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## **Art & Architecture of Paris & Toulouse**

**10** DAYS  
June 7-16, 2019

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## YOUR TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

8 nights in handpicked hotels  
8 breakfasts  
2 lunches  
4 dinners with beer or wine  
1 wine tasting  
Guided sightseeing tours  
Expert Tour Director & local guides  
Private deluxe motor coach

## INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Louvre, Musée de Cluny, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Palace of Versailles, Chartres Cathedral, Hôtel des Invalides, Giverny, Place du Capitole, Maison de la Violette, Pères Dominicains Catholic Church, St. Mary Monastery of Prouilhe, Gaillac wine region

## TOUR PACE

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and unpaved paths, with some steep stairs and hills.



## Discover the many sides of France.

Travel from the iconic city of Paris to the colorful city of Toulouse. Along the way you'll uncover the monuments, cathedrals, and gardens that define these cities. Whether you're exploring the museums in central Paris or the town of Fanjeaux in the French countryside, this is your chance to eat, drink, and sightsee your way through this dynamic country.



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# Itinerary

## Overnight flight | 1 NIGHT

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Paris today.

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## Paris | 5 NIGHTS

### Day 2: Arrival in Paris

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to France! Gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Paris

*Included meals: breakfast*

A guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called *arrondissements*.

- Drive down the sycamore-lined Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe
- Pass Pont Neuf and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River
- See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house, and Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square
- Marvel at the iconic architecture of the Hôtel des Invalides
- Tour the Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay, two of the city's most iconic museums

### Day 4: Musée de Cluny, Île de la Cité & Le Marais

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Head to the Musée de Cluny this morning and take a self-guided audio tour.

- Explore the collections and learn about the archaeological history of the grounds
- See many important pieces of art including the *Pillar of the Boatmen* and the six tapestries that comprise *The Lady and the Unicorn*

Set off on a guided tour to explore some of the city's most iconic cathedrals and picturesque neighborhoods.

- Head to Île de la Cité, the city's legendary birthplace and home to the majestic Notre-Dame Cathedral
- Enter the cathedral to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings
- Admire the picturesque views from Square Jean XXIII before stepping inside Sainte-Chapelle
- Sit down for an included lunch in Le Marais district
- Visit the Mémorial des Martyrs de la Déportation, which honors French people deported to Nazi concentration camps during WWII

### Day 5: Palace of Versailles & Chartres Cathedral

*Included meals: breakfast*

Head outside of the city center and tour the Palace of Versailles and its gardens.

- Learn about how the once small hunting lodge was turned into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide
- See the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors
- Stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds

Then, head to Chartres to visit the city's striking cathedral.

- Step inside Chartres Cathedral, a stunning example of French Gothic and Romanesque architecture
- Take a guided tour of the UNESCO-recognized site to learn more about its stained glass windows, spires, and more

### Day 6: Hôtel des Invalides & Giverny

*Included meals: breakfast*

Head to the Hôtel des Invalides and spend free time exploring the exhibits and memorials throughout the building that highlight France's military history.

- Visit the Musée de l'Armée and the Charles de Gaulle Monument to learn more about the former French Prime Minister
- Uncover the history behind French liberation post-WWII at the Musée de l'Ordre de la Libération
- See the tomb of Napoleon I
- Head to the Musée des Plans-Reliefs to see three-dimensional models of fortified cities built by military engineers

Travel to the village of Giverny this afternoon, which was home to Claude Monet from 1883 until his death in 1926. On a visit to Monet's home and gardens, discover the subtle palette of colors that inspired his *Water Lilies* series and gave rise to a new way of seeing.

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## Toulouse | 3 NIGHTS

### Day 7: Train ride to Toulouse & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Take a train to Toulouse and set out with a local guide for a walking tour of the city.

- Explore the Place du Capitole, a square lined with grand government buildings
- Admire the city's historic mansions and the Basilica of St. Sernin
- Step inside the Church of the Jacobins
- Stroll through an outdoor market to browse fresh flowers (seasonal)
- Board the Maison de la Violette, a barge anchored on the Canal du Midi that celebrates all things violet

### Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Fanjeaux & Carcassonne

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Take a guided tour of Fanjeaux to discover the area's religious history.

- Learn about St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order, and the years he spent in Fanjeaux
- Explore both the Pères Dominicains Catholic Church and the St. Mary Monastery of Prouilhe
- Uncover the history of the Medieval Cathars and the Cathar Crusade that the Roman Catholic Church launched against them in the 13th century

Later, join a local guide to visit the UNESCO-recognized Carcassonne.

- Walk through the citadel, where fortified city walls surround the castle, Gothic cathedral, and medieval streets
- Spend free time exploring Château Comtal, an impressive medieval castle, or visiting the Bastide Saint-Louis and the banks of the Canal du Midi
- Enjoy a dinner of local specialties including the signature dish of *cassoulet*, a meat and white bean stew that originated in the region, and local wine

### Day 9: Cave of Niaux & Gaillac wine region

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, wine tasting, farewell dinner*

This morning, pay a visit to the Cave of Niaux. This important archaeological site features paintings of bison, horses, and goats that are over 11,000 years old.

Then, head to the Gaillac wine region for a guided tour of a vineyard. You'll learn about the history of the wine region, which is one of the oldest in France, and enjoy a tasting of locally produced wines.

Celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner in Toulouse this evening.

### Day 10: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

*Please note: The inclusions and order of events on this tour are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to your departure.*

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