

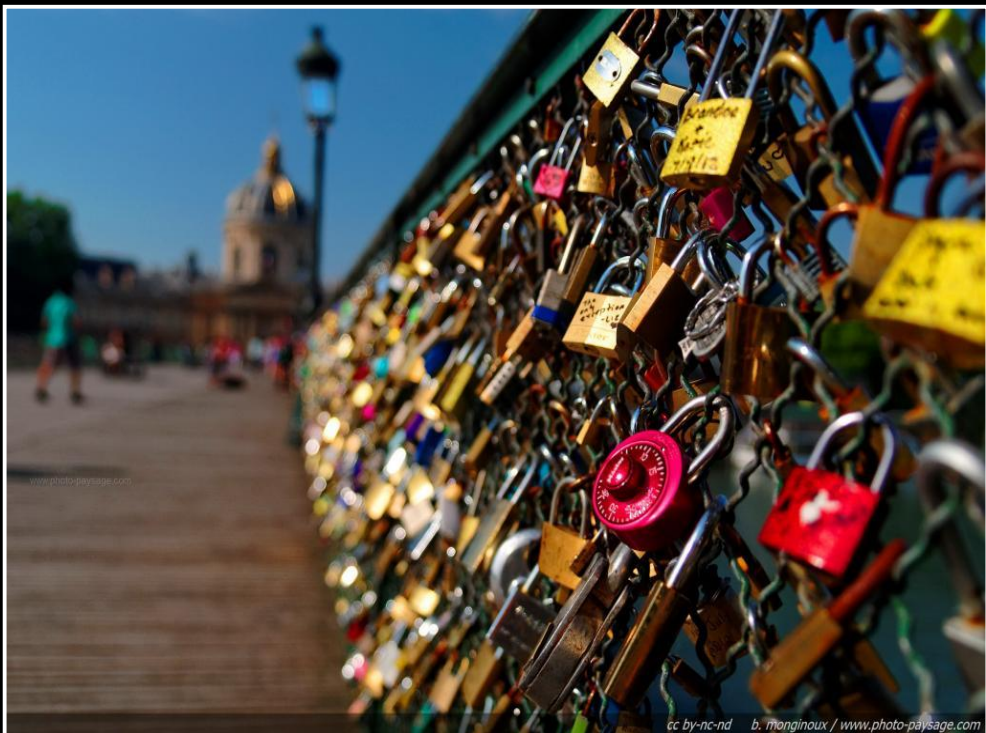
# PARIS TOURS



**we travel** FRANCE



Check out the most famous monuments, laze in the sun on the Seine quaysides, take a trip through the timeless heart of the city, stroll through unusual, popular, trendy or chic districts and discover all the charms of the capital à la carte





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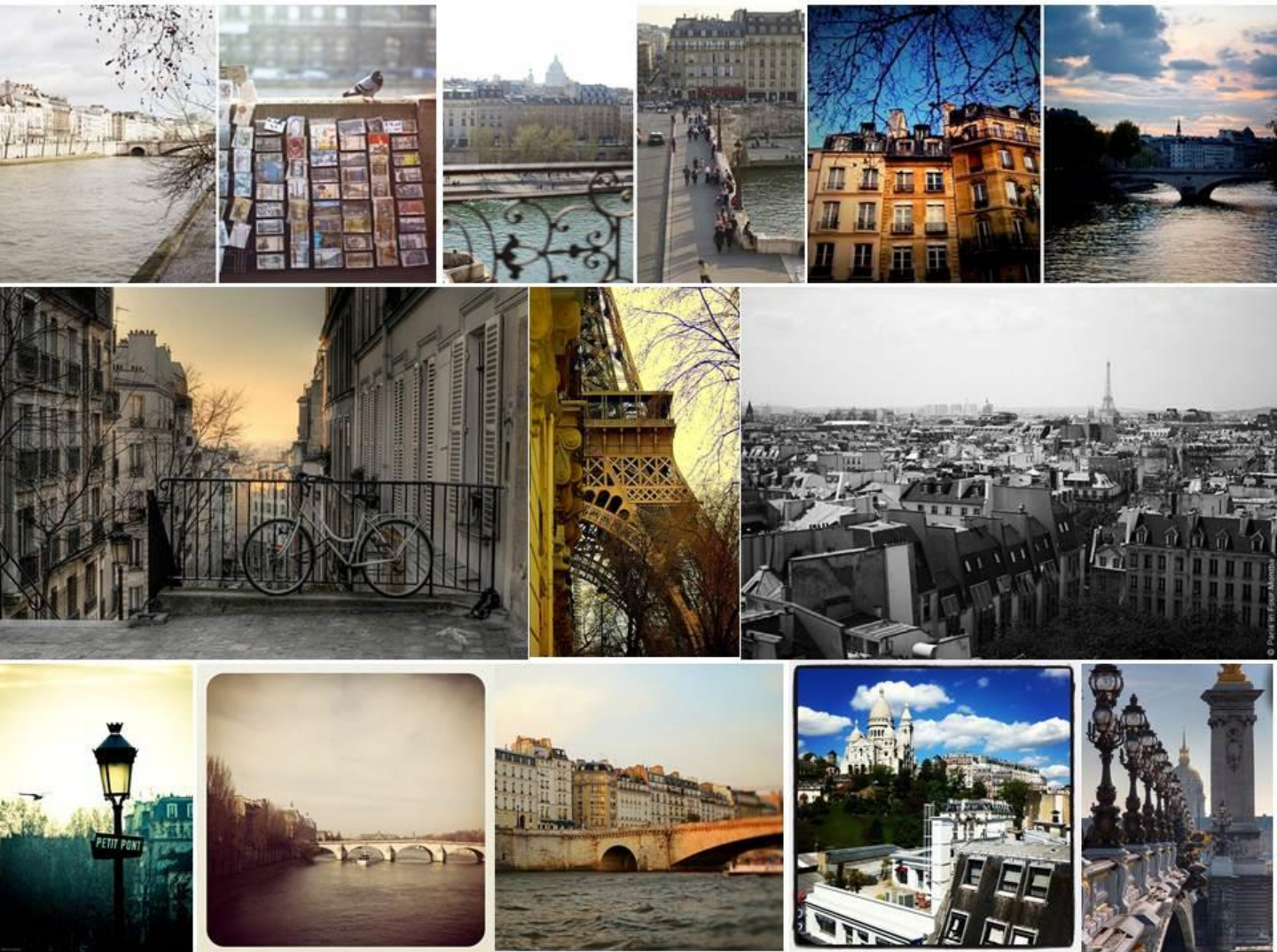


