



Itinerary

France Magnifique

Mar 11, 2021 - Mar 25, 2021

Pre Night: Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile



Hyatt Regency Paris Étoile is conveniently located close to the Champs-Élysées, between the La Défense business district and the Triangle d'Or shopping area. All 950 rooms are spacious, bright and well appointed with modern amenities.

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Embark on your journey through France. Bask in the rich history, art, culture and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns.

Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins



Your tour opens in beautiful Paris. Celebrate the beginning of your French voyage with a sunset river cruise past famous glittering landmarks along the River Seine, which divides the north from the south of Paris into what is known as the Right Bank and the Left Bank. Head to one of Paris' local restaurants for a savory French dinner.

Hotel

Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile
Paris

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 54°
Low 38°
Rain 2"

Day 3: Paris



Start your day by taking in the most iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic coach tour. With your local guide, see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, and the bustling Place Vendôme. Take advantage of a free afternoon to write your own story. Perhaps you'll take an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre.

Hotel

Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile
Paris

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 54°
Low 38°
Rain 2"

Day 4: Paris - Caen



Set off for the Normandy coast, where the largest invasion in history took place during World War II. Visit the Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Later, see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built near Arromanche-les-Bains, where the allies resupplied their lines during the liberation of France, before making your way to the hotel.

Hotel

Mercure Caen City Center-port De Plaisance
Caen

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 53°
Low 40°
Rain 1"

Day 5: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen



This morning visit the Omaha Beach Cemetery and stop by the Normandy American Cemetery Visitor Center. See the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy. Then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. You will also visit the landing beaches of Utah and Juno.

Hotel

Mercure Caen City Center-port De Plaisance
Caen

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 53°
Low 40°
Rain 1"

Day 6: Caen - Bayeux - Saint-Malo



Travel back in history when you stand before the impressive Bayeux Tapestry (UNESCO), a 230-foot embroidered cloth depicting the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Enjoy some free time to explore the historic town on your own. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village. Immerse yourself in the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town. Tonight, enjoy a wonderfully prepared local dinner.

Hotel

Hotel Oceania
St. Malo

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 54°
Low 42°

Day 7: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo



Travel to Le Mont St. Michel (UNESCO), the "Wonder of the West." Resting on the border between Normandy and Brittany, this world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you stroll through the old city at the base of the village before exploring one of the most beautiful abbeys in France, dating back to the 11th century. Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy time to relax or explore independently.

Hotel

Hotel Oceania
St. Malo

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 54°
Low 42°

Day 8: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Loire Valley



Journey south to the Loire Valley, a UNESCO site brimming with châteaux and parks, once the setting for the French court. Arrive in the medieval village of Chinon. Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII here and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years' War. Visit the market,* abundant with fresh produce, flowers and local products, and take time to enjoy lunch along the banks of the Vienne River. Next, tour a local winery and discover some of the Loire Valley's best wines. This afternoon, feel like royalty when you arrive at your 15th-century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois. Delve into the history of this site frequented by King Louis XIII as you enjoy some leisure time to explore the grounds or relax on the château's charming terrace. This evening, delight in gourmet French cuisine in the opulent dining room of your château.

Hotel

Chateau De Beauvois
Loire Valley

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 9: Loire Valley - Amboise - Loire Valley



Embark on a tour of the spectacular Château de Chenonceau. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, it is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque center of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture.

Hotel

Chateau De Beauvois
Loire Valley

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 10: Loire Valley - Lyon



Travel the French countryside to the gastronomical capital of France, Lyon (UNESCO). The city was once an important area for silk production. Today it is famous for its world-renowned cuisine. This evening, experience this cuisine firsthand when you dine at a bouchon, a local restaurant that serves traditional Lyonnaise fare.

Hotel

Mercure Lyon Centre Saxe Lafayette
Lyon

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 53°
Low 38°
Rain 2"

Day 11: Lyon



Choose how you spend the day because it's your choice! Get to know Lyon with a local expert, visiting the Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvier and the historic Old Quarter -OR- embark on an appetizing adventure in Les Halles de Lyon-Paul Bocuse food market, where you'll peruse its many culinary delights and sample some local goods before exploring the area independently. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you wish.

Hotel

Mercure Lyon Centre Saxe Lafayette
Lyon

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 53°
Low 38°
Rain 2"

Day 12: Lyon - Avignon



Get acquainted with the walled city of Avignon on a morning orientation tour. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. With your free time, perhaps you will choose to explore the 14th-century Palais des Papes, the world's largest Gothic palace, or take a relaxing stroll along the river and see Pont Saint-Bénézet, one of the city's most iconic sites.

Hotel

Mercure Avignon Centre
Avignon

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 53°
Low 38°
Rain 2"

Day 13: Avignon - Antibes - Grasse - Nice



Travel to Antibes and rub shoulders with Europe's elite in this Riviera getaway. After some free time to explore, continue to Grasse, the center of the world's perfume industry. Learn the secrets of perfume making, from extraction to distillation, while visiting a famous parfumerie. Then journey to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous. The evening is yours to explore this seaside destination.

Hotel

Splendid Hotel & Spa
Nice

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 56°
Low 48°
Rain 2"

Day 14: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice



This morning you'll feel like a local as you stroll through the colorful and fragrant flower market* in Nice. Then it's off to discover Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Your journey takes you to Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, the final burial site of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Gather for a farewell dinner tonight to celebrate the end of a magnificent trip to France!

Hotel

Splendid Hotel & Spa
Nice

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 56°
Low 48°
Rain 2"

Day 15: Nice - Tour Ends



Set out for home with many magnificent memories.

Post Night: Splendid Hotel & Spa



The Splendid Hotel Nice is a 4-star hotel located in a quiet, residential area in central Nice. This 128-room hotel offers great accommodations, wonderful dining, and beautiful panoramic views over Nice and the mountains.