

Springtime in Paris with Encore

The *Paris - Joi de Vivre!* class is highly recommended for those travelling to Paris with Encore. It will whet your appetite for the trip and open your eyes to interesting 'off the beaten track' places that you can easily visit in your free time.

You will also have a chance to get to know your fellow travelers, share your excitement and make plans together!

See Spring catalog for details - out Mid-November.

Encore trips fill quickly so book early!

10 Day Itinerary (April 24 – May 3, 2010)

Day 1: Depart USA

We depart from Raleigh today on our overnight transatlantic flight to Paris. (There will be a connecting flight within the USA)
Meals and snacks will be served on board.

Day 2: Arrive in Paris

Upon arrival in Paris, we are greeted by our World Cultural Tours representative (Tour Manager) and escorted to our private motor coach. We enjoy a panoramic orientation tour of the city and a guided visit to the Catacombs, en route to our hotel. After checking into our hotel (Hotel Magellan), we enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

A special welcome dinner is served this evening.

Day 3: Paris

Following breakfast this morning, we enjoy a guided tour of the city, including a visit to the Invalides Museum, highlighting Napoleon's Tomb. We stop for a self-pay lunch, before continuing our sightseeing with a visit to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower for a spectacular panoramic view of the city and the Arc de Triomphe. We have the balance of the day at leisure and dinner is under our own arrangements this evening. (The Tour Manager and group leader will provide recommendations and arrange groupings if required.)

Day 4: Paris

Following breakfast this morning, we depart the hotel and travel via the Metro system to enjoy a guided visit to the Musée d'Orsay. This afternoon, we visit the Musée de l'Orangerie with the balance of the day at leisure to explore the city and enjoy dinner at one of the many delightful restaurants. (The Tour Manager and group leader will provide recommendations and arrange groupings if required.)

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Day 5: Montmartre – Paris

After breakfast this morning, we enjoy a funicular ride up to Montmartre, famous for its white-domed Sacré Coeur Basilica. Our guided tour today also includes the opportunity to visit Champs Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe. Later this afternoon, we visit the Musée Nissim de Camondo, featuring the lovely Parc Monceau. Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening. (The Tour Manager and group leader will provide recommendations and arrange groupings if required.)

Day 6: Paris

This morning after breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel via the Metro to enjoy a guided visit to the Louvre Museum. We have the afternoon free to relax at a street-side café, stroll along the Champs Élysées, or explore the countless sights of this breathtaking city, such as the lovely Luxembourg Gardens or Place de la Concorde, site of the infamous guillotine. Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening. The Tour Manager will be happy to arrange a self-pay Bateaux Mouches dinner cruise along the Seine River for those who are interested in this option.

Day 7: Versailles

After breakfast this morning, we board our private motor coach for a full day guided excursion to Versailles, a magnificent chateau outside of Paris that served as residence for several of the King Louis' of France. The splendor of the Grande Apartments and gilded Hall of Mirrors is unsurpassed. Our tour includes a visit to the sprawling gardens which extend beyond the chateau, where we may choose to walk or take a buggy ride or rent bikes on our own as we explore as we explore the beautiful estate grounds. We return to Paris to enjoy the spring evening and make our own arrangements for dinner. (The Tour Manager and group leader will provide recommendations and arrange groupings if required.)

Day 8: Giverny and Auvers-sur-Oise

This morning after breakfast, we visit Notre Dame Cathedral, built between 1163 and 1330. This magnificent cathedral, known for its gargoyle statues and tower bell, is the most important religious edifice in France. We continue to the Shakespeare and Company bookstore where we have the opportunity to explore on our own. This afternoon we depart Paris and transfer to Giverny for a guided tour of Monet's house and gardens. We continue to Auvers-sur-Oise, well known for the time that Vincent Van Gogh spent here and a visit to the Auvers Chateau is included. We return to Paris for self-arranged dinner. (The Tour Manager and group leader will provide recommendations and arrange groupings if required.)

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Day 9: Reims and Epernay

This morning after breakfast, we enjoy guided excursions to Reims and Épernay. Upon arrival in Reims, we have a brief tour of the city, including a visit to Notre-Dame de Reims, where the Kings of France were once crowned. We continue to Épernay where we visit the prominent Moët et Chandon for a champagne tasting. We return to Paris and gather for a festive farewell dinner.

Day 10: Depart Paris – Arrive USA

After a final breakfast together, we transfer to the airport for our return flight home to the USA and say goodbye to our Tour Manager – she gets to stay!

