



# FRANCE Escorted Tour 7 days from \$1399

Per person twin share, tour only



Book by 29 February, 2020

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A tour of France that manages to capture the essence of the fabulous French raison d'être? Mais oui! It took some doing, but we've created a breathtaking journey through France. Stroll along the gorgeous boulevards of the City of Lights - Paris. Enjoy quintessential French wine tastings in Burgundy. Visit glamorous French gardens and chateaux in the Loire Valley. Journey to the famous Mont St Michel and encounter the Normandy countryside. Tour the D-Day beach of Omaha to learn about Normandy during World War II. Grab that beret and let's go - France is waiting!

#### **Departs:**

2020 - 19 July, 15 August, 26 September

Book by 29 Feb 2020.

#### Price:

From \$1399 per person twin share, excluding flights. Single supplement from \$800, if you wish to guarantee your own room.

#### We include:

#### Accommodation

- 6 nights accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
- Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room

#### Meals

6 breakfasts, 3 dinners
 \*Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

#### **Transport**

- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

#### Tour Guide

 Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip

#### 8 Experiences!

- Traditional welcome dinner in Paris
- Wine tasting, Burgundy
- Orientation tour and overnight in Lyon
- Visit Chateau de Chaumont
- Visit Mont Saint-Michel, UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Free time to explore Bayeux
- Visit Arromanches & Omaha, D-Day landing beaches
- · Driving tour of Paris, capital of France

#### **Excludes:**

- International flights contact us for special airfare quotes
- Single supplement, if you wisht to have your own room
- Travel insurance (required)
- Airport transfers
- Meals & sightseeing not specified in the itinerary
- Optional tours
- Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, WiFi, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the inclusions or in the itinerary

Subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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#### **ITINERARY:**

#### Day 1: Arrive in Paris

Bienvenue! Welcome to Paris for the start of your 7 day Taste of France tour! If you arrive early, take time to explore The City of Lights, stroll the historic boulevards, visit the many museums, shop in charming boutiques or simply people-watch from a Parisian cafe. This evening, you'll meet your Expat Explore tour leader and fellow travellers at our included welcome dinner.

#### Day 2: Paris - Burgundy - Lyon

Leaving Paris behind us, we make our way to the Burgundy region, where we'll enjoy a wine tasting. If Paris is the place for romance, then Burgundy is the place for two other things France is well-known for: great food and fine wine. Famous 'Burgundies' (wines made in this region) include whites made from Chardonnay grapes, and dry reds made from the Pinot noir grape. We'll then travel on to Lyon, where your tour leader will take you on an orientation tour. The city, itself a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is famous for its gastronomy, historical landmarks and picturesque riverside setting. This evening, you'll have the opportunity to join your tour leader for an optional dinner, where you can try classic Lyonnais cuisine.



Day 3: Chateau de Chaumont - Loire Valley

Our first stop today is at the incredible Chateau de Chaumont. Built in the 15th century, this stunning example of a renaissance French Chateau (castle) stands on a hill above the River Loire, and is known for its summertime garden festival. The 'Festival des Jardins' (International Garden Festival) has been held here since 1992, and features up to 30 themed gardens that paint a panoramic picture of landscape design from around the world. After having some time to explore the chateau and the extensive gardens, we'll head to our accommodation in the Loire Valley, where we'll enjoy an included dinner.

Day 4: Loire Valley: Optional Free Day

Enjoy a free day to explore the Loire Valley! This fertile river valley in central France is covered in vineyards, hundreds of chateaux and quaint French villages. The valley is one enormous UNESCO World Heritage Site, testament to the centuries of history and architectural riches offered by this region, and the perfect way to experience these treasures is on the châteaux optional excursion. In addition to experiencing the stunning French countryside, the charming town of Amboise and a wine tasting, you will visit two of the finest châteaux in France; Château de Chenonceau and Château de Chambord.



Day 5: Mont St Michel - Bayeux - Normandy

Our first stop is at magical Mont St Michel. An island commune located just off the coast, it is one of France's most recognisable landmarks, and is another French entry on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. After some time to explore the abbey and monastery we'll travel on to Bayeux, a commune in north-western France. Bayeux is famous for the bayeux Tapestry, a large embroidered cloth more than 70 metres long which depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. You'll have free time to see the tapestry in the Musée de la Tapisserie de Bayeux, or alternatively the Memorial Museum of the Battle of Normandy, which offers a great insight into WWII and the prominent role this region played during the Normandy Landings.



Day 6: Normandy beaches - Paris

This morning we'll explore 'Omaha' D-Day landing beach. It was here that the Allied forces landed in June 1944 during WWII, which eventually led to the liberation of France. You'll have time to explore the area and reflect on all that transpired here, as well as the opportunity to visit the Arromanches 360 cinema. This optional experience tells the story of the Battle of Normandy thanks to archive images gathered from around the world. We'll then continue back to Paris where your tour leader will lead you on a driving tour of this famous city; you'll see the must-see sights including The Eiffel Tower, The Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame, the Louvre and the Arc de Triomphe. To round off the last day of the tour we'll enjoy a farewell dinner so you can say your goodbyes and share your memories of the last week with your fellow travellers and tour leader.



Day 7: End of tour This morning, your Taste of France tour concludes after breakfast. Don't forget to swap details with your fellow travellers before your onward journey home!



Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

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#### **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

#### **DEPOSIT**

A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

Payment in full must be made no less than 120 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

#### **PRICES**

All prices for our tours are advised in Australian Dollars (\$AUD). They are based on airfares, schedules and tariffs at the time of printing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to vary the cost of the tour, taxes and airline prices if necessary by reason of currency fluctuation, cost increase, or airfare increase. All prices are subject to confirmation from local tour operators. Once full payment has been received by Destination International no surcharges in respect to currency fluctuations will be applied.

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#### **AMENDMENT FEES**

Any deviation to packages advertised or quotes will incur a fee of \$150 per person.

Should you need to alter your confirmed reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$150 per amendment or transaction, plus any new arrangements made. Additionally, there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased. In addition, we charge

- \$50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this
  office.

#### **CANCELLATIONS**

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1	

	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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#### ACCOMMODATION

There will be variations in the size, standard and presentation of rooms and facilities within the one hotel. This is beyond the control of Destination International Holidays.

#### **CLAIMS**

If you encounter any problems on your holiday, you should to try and solve it directly with the supplier whilst overseas. If it is not possible to do so please do so in writing within 30 days of completing your Destination International Holidays arrangements.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

#### **PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATIONS**

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