

EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

- A WEEK IN FRANCE -
JUNE 15 to 21, 2025
7 DAYS - 6 NIGHTS



PARIS
BRETAGNE
LE MONT-SAINT-MICHEL
NORMANDIE

Please join us, Eddie and JP, for a week during our holidays in France. In this activity-driven voyage, you will experience the **charm** (sometimes), the **reality** (always), the **beauty** (most of the time) and the **authenticity** (that's the whole point!!!) of the French way of life. Starting in Paris, visiting Chartres on the way to Bretagne, then a return through Normandy, you will live a pure, exciting week of true, authentic, unadulterated **Cultured Discovery Experience of France**.

Sunday – CHECK-IN YOUR HOTEL AT YOUR OWN TIME, REST AND RELAX – AND GET READY !

5pm : CHAMPAGNE WELCOME DRINK IN THE HOTEL BAR – MEET YOUR FELLOW TRAVELERS



STAY COMFORTABLY IN A CHARMING HOTEL SET INSIDE A TRADITIONAL PARISIAN BUILDING

6:30pm : LEISURELY AND SCENIC WALK ALONG PARIS GRAND BOULEVARDS TO RESTAURANT

7:30pm : EXPERIENCE A TYPICAL FRENCH DINNER w/ STEAK AND FRENCH FRIES, WHAT ELSE?



DELIGHT IN CLASSIC, SCRUMPTIOUS FRENCH CUISINE SET IN AUTHENTIC AUBERGE DÉCOR

A **C**ULTURED **D**ISCOVERY **E**XPERIENCE OF **F**RANCE

Monday – STROLL AROUND THE CITY TO DISCOVER THE PARISIAN LIFESTYLE AND ITS CULTURE

9am : LEISURELY STROLL THRU NARROW CHARMING STREETS AND UNEXPECTED DETOURS...



EGLISE SAINT-EUSTACHE – MASTERPIECE OF GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE w/ 100ft-HIGH VAULTS



NOTRE-DAME-DE-PARIS CURRENTLY UNDER RENOVATION AFTER THE DRAMATIC 2019 FIRE

12pm : ENJOY LUNCH AT BOUILLON CHARTIER WITH AUTHENTIC & DELICIOUS FRENCH FARE



BOUILLON CHARTIER – A FAMOUS & HISTORIC RESTAURANT IN PARIS - IT OPENED IN 1896!

1:30pm : CLIMB UP TO MONTMARTRE “SACRE-COEUR” WITH SWEEPING VIEWS OF THE CITY



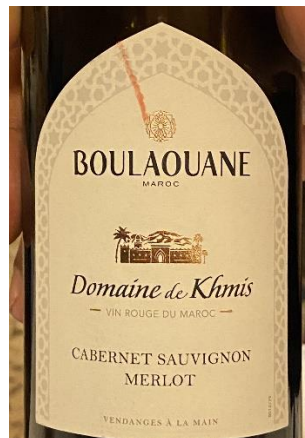
3:30pm : TAKE THE PARIS METRO AND VISIT MUSÉE DE L’ORANGERIE IN PARC DES TUILERIES



IMPRESSIONIST CLAUDE MONET (1840–1926) FABULOUS MASTERPIECES “THE WATER LILIES”

