

Day-by-day Programme Outline

DAY	MEALS INCLUDED	ACTIVITIES
Day 1 Monday 6th June		Arrival at hotel. Drop off luggage at the hotel if you arrive in the morning.
		First Meeting in hotel 14h.00 with Brian and Annie. Then an initial discovery of Paris by bus (Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Quartier Latin).
	DINNER	<i>Evening.</i> 20h00 – 22h30 Welcome-dinner Cruise on the <i>Capitaine Fracasse</i> , a restaurant Bateau-Mouche.
Day 2 Tuesday 7th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Breakfast</i> 8h Leave hotel 8h45 <i>Morning.</i> 9h30 – 12h30 Classes : two themes : “ <i>Paris pratique</i> ” and <i>The architectural face of Paris</i> . Where to go and practical hints to help you organize what you want to see and do (from unexpensive meals, getting around in and outside Paris, to unusual museums or exploring different areas of Paris and interesting shopping). In particular, how to recognize the historical period of the city’s architecture and learn why, when simply wandering through the streets of Paris, without even seeing any monument, you know you could not be anywhere else.
	DINNER	<i>Afternoon.</i> “ <i>The face of Paris; from the Renaissance to the 21st century</i> ”. A bus and walking tour around the streets of Paris to provide a basic historical and architectural experience of the city. Most foreign visitors to Paris find the bus system too complicated. You will already have discovered the buses on Monday and we want to make everyone familiar with the bus system for it is the best way to travel round the city, and to familiarise oneself with it! The bus tour will end along the Grands Boulevards, followed by a guided walk on the theme of <i>Hausmann’s Paris</i> , and ending with an architectural presentation of the <i>Galleries Lafayette</i> or the <i>Printemps</i> (where people can stay on to shop or return, by bus, to their hotel).
Day 3 Wednesday 8th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning.</i> 9h30 – 12h30 Classes on three themes : 1. <i>French Impressionism</i> . 2. <i>Paris and its various art movements late 19th early 20th</i> . 3. <i>Preparation of the film to be seen in the evening</i> .
	LUNCH	Lunch at the restaurant <i>Crémaillère</i> , Place du Tertre, Montmartre. 15h00 – 17h30 Walking visit of Montmartre with specialist guide.
		<i>Evening.</i> Cinema : French film prepared in the morning.
Day 4 Thursday 9th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning. Excursion to Rouen.</i> Train from the Gare St Lazare. Guided visit of the city, its streets and museums, including its beautiful, recently restored, cathedral (painted 47 times by Monet), its striking XIVth century <i>charnier</i> .
	LUNCH	<i>Lunch</i> in the Place du Marché, famous for its restaurants and where Jeanne d’Arc was burned at the stake

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		<i>Afternoon Giverny.</i> Train to Vernon and coach from the station to Giverny, to visit Monet's house, garden and water lily pond. <i>Evening.</i> Free.
Day 5 Friday 10th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning.</i> 9h30 – 11h/11h30 Guided visit to one of the great morning street markets. Visit the stalls, talk to the stall owners and fill in a questionnaire. Purchase a bite to eat
	DINNER	<i>Afternoon.</i> 12h30 Guided visit of the <i>Musée d'Orsay</i> . 16h00 Guided visit of the <i>Musée de l'Orangerie</i> .
Day 6 Saturday 11th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning.</i> 9h30 – 12h30 Classes on “ <i>Paris history and architecture</i> ”: 1. Under the Romans 2. In the Middle Ages, in particular : Romanesque and. Gothic church architectures.
	DINNER	<i>Afternoon.</i> Guided visit of the wonderful Sainte-Chapelle and the crypt of Notre-Dame And then free to visit either Notre Dame or the Cluny Museum (the superb Middle Ages museum situated in the site of the ancient Roman baths; it houses the celebrated <i>Dame à la licorne</i>)
Day 7 Sunday 12th June	BREAKFAST	Whole day excursion to Rheims. Leave from the Gare de l'Est in the super-swift new TGV. Rheims is now only 40 minutes away. Guided visit of the magnificent World Heritage Rheims cathedral, where most French Kings were crowned. Time for lunch. Coach to the St Rémi basilica followed by a guided visit of the Pommery champagne cellars and champagne tasting. Coach back to TGV station.
	DINNER	Return to Paris by TGV.
Day 8 Monday 13th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning.</i> 9h30 – 12h30 Classes on the themes: 1. “ <i>Paris in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries</i> ” and 2. Preparing the play to be seen in the evening at the theatre.
	LUNCH	Lunch in the Marais district. <i>Afternoon:</i> 15h-17h30 Guided visit of the Marais.
		<i>Evening</i> at the theatre to see the French play which will have been prepared in the morning.
Day 9 Tuesday 14th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning:</i> Free to sleep in, or go shopping, or both!
	DINNER	<i>Afternoon.</i> Guided visit of the 7 th arrondissement, including the Rodin museum and the Invalides.
Day 10 Wednesday 15th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning. All-morning cooking lesson :</i> the group will prepare a three-course meal under the instructions of the chef.
	LUNCH	Lunch in the restaurant: the meal that the group has prepared. Opportunity to discuss the experiences with the chef afterwards
		<i>Evening :</i> free
Day 11	BREAKFAST	All day visit to the Château of Versailles. Train to Versailles.

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Thursday 16 th June		Guided visit of the château, the gardens and Marie-Antoinette's domain.
	DINNER	<i>Late afternoon.</i> Return by train to Paris.
Day 12 Friday 17 th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning.</i> 9h30 – 12h30 Class on theme : “French art and the history of the 19 th and 20 th centuries”.
	DINNER	<i>Afternoon.</i> Guided visit of the “passages couverts” and the Opéra Garnier.
Day 13 Saturday 18 th June	BREAKFAST	Full-day coach excursion: the Château de Fontainebleau , one of the most important royal châteaux from the 12 th century, through François 1er to Napoleon, and then on to the Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte which was the major source of inspiration for Versailles.
	DINNER	
Day 14 Sunday 19 th June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning free.</i> People wishing to attend mass might consider Notre-Dame de Paris.
	DINNER	<i>Afternoon:</i> Guided visit of the Guimard <i>art nouveau</i> architecture of the 16 th arrondissement. Visit of the fascinating – and notorious - Pompidou Centre.
Day 15 Monday 20 th June	BREAKFAST	All-day excursion to Chartres. On arrival guided visit of the World Heritage cathedral. Rodin called it “the Acropolis of France”, thus summing up its aesthetic and spiritual meaning. Celebrated not only for its superb architecture and sculpture but especially for its 12 th and 13 th century stained glass windows. Close to the cathedral is the <i>Centre international du vitrail</i> which you can visit. Exploring the historical part of the town you will find houses dating back to the 12 th century. <i>Morning.</i> Take train from Montparnasse railway station. Guided visit of town and cathedral.
	DINNER	
Day 16 Tuesday 21 st June	BREAKFAST	<i>Morning.</i> 9h30 – 12h30 Round table in which each member of the group will be asked to make a short oral presentation of one of the aspects of your stay with us in France which has been of particular interest.
	LUNCH	Farewell lunch in a beautiful art nouveau restaurant: <i>Montparnasse 1900</i>
		Rest of the day free for shopping and enjoying the Fête de la Musique , which continues through the night. All France participates – and indeed now many countries around the world!
Day 17 Wednesday 22 nd June	BREAKFAST	The tour officially ends after breakfast.
		Free to organize your own activities and travel