



Tour of the Shrine Town in France

9 Nights

01 June 2015 – 31 October 2015



Summary

Pilgrimages, religious practices, historical and cultural odysseys, or simply the desire to see a region, are among the many reasons that draw people to places of catholic heritage, making them the most visited cultural sites.

Experience the wonder and the mystery of a trip through the rich spiritual heritage of France, home to kings and knights, popes and priests, and its fair share of saints. Chartres, Nevers, Lourdes, Lisieux, Rocamadour, Le Puy en Velay, Ars, La Salette and in Paris, Montmartre, Notre Dame, la Chapelle Miraculeuse : whether it is a Virgin Mary site, a sacred pilgrimage site, or a city of art and history, they are all destinations that offer extraordinary heritage to discover and rediscover.

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Overview

Dates: 01 June 2015 – 31 October 2015

Interest: group - family - couple

Level of Comfort: 5

Minimum # of passengers: none

Maximum # of passengers: none

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Euro
- **Language:** French - English
- **Transportation:** private car or bus
- **Dialing Code:** 33
- **Recommended vaccines:** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** It is better to exchange currencies before you go

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Day 1: Arrival in Paris.

Upon arrival at Paris international airport, meet greet and transfer for a brief orientation tour of Paris
In the afternoon transfer to Montmartre for a visit of the Sacre Coeur Basilica and a private Mass in the crypt. Afterward have time to enjoy a walking tour through the Montmartre's narrow streets and A welcome dinner on the Place du Tertre

Day 2: Paris

Early in the morning, departure by coach to the Chapel of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Morning mass in the Chapel followed by a guided sightseeing tour of Paris including Eiffel Tower, Champs-Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Opera, Louvre and a visit of Notre Dame Cathedral with its gleaming stained glass windows

Day 2: Lisieux, Chartres

Departure by coach to Lisieux in the heart of Normandy where you arrive in time to attend a mass in the Basilica St. Therese
In the afternoon, guided walking tour in the steps of St. Therese canonized in 1925
Then visit the gothic Cathedral St. Peter, symbol of the prestigious past of the town and continue to Chartres for inner and overnight

Day 4: Chartres, Nevers

Morning visit of the classic Gothic style Cathedral of Chartres housing the "Virgin's Veil" which according to the tradition would have been worn by Mary at the time of the birth of Christ
Celebrate a mass and then enjoy a short sightseeing through the winding streets and lanes lined with old gabled houses of the medieval town
In the afternoon continue to Nevers where you are welcomed with a presentation of the life of St. Bernadette Soubirous followed by a guided tour "In the steps of Bernadette" visiting the St. Gildard convent in which Bernadette spent her last days

Day 5: Paray le Monial, Ars

In the morning, drive to Paray le Monial where you start your visit with the celebration of mass in the Chapel of the Apparitions
Then have time to discover the several places of prayer and welcome of the town: the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Chapel of Claude la Colombière and the Chapel Saint Jean
Afternoon continue to Ars where St Jean-Marie Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, spent a great part of his holy life giving powerful sermons and spending up to 20 hours a day in the confessional, sleeping only two hours a night

Day 6: Ars, Le Puy en Velay

Morning mass in Ars and departure for Le Puy-en-Velay, a city of art, an artistic and cultural centre since the 10th century, at the start of the route of Saint James of Compostella. A shrine dedicated to the Virgin Mary had been built in Puy-en-Velay since the very early Middle Ages and each 15th August the venerable and mysterious statue of the Black Virgin is taken in procession through the streets of the town
Time to visit the main sites of the city: the Cathedral of Notre Dame du Puy and its cloister, the Rock and the Chapel of Saint Michel d'Aiguilhe, the Corneille Rock and the statue of Notre Dame de France

Day 7: Le Puy en Velay, Rocamadour

In the morning drive to Rocamadour, a village which welcomes each year over one million visitors and pilgrims
Afternoon visit of the main sites: l'Hospitalet, la Voie Sainte, le Grand Escalier, le Parvis des Sanctuaires, la Chapelle Notre Dame, le Chemin de Croix



Day 8: Rocamadour, Lourdes

Today, departure for Toulouse, capital of the Midi-Pyrenees region with an exceptional cultural heritage
Guided sightseeing tour and mass in the one of the numerous church of the city
Continue for Lourdes in the afternoon and participation in the evening to the Candlelight Procession

Day 9: Lourdes

This morning guided walking tour of Lourdes and visit of the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
Late afternoon take part in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and Blessing of the sick at the Sanctuaries

Day 10: Lourdes – Departure

Transfer to Pau airport for your departure to Paris, then home

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Paris (economy class)
One way ticket Pau – Paris (economy class)
Round trip transfer: airport - hotel - airport
9-night accommodation at hotel
Meal: daily breakfast & 9 dinners
English speaking local guides
All transfers in air conditioned coach
Full day city tour of Paris
Full day city tour of Lisieux
Full day city tour of Chartres
Full day city tour of Nevers
Full day city tour of Ars
Full day city tour of Le Puy en Velay
Full day city tour of Rocamadour
Full day city tour of Lourdes
Assistance of our representative in France

Prices Exclude

Airport taxes
Fuel surcharge
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
Optional Tours
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses

Pricing Per Person in US\$

Hotel

3* hotels

** Price valid for minimum 10 pax*

Price per person

2350

Flight Schedule

| From | To | Flight No | Departure | Arrival |
|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Beirut | Paris | ME 211 | 07:55 | 11:35 |
| Paris | Beirut | ME 208 | 16:30 | 21:45 |

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