



# A FRENCH EXPERIENCE FOR INDEPENDENT WOMEN



An exclusive 22-day tour of France for women who prefer not to travel alone. This is an all-inclusive tour, catering for women of all ages and interests. No single supplement and your own double room/single occupancy - always.

Experience everything that France has to offer, from exploring antique stores in Paris to soaking up the sun on the French Riviera and visiting Nice's famous flower markets.

Highlights include a candle lit concert in the tiny Sainte Chapelle, a private tour of the Gardens of Giverny, an evening tour of the Louvre, stay in a Chateau and so much more. You will visit Paris, the Cote D'Azur, Avignon and Provence, and the Loire Valley.

## Itinerary

**Day 1: Leave Adelaide for Paris**

**Day 2: Paris**

Check into Paris hotel. Welcome lunch and walk around the local area past antique shops and book shops and perhaps cross the river to the little district of the Ile de la Cite. Boat ride along the River Seine and the canals. Dinner in rue des Archives.

**Day 3: Paris**

Sightseeing including Champs Elysses, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel tower and Jardins Trocadero. See where Marie Antoinette was imprisoned. Walk through the antiques sector and Pompidou centre. Enjoy a coffee at the famous Café de Flore. Dinner at the oldest café in Paris – Le Procope.

**Day 4: Giverny**

Private tour to the Gardens of Giverny. Visit the home of Monet and the gardens and ponds which inspired his famous works. Dinner on the Left Bank then a candle-lit concert in the tiny Sainte Chapelle.

**Day 5: Paris**

Visit Musee d'Orsay and the Impressionists to see works by Monet, Manet, Degas, Renoir, Gauguin, van Gogh, Toulouse-Lautrec and Cézanne. Take the funicular to Sacré Coeur and discover the artists' village that still remains. Dinner in Montmartre and show at Moulin Rouge (optional).

**Day 6: Versailles**

Fast train to Versailles. Explore the palace and gardens of the Sun King and enjoy a grand trolley tour. Lunch by the waterways of Versailles in La Flotille. Visit to the Petit Trianon of Marie Antoinette. Head back to Paris late afternoon.

**Day 7: Paris**

Day at leisure. In the evening experience the Louvre with our guide. Dinner in the magnificent Louvre bistrot.





#### Day 8: Nice

Travel to Nice on the French Riviera and check into our hotel near the old town and ocean. Wander along the Promenade des Anglais and enjoy a coffee on one of the ocean boulevards.

#### Day 9: Monte Carlo

Visit Cap Ferrat and the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Tour the house and gardens and enjoy lunch in the café overlooking the Riviera. Then to Monte Carlo to visit the Casino, the Palace and other local sights. Enjoy tea at the Café Royal. Watch the changing of the guard at the royal palace. Dinner at leisure.

#### Day 10: Nice

Visit the Galleries of Matisse and Chagall. See Andy Warhol's Campbell's Soup Can, along with pop art by Roy Lichtenstein. Visit Nice's flower markets. Take the little train up to the park on top of the cliffs to see beautiful seascapes.

#### Day 11: Cannes

Visit Grasse, home of the perfume makers. See lavender and flower fields and have a private tour of the perfume-makers and make your own perfume. Lunch in Cannes. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner in Nice.

#### Day 12: Avignon

Train trip to Avignon and check into our hotel, Hôtel Cloître Saint Louis (a former cloister within the walls of the old town). Meet our guide, Laurence, and walk around the ancient town. Dinner this evening included.

#### Day 13: Avignon

Visit the markets of Villeneuve Avignon. Private tour of medieval Avignon

including the Palais du Papes, the art works and the history of the area. Wine tasting with lunch in the medieval palace. We stroll out onto the 'Pont d'Avignon', dancing is optional. Dinner overlooking the stunningly lit palace.

#### Day 14: Provence

Today we visit the villages perch'es – hilltop villages. See the hilltop towns scattered around this part of Provence. Enjoy the springs & spas of the region near to Ile de la Sorgue and the magnificent Luberon. Visit to a lavender factory.

#### Day 15: St Remy de Provence

Take the Van Gogh trail. See where he painted and even to the asylum where he lived and painted The Irises. Visit St Remy de Provence and the Cathedrale des Images. Stops along the way to explore tiny towns.

#### Day 16: Loire Valley

First class train travel to the Loire valley. We check into our hotel; the magnificent Chateau de Reignac.

#### Day 17: Loire

After breakfast, visit the Chateaux of the Loire. See Chenonceau, Chambord and Villandry by boat. Dinner at chateau.

#### Day 18: Amboise

Visit the royal castle town of Amboise and Clos Luce, former home of Leonardo da Vinci. Day at leisure. Lunch in the village. Dinner at the chateau.

#### Day 19: Loches

Catch the local bus to Loches on market day, a local market town. Wander around this neat and interesting castle

town. Farewell dinner at the chateau.

#### Day 20: Paris

Leisurely morning and picnic lunch at the chateau. Sit on the terrace and relax or walk into the village. After lunch, return to Paris by fast train. Dinner and show/concert.

#### Day 21: Leave Paris for Singapore

#### Day 22: Singapore

Early arrival into Singapore, depart in evening. Day hotel in Singapore is provided.

#### Day 23: Land in Adelaide at 9.10am

### Experience includes:

Return economy airfares, single use of double room throughout, two meals each day, all transfers, 1st class train and bus travel, museum entrances and guides, tips, taxes and special events. Travel insurance is not included.

It also does not include taxi fares, unless stated at the time.

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 hours.

**22 nights from \$15,600\***

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