Spotlight on Paris

Highlights: Champs-Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower Dinner, Seine River Cruise, Montmartre, Choice on Tour, Louvre Museum, Parisian Food Tour, Versailles Palace & Gardens, Musée d'Orsay, Place des Vosges, Notre Dame.

7 Days ● 8 Meals: 5 Breakasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners

Day 1: Overnight Flight Iconic skylines of picturesque towers. A trend-setting culinary scene. The inspirational muse for the world’s greatest artists. Fashion-forward haute couture. The inspirational muse for the world’s greatest artists. Feel the essence of Paris as the locals do – with its chic cosmopolitan vibe and constant energy. You’re on your way to a 5night stay in the thriving heartbeat of France.

Day 2: Paris, France - Bonjour! Be swept off your feet as the Paris of your dreams comes alive. Make your way down the iconic Champs-Elysees, the hotspot for Parisian fashion, and marvel at the towering Arc de Triomphe. Words can’t do justice to the view from within the Eiffel Tower, where you’ll enjoy an exclusive dinner featuring savory French cuisine. After your meal, cruise the Seine on an evening boat ride, watching the city skyline come to life around you. (D)

Day 3: Montmartre: An Artist’s Eden Step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro – your main mode of transportation for the week. Get to know this underground system with a local pro, giving you the freedom to set off later as you wish. First stop – the hip bohemian neighborhood of Montmartre. Blending artistic roots and quirky modernity, this 18th arrondissement neighborhood is home to classical painters and cultural provocateurs. Choose how you discover the area because it’s your choice! With a local guide, venture into the Musée de Montmartre and glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris’ most famous artists OR head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica. As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, CanCan-kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B)

Day 4: The Louvre, the Lisa, and the Local Foodie The ethereal glass pyramid at the Louvre’s* entrance serves as your gateway into another realm, where ancient sculptures lead to 19th century canvases. Wander past and marvel at the palette progeny of Raphael and Botticelli before making your way to Da Vinci’s renowned Mona Lisa. Your cultural lesson continues with a culinary quest through the Montorgueil neighborhood. Follow a local foodie through the well-loved streets, indulging in specialties from family-owned stores and cozy cafes. From hot-off-the-griddle crepes to buttery pastries that melt in your mouth, you’ll get a true taste of French cuisine. Enjoy the balance of your day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 5: Once Upon a Versailles Channel your inner royal at Versailles – an imperial titan located in the heart of France. There’s a reason why Versailles has served as a model for countless international abodes, which you’ll discover as you wind your way through sprawling green gardens and palace halls with a local guide. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in the palace’s most famous sights. The evening is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you’ll join an optional tour of L’Opera quarter, where you’ll have time to peruse luxury Parisian retailers and visit the world-famous Fragonard Musée du Parfum to discover the art of perfume making. (B)

Day 6: Paris as You Please It’s your last day in Paris – how will you spend it? Perhaps you will visit the highly acclaimed Musée D'Orsay and enjoy your included ticket to this former railroad station which now houses some of the world’s best impressionist art. Or maybe you’ll join your Tour Manager on a trip to Le Marais, a favorite neighborhood of the locals; here you’ll meander through the flourishing trees and bright grassy patches of Place des Vosges, the oldest town square in all of Paris. Enjoy free time to explore this neighborhood’s popular market** and trendy boutique stores. Take a short walk down to Île de la Cité to snap a picture of the awe-inspiring Notre Dame. Tonight, say salut as you toast to the end of your Parisian getaway. (B, D)

Day 7: Paris - Tour Ends Au revoir! Your tour comes to a close today. (B)