*“I've seen you, beauty, and you belong to me now,  
whoever you are waiting for and if I never see you  
again, I thought. You belong to me and all Paris  
belongs to me and I belong to this notebook and  
this pencil.”*

*— Ernest Hemingway*







*Enjoy a private guided tour with one of your Licensed guide or driver guide in Paris*

# MUSEUMS TOURS



*Enjoy a private guided tour with one of your Licensed guide in of the many Museums of Paris*

## LOUVRE MUSEUM

Today, the Louvre is one of the most important and most visited museums in the world. It is also the biggest museum in Paris, extending over 210,000 m<sup>2</sup>. On their first visit to the Louvre, people often want to see the museum's three great ladies – the Venus de Milo, the Victory of Samothrace, and Mona Lisa, you will discover these and other key works and reflect upon that indefinable notion of “masterpiece”.

## ORSAY MUSEUM

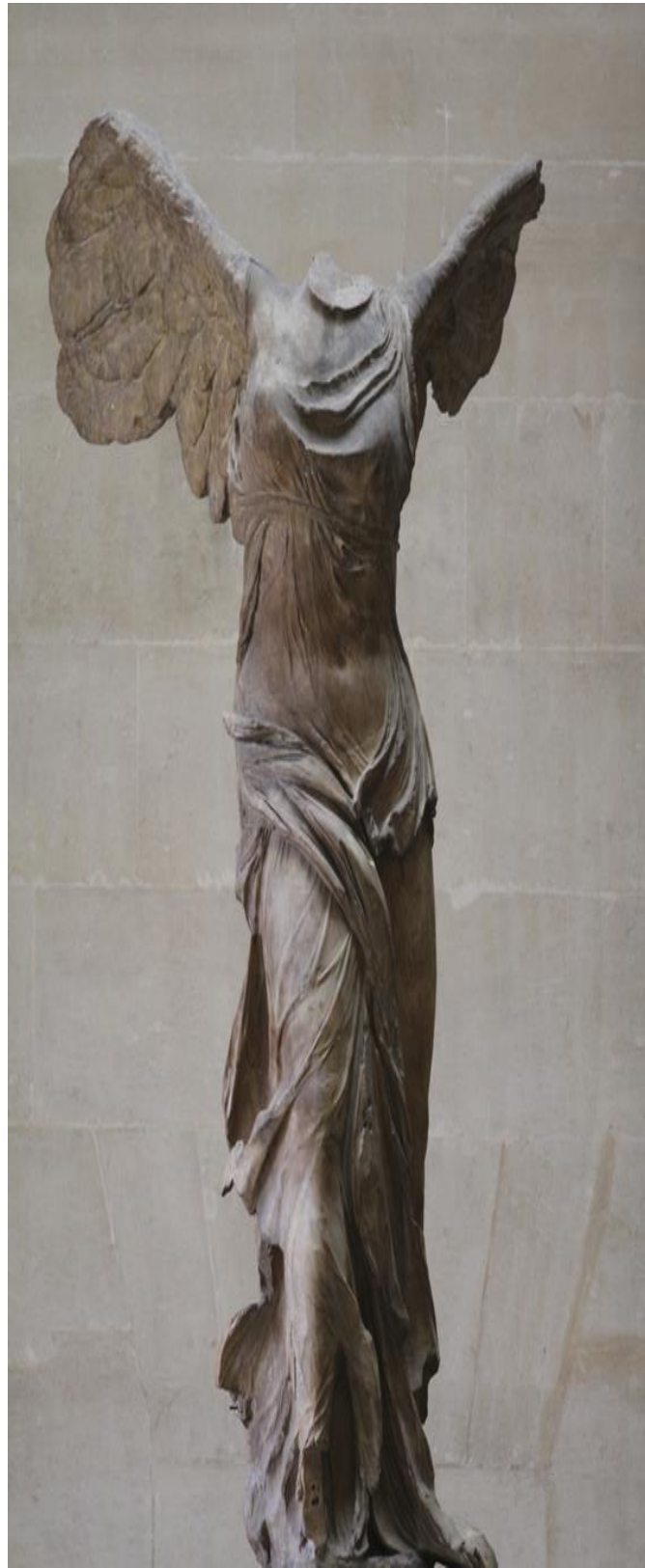
The outstanding collection of Impressionist paintings, formerly exhibited in overcrowded conditions in the Jeu de Paume museum, is now displayed to infinitely better advantage in the Musée d'Orsay, opened in 1986. Set in a disused railway station, modern galleries on four levels have been constructed, yet these renovations are in keeping with the fin-de-siècle character of the original 1900 structure.

It provides an appropriate setting for a museum devoted to the art of the second half of the 19th century and the spirited brilliance of the Belle Epoque

## RODIN MUSEUM

Just under 400 works are on display in the galleries and the gardens. You can see Rodin's bronze masterpieces, Le Penseur (The Thinker), a version of the marble sculpture of Paolo and Francesca locked in an embrace—Le Baiser (The Kiss) and La Main de Dieu (The Hand of God). There is something particularly fascinating about those works, such as Romeo and Juliet and La Centauresse, which are only, as it were, half-created, not totally liberated from the raw block of stone. There are also paintings by Renoir, Monet and Van Gogh.

*... Or one of 60 monuments & museums in Paris .*







Enjoy a 4 hours private guided tour with one of your Licensed driver guide .A driver guide is the best way to enjoy the main highlights of Paris

Start with a sightseeing tour of Paris including :

- Opera Garnier
- Vendome Square
- Champs Elysées Avenue
- Concorde square
- Trocadero Square
- Eiffel tower

### **Enjoy a visit of the Ile de La cité & Notre Dame**

In the heart of Paris, the Cite Island has been inhabited since the Roman. As the religious and political center of France for centuries, it retains splendid buildings with among them three marvels: the Notre Dame cathedral, the Conciergerie \_prison and the Sainte Chapelle holy chapel, the shrine of Christ's thorn crown.

