

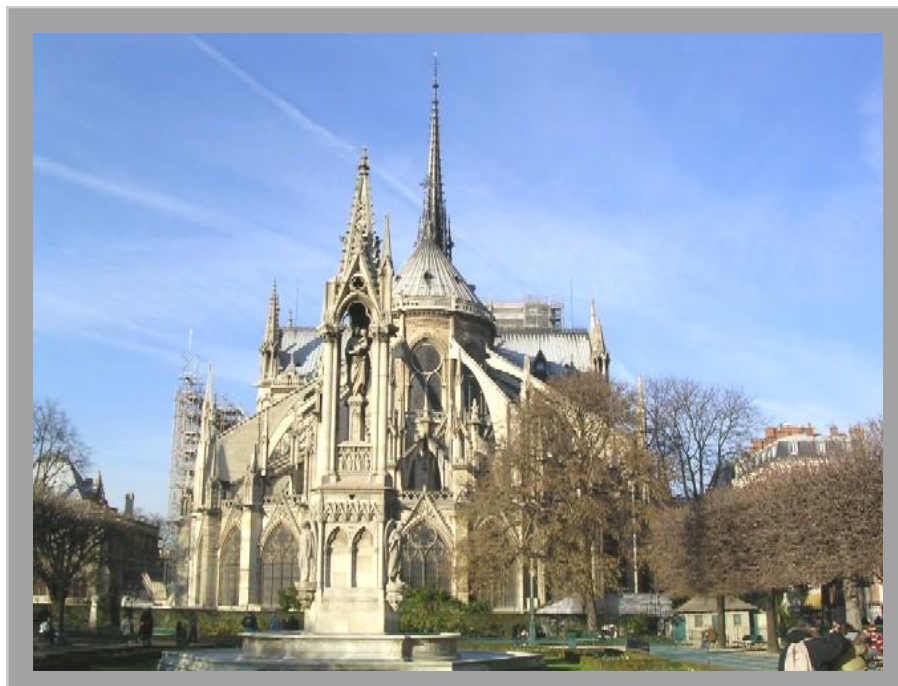
FRANCE

with an optional extension in London

Paris • Reims • Rouen • Caen • Bayeux

October 13 - 24, 2013

London extension: October 23-27, 2013



- Garnier Opera House
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- The Louvre
- Versailles
- Veuve-Cliequot Tour
- Reims Cathedral
- Caen's Memorial Museum
- Beaches of Normandy
- American Cemetery
- Mont St. Michele Abbey
- Bayeux Tapestry
- Monet Gardens

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Sunday, October 13, 2013 • Arrival

Upon arrival in Paris, we meet our local tour director and coach driver and begin our sightseeing with a panoramic tour of Paris. We enjoy a break at the **Place du Tertre**. Only a few streets away from Montmartre's Basilica of the Sacré Cœur, it is the heart of the city's elevated Montmartre quarter. After exploring **Sacre Coeur**, we continue our driving tour including a picture stop at the **Moulin Rouge**, the **Arc de Triomphe**, **Trocadero**, **Place de la Concorde** and the **Invalides**. We finish our first day of touring at Notre Dame. After checking into our hotel conveniently located on the Left Bank, we enjoy a free evening. *(Plan your flight to arrive no later than 9:00 AM.)*

Monday, October 14, 2013 • Paris

We begin our day with a guided tour of the **Garnier Opera House**. The Palais Garnier is probably the most famous opera house in the world, a symbol of Paris due to its use as the setting for the 1911 novel "The Phantom of the Opera". The afternoon is spent with Janet and Karen exploring the Right Bank area. We visit such sites as the Eglise de la Madeleine, a Roman Catholic church resembling the Pantheon and filled with history; Fauchon Paris, an epicurean delight of the highest caliber and Galeries Lafayette, the upmarket French department store. **B**

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 • Paris

Today we take the Metro to Versailles. The **Palace of Versailles** is a royal château in the Île-de-France region of France and once the home of Louis XIV and later Marie-Antoinette. After touring the palace there will be time to explore the grounds and the Versailles area. **B**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 • Paris

