breakfast at your accommodations.
- Travel through the French countryside to the Champagne District.
- Tour several 'name' cellars and learn about the intense and complex process to produce this world's only "DOCG" champagne. You will have several opportunities to sample the champagne(s).
- Enjoy an included lunch either at a production site or a restaurant in Reims.
- Tour the Reims cathedral, a UNESCO site, famous for the kings' coronations.
- Return to Paris in the early evening.
- Have an independent dinner near the hotel.

**DAY 8**     **Friday, March 22, 2019**

**Paris**

(Meals: B, L)

- Breakfast at your accommodations.
- Sleep in for a well-needed restful morning.
- Today you will have the opportunity to make your own crepe for your lunch.
- Walk to the Marais section to a crepe cooking class.
- Here you will learn the history and difference between a crepe and a galette. You will create your own meal under the guidance of a professional chef.
- After lunch you may want to visit les Halles, the site of Paris' famous market is now known for the shopping opportunities in an underground market.
- You may also want to visit Le Musee du Parfum.
  - Museum Tours are lead by a professional guide and expert in perfumery and its history. After discovering the manufacturing techniques and history of the precious elixirs, you can test your nose with an olfactory game!
- Enjoy the rest of the day and evening free to visit or revisit the many sites of Paris.
- Have an independent dinner in Paris.





**DAY 9**     **Saturday, March 23, 2019**

**Paris**

(Meals: B, D)

- Breakfast at your accommodations.
- Today is completely free for you to experience Paris as you like it.
- You may visit some of the many museums near your hotel.
- You may want to travel to the Tuileries Gardens to relax by the Seine.
- You may want to view the spectacular stained glass windows in Sacré Coeur.
- You may want to just 'chill' near your hotel in the fabulous Latin Quarter.
- Join the group later for a farewell dinner at a local Parisian restaurant.

**DAY 10**     **Sunday, March 24, 2019**

**Paris**

(Meals: B, )

- Breakfast at your accommodations and check out.
- A transfer will be provided to Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG).
- Depart Paris on Air Tahiti Nui Airlines flight TN 007.
- Enjoy a full service non-stop flight.
- Arrive Los Angeles International Airport.
- Pass through arrival formalities.
- "Welcome Home"

11:35am

3:35pm