### **End your day with a visit of Montmartre**

Montmartre is a very picturesque area, with lots of painters on the famous Place du Tertre, and tiny touristy stores. The area is located on a hill, with an amazing view over Paris. Walk through the narrow, winding streets, and discover where Picasso and Toulouse-Lautrec lived and worked when they were young. You might also wish to visit the famous Sacré Coeur Church.

*“If you are  
lucky enough  
to have lived  
in Paris as a  
young man,  
then wherever  
you go for the  
rest of your  
life, it stays  
with you, for  
Paris is a  
moveable  
feast.”*

*— Ernest  
Hemingway*







There's no better way to explore the beauty, romance and wonder of Paris than with a walking tour through the city of lights. While your must-see sights likely include the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and Champs Elysees, venture off the beaten path to see the heart and soul of the city including artisans, bell towers, cafes and other hidden gems with a custom designed walking tour of the city.

*Below it's just an example of what we can suggest . We will be pleased to send you a proposal depending on your request*

## THE VILLAGE PARIS WALKING TOUR

Lovers of Montmartre come to the cemetery to admire the outdoor art, catch a glimpse of the sun, watch the squirrels hopping between maple trees or to make the acquaintance of a string of poets, generals, thinkers, inventors and the Lady of the Camellias. Discover Vigny, Nijinsky or Guitry in a labyrinth of mossy rows and irregular stone steps. Cross the path of stray tomcats, a bust of Rodin, the bridge of Caulaincourt and finally, Alexandre Dumas, Zola, Degas and Dalida. Then, it's off again to look for Poulbot, Truffaut and Feydeau. Up above the statues and carved chapels, and the tombs of Stendhal and Berlioz, a brood of young sparrows chirp high in the chestnut trees. Eleven enchanting hectares.

### MONTMARTRE CEMETERY

Following in the footsteps of a horde of street entertainers, climb the picturesque "Butte" (little hill), crowned by the Sacré-Coeur – the second most visited site in Paris. A leisurely stroll will enable you to enjoy the pleasures of this wonderful Parisian 'village'.

### PLACE DES TERTRES

Welcome to picture-postcard Montmartre, with its restaurant terraces and artists' easels and portrait painters, who share 140 allotted spaces – 1 sq.m. for two artists working alternately. But the historic village square merits a little tour





## MOULIN DE LA GALETTE

The 'Blute-fin' and the 'Radet' together make up the 'Moulin de la Galette'. These windmills were once used to grind wheat, flowers or to press grape harvests. The 'Blute-fin' became known as the Moulin de la Galette in 1860, when it was transformed into a venue for festive dances. It was here that Renoir painted the famous 'Bal du Moulin de la Galette'. Later transformed into a music-hall, a television studio and then a restaurant, the Moulin de la Galette has continued to attract artists from all disciplines and from all over the world!

## BUTTE MONTMARTRE

Venice has its gondolas, Montmartre its steps – physically demanding but Romanesque in the extreme. Countless novels, legends and “fabulous destinies” are set in the Butte, such as the Bateau-Lavoir in place Émile-Goudeau, where Picasso painted the *Demoiselles d'Avignon*, and the café made famous by Amélie Poulain in rue Lepic. And there's even more climbing to do – but Montmartre's well worth it!. Pause at the top of the street under the last remaining windmills, before continuing on up... Keep going! At the top is Sacré-Coeur, surrounded by a labyrinth of extraordinary little streets, and a vineyard, where the grape harvest is celebrated each year.!

## BASILIQUE SACRE COEUR

In 1873, the National Assembly voted for the construction of a basilica devoted to the Sacred Heart on the butte Montmartre. The site was chosen as much for its altitude (127 metres) as for its symbolism; it was sanctified long before with the martyrdom of Saint Denis and sullied by the violent acts of the Commune, in 1870. From below, the Romano- Byzantine contours take on the appearance of a whipped-cream palace set on a hill of gardens and terraces: green and white outlined against swathes of azure. The view from the top of the steps, and especially from the top of the dome, is simply stunning.





*"There is but one Paris  
and however hard  
living may be here, and  
if it became worse and  
harder even—the French  
air clears up the brain  
and does good—a world  
of good."*

*— Vincent Van Gogh*







## PURE CHOCOLATE WALKING TOURS

Chocolate lovers, you are invited on Paris right bank to discover everything about savory French chocolate. You learn about exceptional cocoa varieties, original combinations of flavors, and taste the best specialties of the famous chocolate-makers. In this 2-hour-tour, we visit the shops of 5 chocolate-makers, while we wander in the old streets of that shopping street district between Concorde, the Louvre, and Opéra; and see the magnificent monuments. Your guide comments the quality of the products, chocolat-making techniques, and the main specialties and style of each chocolate-maker.

## MONTMARTRE LOCAL GASTRONOMY TOUR

Montmartre village, so famous for its bohemian life, has kept its soul beyond the legend. We walk through the small streets off the beaten track of that mythical neighborhood to taste local produce with a traditional and artisanal character. We start our riding of the hill with a pastry-shop specializing in fine tarts. On Lepic and Abbesses streets, we visit a fishmonger, a charcutier, a butcher, a baker and a vegetable seller. We finish in front of Clos Montmartre winery, last trace of an agricultural past.

During the tour, we taste charcutier specialties, bread, wine and pastries

# GOURMET TOURS

## PARIS GOURMET TOUR ON THE LEFT BANK

We walk as real Parisians through the medieval part of the Latin Quarter, a familial neighborhood famous for the high quality and large choice of food produce. Our tour brings us through a market, then in a cheese dairy, at several bakers' and confectioner's, and finally in a regional specialty shop. A walk rich in tastes and flavors, with a focus on family cuisine, with tastings stops, to introduce you to the French gourmandise. The visit includes a tasting of foie gras, wine, cheese and bread.



