



Romantic France (14 destinations)

9 days - Start and end in Paris (Fully Guided)

Amazing Choice of Destinations

- Explore the Palace of Versailles and its gardens
- Ascend the Eiffel Tower and cruise the Seine
- Stroll through medieval Carcassonne's walls
- Experience the Carrières de Lumières show
- Visit UNESCO-listed Fontenay Abbey

Itinerary Days 9

• **Day 1 - PARIS**

Welcome! Upon arrival, we'll provide a transfer to the hotel, where you'll have some free time. In the afternoon, you'll receive information about the start of your tour, either in person or through the information signs located at the hotel reception.

Accommodation

Novotel Est - Bagnolet

 Hotel ★★★★★

• **Day 2 - PARIS**

We'll immerse ourselves in the rich history of France at the magnificent Palace of Versailles (admission not included), renowned for its stunning gardens. On our return to Paris, we'll visit Montmartre, where a cable car (included) will take us up to this charming bohemian neighborhood, famous for its artists, painters, and cabarets. To fully appreciate the grandeur of Paris, we'll embark on a panoramic city tour with a local guide, showcasing the city's impressive avenues and iconic monuments. Afterward, we'll return to the hotel. For those interested, there is an optional variety show in the evening.

Accommodation

Novotel Est - Bagnolet

 Hotel ★★★★★

• **Day 3 - PARIS, Tours**

We'll start our day in the heart of Paris, beginning with a visit to the Eiffel Tower. You'll have the chance to ascend to the second floor of this iconic landmark (admission included). Afterwards, we'll enjoy a relaxing boat cruise along the Seine, which will last approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. You'll have a free afternoon to explore the city at your own pace. At 5:30 p.m., we'll leave Paris and head to the Loire Valley, arriving in Tours, the capital of the region, in the evening. We recommend taking a leisurely stroll and enjoying dinner in the beautiful historic center. Note: Wait times to go up the Eiffel Tower can be long. Therefore, the visit may be rescheduled to a different time (or on Sunday) if needed for logistical reasons.

Accommodation

Le Grand Hotel De Tours

 Hotel ★★★★★

• **Day 4 - Tours, Bordeaux, Lourdes**

Today we'll journey to the south of France through vineyards, arriving in Bordeaux, whose town center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll have time for lunch and to explore. We suggest visiting the Port of the Moon and the Cathedral of St. Andrew. We'll then continue towards the Pyrenees, reaching Lourdes in the late afternoon. Here, you can attend the candlelight procession (held from late March to the end of October) and visit various places of worship. Dinner will be included at the hotel for all our passengers.

Accommodation

Le Mediterranee

 Hotel ★★★★★

• **Day 5 - Lourdes, Carcassonne, Narbonne, Marseille**

We'll travel through the south of France, stopping in Carcassonne, a city surrounded by some of the most beautiful walls in Europe. You'll have time to walk and explore. After lunch, we'll continue to Narbonne, where you'll have free time to discover this historic Occitan city with its picturesque old town. In the late afternoon, we'll arrive in Marseille, France's second-largest city. We recommend a walk through its vibrant Vieux-Port (Old Port), bustling with life and dotted with charming small restaurants.

• **Day 6 - Marseille, Arles, Avignon, Lyon**

Villages, landscapes, history - today we'll see some of the most beautiful places in Provence. In Arles, a UNESCO World Heritage city, we'll explore its Roman and medieval legacy and be reminded of Van Gogh. In Les Baux, we'll visit this small medieval village and include admission to Carrières de Lumières, an impressive underground show that combines art, image, and sound in its old quarries. We'll have time for lunch and a stroll in Avignon, home to the immense Palais des Papes. Our journey will continue to Lyon, where we'll walk through the World Heritage Site old town and take the cable car up to Notre-Dame de Fourvière, a huge basilica offering a great view over the city. Note: If tickets for the Carrières de Lumières show are unavailable due to closure or high demand, we will instead transfer to the Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard.

• **Day 7 - Lyon, Tournus, Savigny Castle, Beaune, Dijon**

We'll set off from Lyon and head to the Burgundy region. Our first stop will be Tournus, a quaint little town with an imposing stone gate and a large abbey. After that, we'll travel to Beaune, where we'll have time for lunch and to explore the wine capital of Burgundy. We recommend visiting the wine museum or the historic hospice. Next, we'll visit the Savigny Castle, situated in the heart of this winemaking region. Built in the 15th century, the castle houses extraordinary museums featuring motorbikes, racing cars, planes, and helicopters. Our journey will continue to Dijon, the capital of Burgundy, known for its lively streets and numerous medieval and Renaissance buildings, including the standout Palace of the Dukes.

• **Day 8 - Dijon, Abbey Of Fontenay, Semur-en-Auxois, Vézelay, Paris**

We'll leave Dijon for Fontenay Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we'll include admission to this Cistercian center. Afterward, we'll stop in Semur-en-Auxois, a medieval city surrounded by impressive ancient walls. Still in Burgundy, we'll have time for lunch and a stroll in Vézelay, one of France's most beautiful villages, where its immense basilica was one of the starting points of the Way of St. James. In the afternoon, we'll continue our route to Paris, arriving in the evening.

Accommodation

Novotel Est - Bagnolet

 Hotel ★★★★★

• **Day 9 - PARIS**

After breakfast, our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories

Includes:

- **Accommodation**

- **Guide**

English speaking tour in: Paris

Please note also that your tour guide might be changed once or several times during the tour. On some tours, according to the number of passengers, the service may be provided in bilingual (usually in English and Spanish), either accompanied by two tour leaders, one for each language, or a single tour leader for smaller groups explaining in both languages.

- **Meals**

Breakfast buffet

1 Dinner Included in: LOURDES

- **Additional Services**

City tour in: PARIS

Excursion: Versailles in Paris (entrance not included)

Ticket admission: 2nd Floor Eiffel Tower in Paris, Carrieres de Lumiere show , Savigny Medieval Castle , Fontenay Abbey

- **Transport**

Includes arrival transfer

Transfer: Montmartre in Paris

Excludes:

Accommodation:

PARIS: NOVOTEL EST - BAGNOLET or LE GRAND HOTEL DE TOURS or LE MEDITERRANEE

We know how important hotels are on your trip. The hotels have been selected taking into consideration quality, price and location. They are located in the cities we visit, most of them not in the city center but all of them with easy access to public transportation nearby. Our accommodation is not based on luxury hotels. Please keep in mind that standards, bed sizes and room dimensions can vary between hotels of the same class in different locations. All rooms are equipped with private bathroom and TV. Some of them also offer a mini-bar, safe box, and hair dryer. Many hotels, mainly in North Europe, do not have air conditioning or local legislation establishes limited dates of use.

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