



Tours For Women



FRANCE – The Original Tour



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PARIS TO THE COTE D'AZUR - AND BACK.

This very special 21 day tour has been developed in response to requests from our clients. We have included substantial stays in the most well known areas of France.

In **PARIS**, we spend almost a week in the **Marais district (3rd / 4th arrondissement)**. Then, a fast train to **NICE** and 5 days there with trips to the surrounding areas of the **Cote d'Azur**. Train again to **Provence**, where we stay in **AVIGNON** for 5 nights. On then, to our favourite chateau hotel in the **LOIRE VALLEY**. Finally, return to Paris for the opening of **Monet's** garden at **Giverny** – a perfect end to our tour.

WE ARE DIFFERENT!

Our **hotels** are always boutique style. We choose them to be in the centre, so that we are relaxing with a coffee when the tourist buses are leaving. We also choose them for their uniqueness. Our **PARIS** hotel has been chosen for its place in the Marais district, close to the bohemian sector and the city centre. The hotel in **NICE** is close to the sea and has a beautiful garden. **AVIGNON'S** hotel choice is an ancient cloister and monastery in the medieval town. Chateau de Reignac Hotel in the **LOIRE**, is a privately owned, historic chateau.

We *never* have early starts or one night stays. Emphasis is always on relaxation and great experiences.

The **experiences** we offer cater to all tastes. There are always opportunities for a quiet sit with a coffee or cocktail – and time to do your own thing too.

Our *Experiences List* includes: Making your own perfume in Grasse, markets of many types, an evening tour of the Louvre, wine tasting in the Loire, walk the glorious Rothschild Gardens near Nice, inside Monaco's Casino, artisans in St Remy, lavender farm in Provence, a concert in the Sainte Chapelle Paris, following the Van Gogh trail in Provence, Chateau visits in the Loire Valley – and a mushroom farm inside a hill! Of course – Monet's garden at Giverny.

We have **women guides** at each stop. These women, along with their Art History qualifications, have unqualified passion for their regions.

All museum **entrances** are designed to avoid queues. We visit 'must see' places as well as special spots 'off the beaten track'.

Travel is by TGV fast train between each stay. We have First Class seats. Within each area, we travel by minibus or taxi or we walk. In Paris, we use both the metro and taxis.

Two meals are included each day. You can expect them to be breakfast and dinner unless notified otherwise. We dine in a mix of restaurants, cafes, home-style and silver service.

ALL INCLUSIVE.

What this means is:

- Return economy airfare from Australia
- All transfers, tips etc
- First class train travel
- Your own double room, single use
- No single supplement
- Two meals each day (dinners with wine)
- Private transport in country eg: mini bus, taxi,
- All entrances
- Private guides
- Private events eg: perfume making, wine tasting, artisan visits, concerts, specialist talks, private villa/garden visits...
- Accompanying tour manager
- Your own tailored photo album of the tour.

Not included: insurance, personal expenses, extra meals or wines, room service.

****Optional** supper show at *Moulin Rouge Nightclub* approx \$150

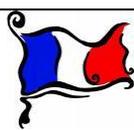
COST AND PAYMENT.

The tour cost is \$15,500

It is payable by monthly payments.

FLIGHTS: Want to arrange different flights or business class? We can help with this – and if you do choose a different option, then we will deduct \$1500 from the tour cost.

Payment is always made to our registered Travel Agent where it is retained in trust, by law.



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Day 1 – Saturday 30 March (**This itinerary may be subject to changes, dependent on openings etc.) **Leave Australia for France.**

Day 2 Sunday 31 March	<i>Hotel Croix de la Bretonnerie (5 +2 nights)</i>	<i>Arrive Paris:</i> Wander around our area to experience this famous sector and get our bearings Catch the boat along the River Seine from the Eiffel Tower. Dinner (early) near the hotel in rue des Archives
Day 3 Monday 1 April		Later start today: Tour the Left Bank with our guide Beatrice Coffee/lunch on the top floor of Galleries Lafayette with Penny. Tour of Opera Garnier Dinner this evening in the Marais at Le Connetable .
Day 4 Tuesday 2 April		Magnificent Versailles Take our minibus to Versailles. Tour with our private guide Catch the mini train for Lunch at La Flotille in the palace gardens Time to wander on your own.. ** Optional Supper Show: Moulin Rouge = \$150
Day 5 Wednesday 3 April		The famous art galleries of Paris The Musee d'Orsay and the Impressionists D'Orsay Restaurant entrance-for lunch. Afternoon to do as you please. OR come up the Eiffel Tower with Penny Evening visit to The Louvre with our guide Oriel
Day 6 Thursday 4 April		Montmartre and the Pigalle Guided visit to Sacre Coeur , the Moulin Rouge , the artists of Montmartre ... Lunch/coffee in Montmartre at Bistrot Galette Evening concert at magnificent Sainte Chapelle with Dinner to follow.

