

EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

- A WEEK IN FRANCE -

JUNE 8 to 14, 2025

7 DAYS - 6 NIGHTS



PARIS

CHATEAUX DE LA LOIRE

CHATEAU DE MAINTENON

PARIS

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 the City of Lights, then to the Loire valley and its collection of fabulous Chateaux, 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 : DINNER AT A TYPICAL PARISIAN BISTROT SERVING TRADITIONAL FRENCH DISHES



LA PETITE PERIGOURDINE - SERVING AUTHENTIC FARE FROM CENTRAL FRANCE FOR 25 YRS +

A CULTURED DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE OF FRANCE

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

9am : FOLLOW CHARMING STREETS & TAKE UNEXPECTED DETOURS TO UNCOVER REAL PARIS



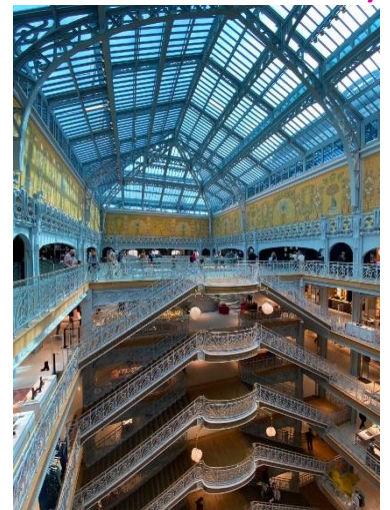
HOTEL DE VILLE (PARIS TOWN HALL) SHOWS OFF ITS PERFECTLY SYMETRICAL ARCHITECTURE

10am : VISIT NOTRE-DAME-DE-PARIS CATHEDRAL AFTER ITS COMPREHENSIVE RENOVATION



THE 13th C. GOTHIC ARCHITECTURAL WONDER THANKFULLY SURVIVED THE LARGE 2019 FIRE : IT LEFT THE 2 MAIN TOWERS INTACT BUT DESTROYED THE ROOF & SPIRE (2022 PICS SHOWN)

11am : PARIS DISCOVERY WALK : CROSS PONT-NEUF (PARIS OLDEST BRIDGE), STROLL ALONG 19th C. GRAND BOULEVARDS, AND DISCOVER LA SAMARITAINE (FABULOUS ART-DECO MALL)



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1:30pm : LUNCH INSIDE AN AUTHENTIC 19th C. DÉCOR OF SIMPLE YET TASTY FRENCH FARE



BOUILLON PHARAMOND – ONE OF THE OLDEST RESTAURANT IN PARIS – IT OPENED IN 1832!

3:30pm : VISIT MUSEUM “HOTEL DE LA MARINE”, AN ELEGANT PARISIAN GRAND MANSION

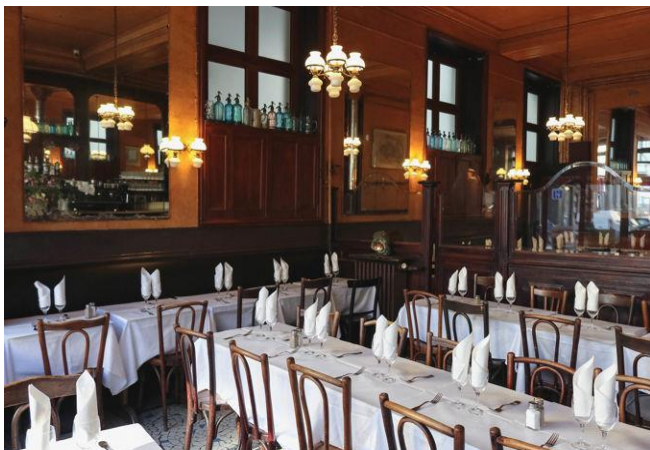


TRADITION MEETS FUTURE IN THIS PARAGON OF FABULOUS 18th C. ARISTOCRATIC LIFESTYLE

5pm : MARVEL AT ANGELINA’S “BELLE EPOQUE” DÉCOR WHILE SIPPING ON HOT CHOCOLATE

6pm : RETURN TO THE HOTEL FOR A REST OR A DRINK AND TO PREPARE FOR DINNER

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”

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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



1:00pm : LUNCH IN A CREPERIE TO SAMPLE A CRUSTY AND BUTTERY BUCKWHEAT GALETTE



2:30pm : MEANDER THROUGH PARIS SECRET PLACES : HIDDEN PASSAGES, REMOTE PLACE DES VOSGES, SECLUDED HOTEL DE SULLY, QUIANT SAINT-PAUL AREA & GRAND PLACE DE BASTILLE



