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**Grand Tour of France - 15 Days – Price on
request**

including Airfare & All Taxes **TOUR BY PRIVATE**

MOTORCOACH Escorted Tour: 3 Nights Paris, 1 Night Caen, 1 Night Mont St. Michel, 2 Nights Amboise (Chateaux Country), 1 Night Bordeaux, 1 Night Toulouse, 1 Night Avignon, 2 Nights French Riviera, 1 Night Lyon, Buffet Breakfast & Dinner daily, PRIVATE MOTOR COACH, Extensive Sightseeing, Airport Transfers, Tour Director, All Taxes.

1 Free Air & Land with every 16. Min. group size 25.



Trip Overview

You've seen photos of the Eiffel Tower—now's your time to see it in person. You've studied and read about D-Day's Normandy Beaches—now's your chance to visit them. You've heard about France's famous wines—now's your chance to see the wine-growing region in Bordeaux. All of this and much more are included on this France tour that starts and ends in Paris.

History buffs are sure to be delighted by the many historic towns and attractions on this tour. Immerse yourself in ancient Roman history when we stop at Pont Du Gard bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 1st Century; visit the amphitheater in Arles, the city with the most Roman remains outside of Rome. Then, moving on to the Middle Ages, visit Rocamadour, a town perched high on a cliff; walk by the ancient battlements in the beautifully preserved, medieval town of Carcassonne; and visit Beaune's Hôtel-Dieu charity hospital, built in 1443 after the Hundred Years' War left many of the town's population destitute. On the "route Napoleon", follow in the footsteps of Napoleon, when he returned from Elba. Coming to recent history, see Normandy's landing beaches, where Operation Neptune was launched on June 6 1944.

Art history fans will enjoy a visit to Aix-en-Provence, the birthplace of painter Cézanne, and a stroll around the 17th-century Cours Mirabeau, a lively area with fountains, elegant homes, and famous cafés.

In Grasse, the world's perfume capital, visit a perfume workshop. Spend time in the Châteaux Country, home to spectacular castles since the 11th century. Discover the Dordogne, one of France's most picturesque regions, with its charming villages and attractive castles. Of course, no France tour is complete without visiting the French Riviera, and you'll plenty of time to explore this beautiful area on the Mediterranean Sea.

This value-minded tour through France is truly a vacation of a lifetime!

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- **Round-trip Airfare from JFK** (air add-ons available from other U.S. cities)
- **13 Nights** at First Class and Standard hotels
- 3 Nights Paris, 1 Night Caen, 1 Night Mont. St. Michel, 2 Nights Amboise (Loire Valley), 1 Night Bordeaux, 1 Night Toulouse, 1 Night Avignon, 2 Nights French Riviera, 1 Night Lyon.
- Professional English-speaking Tour Director throughout
- Buffet Breakfast and Dinner daily.
- Transportation by private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach throughout
- **Visiting** Paris, Rouen, Honfleur, Caen, Normandy Landing Beaches, Bayeux, Mont St. Michel, Angers, Amboise, La Rochelle, Bordeaux, Dordogne, Rocamadour, Toulouse, Carcassonne, Nimes, Pont Du Garde, Avignon, Arles, Aix-en Provence, French Riviera, Grasse, Lyon, and Beaune.
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person

Itinerary Grand Tour of France – 15 Days

DAY 1: USA- PARIS Board your overnight transatlantic flight to Paris. Relax and enjoy dinner, movie, and breakfast on board.

DAY 2 ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE Check into your hotel. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Paris.

DAY 3 DAY 3 PARIS–ROUEN–HONFLEUR–CAEN Drive first to the fine old city of Rouen and walk through its center, rich in gothic architecture. Next, stop is in lovely Honfleur and then the world-famous seaside resort of Deauville.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in Caen.

DAY 4 CAEN–NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES–BAYEUX–MONT ST.

MICHEL Time to see Caen before a visit to the legendary beaches where the Allied troops landed more than 60 years ago. The highlights are Arromanches, St. Laurant, and the American Cemetery at Omaha. Next, journey to Bayeux, where you can admire the famous tapestry (entrance fee extra). Then, southwards to the unique beauty of Mont St. Michel, which stands on an island reached by a causeway.

Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Mont St. Michel.

DAY 5 MONT ST. MICHEL–ANGERS–LOIRE VALLEY Time this morning to enjoy a visit of Mont St. Michel before a mid-morning departure to Angers to visit its cathedral. Then, along the banks of the Loire to Amboise for two overnights.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in Amboise.

DAY 6 LOIRE VALLEY Time at leisure or join the optional excursion to see some of the most spectacular castles of the Loire, steeped in the history of noblemen and kings since the 11th century. Gothic spires, medieval turrets, great fortresses, and beautiful châteaux make for splendid panoramas.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in Amboise.

DAY 7 LOIRE VALLEY–POITIERS–LA ROCHELLE–BORDEAUX Travel on the comfortable AutoRoute L'Aquitaine as far as Poitiers. Next stop is the picturesque town of La Rochelle, situated on the Atlantic coast. Continue westwards into the world-famous Cognac region to visit the Hennessy museum in Cognac. Then, journey to Bordeaux.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in Bordeaux.

DAY 8 BORDEAUX–DORDOGNE–ROCAMADOUR–TOULOUSE Time for an orientation walk of Bordeaux, then drive into the heart of one of France's most scenic regions, the Dordogne. Stop in the dramatically located medieval town of Rocamadour, perched high upon a cliff. Southwards by way of Cahors to Toulouse for Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in Toulouse.

DAY 9 TOULOUSE–CARCASSONNE–NÎMES–PONT DU GARD–AVIGNON

Drive this morning along the Autoroute des Deux Mers for an orientation walk in Carcassonne. Then, continue eastwards to Nîmes, an elegant city famed for its busy boulevards shaded by lotus trees. Also visit the famous Roman amphitheater. Get a view of the Maison Carrée, one of the best-preserved Roman temples in the whole of France. Short picture stop at the famous Pont du Gard, before reaching Avignon for Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in Avignon.

DAY 10 AVIGNON–ARLES–AIX EN PROVENCE–FRENCH RIVIERA South this morning to visit Arles, the most famous of all the Provence towns, known the world over

by the paintings of Van Gogh. Stop in Aix-en-Provence to see its main street, the Cours Mirabeau, lined with plane trees and its 17th-century palace, houses, and fountains. Finally, to the French Riviera on the shores of the Mediterranean. Don't miss the optional evening excursion.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in Aix-en-Provence.

DAY 11 FRENCH RIVIERA Take the opportunity today to enjoy all the amenities of the French Riviera.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in Aix-en-Provence.

DAY 12 FRENCH RIVIERA–GRASSE–LYON AREA First to Grasse for a visit to a perfume workshop. See more of Provence and follow one of France's great panoramic routes, the one Napoleon took on his return from Elba in 1815. From Grenoble, join the expressway to the Lyon area.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in the Lyon area.

DAY 13 LYON AREA–BEAUNE–PARIS Travel through the picturesque vineyards and fields of Burgundy to medieval Beaune, the region's wine capital since Roman times, where you visit the famous Hôtel-Dieu before continuing to the French capital and "City of Light," Paris. Don't miss the optional evening cabaret show, a real Parisian spectacle.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in in Paris.

DAY 14 PARIS Included sightseeing with a local expert starts with an inside visit to Notre Dame Cathedral. Then, many of the best-known Parisian sights: La Sorbonne, Arc de Triomphe, Opéra, Madeleine, the Eiffel Tower, and the Pyramid near the Louvre, the Invalides, and Champs Elysées. Optional excursions are also available to the Palace and Gardens of Versailles and, to celebrate the success of your tour, a French farewell dinner might be just the ticket.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby local restaurant. Overnight in in Paris.

DAY 15 PARIS-USA After a hearty buffet breakfast, you will be picked up and transferred to the airport for your return flight home, arriving later today.

INTERESTED IN THIS PACKAGE? Please email us at: SuntoursUSA@gmail.com and give us desired dates and city of departure. We'll get back to you within 3 business days. Thank you!