

THE BEST OF FRANCE



Day 1: AUSTRALIA – PARIS

Please meet at the airport for your International flight to Paris, France.

Day 2: PARIS

On arrival in Paris you will be met by your coach and guide and transferred to your hotel where you will stay for the next three nights. En-route you will have a panoramic tour of Paris where you will see the famous and beautiful sights of this amazing city. The rest of the day is free to settle in and explore your new surrounds.

Day 3: PARIS (B)

This morning after breakfast the day is free for independent sightseeing with your teacher. You may wish to make your own way to the station and board the train to Versailles. The Chateau Versailles was built in the mid-17th century during the reign of Louis XIV to project to both home and abroad the absolute power of the French monarchy (*transport and entrance fees at own expense today*).

Day 4: PARIS (B)

Today is free for teacher organised sight seeing. You can visit the Louvre to see the famous painting by Da Vinci the "Mona Lisa", take a Seine river cruise, or visit the Eiffel Tower. The Eiffel Tower, named after its designer, Gustave Eiffel, is 320m high, including the television antenna at the very tip. Three levels are open to the public with each level giving a spectacular view of Paris (*any entrance fees at own expense*).

Day 5: PARIS – VILLERS LE BRETONNEUX – CAEN (B)

This morning after breakfast you will board your coach and you will depart Paris for the Caen area. En route you will stop in Villers Bretonneux to visit the Australian War Memorial, and museum. You will then continue on to Caen, on arrival in the Caen area, you will be taken to your hotel where you will spend the next two nights. (*Any entrance fees at own expense*).

Day 6: CAEN – NORMANDY – BAYEUX – CAEN (B)

Today you will board your coach and head to Normandy to visit the D Day beaches of World War 2. The Battle of Normandy was fought in 1944 between Nazi Germany in Western Europe and the invading Allied forces as part of the larger conflict of World War II. Operation Overlord was the codename for the Allied invasion of northwest Europe, which began on June 6, 1944, and ended on August 19, 1944, when the Allies crossed the River Seine. You will then reboard your coach to Bayeux to see the Tapestry of Queen Mathilda (*any entrance fees at own expense*). In the afternoon you will head back to Caen by coach where the evening is free for teacher-organised activities.

Day 7: CAEN – MONT SAINT – MICHEL – SAINT MALO (B)

This morning after breakfast you will depart Caen for Saint Malo by coach. En route you will stop in Mont Saint Michel and see the famous Mont St. Michel Abbey with its many architectural styles (*any entrance fees at own expense*). On arrival in Saint Malo you will be transferred to your hotel where you will spend the next two nights.

Day 8: SAINT MALO (B)

This morning after breakfast the day is free for teacher organised sightseeing. You may like to visit an Oyster farm in the nearby village of Cancale or just outside the city wall is the Plage de Bon Secours, with its beautiful beaches (sightseeing and entrance fees at own expense)

Day 9: SAINT MALO – ANGERS – TOURS (B)

This morning you will depart Saint Malo by coach for the Loire Valley, via Angers and onto Tours. With its wide 18th century avenues, formal public gardens, café-lined boulevards and a thriving university, Tours has the look of a miniature Paris. On arrival you will be taken to your hotel where you will spend the next two nights.

Day 10: TOURS – LOIRE VALLEY – TOURS (B)

This morning after breakfast you will board your coach for a full day of touring through the Loire Valley. You will visit the palaces of Chenonceau and Chambord. With its stylised moat, drawbridge, towers and turrets, the 16th century Chateau de Chenonceau is everything a fairy-tale castle should be (*any entrance fees at own expense*). In the afternoon you will be transferred back to your hotel in Tours.

Day 11: TOURS – CHARTRES – PARIS (B)

This morning after breakfast you will board your coach back to Paris, enroute stopping in Chartres where you will see the Chartres Cathedral. Built in the 1140's the cathedral is almost perfectly preserved in its original design and details (*any entrance fees at own expense*). You will then reboard your coach and continue on to Paris. On arrival into Paris you will be transferred to your hotel where you will spend the next two nights.

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Day 12:**PARIS****(B)**

Today is free for teacher-supervised activities. There are plenty of things to see and do! This morning you may wish to visit the Arc de Triumph, which was commissioned in 1806 by Napoleon to commemorate his imperial victories. It was completed in 1836. From the viewing platform on top of the arch you can see the 12 avenues leading into the roundabout surrounding the arch. This afternoon you may like to visit the Champs Elysees for some last minute souvenir shopping (*sightseeing and entrance fees at own expense*).

Day 13:**PARIS – AUSTRALIA****(B)**

Today you will be met at the hotel and transferred by coach to the airport for your flight back to Australia.

Day 14:**AUSTRALIA**

Arrive home.

INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy airfare: Australia/Paris/Australia
- This cost is calculated on 2 star hotel accommodations with students in multishare rooms and 2 complimentary staff in 1 twin share room. All rooms with private facilities
- 5 nights in Paris, 2 nights in Caen, 2 nights in Saint Malo, 2 nights in Tours
- Meals: Breakfast daily
- Coach travel as per itinerary including road tolls, driver and parking expenses
- Panoramic city tour on arrival
- Trekset travel wallets
- Local office in Paris

CONDITIONS

Conditions apply. The price is based on the exchange rate AUD1.00 = EUR 0.5997 dated 11/7/08. It is based on 20 students and 2 staff complimentary in low season. All taxes are approximate and included taxes for the 2 complimentary staff. Please contact your Trekset Tours representative for all terms and conditions.

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