

"A Little Way" in France Daily Itinerary

Day 1 (Tuesday 9/19)

Evening flight to Paris- dinner en route

Day 2 (Wednesday 9/20)

Our coach will take us straight to the Second Arrondissement (neighborhood) of Paris where we will eat lunch, then stroll along a pedestrian-only street past the oldest patisserie in Paris, tea shops, and other gourmet food stores.

We will visit the Basilica of Notre Dame des Victoires and learn the church's interesting history and connection to the Martin family.

Next we head to Sacré Coeur where we will have dinner with the Benedictine Sisters in residence there. We will spend the night here as well. You may attend evening Mass, Compline, and participate in an hour of adoration. We will hear a talk about Thérèse's connection to this most famous of churches in Paris.

*Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included

Day 3 (Thursday 9/21)

We start our day with Mass and breakfast with the sisters then head off on a bus tour of Paris. There will be time to stop at the Eiffel Tower for photos and lunch will be on your own at a charming street nearby, lined with an array of sandwich, cheese, and salad shops. And of course, there are always pastries!

After lunch we have a short drive through the countryside to Notre Dame de Montligeon. We'll arrive late afternoon to check in, get settled and rest.

Walk the grounds, visit the basilica, maybe spend some quiet time in adoration before dinner, then a restful night's sleep will be most welcome.

*Breakfast and dinner included

Day 4 (Friday 9/22)

A peaceful, relaxing day awaits. The basilica has a full schedule of confession, mass, adoration, and vespers from which you can choose on your own.

Together we will have a guided tour to learn more about this magnificent basilica and its mission to pray for the Holy Souls. After lunch, you may want to venture in to the quaint town a short walk from the church or spend more time discovering the beautiful grounds. An afternoon bus drive through the countryside may be available. Dinner will be served that evening in the dining hall and we will gather for an evening presentation.

*Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included

Day 5 (Saturday 9/23)

After breakfast we will board our coach for the short drive to Alençon, birthplace of Saint Thérèse. Here we will tour her childhood home and watch a film about her early years, mainly told through the letters of her mother Zélie. We will get to know her entire family, especially her parents through the story of their courtship and marriage. Next we will discover the charming town and visit the cathedral where Louis and Zélie were married and Thérèse was baptized. We will visit the Museum of Alençon Lace to see exquisite examples of "Point Alençon", the style of lace that Zélie made and sold. The museum also has a small collection of significant religious and historical paintings from well-known French artists. Lunch will be on your own in town, which has many cafés and bistros. After a full day we head back to Montligeon for dinner and a quiet evening.

*Breakfast and dinner included

Day 6 (Sunday 9/24)

After Mass and breakfast, we drive to Lisieux. There we will tour the Carmel and learn more about the spirituality of Thérèse and her "little way". We will spend some quiet time near her final resting place. After, we will have a group lunch and spend some time visiting the city. We head back for dinner and a final group gathering that evening.

*Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included

Day 7 (Monday 9/25)

We have time for Mass and breakfast before boarding the coach for Paris and our flights home.

*Breakfast included. Lunch on your own. Dinner en route home.

NOTE: Please check arrival and departure times with tour leader BEFORE booking airfare.



Notre Dame de Montligeon Basilica



Accommodations and dining at Montligeon



Benedictine guesthouse at Sacré Coeur in Paris



The Martin family home in Alençon



The Carmel at Lisieux