



Gardens of France Tour: Versailles, Loire Valley, Paris

8 Nights

01 April 2017 – 31 October 2017



Summary

The grandeur of greenery and the luxuries materialized by imaginative focus have graced Paris, Versailles, and the Loire Valley with gardens that have captivated visitors for centuries. Your custom gardens of France tour focuses on the landscape of renowned estates, magnificent palaces, and areas known for their charming recreational wanderings. Flowers bloom radiant hues against emerald green leaves. The grass is manicured into geometric shapes sweeping across vast grounds. Ponds ripple in the peaceful atmosphere. Fountains spout serenely, adorned with images of gods and nobility. The gardens are works of art that have offered endless inspiration for painters, poets, and playwrights.

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Overview

Dates: 01 April 2017 – 31 October 2017

Interest: couples – family – seniors – group

Level of Comfort: 5/5

Minimum # of passengers: 2

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

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- Attention to details that make the difference currencies before you go

Day 1: Paris

Upon arrival at Paris's international airport, meet greet and transfer to the hotel
Rest of the day at leisure

Day 2: Versailles

Today you will meet your guide and transfer to the gates of the Chateau de Versailles
The palace was redesigned by King Louis XIV to inspire envy and awe
Your guide leads you through the opulent galleries, from the Hall of Mirrors to the Salon de Paix, and eventually out into the sensational royal gardens

Day 3: Loire Valley - Orleans

In the morning, leave behind the luster of your hotel and the unforgettable opulence of Versailles, making your way south into the Loire Valley. The city of Orleans is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is intertwined with the history of Joan of Arc. The magnificent Cathedral of Saint Croix towers over the square.
Continue to your hotel located in a former chateau, situated in the heart of the Loire Valley

Day 4: Loire Valley

Your guide takes you on a tour of the Loire Valley, incorporating the various stunning castles of the region with their majestic gardens. Chateau de Chenonceau was built in the 16th century and spans the quiet waters of the River Cher.
A walking path lets you stroll through the gardens, enjoying the soft trickle of the decorative pools and gentle aroma of the blossoming roses.

Day 5: Amboise

The waters of the Loire River brush against the historic walls of the town of Amboise, once home to the French royal court.
The chateau stands on an island surrounded by the tranquil Indre River. You can see the structure's reflection in the gentle flow of the water.
Conical turrets and a steeply sloping roof provide a classic French style. The interior contains luxurious décor influenced by the Italian Renaissance. Some rooms contain historic Flemish tapestries, including "Story of Psyche," detailing the tale of the Greek goddess. The gardens in their current form were designed in the 19th century with the intent of imitating the English style. Trees frame the exterior. Lush reeds surround the stoic pool. The aroma of cedar and tulips swirls through the air. Winding alleys open to marvelous viewpoints of the chateau. Dragonflies flutter around the large stems of marsh reeds.

Day 6: Loire Valley - Paris

Your guide will meet you and escorts you north to Paris
Upon arrival in Paris, transfer to your hotel

Day 7: Paris

In the morning, your guide leads you on a tour of the celebrated verdant areas of the city beginning at Luxembourg Gardens.
Rest of the day at leisure

Day 8: Paris - Giverny

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The fountains in the Tuileries Garden spring to life in the morning light. The trickling sound echoes beneath the canopy of trees bordering the walkways. The glass pyramid of the Louvre Museum is visible from the west entrance. At the east end of the gardens is the Orangerie Museum, home to an elaborate display of Monet's water lilies paneling the walls of two galleries. Today your guide leads you north to the town of Giverny, home to Monet and his unparalleled gardens. The town is located on the Right Bank of the Seine River.

Day 9: Paris

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Paris (economy class)
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport
8-night accommodation at hotels
Meals: daily breakfast
Tours and excursions as per the program
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

Starting Price Per Person in US\$

Hotel	Double
3* Hotel	4455
4* Hotel	5570
5* Hotel	8695

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Paris	AF 5107	07:55	11:35
Paris	Beirut	AF 5106	13:40	18:55

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