5pm: TIME FOR SOUVENIR SHOPPING ALONG RUE DE RIVOLI & FRESHEN-UP AT YOUR HOTEL

8pm : JOIN US AT “CHEZ OMAR” TO FEAST ON ORIGINAL MORROCAN “MECHOUI” COUSCOUS



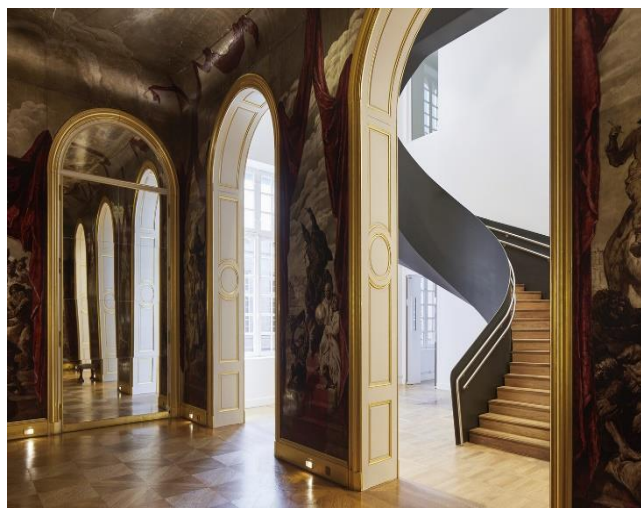
“THE LAMB JUST MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH, GENEROUS PORTIONS AND GREAT WAIT STAFF”

A CULTURED DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE OF FRANCE

Tuesday – FURTHER DISCOVERY OF RELAXED YET FASHIONABLE PARIS, THE “CITY OF LIGHTS”

9am : A DISCOVERY WALK OF ‘LE MARAIS’ AREA, HISTORIC MANSIONS AND HIP BOUTIQUES

10am : VISIT SECRET MUSÉE CARNAVALET FOR COMPELLING NARRATIVES OF PARIS HISTORY



1pm : LUNCH IN A LOCAL CRÊPERIE TO DEVOUR CRUSTY YET BUTTERY BUCKWHEAT GALETTES



2:30pm : MEANDER THROUGH PARIS NOT-SO-SECRET PLACES: LE QUARTIER DU MARAIS, PLACE DES VOSGES, HOTEL DE SULLY, LE QUARTIER SAINT-PAUL & LA PLACE DE LA BASTILLE



5pm : RELAX AT A CAFÉ TERRACE & ENJOY PEOPLE WATCHING WHILE SIPPING CHAMPAGNE

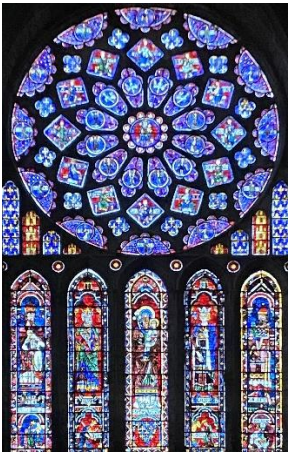
7:30pm – DINE IN A TYPICAL PARISIAN BISTROT WITH UNIQUE AMBIANCE AND LOCAL FOOD

Wednesday – FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE DISCOVERY ROAD TRIP ON YOUR WAY TO BRETAGNE
(TOTAL DRIVE : ABOUT 6 HOURS INCL. A VISIT TO ONE OF THE LARGEST CATHEDRALS IN FRANCE)

8:30am : DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL WITH A STOP FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW THE EIFFEL TOWER



11am : Marvel at preserved 13th C. stained-glass windows in Chartres Cathedral



THIS CATHEDRAL'S ROOF WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1836, MUCH AS NOTRE-DAME IN 2019

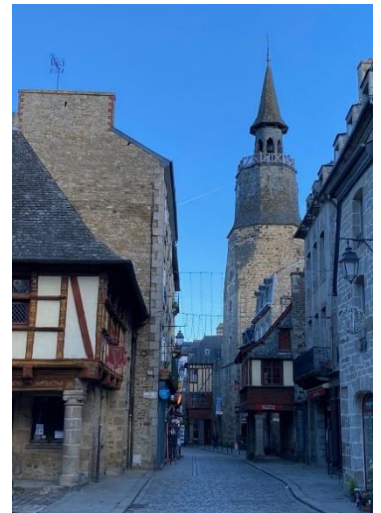
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12pm : STROLL ALONG CHARMING STREETS TO A LOCAL RESTAURANT FOR A TASTY LUNCH

