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Group

discover

# France

The Backroads and Canals







# Why you should visit France

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Ahh, France. Just say the name aloud and the sound of the accordion will begin to play in the background while visions of the Eiffel Tower, Mona Lisa, and Notre Dame slide across your mind. It is a place that we all dream of visiting, but what not many people think about the world's most visited country is stunning landscapes comprising of Alpine mountains, beautiful meadows, farms, rivers and spectacular sea coast.

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You simply cannot go to France and not be awestruck by its delicious cuisine. All that you've heard about this country's famous cuisine is correct. From its sauces, bread, steak tartare and pastries, to its mouth-watering cheese – one just can't get enough of French food! Moreover, France is also well known for its quaint pavement cafes and bars to renowned Michelin starred restaurants of celebrity chefs. But the time for dreaming is over. It is time to book your ticket, make your dreams come true, and see ALL there is to see in France.



### **Day 1 - 28th September - Arrive Nice**

Discover the beauty and old-world charm of Nice, the second largest French city on the Mediterranean coast. Private transfer from Nice train station to your hotel. Check in and have the remainder of the day at your own leisure.

### **Day 2 - 29th September - French Riviera**

Enjoy a full day tour along the beautiful French Riviera. Continue to Monaco to discover the old town, the Prince's Palace and the sumptuous Cathedral, the location of Grace Kelly's grave. The west side of the Riviera will take us to Cannes before stopping in Antibes, the "Authentic Provençal" walled-city and stroll around the picturesque old town and admire the super yachts magnitudes at the billionaires quay. (B)

### **Day 3 - 30th September - Nice**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and the day at your own leisure. (B)



### **Day 4 - 10 - 1st October - 7th October - Nice - Provence**

Check out after breakfast and travel by coach to your stunning villa in Provence where you will stay for the next week. Having a house to come home to at the end of a long sightseeing day and a swim in your own private pool, or just sit on the terrace enjoying the view is infinitely more restful than a hotel in the city. From here we will head to the local markets to buy our produce for the week. Daily sightseeing. (B - day 4 only)

### **Day 11 - 8th October - Lyon**

Post breakfast this morning, it's time to check out of your villa and make your way by coach to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Lyon. Upon arrival, make your way to the hotel and check in. The evening is free. At nightfall, Lyon is illuminated with thousands of lights!



# FRENCH LIFE

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## **Day 12 - 9th October - Lyon**

It's time to explore the city, armed with your Lyon card. It's by far the best way to see the city. You could take a walk through the Traboule alleyways or in the tiers of the ancient theatres, a boat trip or a visit to the silk workshops. Overnight in Lyon.

## **Day 13 - 19 - 10th - 16th October - Lyon - Tannay - Migennes**

This morning you will say goodbye to Lyon and travel by coach toward Tannay, where you will board your canal barge for the next 7 days. Escape the hustle and bustle and immerse yourself in the slow pace of rural France - tranquil countryside, sleepy cobbled villages, medieval churches and magnificent hilltop views over the Nivernais Valley. Over the next 7 days you will make your way from Tannay to Migennes guided by your expert skipper.

## **Day 20 - 17th October - Reims**

Disembark your canal barge and transfer by coach to your centrally located hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

## **Day 21 - 18th October - Reims**

This morning you will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Reims, then visit the famous Veuve Clicquot Champagne Maison where you will participate in a tasting of the Yellow Label Brut! We will then depart for the Montagne de Reims region and visit a local winery in the Ambonnay Grand Cru area where it will be possible for you to enjoy lunch (not included) after the tour and tasting. We will end the day with a tasting session in the Marne Valley region before returning to Reims. (B)

