



## Paris and the Chateaux | 2011 sample tour schedule

### Day 1: Overnight flight to Europe

Depart North America today on an overnight flight to Europe.

### Day 2: Arrive in Paris; walking tour of Paris; visit Notre-Dame; Sample Menu: Paris

Upon arrival at the airport the group should be prepared to wait up to 2hrs for consolidated groups to arrive. Transfer from hotel to central Paris is 1hr. Group will store bags at hotel. Tour Director will take group into central Paris by public transport. Tour Director leads walking tour ending at Notre Dame cathedral for self-guided tour.

Sample menu for Paris:

MAIN COURSE: Choice of various Flammekueche or Cordon bleu with ratatouille and potatoes

VEGETARIAN: Pastry with cheese filling

DESSERT: Chocolate Mousse

Please Note: These sample menus are not "a la carte". Tour Director and Group Leader(s) will go over the choices and one item will be served at each meal for all participants.

### Day 3: Sightseeing of Paris; sightseeing of Versailles

9am: Meet bus and guide for city tour (2hrs30min) including photo stop at Eiffel tower. Tour ends at Opera or Arc de Triomphe. 12pm: Bus and guide continue to Versailles for visit (4-5hrs). Tour includes interior visit of chateau (1hr) and time to visit gardens and have lunch (2hrs). 4pm/5pm: Bus drops group in central Paris, normally close to area where dinner is booked. Possibility of a little free time before dinner. After dinner, return to hotel by public transport. In the evening, the Tour Director will offer the chance to go up the Eiffel Tower and take a boat ride along the river Seine (1hr).

### Day 4: Travel through Loire Valley, stopping at Chartres Cathedral and Chambord

8.30am: Depart hotel, transfer to Chartres (2hrs). 10.30am: Chartres - Tour Director leads group to cathedral and gives free time for visit and lunch (2hrs30min). 1pm: Depart Chartres. Transfer to Chambord (1hr30min) for photo stop (30min). Transfer to hotel (1hr30min-2hrs).

### Day 5: Excursion to the Loire Valley

This day can be arranged in a number of different ways: one possible example is: 9am: Depart hotel and transfer to Amboise. Visit chateau (2hrs). Time for lunch in the town of Amboise. 12.30pm: Transfer to Chenonceau (20min); visit chateau. 1.45pm: Continue to wine cellar and on to troglodyte dwellings.

### Day 6: Stop at Mont-St-Michel on way to St. Malo; walking tour of St. Malo

8:30am: Transfer to Mont-St-Michel (4hrs). Upon arrival the group has free time on Mont-St-Michel for lunch; After lunch, the Tour Director will walk the group up to the abbey for an included visit. 3pm: Transfer to St. Malo (45min-1hr). 4pm: Tour Director leads walking tour around city walls and into old town (45min-1hr) plus free time, if hotel located close to St. Malo. 5pm/6pm: Transfer to hotel.

### Day 7: Transfer to Normandy region; excursions to sites along Normandy beaches

Transfer to Normandy beach region (2-3hrs). Group will visit the Pointe du Hoc (45min), the American cemetery at Omaha beach (1hr), Arromanches (1hr) and the Caen memorial (2hrs). [Canadian groups will visit the Juno beach centre

instead of Caen memorial].

### Day 8: Stop in Rouen on way to Paris; visit Louvre

Depart hotel, transfer to Rouen (30min-1hr30min). 9am: Tour Director will lead walking tour of Rouen (2hrs) followed by free time for early lunch. 12noon: Transfer to Paris (2hrs30min-3hrs). Go to hotel to store bags. Tour Director takes group into city centre by public transport for a self-guided visit to the Louvre (1-2hrs). Return to hotel after dinner, via public transport, to check in.

### Day 9: [Flight home for those not going on the extension]; TGV train to Nice; walking tour of Nice

\*\*\*Groups not going on the tour's extension will transfer to the airport today for their flight home.

\*\*\*Groups continuing on the extension will do as follows:

Timings will depend on the train reservation. The group need to be at the station 1hr prior to the scheduled departure. The journey time from Paris to Nice is 6hrs. Upon arrival in Nice the Tour Director will lead a walking tour and offer some free time (up to 2hrs) in the old town and by the beach before the transfer to hotel (15min-1hr).

### Day 10: Excursion to Grasse and St-Paul-de-Vence

9am: Transfer to Grasse (40min) for 1hr visit to Fragonard perfume museum/factory. 10.45am: Transfer to St. Paul De Vence (25min). Tour Director leads walking tour (1hr) followed by free time for lunch. 2pm: Return to Nice (45min). The rest of the afternoon is free time in Nice to visit the old town, shop or go to the beach



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(2-3hrs).

### **Day 11: Transfer to Nice airport**

Nice International Airport is 20min  
from central Nice.

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*DISCLAIMER: Timings are subject to change; the above schedule is an indication of how this tour runs; components may be switched; check booking conditions for more detail.*