3-HR DRIVE TO SMALL TOWN OF DINAN THRU PEACEFUL LUSH AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES



5:00pm : CHECK-IN A HISTORIC & CHARMING HOTEL SET IN THE MEDIEVAL TOWN OF DINAN



7:30pm – DINNER IN CANCALE, A CUTE SEASIDE VILLAGE w/ MANY SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS



Thursday – DISCOVERY OF BRETAGNE’S UNIQUE RELATIONSHIPS TO NATURE AND HISTORY

7am : EARLY DEPARTURE TO MONT ST-MICHEL WITH DELISH FRESHLY BAKED CROISSANTS

8am : CROSS THE “FLOATING” BRIDGE TO VISIT THE ABBAYE ISLAND BEFORE THE CROWDS



1pm : LUNCH WITH SPECIAL DELICACIES : OCEAN-FRESH SEAFOOD & LOCALLY GROWN LAMB

3pm : TOUR A TRADITIONAL APPLE CIDER FARM & ENJOY A TASTING OF THEIR PRODUCTION



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5pm : SCOUT DINAN FOR SMALL LOCAL SHOPS STOCKING ITEMS NOT SOLD ANYWHERE ELSE



RETURN TO HOTEL TO REFRESH AT YOUR LEASURE & PREPARE FOR ANOTHER FUN EVENING

7:30pm : ENJOY A DELICIOUS DINNER IN A FARM-LIKE RESTAURANT OFF THE BEATEN TRACK



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Friday – DRIVE THRU NORMANDY w/ A FEW AMAZING STOPS ON THE WAY BACK TO PARIS !

11am : THE PERFECTLY PRESERVED CHATEAU DE BALLEROY IS A 17th C. ARCHITECTURE JEWEL



THE BUILDING AND FORMAL LAYOUT OF ITS GARDEN INSPIRED THE DESIGN FOR VERSAILLES

12pm : LAST CHANCE TO TRY SPECIALTIES FROM NORMANDIE : GALETTES & CIDER ANYONE?

2pm : RETURN DRIVE TO PARIS (3h30)

5:30pm : CHECK-IN YOUR HOTEL

9pm : FINAL DINNER AT “LE GRAND COLBERT”, SOMEHOW STILL A PARIS “BEST KEPT SECRET” EVEN AFTER THE MOVIE “SOMETHING’S GOTTA GIVE” w/ DIANE KEATON & JACK NICHOLSON!



Saturday – LAST BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL IN PARIS – UNTIL ANOTHER ADVENTURE...



CDEF TOURS INCLUDE:

- FRENCH CHAMPAGNE WELCOME DRINK AT YOUR HOTEL ON THE FIRST EVENING - MEET & GREET YOUR FELLOW TRAVELERS.
- 6 NIGHTS IN CAREFULLY SELECTED HOTELS : SMALL SCALE PROPERTIES, UNIQUE AND CHARMING, UNIQUELY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY AND THE CULTURAL SPECIFICS OF THE REGION BEING TOURED.
- DAILY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST @ HOTEL OR SPECIALLY PURCHASED FRESH CROISSANTS & VIENNOISERIES FROM A LOCAL BOULANGERIE.
- DAILY LUNCH INCLUDING LOCAL BEER OR HOUSE WINE AT HAND-PICKED RESTAURANTS / BISTROTS / WINTUBS WITH HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, SPECIAL INTERIOR DÉCOR, AND OF COURSE, LOTS OF DELICIOUS LOCAL FOOD!
- MAXIMUM 16 PEOPLE INCLUDING 2 FULL-TIME PERSONAL GUIDES PER GROUP.
- TRANSPORTATION BY PUBLIC NETWORK AND/OR PRIVATE BUS DURING THE TOUR AS NECESSARY - MOST DISCOVERIES WILL BE DONE THROUGH LEISURELY STROLLS ALONG CITY STREETS, IN CHARMING SMALL TOWNS AND LUSH COUNTRYSIDE LANDSCAPES.
- ENTRY FEES TO ALL ATTRACTIONS / MONUMENTS / POINTS OF INTEREST.
- ASSISTANCE IN ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING TRANSLATION, CULTURAL COMMENTARY ABOUT VISITED SITES, AND SOUVENIR SHOPPING IN LOCAL SHOPS.