## MARAIS PASTRY AND CHOCOLATE TOUR

Le Marais, a famous neighborhood right in the center of Paris, has as many architectural treasures as excellent foodies addresses. We invite you to discover a pastry shop with a chef trained by Pierre Gagnaire, a coffee shop held by a coffee champion, a store of absinthe and a chocolate shop like no other, a franco-russian tea store, the best ice cream maker in Paris, one of the most delicious bakeries near Place des Vosges, a shop with a thousand and one spices... Enjoy at the same time the atmosphere of old typical cafés, the Jewish quarter and beautiful mansions. Be guided by your taste buds and visit places filled with a good chocolate aroma, the smell of coffee, the aroma of spices ... You will awake your palate, taste sweet treats and hear mouthwatering stories !

## CHOCOLATE AND PASTRY FOOD TOUR

At Saint-Germain-des-Près, the fashion district par excellence, discover all the trends for sweets created by exceptional artisans, who have been widely celebrated in the whole gastronomical press : «Best chocolate maker in France», «a Bocuse of bakery», «the Picasso of chocolate makers», «a magician of the ganache». The chef confectioners and chocolate makers vie with each other in talent, and the windows in refinement and elegance, for the greatest joy of the eyes and of the palate. We taste the specialities of the visited shops, in particular 3 pastries, 5 chocolates and several sorts of bread



## WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING

Enjoy a mouth-watering Wine and Chocolate tasting and spend an afternoon of delight in a relaxed setting. In a cozy and friendly atmosphere, you will discover different kinds of sweet wines and chocolates and have fun experimenting a variety of combinations. Our wine expert, will happily give you a few tips on how to savour wine like a fine French connoisseur.

Discover the decisive steps that gives its quality to chocolate : fermentation, roasting of cocoa beans and refining, the knowledge of the chocolate maker is crucial. Forget all your preconceived ideas about chocolate.

This is a fabulous treat if you are interested in getting to know what good wine is and which kind of wine can be combined with which kind of food. What could be more entertaining and make you any more successful back home?

4 types of wine and 2 kinds of chocolate are included in this tasting. The list of wines will be handed out to you at the end of the session



## WINE & CHEESE TASTING

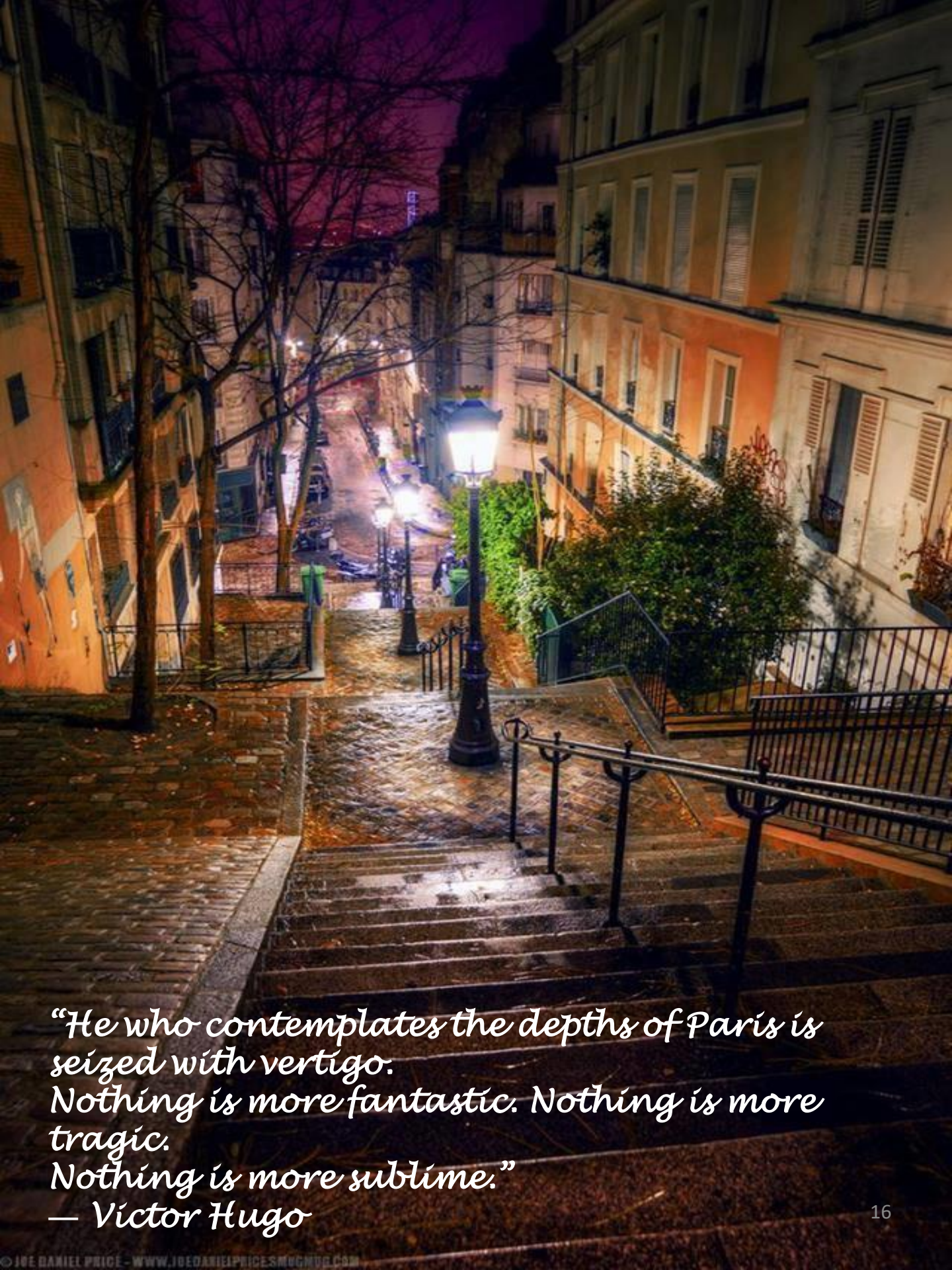
Enjoy a moment of pure pleasure with this wine and cheese tasting!