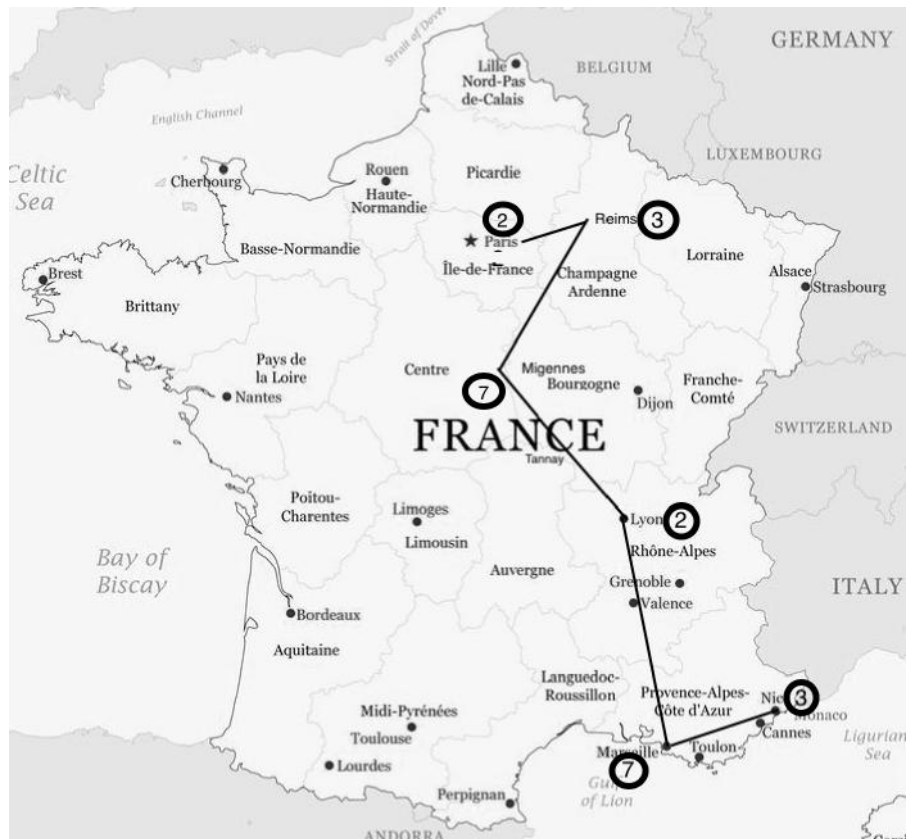
## **Day 22 - 19th October - Epernay**

This morning we begin with a scenic drive along 'Route du Champagne' to Epernay. We will sample world class champagne at Moët and Chandon Grande Maison, take part in a unique champagne tasting in a boutique winery, and discover a prestigious figure of champagne; Dom Pérignon. End the day with another champagne tasting in a traditional Champagne House before returning to Reims. (B)



# PARIS - THE CITY OF LOVE

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## **Day 23 - 20th October - Reims - Paris**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and transfer to Reims train station for your train journey to Paris to finish off this wonderful tour in the magical city of love. (B)

## **Day 24 - 21st October - Paris**

Today you will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Paris. We'll view the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde and visit St. Severin Church before enjoying a walk through the Latin Quarter. Spend a free afternoon soaking up the sophistication of this beautiful city. (B)

## **Day 25 - 22nd October - Paris**

After breakfast, we bid our new found friends a fond farewell as our memorable holiday comes to a close. Transfers to Charles de Gaulle airport are available upon request or speak to us about the possibility of extending your trip further!

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **How fit do I have to be to go on tour?**

You should be able to comfortably walk 2-3 hours, on any given day, on uneven ground without the use of any aid, and climb several flights of stairs.

### **Do I have to be a certain age to book?**

We recommend travellers are fit to travel, have a positive attitude and are ready to delve into an adventure of a lifetime, no matter the age!

### **How much luggage can I bring with me on tour?**

We recommend bringing no more than 20kg. We also suggest a small carry-on bag with you that can be used throughout the duration of your tour.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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### Sightseeing

- Experience the glitz and glam of the French Riviera
- Explore the UNESCO World Heritage city of Lyon
- Cruise through the spectacular regions of the Nivernais and Loire Valleys
- Travel through famed wine-growing regions of Champagne
- Visit the Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe in Paris

### Inclusions

- All internal transport, sightseeing and entrance fees
- Fully escorted
- Hire of canal boat and its onboard equipment
- 10 breakfasts (B).

### Accommodation

- 7 nights in a 6 bedroom renovated farmhouse with private ensuite's for each room
- 7 nights in an ensuite cabin onboard your canal barge
- 10 nights accommodation in centrally located accommodation

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

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- Passport and visa fees
- International flights. We recommend flying with Emirates. Flights are currently \$1800.00 per person return
- Travel insurance\*
- Meals not specified
- Food in villa and canal boat will be shared.\*
- Tipping and portage is collected separately and at your own discretion
- Any item of a personal nature such as room service, telephone calls, beverage or bar service and any other incidentals.

**\*Travel insurance is compulsory for travel to Europe.**

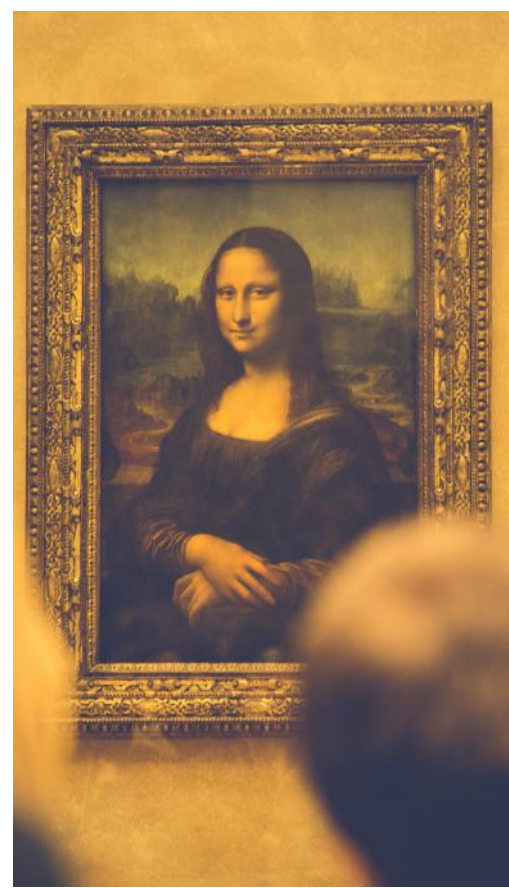
**\*During the villa stay and canal boat, the group will shop together for local produce and the payment will be in Euro and shared between you.**

## PAYMENT DATES AND INFORMATION

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- Price per person is \$8995 based on twin share
  - Single supplement - price on application
  - Deposit per person is \$2500 within 7 days of booking
  - Final payment is due before the 15th of July 2020
  - **Price is based on a minimum of 8 passengers travelling.**
- Price may need to be adjusted if numbers are not met.**









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