		<i>The Cote D'Azur</i>
Day 7 Friday 5 April	<i>Hotel Villa Victoria (4 nights)</i>	<u>First class TGV to Nice on the French Riviera</u> Wander along the sea to the Nice old town to meet our guide Agnes. Visit to the famous flower markets Dinner at Maison Marie
Day 8 Saturday 6 April		<u>A leisurely day around town with Agnes</u> Walking tour of Old Nice with our guide Agnes. Visit to the famous flower markets . Little train around Nice and view from the top of the cliffs Walk to Dinner at Le Vingt 4
Day 9 Sunday 7 April		<u>Touring the Cote d'Azur with Agnes</u> Cap Ferrat & the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild with Agnes . Monte Carlo in the Principality of Monaco Afternoon tea at the Monte Carlo Casino
Day 10 Monday 8 April		<u>Visit to Grasse and Cannes</u> Drive down to Cannes to visit <i>brocante</i> Marche de Forville Lunch at the boules café overlooking the players. On to Grasse to make our own perfume at <i>Galimard 1747</i> , perfumier
		<i>Avignon and Provence</i>
Day 11 Tuesday 9 April	<i>Hotel Cloitre St Louis (4 nights)</i>	<u>TGV Train trip of 2.15 hours takes us on to Avignon</u> Arrive Avignon 1.00pm Meet Laurence our guide. Laurence leads Introduction tour of Avignon's medieval town Dinner at Cour de Louvre .
Day 12 Wednesday 10 April		<u>Around Provence by mini bus with Laurence :</u> We follow the Van Gogh trail around Provence. St Remy de Provence – Market day and - introduction to santons .. Les Baux de Provence , a medieval village - home to Carrières de Lumières

Day 13 Thursday 11 April		<u>Visit the Luberon region of Provence</u> Drive through L'Isle sur la Sorgue , to the spectacular village of Gordes , continue to Roussillon with its red and orange cliffs & then the Lavender museum. Lunch along the way... Wine-tasting at Menerbes
Day 14 Friday 12 April		<u>Visiting medieval Avignon and the Popes' Palace</u> Guided tour of the Popes' palace , medieval town with Laurence Lunch overlooking the medieval palace. We stroll out onto the " Pont d'Avignon " Afternoon at leisure for shopping, packing, other museums...
		<i>Loire Valley</i>
Day 15 Saturday 13 April	<i>Château de</i> <i>Reignac</i> (4 nights)	<u>TGV Train to ST Pierre des Corps - Loire Valley</u> Arrive in the Loire valley at 5.29pm . The bus takes us to the magnificent chateau welcomed by our hosts Eric and Alain Explore the Chateau and its chapel, cellars and grounds
Day 16 Sunday 14 April		<u>Out and About in the Loire</u> We drive to the Royal castle town of Amboise Time to spend in the big weekly town market along the River Loire. Visit the mighty castle and then on to Clos Luce , home of Leonardo da Vinci (see many of his inventions at work)
Day 17 Monday 15 April		<u>The famous Chateau garden of the Loire and wine tasting</u> Visit Villandry - the most famous gardens in the Loire et Cher Lunch together in a local goat farm restaurant Stop at Vouvray to taste the local wines and take a tour of their <i>caves</i> .
Day 18 Tuesday 16 April		<u>Chenonceau - icon of the Loire valley</u> Tour the magnificent Chateau de Chenonceau Walk in the gardens of the two royal women Lunch in the Orangerie of the castle.

Loire to Paris

Day 19 Wednesday 17 April		<u>Leisurely morning at the chateau.... Return to Paris.</u> Farewell picture on the steps .. Return to Paris by fast train to Hotel Croix de la Bretonnerie , Afternoon tea at Angelina's – where Coco Chanel had her own table.
Day 20 Thursday 18 April		<u>Monet's garden at Giverny – and a special lunch</u> Our private mini bus takes us to the little town of Giverny , west of Paris. Lunch – A delightful visit for lovers of the Impressionists. Restaurant of Luncheon of the Boating Party. Dinner at the oldest café in Paris – Le Procope
Day 21 Friday 19 April		Breakfast together in the old wine cellar Transfers for the Airport We Leave Paris for home