

Paris, France 2008: OPTIONAL SIGHTSEEING

Sunday, Nov. 2: Depart Washington for our overnight flight to Paris.

Monday, Nov. 3: Upon arrival in Paris we will be transferred to our hotel.

Illuminations of Paris with dinner at the Eiffel Tower (Evening)

This evening we'll better understand the City of Light with a panoramic tour of its illuminated highlights. Our last stop will be the Eiffel Tower which we'll be treated to dinner and drinks with a view of the tower.

Bus tour/Light walking/Will advise required mode of dress

Cost (including dinner): \$175.00



Tuesday, Nov. 4:

Paris City Tour (1/2 day)

We'll start our morning's exploration of the City of Light with a panoramic tour of its highlights. We'll see L'arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Les Invalides, and Napoleon's Tomb. We'll drive down the Champs Elysees, view the Place de la Concorde, the Louvre Museum, and the Eiffel Tower. We'll have stops for photos and exploration.

Bus tour/Light walking

Cost: \$49.00

Versailles (1/2 day)

This afternoon's tour takes us inside the Palace of Versailles, the Center of Power and home of the Royal Family from King Louis XIV until 1789, when the Royal Family was forced to move back into the city. Our tour will include a visit to the Hall of Mirrors and the Queen's apartments.

Light walking with moderate standing

Cost: \$83.00

Wednesday, Nov. 5:

Chartres (1/2-3/4 day)

Today we'll travel outside of Paris to the city of Chartres, best known for the Cathedral of Chartres, which is widely considered to be the finest gothic cathedral in France. The cultural importance of the Cathedral of Chartres has been recognized by inclusion on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. After a visit to this beautiful site, we'll enjoy some free time for lunch and exploration of the town.

Light walking

Cost: 63.00



Montmartre & the Louvre Museum (1/2 day)

This afternoon we'll travel to Montmartre, a hill (and surrounding district) in the north of Paris. The area is known for its appeal to artists, such as Salvador Dali, Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso and Vincent van Gogh, all of whom had studios in the area. We'll take a walking tour of the Artists' Square. While there we'll also visit the Sacred Heart Basilica. We'll return to the central city to visit the Louvre Museum where our guide will show us the Venus de Milo, the Winged Victory and Da Vinci's Mona Lisa.

Moderate walking/Cobblestone paving and many stairs

Cost: \$89.00

Thursday, Nov. 6: Normandy (full day)

Today we'll leave Paris and travel to Normandy to visit the Landing Beaches, Omaha Beach and the US Military Cemetery. Normandy is situated on the coast of France south of the English Channel. Of course, the area is best known as the site of the Battle of Normandy, the launch of the Allied Invasion of France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Our tour will include a visit to the Musee du Debarquement and lunch at a local restaurant.

Light to moderate walking

Cost (including lunch): \$169.00



Friday, Nov. 7: Fontainebleau and Barbizon (1/2-3/4 day)

Today we'll visit yet another UNESCO World Heritage Site in the palace and parks of Fontainebleau. Once a royal hunting lodge, Fontainebleau was enlarged and transformed during the Renaissance. We'll see the Trinity Chapel, the Francois 1st Gallery, and the Royal Apartments. After seeing the gardens, we'll drive to the idyllic village of Barbizon, which inspired many 19th century landscape painters such as Millet, Corot and Rousseau. We'll spend a bit of free time exploring Barbizon.

Light to moderate walking/Cobblestone walkways and paths with rocks/roots

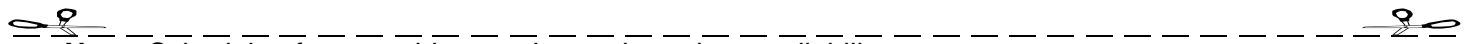
Cost: 93.00

Saturday, Nov. 8: Mont Saint-Michel (full day)

Today's tour takes us to Mont Saint-Michel, an island located off the coast of Northern France, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The island is best known for the Benedictine Abbey of St. Michel at its peak, and the surrounding winding streets and convoluted architecture of the medieval town. We'll tour the Abbey, after which we'll enjoy lunch and drinks at the Relais Saint-Michel.

Moderate to heavy walking/Cobblestone walkways/Steep roads

Cost (including lunch): \$139.00



Note: Schedule of tours subject to change based on availability.

Sightseeing purchased after arrival in Europe is subject to a 20% surcharge.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

_____ Illuminations of Paris	\$175.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____
_____ Paris City Tour	\$49.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____
_____ Versailles	\$83.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____
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Total \$ _____

Please complete your selections and return to TCI by _____

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