



Essence of Paris, Bordeaux, Dordogne & Provence Tour

10 Nights

May – September 2018



Summary

An appreciation of the finest is France's gift to the world. Experience what the French call "ne plus ultra," the ultimate in quality — from exceptional art and exquisite chocolates to the best vintage wines and seductive perfumes. On this luxury Paris, Bordeaux, Dordogne and Provence tour, you'll visit the incomparable capital city of Paris, elegant Bordeaux and lovely wine châteaux in the Médoc. The tour continues in the rustic Dordogne, with its storybook villages, and then concludes in charming Provence, allowing you to bask in the southern sun. Along the way, you'll enjoy leisurely gourmet meals and stay in wonderful upscale accommodations.

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
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- Attention to details that make the difference

Overview

Dates: May – September 2018

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 currencies before you go

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**Day 1: Paris**

Upon arrival at Paris's international airport, meet greet and transfer to the hotel
After checking into your hotel and taking some time to relax, you'll depart for the first of many tours of France. This tour takes you to the most famous monuments of the "City of Lights," Paris. You will see the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Élysées, Montmartre and the Left Bank with its famous cafes and bistros. You'll stop at the beautiful Place du Trocadéro, one of the city's most monumental squares, where you can admire perfect views of the Eiffel Tower. Continue to Montmartre, a charming quartier (neighborhood) on a hill in the north of Paris. Most of the scenes in the movie Amelie were filmed in this quartier. Conclude the tour at the Notre-Dame de Paris, the Gothic cathedral that is one of the most iconic sites in Paris

Day 2: Paris

In the morning, meet your guide and begin your gourmet food tour of Paris. The tour takes you to famous gourmet shops and an open-air market. You'll also enjoy a wine tasting accompanied by delicious appetizers
Next, you will experience the ambiance of an authentic Parisian open-air food market on the Rue de Buci
After your scintillating food tour, you'll enjoy a guided visit to the Louvre, the most important museum in Paris

Day 3: Paris - Bordeaux

In the morning, you'll depart for the train station for your train ride to Bordeaux
Upon your arrival, you'll be greeted by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel
Then, depart for your tour of the renowned wineries that surround the city of Bordeaux

Day 4: Countryside around Bordeaux

Today you will enjoy an exciting cycling adventure. There are several interesting biking routes that begin in and around Bordeaux and continue through the beautiful landscape of vineyards surrounding Bordeaux
The relatively flat ride offers splendid views of the rolling hills and forests in the distance

Day 5: Bordeaux

This morning, begin with a scenic drive through the Médoc and then visit several important wine châteaux in this region.
After visiting two wine châteaux, you'll have a chance to enjoy a gourmet lunch at a local
On your return to Bordeaux, you'll drive along the lovely "Route des Châteaux" of the Médoc region

Day 6: Saint-Émilion – Dordogne - Bergerac

Today you'll begin your tour in the Saint-Émilion wine region, the oldest wine region in the Bordeaux area
Enjoy a guided walking tour through this ancient village with its charming cobblestone streets, medieval buildings and spectacular panoramic views. On this in-depth tour, you'll see the town's famous sites including Europe's largest underground church
Your next stop is in the picturesque village of Bergerac in the Dordogne Valley, listed by UNESCO as a "Biosphere World Reserve"
Continue traveling through the idyllic Dordogne Valley until you reach the village of Trémolat. This idyllic little town on the peaceful Dordogne River is rich in history and full of charm. In Trémolat, you'll be treated to a tasting of Foie gras at a prestigious "maison de fois gras"

Day 7: Dordogne

In the morning, meet your and then set off to see an amazing site in Dordogne. You'll visit the Lascaux II Caves. This meticulous replication of the prehistoric Lascaux caves allows visitors to experience the beauty of prehistoric paintings.
After the guided cave tour, you'll enjoy lunch and then travel to the city of Sarlat.
Enjoy a guided sightseeing walk on a lively market day. You'll also visit the 16th-century Maison de La Boétie (birthplace of writer Étienne de la Boétie), the Fountain of Sainte-Marie, and the grand 14th-century Gothic-style Hôtel Plamon. Your day of adventure concludes with a two-hour canoe ride down the gentle Dordogne River

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Day 8: Bordeaux - Marseille - Aix-en-Provence

This morning, transfer to the Bordeaux airport for your flight to Marseille

Upon your arrival at Marseille 'airport, meet greet and transfer to your hotel in Aix-en-Provence

Day 9: Aix-en-Provence - Avignon

Today you'll meet your guide to set off for a guided tour of Aix-en-Provence. You can visit the Pavillon de Vendôme, an elegant 17th-century pavilion bordered by a French ceremonial garden

Continue strolling the pleasant streets until you reach the 12th-century Church of Saint Jean de Malta, the first Gothic church built in Aix-en-Provence. Conclude the tour in the old town: See the Cathedrale d'Aix-en-Provence (dedicated to Saint Sauveur) that dates back to the 5th century and constructed in following centuries with many interruptions until the 15th century

Continue your tour with a drive to the historic city of Avignon, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your guide will take you on a walk around Avignon to see the most important landmarks of the city, including the Palais des Papes. This magnificent former "Palace of Popes" stands as testimony to the power of the Christian Church in the 14th century. The Palais des Papes dominates the city of Avignon and is considered to be one of the most inspiring Christian sites in the world.

Day 10: Ménerbes - Abbaye de Sénanque

Meet your guide at the hotel to begin the journey to Ménerbes, named "One of the Most Beautiful Villages in France."

You may visit the Domaine de la Citadelle in Ménerbes and the Musée du Tire-Bouchon (a corkscrew museum) just outside of Ménerbes. You can also visit the Maison de la Truffe et du Vin (House of Truffles and Wine) in the Luberon for an educational tour about wine and truffle production

Continue your tour with a visit to Gordes, a charming old village in an exceptional location.

Next you will visit the historic Abbaye de Sénanque, tucked away in a quiet valley north of Gordes. This exquisite valley flourishes with vibrant lavender fields during the summer.

The journey continues in Roussillon, an ancient village surrounded by a stunning landscape

Then, visit a former ochre quarry and stroll along the colorful ochre pathways. You can also learn about how this natural resource is used by visiting the "Conservatoire des Ogres et Pigments Appliqués" located in an old ochre factory

Day 11: Marseille

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Paris return from Marseille (economy class)

Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport

10-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

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Starting Price Per Person in US\$

| Hotel | Double |
|----------|--------|
| 3* Hotel | 5780 |
| 4* Hotel | 7195 |
| 5* Hotel | 11500 |

- *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 |
| Marseille | Paris | AF 7671 | 19:15 | 20:45 |
| Paris | Beirut | AF 566 | 09:00 | 14:10 |

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