

A FRENCH EXPERIENCE FOR INDEPENDENT WOMEN - FRANCE THE SEQUEL



This is our second exclusive tour to France. It has been developed as something completely different. Leaving in November to ensure that we can visit the famous Christmas markets.

Specialising in travel for women of all ages, our small group sizes ensure a more personalised, intimate travel experience. Limited to just 10 people, our tours cultivate a sense of friendship and togetherness, at the same time recognising the individual contribution of each traveller. With a minimum two nights stay in each city, tour highlights include Mont St. Michel, the Caves of the Cro Magnon, a wine and 'bubbly' tasting in the famous Champagne region, and of course, a sampling of creamy cheeses and flavourful produce while travelling through the quaint French country side.

With its rich culture and history, romantic arts scene and of course delicious food and wine, France is one place that is sure to inspire and captivate. Here's a brief look at the exciting itinerary we have in store for you.

Itinerary

Days 1-5: Paris and the Champagne Province

Depart Adelaide for Paris. Check into Hotel Bretonnerie before taking a private afternoon tour of Secret Paris with Oriel. The evening is free for independent sightseeing.

On day 2 we take the TGV to Troyes, at the heart of Champagne. Spend the next 3 days exploring the famous wine region. Highlights include a guided walk through medieval houses and courtyards, a visit to a stained glass workshop and champagne tasting in a noted cave.

We'll visit the magnificent cathedral of Reims (site of French monarch coronations) and partake in a cheese tasting in the village of Chaource (recommended with mushrooms and a glass of rosé).

From here we begin our tour of picturesque French villages.

Days 6-10: Alsace- Lorraine

Leaving Troyes, the tour continues to the city of Colmar, near the German border. We stay in the heart of the Alsace region, home to timber-clad villages and rolling landscapes.

We'll begin our tour with a visit to a 'reintroduction centre' for storks and otters before heading out on a medieval tour of the historic area. Highlights include the fishmongers district, little Venice and of course, the castles.





Tour the ramparts in the Alpine town of Eguisheim before making our way to Riquiwihr and Hunawihr, two more quaint villages where we can stroll at our leisure and enjoy a coffee and French pastry.

Next it's an Alsatian Villages and Vineyards Tour. This area in north eastern France is known as the most flowery of wine regions where small wine producers provide a varied list of heritage types. You will also get to visit Strasbourg which is the capital and principal city of the Alsace region in eastern France and is the official seat of the European Parliament

Days 10-14: Chateaux and Villages of Bergerac and Bordeaux

Enjoy your flight to Bergerac, in the Dordogne, home of truffles and foie gras. Upon arrival, we are transported by coach to our hotel in the medieval town of Sarlat, where ample time is scheduled to explore the delightfully picturesque town.

From our Sarlat base we'll visit the water gardens of Carsac, the Chateau and gardens at Losse and the wonderful scenery of the 17th century manor house Manoir d'Eyrignac.

Our next tour takes us to the bastide (fortified hilltop) villages where we are guided through the caves of the Cro Magnon to see the extraordinary wall paintings. This magnificent art work is considered to be over 50 million years old. We'll taste local delicacies at a special market and will of course enjoy the best of the Bordeaux.

Days 15-18: St. Malo Peninsula and Castle Dinner

Fly to Rennes in Brittany and check into the hotel for our three night stay in the old town of Dinan. Our tour includes a unique ocean cruise along with fascinating day trips of the historic old fort villages of St. Malo and Locronan on the coast of the English Channel. We'll stop at Cancale for oysters and a relaxing beach side walk; visit the Puffin isle and the quaint commune village of Rochefort-en-Terre before ending our area visit with a medieval dinner at one of the imposing local castles.

Days 18-20: Mont St. Michel and Bayeux

Travel to famous Mont St. Michel where we are based for two nights.

An in-depth guided tour of the famous rocky island and Mont St. Michel abbey is provided as we discover the many nooks and crannies of this impressive landmark.

Next we'll travel to see the famous Bayeux Tapestry, an embroidered cloth which depicts images of the lead up to the Battle of Hastings. The 70 metre long cloth is close to 1000 years old.

Day 20: The Home of Monet

Our bus takes us to Giverny where we will spend the night. This is the home of Monet and his gardens and the afternoon can be spent exploring the historic town at your leisure.

Day 21: Fly From Charles de Gaulle

Depart Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport for your flight back to Australia with a one day transit stop in Singapore

Day 22: Singapore

With an early morning arrival in Singapore, a day room will be provided and you are free to tour the city on your own. Depart for Adelaide in the evening.

Day 23: Arrival in Adelaide

Early morning arrival in Adelaide.

Experience includes:

Return economy airfares, single use of double accommodation throughout, two meals per day, all transfers, train and bus travel, museum entrances and guides, art and architecture information sessions, special events and visits, tips and taxes. Travel insurance not included. Taxi fares not included, unless stated at the time. Drinks are not included.

Our dining is a mix of rural and local places with regional food, through to wonderful, picturesque restaurants with books for menus. Each day you will be provided with breakfast and one other meal.

Walking at a leisurely pace is a large component of our tour. In each place we visit, we walk for either most of the morning or afternoon so we can get the true sense of the place we are in.

Each included walking tour is approximately 2 - 3 hours.

Prices start from \$14,800*

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