Your morning is free to explore on your own perhaps taking advantage of your 5 day metro pass and 4 day museum pass. Meet back at the hotel in the afternoon for our museums visits starting with **La Sainte-Chapelle**, a royal medieval Gothic chapel. Its construction was commissioned by King Louis IX of France to house his collection of Passion Relics, including Christ's Crown of Thorns - one of the most important relics in medieval Christendom. From there we continue to the **Musée de l'Orangerie**, an art gallery of impressionist and post-impressionist paintings. Though most famous for being the permanent home for eight Water Lilies murals by Claude Monet, the museum also contains works by Paul Cézanne, Henri Matisse, Amedeo Modigliani, Pablo Picasso, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, among others. We finish our day at **The Louvre**—one of the world's largest museums, and a historic monument. Nearly 35,000 objects from prehistory to the 19th century are exhibited over an area of 652,300 square feet. **B**

Thursday, October 17, 2013 • Paris

Today we visit one of the most famous monuments in Paris—the **Arc de Triomphe**, which honors those who fought and died for France in the French Revolutionary and the Napoleonic Wars. It is so colossal that three weeks after the Paris victory parade in 1919, (marking the end of hostilities in World War I), Charles Godefroy flew his Nieuport biplane through it. We continue on to the **Rodin Museum**, dedicated to the works of the French sculptor Auguste Rodin. Next discover **Rue Cler**, one of the best street markets in Paris. Tonight we dine at **Restaurant 58 Tour Eiffel**, located on the first floor of the Eiffel tower. **B/D**

Friday, October 18, 2013 • Paris

Today is totally free for you to explore Paris on your own. You might like to take advantage of your museum pass for the Musée D'Orsay, which houses the world's finest collection of Impressionist paintings, or perhaps the Maison Victor Hugo or a museum featuring Picasso, Roudin or Maillol. A stop at the elegant stores of Au Printemps, Au Bon Marché and Galeries Lafayette may also prove exciting. Make sure you leave via the Pompidou Centre, a landmark of contemporary Paris. **B**

Saturday, October 19, 2013 • Paris

Today we take a day trip to **Reims**, a city in the Champagne-Ardenne region of France. Our first stop will be at Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, a champagne house founded in 1772. Veuve Clicquot played an important role in establishing champagne as a favored drink of haute bourgeoisie and nobility throughout Europe. Lunch will be on your own, followed by a self-guided tour of the **Cathedral**. Our return trip to Paris will include a stop at the **Odeon Market** at Porte de Clignancourt. The flea market has between 2500-3000 vendors. **B**

Sunday, October 20, 2013 • Bayeux

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and head for the village of Bayeux in Normandy. Along the way, we stop for a guided tour of **Rouen**, where Joan of Arc was executed in 1431. You then have free time to enjoy lunch on your own. Our journey continues to the **Caen Peace Memorial**, dedicated not only to the Normandy invasion, but to the international cause of peace. **B**

Monday, October 21, 2013 • Bayeux

A busy day is on the agenda today as we explore the sites of the D-Day invasion; the greatest amphibious assault ever attempted and the beginning of the end for Hitler's Third Reich. Visits include the **DD Landing Museum**, along with the **American Cemetery**. At **Pointe du Hoc**, we view the German fortifications where courageous U.S. Rangers climbed the cliffs against incredible odds and overwhelmed the defenders. We also visit **Ste Mere Eglise** considered to be the first town liberated in France on the 6th of June and also depicted in the film "The Longest Day". From there it is onto **Utah Beach**, the site of the first allied beach landings on D Day. Here we start to understand the chaos of war and how American leadership and the GI's initiative would overcome it. **B**

Tuesday, October 22, 2013 • Bayeux

Today we travel to the UNESCO World Heritage site, **Mont St. Michel**, a rocky tidal island 247 acres in size. It is located just over half a mile off the country's north-western coast, at the mouth of the Couesnon River near Avranches. The island has held strategic fortifications since ancient times, and since the 8th century AD been the seat of the monastery from which it draws its name. We return to Bayeux in the afternoon and visit the **Tapestry Museum** where we view the famous 75 yard long tapestry depicting the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. We conclude our evening with a "Farewell Dinner". **B/D**