4pm : MARVEL AT AN AUTHENTIC “HOTEL PARTICULIER” w/ AMAZINGLY ELABORATE DECOR



5pm : ENJOY FREE TIME IN THE “CITY OF LIGHTS” BEFORE STROLLING BACK TO YOUR HOTEL

7:30pm : LEISURELY & SCENIC WALK TO A TRADITIONAL FRENCH BISTRO, OLD & AUTHENTIC



A TRUE FRENCH BISTRO SERVES SIMPLE, TASTY CUISINE IN A WARM & FRIENDLY AMBIANCE

... SLOW AND DIGESTIVE EVENING STROLL THROUGH PARISIAN NEIGHBORHOODS TO HOTEL



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Wednesday - DRIVE TO SCENIC LOIRE VALLEY AND ITS COLLECTION OF IMPOSING CHATEAUX

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



1pm : LUNCH AT A TRADITIONAL FAMILY-RUN RESTAURANT TUCKED IN A CHARMING VILLAGE



CHATEAU DE CHAMBORD, A DESIGN MASTERPIECE WITH 440 ROOMS OF ROYAL OPULENCE !

6:30pm : CHECK-IN AT IN A CHARMING, SMALL FAMILY-RUN HOTEL TYPICAL OF THE REGION



8:00pm : DINNER IN CHINON, A QUIANT VILLAGE – LOCAL FARE & DELICIOUS CHINON WINES

Thursday – EXPLORE OTHER CHATEAUX, EACH WITH A DISTINCT ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

9:30am : DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL TO DISCOVER THE UNIQUE SETTING OF CHATEAU D'USSÉ

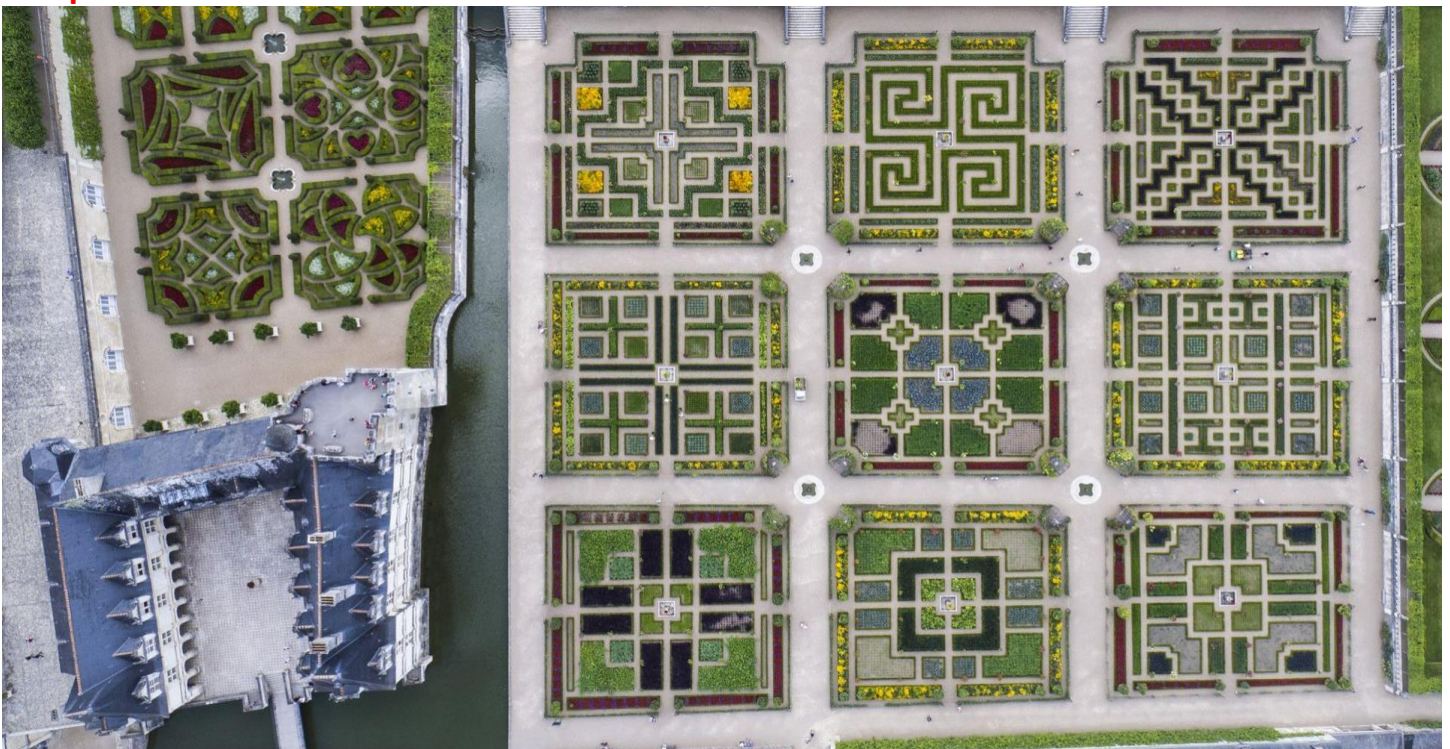


A 1697 STAY IN THIS CHATEAU INSPIRED PERRAULT TO WRITE THE TALE “SLEEPING BEAUTY”