Our oenologist will be your inspiration for 2 hours in unlocking the secrets of French wine tasting. Our expert will teach you how to associate a certain type of cheese (comté, goat's cheese) with different kinds of wine to develop your olfactory senses.

Be ready to discover some very surprising combination of flavours! You will also find out everything you've always wanted to know about oenology : the different grape varieties, the different technical terms, the process of wine making... May you be a complete novice or a fine connoisseur, our expert will happily answer all of your questions. Get your curiosity satisfied thanks to this fun class, and bring back home some great facts and some real knowledge about wine that will dazzle your friends and family.

4 types of wine and 3 kinds of cheese are included in this tasting. The list of wines will be handed out to you at the end of the session.





*“He who contemplates the depths of Paris is  
seized with vertigo.  
Nothing is more fantastic. Nothing is more  
tragic.  
Nothing is more sublime.”  
— Victor Hugo*





## BAKERY TOUR

Located in a shopping street, this new bakery is managed by a creative new Chef. He will present to you his pastries, special breads and will detail what makes the difference in his recipes. Always looking for new flavors, he will present you his range of pastries and special breads and will explain the production details that make the difference.

Our friendly boulanger will invite us into his warm kitchen, into the heart of the boulangerie to share with us his most treasured baguette recipe, passed down through generations : from the mixing of the dough, the kneading, the shaping, the decorating and finally the cooking of the baguette in special baguette ovens. Our baker has his own special signature which makes his baguette unique and today all of it's secrets will be revealed to you. Of course, when that heavenly freshly baked bread smell fills the air, the baguette comes out of the oven, warm and golden, and a tasting is included. A baguette and croissant goodie bag will be available for you to take away at the end.

# COOKING CLASS



## COOKING CLASS WITH A FRENCH CHEF IN HIS OWN APARTMENT

Come and spend the day with our cooking teacher, who will warmly welcome you in his nice 20<sup>th</sup> district apartment with a beautiful panoramic view. He offers a wide range of classes and gives you smart tips and delicious traditional or creative recipes. All ingredients, utensils and apron are provided, and a copy of the recipe is sent by email

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All participants contribute to the preparation of a whole meal: entree, main dish and dessert from 10,45am to 1,45pm





## MARKET VISIT & COOKING CLASS

Our Chef, passed from the restaurant to the home kitchen, teaches her excellent recipes in funny and informative classes. Everything is designed to enhance the flavor and quality of fresh produce. Inspired by the great Chefs, improved over time by a thousand tricks, her recipes can easily be remade at home. The Chef introduces you to the art of buying the best products in the market. Then you are invited to make with her a complete meal with entree, main course and dessert.



## MACARON COOKING CLASS

Their colors are in all Parisian pastry shops. Trendy and irresistibly delicious, often chosen as a gift, you can eat them at any hour of the day.

Learn how to make yourself these wonderful foodies: macarons! Under the Chef watchful eye, you discover all the culinary secrets to succeed in making these delicate pastries. The class takes place in the kitchen of a private apartment, with family utensils and equipment, so that you can easily make them at home. The class has from 2 to 8 participants. Two flavors are chosen and cooked by the group.

You take away the macaroons after the class and share them with your friends. A copy of the recipe is remitted

## DESSERT COOKING CLASS

Come and cook 2 delicious desserts with our Chef, who transmits to you her wonderful secrets in traditional or creative recipes. You learn recipes and techniques that you can easily reproduce at home. The class takes place in the Chef's apartment with a beautiful panoramic in the 20th district of Paris. In the afternoon takes place a class for those with a sweet tooth. You will then cook 2 different specialities, and enjoy the tasting with coffee, tea or hot

chocolate. The class lasts about 2h15, and is followed with 45 mn tasting. Unlimited hot beverage is offered. The material, the ingredients and an apron are provided. The recipe will be sent to you by email.



## PARIS SAINT OUEN FLEA MARKET

Our English speaking guide knows Vintage Paris inside out and can lead you on a walking tour to many of the secret hidden corners of the amazing Puces de St. Ouen, Paris's vibrant giant flea market. You can't imagine what you can find there! Different areas have different themes from decorative furniture, antique textile, paintings, ceramics, glassware, lighting, prints, maps, vintage clothing, jewellery, bags - it goes on and on with thousands of stalls.

If you need help with negotiating or having your items packed or exported - our guide can take care of it all for you. You'll learn about the history of the market too. To revive you, the visit includes a hot chocolate, coffee or infusion at the famous and colourful cabaret café Chez Louise with an Edith Piaf style singer, accordion player and the ambience and atmosphere of retro Paris.





## FASHION TOURS

**A fun fashion and style treat in the very heart of Paris, the world's Fashion Capital.** Your friendly Parisian Fashionista guide will be your inspiration in unlocking the secrets of the Parisian sense of cool style and chic glamour. You'll pick up heaps of super fashion and styling tips and visit all the best addresses in Paris for clothes, shoes, boots, hats, scarves, belts, perfume, jewellery and accessories.

Your fashion guru guide will introduce you to some amazing fashion shops and advise you on the little insider tricks of adopting your own Parisian sense of style to impress your friends back home. Your guide knows exactly what's happening on the Paris fashion scene right now - where the new cool designers have their retail shops, the little places to find those special accessories - the scarf, the bag, the shoes, the hat and most importantly, how to wear them and put together a whole look.

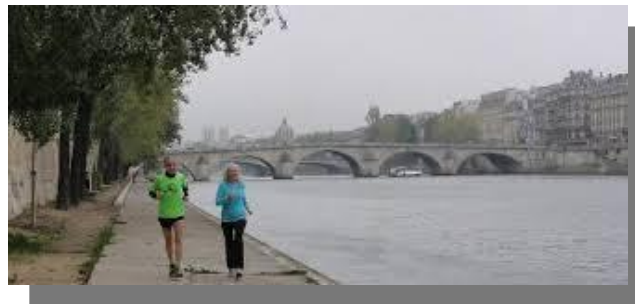
Find the best cashmere and be introduced to perfume specialists who will guide your nose through a myriad of sensations. Discover a hat maker shop whose creations are to die for, a shoemaker shop whose designs everyone is talking about and a jewellery designer shop whose pieces are truly stunning. This is a fabulous treat if you are interested in learning all the tricks of looking good and want to experience the true shopping magic of Paris. What could be more fun?



