

France | Paris & The Loire Valley



Paris, the City of Light. The most beautiful and romantic of all cities, it is also the world's most popular tourist destination. From the comfort and convenience of our centrally located hotel all the sights of the city are a short walk or metro ride away - the iconic Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe, the magnificent Notre-Dame Cathedral and Sacré-Cœur Basilica, the Louvre, the Bateaux-Mouches, and Napoleon's Tomb.

For a comprehensive experience of the Loire Valley we'll stay in four historic cities: Chartres, Angers, Saumur and Blois. Cathédrale Notre Dame and it's world renowned collection of stained glass windows; the mighty cliff top fortress at Angers, home to France's most famous tapestries; the majestic Château de Saumur; Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud, resting place of the Plantagenets; the monumental Château de Blois; Château Chambord, designed by Leonardo Da Vinci and Château de Chenonceau, stretching romantically across the River Cher will provide a lifetime of memories for everyone.

Day	City	Highlights
1	Airborne	Meet your Group Director for an overnight flight to France!
2	Paris	Arrive in Paris and navigate to the hotel using public transportation. Explore Cathédrale de Notre Dame, descending into the Crypt and climbing the South Tower. Head to Montmartre for a view of Paris from the Sacré-Coeur Basilica and dinner. Night ascent of the Eiffel Tower!
3	Paris	Explore Musée du Louvre. Find Napolean's Tomb at the Musée de l'Armée. Lunch then explore Musée d'Orsay before climbing the Arc de Triomphe. Dinner in Latin Quarter. Night cruise on the Bateaux-Mouches.
4	Chartres	Train to Chartres. Check into hotel then explore the towns old quarter and have lunch before heading to the magnificent Cathédrale Notre-Dame.
5	Angers	Train to Angers. Explore the right bank and have lunch before heading to Château d'Angers and the 338' Apocalypse Tapestries over on the left bank. Explore the left bank before dinner.
6	Saumur	Train to Saumur. Grab a panoramic view of the town and river from atop Château de Saumur before lunch, then head out to Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud. Explore town before dinner.
7	Blois	Train to Blois. Explore the Quartier Vieux Blois before lunch and then head out to Château de Chambord. Explore Eglise St-Nicholas and Château de Blois before dinner.
8	Chenonceau	Daytrip to Château de Chenonceau. Shopping & Farewell Dinner in Blois.
9	Airborne	TGV to Paris. Au revoir Paris!



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