11:30am: VISIT A VIGNERON FOR A TASTING OF LOCAL CHINON RED WINE & CHENIN BLANC

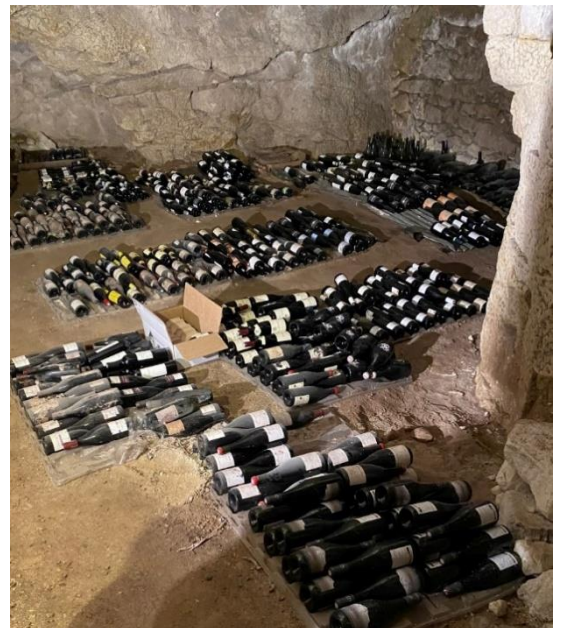
1pm : LUNCH IN A COUNTRYSIDE AUBERGE SET INSIDE AN AUTHENTIC 17th c. FARMHOUSE

2:30pm : ADMIRE THE GEOMETRICALLY PERFECT LANDSCAPING AT CHATEAU DE VILLANDRY



IT TAKES 12 FULL-TIME GARDENERS TO MAINTAIN THE GEOMETRIC VEGETABLE GARDENS !

5pm : VISIT CHEF VINCENT'S ORGANIC VINEYARDS & FREE-RANGE CHICKENS, THEN AFTER A TASTING OF LOCAL WINES ... HE WILL MAKE DINNER EXCLUSIVELY WITH HIS PRODUCTIONS!



WINE TASTING IN A TROGLODITE CAVE, CARVED INTO THE STONE USED TO BUILT CHATEAUX



DINNER IN THE NEARBY MANOIR – VOLAILLE EN CROUTE DE PAIN, A VINCENT'S SPECIALTY

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Friday – EARLY HOTEL DEPARTURE TO DRIVE BACK TO PARIS WITH TWO STOPS ON THE WAY

10:30am : CHATEAU DE Mme de MAINTENON, ITS SPRAWLING GARDEN & GRAND INTERIOR



1:00pm : A BISTROT LUNCH IN A QUAIN & SECLUDED VILLAGE ON THE WAY BACK TO PARIS



2:30pm RETURN DRIVE TO PARIS

4:00pm 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 THE NEXT GREAT ADVENTURE...



CDEF TOURS INCLUDE:

- FRENCH BUBBLY WELCOME DRINK AT YOUR HOTEL ON THE FIRST EVENING - MEET & GREET FELLOW TRAVELERS + ENJOY A SHORT PRESENTATION OF THE UPCOMING TOUR.
- 6 NIGHTS IN CAREFULLY SELECTED HOTELS : ALWAYS SMALL SCALE PROPERTIES, ARCHITECTURALLY CHARMING, UNIQUELY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY'S HISTORY AND OF THE CULTURAL SPECIFICS OF THE REGION BEING TOURED.
- DAILY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL - OR ENJOY SPECIALLY PURCHASED FRESH CROISSANTS & VIENNOISERIES FROM A LOCAL FAMILY-OWNED BOULANGERIE.
- DAILY LUNCH AT HAND-PICKED RESTAURANTS / BISTROTS / WINTUBS WITH HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, QUAIN INTERIOR DÉCOR, SERVING REGIONAL & 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, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (*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\$ 3860.00 PER PERSON ON A TWIN (SHARED) ROOM BASIS

US\$ 4380.00 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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