## RUNNING TOURS

This morning enjoy a 90 min running tour  
Accompanied by coach\* running with you, the  
cultural routes you run will no longer keep any  
secrets from you.

The most beautiful places of Right Bank Tour  
The Place de la Concorde - the Petit and Grand  
Palais - the Alexander III bridge - the banks of the  
Seine and the Eiffel Tower - the Trocadero - Avenue  
Foch - the Place de l'Etoile - the Champs-Élysées -  
Avenue Montaigne - the Place de l'Alma - the  
embankment - the National Assembly - The Musée  
d'Orsay - The Louvre Carousel - The Tuileries  
Garden





## SEGWAY TOUR

## BIKE TOURS

The Segway tour is the perfect tour for both those new to the city and Parisian veterans. For the beginners, this tour will offer you a fantastic orientation and give you an opportunity to see virtually all of the sites you've read about. For the veterans, we're positive you'll learn new facts and stories about Paris that you've never heard. And we're sure you'll both agree that riding a Segway is the best way to see the 'City of Light'.

You will pass by the Eiffel tower, Napoleon's tomb, Louvre Museum, Orsay, Museum, Champs Elysées....

### **Bike tour of the Marais and Notre Dame. 04h**

This is Le Marais, the trendy *quartier* of Paris known for its concentrated presence of gays, Jews, and chic fashion designers. It mixes the old with the new, hip with tradition, fashion with food to make Paris' most lively, lovely and beautiful area of the city. Rain or shine, this is the perfect spot to go for a walk, marvel at the very narrow streets in one of the oldest and best preserved areas of the city, and sit at a café or window shop at young designer's fashion boutiques. The area is so rich in detail with museums, parks, restaurants, and a diversity of people, you could spend an entire day here, from breakfast until after the last bar closes at 4:00 a.m., and still only scratch the surface.

## FRENCH CANCAN DANCE CLASS

The French cancan class will be the opportunity for you to discover the history of the cancan since its inception in 1830 as well as getting introduced to the dance. This dance is so special it has now become one of France's most emblematic symbols !

You will learn the different steps of the cancan (the « carrying of weapons », the « submachine gun », the « galop » or the « cathedral ») and your teacher, who is also the choreographer of the French cancan in the famous Woody Allen movie *Midnight in Paris*, will give you an introduction on the famous and unmistakable cancan cry. At the end of this 2 hour introduction, you'll be able to dance your own French cancan (3 to 5 minutes).



*Paris is always a good idea*  
*Audrey Hepburn*







## Cultural Activities



## TREASURE HUNT IN THE LOUVRE

A private guide will welcome you and lead you through a game with puzzles, activity books and even a surprise at the end. The whole family will have a lot of fun and learn loads too!

## PARIS ' HILLTOP VILLAGE

This guided walk will give you a whole new experience of Montmartre. This village is almost entirely self-sufficient: mills for making bread; vineyards for its own wine; churches and a cemetery; several cabarets; and, of course, its famous inhabitants.

Are we really still in Paris?! You will need to find the clues to answer this question.

This privately guided walk lasts two hours and includes a game, an entertaining notebook, and a visit to the Montmartre museum



## PARIS KNIGHTS & DAMSELS

Let's go back to medieval times, following the footsteps of Paris's knights and damsels. Explore sites dating back to the Middle Ages, including Notre-Dame, medieval museum, narrow streets through old wooden houses, and even part of the ancient city walls.

This walk lasts two hours and includes tickets to the museum and of course plenty of medieval games and a notebook.

## PARIS CODES & RIDDLES

You will jump in the atmosphere of the Da Vinci Code, looking for clues and codes, while walking around the Jardindu Luxembourg, Saint Sulpiceand St Germaindes Prés. Will you be able to solve the riddle?

## FRENCH ABC

It is a great introduction for your stay in Paris. In a very traditional Parisian café in the heart of Paris, you will enjoy a private beginner French lesson given by an enthusiastic, qualified language teacher. Playful, lively and anchored around Parisian vocal, the lesson will allow both the old and the young to put their new skills into practice throughout the rest of their stay. All the family will enjoy learning French in a funny way and in a very Parisian and cozy atmosphere.





## BECOME A PERFUMER

In the comfort of a very traditional Parisian house, you will discover the secret of French perfumer. After blind tasting the different flavors, you will create your own perfume and bring it back home.

## REVOLUTIONNARY GAME

Our revolutionary game is all about the French Revolution made fun for the family. Our very own *révolutionnaire* (also a historian!) will welcome you and guide you through this period of French history, taking you on a historical puzzle throughout Paris. Will you be able to escape the guillotine?

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Around the Louvre and the *Jardins des Tuileries*, you will discover the techniques of the 8th art with a professional photographer and go back home with your best pictures of Paris highlights.

## LET'S RIDE IN PARIS

You will enjoy a great stroll in Eiffel tower area and along the River Seine with a private English speaking guide. You will discover the main places of interest around: Invalides, Eiffel Tower, and Alexander III Bridge... We will provide you with helmets, knee and elbow protections.



## WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE IMPRESSIONNISTS

Perfect art initiation in Paris, especially for the youngsters, who can discover the city's art tradition without spending hours in a museum! The activity will start with a quick visit to the Orangerie museum with your art teacher. Your family will see and learn about the famous painting *les Nymphéas* ("Water Lilies") by Monet. Our driver will then whisk you to our art studio in St Germain des Prés. In this cosy atmosphere, you will create a giant collective masterpiece using pastels, drawing your inspiration from the Impressionists' techniques.