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

This morning, we explore the **Monet Gardens** at Giverny. Claude Monet noticed the village of Giverny while looking out of a train window and made up his mind to move there. In 1890 he had enough money to buy the house and land and set out to

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create the magnificent gardens he wanted to paint. Some of his most famous paintings were of his garden in Giverny. Monet lived in the house from 1883 until his death in 1926. We say farewell to our friends continuing to London at Gare du Nord before taking the rest of the group to their hotel near Paris De-Gaulle Airport. Return flights should be scheduled for Thursday, October 24th. **B**



LONDON Optional Extension

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Extension cost: \$1,479* per person

*minimum of 10 participants, double occupancy

Single supplement: \$400

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 • London

We enjoy making our way from Paris to London on the Eurostar Train. Eurostar speeds you through the **Channel Tunnel**, one of Europe's biggest infrastructure projects to date. Its length is 31 miles, of which 23 miles are underwater. Enjoy the ride! **B**

Thursday, October 24, 2013 • London

We enjoy a morning walking tour with a local guide. We tour **Westminster Abbey**, an architectural masterpiece of the thirteenth to sixteenth centuries. Westminster Abbey also presents a unique pageant of British history - the Confessor's Shrine, the tombs of Kings and Queens, and countless memorials to the famous and the great. It has been the setting for every Coronation since 1066 and for numerous other Royal occasions. Today it is still a church dedicated to regular worship and to the celebration of great events in the life of the nation. The historic landmarks of **Piccadilly Circus** and **Trafalgar Square** will be included in our walk. Enjoy a trip back in time with a visit to the spectacular **Globe Theatre**. Situated on London's Bankside, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre is a reconstruction of the original building that housed Shakespeare's theatre in London. This open-air playhouse is where the playwright penned many of his greatest plays. For a little relaxation time, we stop at the **Swan Bar & Restaurant** for afternoon tea and snack. After this refreshing break, we view London Town in a whole new way on the **London Eye**, a giant ferris wheel located on the banks of the River Thames. **B**

Friday, October 25, 2013 • London

Today we enjoy a **panoramic bus tour**. Highlights include St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, Kensington Gardens, Albert Memorial and Hyde Park. A brief stop at Harrod's, one of the finest department stores in Europe, may not be enough time to purchase all that you wish to buy but tomorrow is a free day for you to return for more. Our bus tour will end at Covent Gardens. This afternoon we continue on to the **Tower of London** for a tour that includes the **Crown Jewels**. **B**

Saturday, October 26, 2013 • London

Today is a free day to explore London on our own with our included Tube pass. The entire day is open for options. Just a few of the many possibilities are the British Museum, the Docklands or Greenwich area, the British War Museum, and for art lovers, the Tate Gallery. Or, maybe an excursion to Hampton Court Palace is your preference? Why not go to St. Martin in the Fields to do a brass rubbing, and bring back one of the nicest souvenirs possible? **B**

Sunday, October 27, 2013 • Return

Regretfully, it's time to say "cheerio" and transfer to the airport, where your flight is waiting to return you to the United States. **B**

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TOUR COST: \$3,339* per person, land only

*Price is based on a minimum of 20 participants, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$925

Triples can be requested but are not advised

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach as indicated in the itinerary
- 5-day Metro Pass (3-day Tube pass also included in London extension)
- 4-day Museum Pass in Paris
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in 4 star hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour manager** throughout the tour
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- **All taxes and gratuity** for provided services, except as indicated below

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airfare**, related taxes and fees
- Optional London extension (add'l \$1,479)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees
Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation
(This insurance is available and recommended.)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

CURRENCY:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, Ed-Ventures reserves the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

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All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 90 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee will be assessed. From 89-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by airlines (if applicable) will be assessed. Anyone cancelling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive NO REFUND. Airline tickets (if applicable) once written are usually not refundable.

Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly encouraged.

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to
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Credit Card Number: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

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Yes, sign me up and bill me add'l \$1479 pp
double occupancy (singles \$400 higher)

No, I am not interested in the London ext.

Price is based on a minimum of 10 participants

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate (name): _____

Single supplement is an additional (\$925): ____ Yes ____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code*: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

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