TO REGISTER:

Mail registration form and deposits – with a copy of your valid passport – to:

World Cultural Tours
2002 Eastwood Road, Suite 306
Wilmington NC 28403

Please make all checks payable to World Cultural Tours.
Please indicate tour code (NCSU01) on each payment.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit: \$800 per person due October 26, 2009 with
Registration Form and Passport copy

2nd payment: \$1,000 per person due December 16, 2009

Balance: Due February 8, 2010 (including any air taxes
exceeding \$400)

(A 2.5 % charge is added for credit card payments call 877-218-8687 for this option)

OTHER QUESTIONS?

Contact Joan Hardman-Cobb (Encore Special Programs
Coordinator), 919-513-2049 jcobb@ncsu.edu

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Costs:

Double Occupancy - \$3,499 per person

Single Occupancy - \$4,099 per person

Tour Price Includes:

- ✓ Round trip air from Raleigh to Paris (with one change within the mainland US)
- ✓ Eight nights hotel accommodation at a 3 star hotel
- ✓ Breakfast daily
- ✓ Welcome dinner
- ✓ Farewell dinner
- ✓ Entrances and sightseeing as per itinerary
- ✓ Luxury motor coach transportation with professional driver throughout
- ✓ Services of a professional English speaking tour Manager throughout
- ✓ Porterage service at airport and hotels (based on 1 piece per person)
- ✓ Tax and service charges (tips not included for driver and Tour Manager)
- ✓ Air taxes up to \$400 per person

Not included are the following:

- x Travel and sightseeing arrangements other than those on the itinerary
- x All items of a personal nature
- x Gratuities to local Tour Manager and motor coach driver
- x Alcoholic beverages with meals
- x Passports and visas
- x Air taxes exceeding \$400 per person
- x Any services not listed above

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Terms and Conditions – Please Read Carefully

RESPONSIBILITY: A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS. Please send – with each deposit and registration form – a copy of each registrant’s passport. *A visa may be required for non-US citizens traveling internationally; please call the World Cultural Tours office for more information.* World Cultural Tours (WCT) and other participating organizations act solely as agents in arranging transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services. We do not assume, and in fact expressly disclaim, any liability for injury, damages, loss, accident, or delay due to any act, negligence or default of the tour guide or any company or person engaged in transporting the passengers or rendering any service, or carrying out the arrangements for any tour, or their agents, servants and employees. All adult registrants are invoiced with a single occupancy rates if no room-mate is specified. We will adjust rooming lists and invoices accordingly upon written notification of roommate preferences. It is the responsibility of the individual traveler to find a roommate.

DEVIATION FROM TOUR: If any passenger wishes to deviate from the group by extending their tour, please visit www.worldculturaltours.com to submit a Deviation Request. Include as much information as possible in each request. A Deviation Request administration fee (\$50 per person) applies, plus any additional fees charged by the airline, and may be submitted online at www.worldculturaltours.com/billpay. A Tour Consultant will contact you, therefore it is important to include telephone and/of email information.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend travel insurance. We are happy to provide information for travel insurance. Please review the information carefully to understand coverage.

IMPORTANT: The exclusion for **pre-existing conditions** will be waived provided the premium arrives no later than fourteen (14) days) after the initial deposit for your trip and you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay your premium. Please refer to www.worldculturaltours.com or call (877) 218 TOUR for more information.

TOUR PRICES: All tour prices are based on costs, charges and exchange rates known at the time of booking. In case of currency fluctuations (if applicable) of more than 3%, WCT reserves the right to adjust the tour price accordingly. Any domestic and/or international departure or arrival taxes, security charges and other types of air or airport or port taxes or any other surcharges not included in the tour price will be the responsibility of each passenger. **A handling fee (2.5% of each payment) will be added for payments made online or for payments made using the credit card registration form (available upon request).** MasterCard and Visa are accepted. A single check or credit card payment may be made for multiple registrants.

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CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations are effective on date received in writing. Any unused tour portions are non-refundable and any costs of services received while travelling are non-refundable. **Up to 91 days prior to departure, full refund less a \$100 administration fee will be made.** After that period, additional cancellation fees will be assessed as follows:

- **90-61 days prior to departure – loss of deposit**
- **45-31 days prior to departure – 50% of total tour price is forfeit**
- **60-46 days prior to departure – 35% of total tour price is forfeit.**
- **30-0 days prior to departure – 100% of tour price is forfeit.**

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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