*A walk about Paris will provide lessons in  
history, beauty, and in the point of Life. -*

*Thomas Jefferson*









## CHANTILLY

The name Chantilly brings to mind a château, a forest, a race course and the world of horse racing in general. Because of its remarkable setting, its park and the treasures in its museum, the Château de Chantilly is considered one of the major sights in France. The chateau left in shambles after the revolution, is of interest mainly because of its gardens and a number of superb paintings;. Its consisted of two building entered through the same vestibule. The Petit Château was built around 1560 and the attached Renaissance style Grand Château, completely demolished during the revolution, was rebuilt by the Duke of Aumale. The Grand Château contains the Musée Condé

Its unremarkable 19<sup>th</sup> century rooms are adorned with furnishings, paintings and sculptures. The most remarkable works are hidden away in a small room called the Sanctuaire, including paintings by Raphaël.

The chateau of Chantilly is surrounded by 115 hectares of park, with uniquely diverse gardens; a French style garden designed by Lenotre (17<sup>th</sup> century), the Anglo-Chinese garden with Hamlet, which was the inspiration for Marie Antoinette's garden (18<sup>th</sup> century) and the romantic English garden (19<sup>th</sup> century), with its temple of Venus and the island of love.







This enormous palace was built in the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century during the reign of Louis XIV – the roi soleil (sun King) – to project both at home and abroad the absolute power of France monarchy, then at the height its glory. Its scale and décor also reflect Louis XIV's taste for profligate luxury and his near boundless appetite for self-glorification. Some 30,000 workers and soldiers toiled on the structure, whose construction bills wrought havoc on the kingdom's finance.

The Chateau complex consists of four main parts: the palace building, a 580 m long structure with innumerable wings, grand halls and sumptuous bedchambers; the vast gardens, canals and pools west of the palace; and two outbuildings, the Grand Trianon and, a few hundred meters to the east the Petit Trianon.

## GIVERNY

Bequeathed to France's Académie des Beaux-Arts by the artist's son Michel in 1966, Claude Monet's property at Giverny has since undergone major restoration. With its pink render on the outside, the house where the leader of the Impressionist school lived from 1883 until 1926 has regained the colorful interior and intimate charm of those bygone days. Several of its rooms are now devoted to the artist's precious collection of Japanese prints, hung in accordance with the instructions of the Master of Giverny.







Less dazzling than Versailles, the Palace of Fontainebleau is thought by some to be more appealing and, despite its magnificence, more intimate. It certainly exhibits a much longer association with the French monarchy, reaching across seven centuries from King Louis VII to the Emperor Napoleon III, the last in a long succession of royal and imperial dynasties.

It is the palace that François I spoke of simply as "chez moi", the palace in which many of his successors felt most "at home", the palace chosen by Napoleon as one in which he could clearly associate his own sovereignty with that of the anointed kings of France, the palace in which he made the Pope his prisoner. Each added to its decoration, in which successive styles reflect the great ages of François I, Henri IV, Louis XIV and Napoleon.

Architectural variety is matched by an equal wealth of memories, culminating in the drama of Napoleon's abdication at Fontainebleau and his emotional farewell to his Old Guard in the courtyard still called "La Cour des Adieux".

*America is my country and Paris is my  
hometown. -  
Gertrude Stein*







Enjoy a full day to relive all instants that made Normandy, on June 6th, 1944, the most important battlefield of the 20th century history. From Bloody Omaha to Gold Beach, you will get your fill of emotions, through various sites, on the roads taken by our liberators during the Overlord Operation, while appreciating the story of our guides.

The Pointe du Hoc battlefield, which remained intact after the rangers' assault, will carry you away to the heart of the fierce battle conducted by the first wave on the orders of the colonel Rudder.

The American Cemetery will get you closer to these young men and women who left their native land to die in France, in Normandy, one morning of June 1944. 9,387 graves and 1,557 names of disappeared soldiers for ever engraved in a monument will remind you the ultimate debt of future generations.

You will leave your footprints in the sand of Omaha beach in an historic dimension near the 3,000 American soldiers who sacrificed their life in the assault of the 5th Corps made of the "Blue&Grey" 29th Infantry Division as well as of the First Infantry Division, better known as the "Big Red One".

The Longues-sur-Mer gun battery with its defenses that bear the marks of the fierce combats that were given by British troops of the "Devonshire" Regiment to neutralize 155 mm artillery guns. These remnants will remind you of the times of occupation as well as those of the construction of the Atlantic Wall ordered by Rommel.

# 1 DAY TOUR OUTSIDE PARIS



## CHAMPAGNE

This morning, you will **discover the city of Reims**. Your visit to Reims will focus in the centre and around the cathedral and other major monuments, and the main squares: the Place Royale, with a statue of Louis XV, and the Place Cardinal-Luçon, with an equestrian statue of Joan of Arc. Rich of traditions and centuries-old know-how, Reims has also become a modern and lively regional capital thanks to its location, at the crossroad of several European routes, its economy and its first-rate teaching and research Centre.

Reims is most famous for its **Cathedral** (1211-1480), which is one of the finest examples of the 'French Gothic' architecture style. Reims was evangelized around the third century AD and a Christian basilica was first constructed here around the year 400, consecrated to the Virgin by the Bishop Nicasius. It was in this church that St. Nicasius was martyred, when the city was taken by the Vandals.

In the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour and tasting at world **famous Grande Maison de Champagne Moët & Chandon (Vintage Tour)**.

Founded in 1743 by Claude Moët it becomes within 40 years the first international brand in the world. Its history is linked to some famous figures such as The Marquise de Pompadour and Napoleon 1st. This Champagne is also sold to many important historical events among which King Edwards VII's coronation, Cannes Film Festival, the 120th anniversary of the Liberty Statue, etc...It is probably nowadays the most famous Champagne brand around the world.







**Enjoy a full day visit in Loire Valley starting with Chenonceau.** The unique architecture of the chateau/bridge makes it one of the most original Chateaux of the Loire Valley. Chenonceau is related to important French Renaissance women and was offered by King Henry 2<sup>nd</sup> to his mistress Diane de Poitiers.

**Then enjoy a guided tour of one of the most spectacular gardens of Touraine, Villandry.**

By its diversity and originality (Love Garden, Kitchen Garden, Aromatic and Medicine Plant Garden, Water Garden and the brand new Sun Garden) and by its size ( 15 acres, 1150 linden trees), Villandry is the Loire Valley garden not to be missed. With your guide, learn to speak the language of a medieval and Renaissance garden, discover the power of thyme and basil on your health.