CDEF TOURS START AT THE WELCOME DRINK IN YOUR HOTEL.

CDEF TOURS END AFTER BREAKFAST ON THE LAST MORNING.

CDEF TOURS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- AIRFARES (OR OTHER TRANSPORTATION) TO AND FROM YOUR HOTEL IN STRASBOURG.
- AIRPORT OR RAIL STATION TRANSFERS TO/FROM HOTEL BEFORE AND AFTER THE TOUR. (ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION IS GLADLY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST)
- ALL DINNERS, EXTRA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING MEALS (*APART FROM LOCAL WINE TASTINGS WHICH ARE INCLUDED*), AND HOTEL INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.
- EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS BEFORE OR AFTER THE TOUR (WHICH MAY BE ARRANGED).

PRICE:

US\$ 4060.00 PER PERSON ON A TWIN (SHARED) ROOM BASIS

US\$ 4580.00 PER PERSON ON A SINGLE ROOM BASIS



TRAVEL TIPS & POLICIES

General recommendations

Tours run regardless of weather conditions, rain or shine. As the tour involves regular walking, we recommend that you wear rainproof shoes, as well as comfortable clothing, in layers to adjust for changing temperatures. Please bring with you a collapsible umbrella in case of a sudden shower - but do not worry, in France a café is never far away to provide shelter from the rare downpour!

There is an unenforced but nonetheless important rule of good taste in France that people should dress modestly, unless you are near or at the beach. As you will be visiting many sacred churches and cathedrals of different faiths, we highly recommend that you dress appropriately.

Booking Terms

CDEF Tours requires a down-payment of US\$ 1000.00 per guest (refundable) to secure your space on the tour. As a final confirmation, full payment must be made at the latest 90 days prior to the tour departure date. Payments can be done either through electronic banking methods such as Zelle, or they will be processed using a secure and encrypted reservation system. Your credit card statement will show as CDEF Tours.

Cancellation Policy

We understand that sometimes things happen, and plans should be able to change. However, as we keep our tour limited to 16 people, including ourselves, it is important for us to fill the group. Therefore, we kindly ask that you inform us as soon as possible of any changes in your travel plans, so that we can invite other guests.

Cancellation up to 90 days prior to the tour departure date will receive 100% refund of payment(s) made.

The remaining balance of the tour price (minus down-payment) is refundable up to 60 days before departure.

Cancellation between 60 days to 72 hours of tour start will receive a refund of 50% of the remaining balance.

No refund is available in these cases:

- Cancellations made within 72 hours of the tour departure date.
- Late arrivals, when latecomers cannot easily join the commenced tour and/or no-shows.

No refund is available to any guest that fails to arrive at all, arrives after the tour's departure time on any day of the tour, or must leave the tour earlier than scheduled. We will make every attempt for late guests to be able to join the tour after it started, but only when it is possible to do so without disrupting the on-going tour.

Tour cancellation by CDEF

In case a tour is jeopardized or impossible due to force majeure, weather events, pandemic, political disturbances or strikes, tours can be canceled or modified if we believe it is necessary.

If the required minimum number of participants is not reached, CDEF reserves the right to cancel the tour. We will offer rebooking options and/or refund the tour price. Further compensation claims are excluded.

Insurance

CDEF Tours recommends that all guests purchase travel insurance for their trip to cover cancellations, delays and medical issues etc. that might impact on your ability to attend your tour. You agree that CDEF Tours is not liable for loss associated with any unforeseen event and all claims must be processed through the guest's insurance company (and not with CDEF tours).

CDEF Tours reserves the right to modify the itinerary as necessity arises. All hotels, restaurants, locations, places, photos and activities described in this document are indicative only and are subject to change without notice.

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