The gardens of Villandry are now maintained without using any pesticides.

You will end with **Guided tour of the Chateau of Chambord**, the largest French castle (446 rooms) with an extravagant roof nicknamed “the village”. Chambord, built to be a hunting lodge and used exclusively as a hunting lodge, was ordered by the king Francois 1<sup>st</sup> to Leonard de Vinci and his architects.

*London is a riddle. Paris is an explanation. - Ernest Hemingway*





EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES



### PRIVATE PERFUME JOVOY WORKSHOP



François Hénin, the owner of Jovoy, a discreet boutique in a quiet side street near the Place Vendôme, says he caters to clients who are “disappointed by the lack of character in mainstream fragrances” and who “yearn for the days when perfume had an essential mystique”. Although it’s as sleekly designed as a modern concept store, Jovoy has the aura of an old-fashioned perfume shop, where fragrances are sniffed from the glass stoppers of amber apothecary bottles rather than waved around on cardboard strips. Hénin could have been content to resurrect the vintage perfume house of Jovoy (founded by Blanche Arvoy in 1923), but while working on re-creations of fragrances from Arvoy’s heyday he decided to take the revival one step further. “I came up with the idea of creating a ‘temple of rare perfumes’,” he says, “bringing together twenty or so independent brands under one roof.”

Hénin is often to be found in the store himself, sharing his knowledge and unbridled passion for perfume with clients. He is an inveterate storyteller who takes obvious delight in expounding on a perfume’s history or inspiration as well as explaining base and top notes.

**You will be welcomed around a cocktail do discover the Concept Store Jovoy with its owner François, in the charming boutique-workshop of the brand and will learn everything about creating an unique Parfume.**





You will be welcome in the small shop of one of the new Paris Hand Bag Designer who will show you his workshop and will learn you everything about the creation and the production of an Hand Bag.

With his help you will create your own (s) bag , which our designer will create for you and deliver (delivery around 1 to 2 months – cost of the hand bag will depend on the fabric you will choose)

### CLAUDINE IVARY WORKSHOP



Meet Claudine Ivary in her fashion showroom

You will be welcomed in the showroom by Claudine Ivary, Avenue Marceau, who will present you her last Haute Couture Collection & Ready to wear with a private show . The Craftmans who works for the House , will come to meet you.

The elegant silhouette of a busy pin-up! That's the impression that Claudine Ivary leaves on you when you meet her. Gentle yet firm, vibrant yet determined, brimming with poetry an intense energy: a series of contradictions that give her the perfect profile of a designer.

So where does this vocation come from? A mother and a grandmother passionate about fashion and, a multi-cultural family. Talent is not inherent but inclination is! Located on Paris's prestigious avenue Marceau, the Claudine Ivary fashion house opened in 2009 and, with an entirely French production, immediately met the highest fashion standards. In the tradition of pure luxury and exceptional know-how, there are never any surprises when it comes to the quality of the finished products.



Discover contemporary and today art market throughout the visit of 3 to 4 of the most iconic art galleries in Paris. All of these galleries are located in the lively Marais area and offer a diversity of views of the current artistic creation in France and abroad.

After a short introduction on Contemporary and Modern Art, we will visit some of the greatest art dealers in Paris but also some more atypical galleries exhibiting artworks at affordable prices. During this 2 hour visit, our charming English-speaking auctioneer will share with you his expertise and knowledge of the art market (values & prices) in order to help you better understand the codes of Modern art (French and international).



## OPERA GARNIER BACKSTAGE VISITE

Meet your English speaking guide at the Opera Garnier and departure for a **visit of the backstage visit of the Opera Garnier**

You will first start with a visit **the Costume Workshop**

From the “Flou” workshop, dedicated to the manufacture of women's costumes, to the “Tailleur” workshop, devoted to men's suits, through Milliner, Maille and Decoration workshops, nearly thirty professionals are working on restoring and making costumes for the Opéra national de Paris.

They will discover the secrets of making costumes from some of the best designers in the world!



Then you will continue with **the visit of the Backstage:**

### GRAND STAIRCASE AND THE GRAND HOME

The Grand Staircase, whose majesty is enhanced by the richness of its marble, can reach the theater and the Grand Foyer. The staircase was designed so that patrons could move freely during intermission, and was inspired by galleries and castles of the classical age. The gilding, mirror games, and magnificent ceiling painted by Paul Baudry recall the grandeur of the Hall of Mirrors at Chateau de Versailles

### THE GLACIER ROTONDE

La Rotonde du Glacier, located at the end of the Grand Foyer is adorned by a ceiling painted by Clairin and tapestries of the Gobelins illus, which depict hunting and fishing scenes.

### ROTONDE THE SUBSCRIBERS AND BASIN Pythia

Under the auditorium is the former space reserved for subscribers who accessed the east entrance and is now the home of the Opera restaurant. Charles Garnier hid his signature in the ceiling, even though this practice was prohibited in public buildings. There is an extension under the Grand Staircase where you can admire the majestic basin, Pythia.





- **THE THEATRE**

The theater, designed as a jewel box, represents the culmination of the visit. Dressed in red and gold tones warmed by Marc Chagall's ceiling, plunges the spectator into a dreamlike atmosphere

- **THE WATER TANK**

In the auditorium and the nearest foundation of the monument, you can see the water running under the building. This area is the source of many legends surrounding the Palais Garnier and its construction.

- **THE CABESTANS ROOM**

The Cabestan Room immerses you in the heart of the machinery of a Parisian theater of the nineteenth century. Fifteen meters below the stage, you discover the mechanisms that allowed performers (and set pieces) to appear on and disappear from the stage.

- **THE HOME OF DANCE**

At the back of the stage, is the Foyer de la Danse. This room is punctuated by the depth of its beauty and the splendor of his paintings. It was a popular rendezvous point for theatre-goers wanting to approach their favorite artists. The hall is still in use today- where Ballet dancers warm up before their entrance.