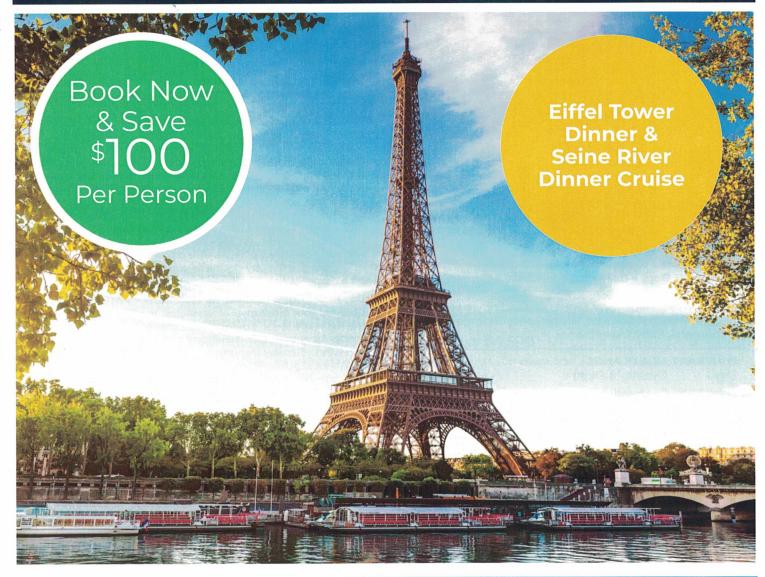
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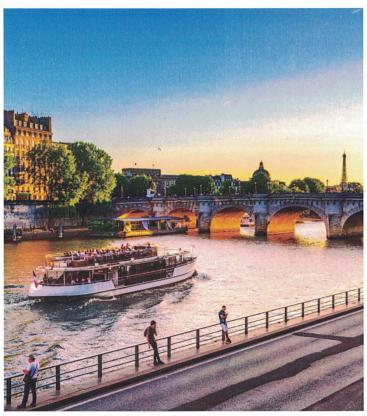


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Day 1 Ove

Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 6 Le Meridien Paris Arc De Triomphe, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Day 1: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 Overnight Flight Iconic skylines of picturesque towers. A trend-setting culinary scene. The inspirational muse of the world's greatest artists. Fashion-forward haute couture. This is the "City of Light." Feel the essence of Paris as the locals do – with its chic cosmopolitan vibe and constant energy. You're on your way to a five-night stay in the thriving heartbeat of France.

Day 2: Thursday, October 8, 2026 Paris, France Be swept off your feet as the Paris of your dreams comes alive. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Tonight, say salut as you toast the beginning of your tour and savor a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

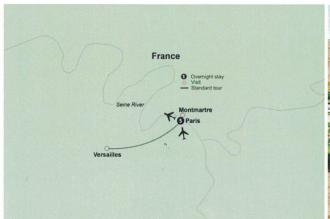
Day 3: Friday, October 9, 2026 Paris: The Louvre & Seine River Dinner Cruise Step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro, your main mode of transportation for the week. Get to know this underground system with a local pro, giving you the freedom to set off later as you wish. First stop - the Louvre Museum.* The ethereal glass pyramid at the Louvre's entrance serves as your gateway to another realm, where ancient sculptures lead to 19th-century canvases. Wander past and marvel at the palette progeny of Raphael and Botticelli before making your way to Da Vinci's renowned Mona Lisa. On the next stop, your cultural lessons continue into the Quartier Latin, the intellectual and bohemian heart of Paris, known for its historic universities and lively streets. Then, stroll to the nearby Île de la Cité, the city's ancient core, where the majestic Notre Dame Cathedral** stands - an 850-year-old Gothic masterpiece watching over the Seine. As your day wraps up, make the most of it, and admire the city skyline as you gently float down the Seine on a dinner cruise. (B, D)

Day 4: Saturday, October 10, 2026 Paris - Versailles - Paris
Channel your inner royal at Versailles, an iconic palace located in
the heart of France. There's a reason why Versailles has served as a
model for countless international abodes, which you'll discover as
you wind your way through sprawling gardens and palace halls
with a local guide. From the Hall of Mirrors to the opulent
bedchamber of the Queen, take in the palace's most famous
sights. Afterward, a visit to Versailles wouldn't be complete
without venturing beyond the palace, so take some time to
explore the local market.*** This evening, experience Parisian
nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis
Latin**** for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven
night at the cabaret. (B)

Day 5: Sunday, October 11, 2026 Paris - Optional Excursion to Normandy***** Enjoy the day on your own, exploring Paris however you wish. If you'd prefer to venture beyond Paris, you can choose to join a full-day optional tour to Normandy, retracing the history of World War II with visits to see the Mulberry harbour (an engineering marvel), the Normandy American Cemetery, and the D-Day landing site at Omaha Beach. (B)

Day 6: Monday, October 12, 2026 Paris: Montmartre & Eiffel Tower Dinner Today, spend the morning exploring the hip, bohemian neighborhood of Montmartre. Blending artistic roots and quirky modernity, this 18th arrondissement neighborhood is home to classical painters and cultural provocateurs. Have some free time to head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica and enjoy a stop at a café. Then, it's your choice! Venture into the Musée de Montmartre to get a glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris's most famous artists with a local guide -OR- step off the tourist trail for a peaceful stroll through the Montmartre Cemetery. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore Paris as you please. Nothing compares to the view from within the Eiffel Tower,****** where you'll enjoy an exclusive dinner featuring savory French cuisine.

Day 7: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 Paris - Tour Ends *Au revoir!* Your tour comes to a close today. *(B)*





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- † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

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Important Tour Information:

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The overall activity level of this tour is a level 4. This means you're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering 3+ miles at a steady clip) and activities that involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 9,000 feet or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

You will be travelling by metro throughout Paris for a majority of this tour and should be reasonably fit in order to get on and off this mode of transportation.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

*On the rare occasion the Louvre Museum is not available, it will be replaced by another high-level Paris museum.

***Local markets in France may change timing or day of the week pattern.

******Due to high demand for the Eiffel Tower restaurant, your dining time can be as late as 9:00 p.m. The restaurant will give you access to level 1 of the Eiffel Tower. Be prepared for security lines before reaching the restaurant. The menu, crafted by a renowned chef, is high quality but offers no choices.

**Notre-Dame does not require reservations for entry. Please note that guided visits inside are not permitted, and access is subject to the queue on the day. Depending on the available free time, guests may or may not be able to enter.

Experience It! Dinner at the Eiffel Tower

It's like a scene from a movie: the lights of Paris glitter beneath you as you dine inside one of the world's most iconic landmarks – the Eiffel Tower. Proudly rising up on the Champ de Mars, the historic Eiffel Tower is actually the tallest structure in Paris (and the most-visited paid monument in the world). Soak in the exclusive atmosphere as you enjoy savory French cuisine. Have an unforgettable meal in a contemporary setting that provides a wonderful contrast to the historical landmark it resides in. Stand inside history, relish fine French food... and take in the most incredible views of the "City of Light." This is a truly unique dining experience, sure to be a highlight of your tour.

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*****Normandy Optional Tour: If you choose this option, due to the long distances (approximately 360 miles / 579 km roundtrip), expect to start the day early in the morning and return late (approximately 12 hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

****Paradis Latin may be considered unsuitable for children - consult your Tour Manager.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, firstserved basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple rooms are not available.

Paris has intense traffic, so the best way to move around in the city is by metro, but most Parisian underground stations do not feature escalators/elevators (only 9 stations out of 303 have elevators).

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

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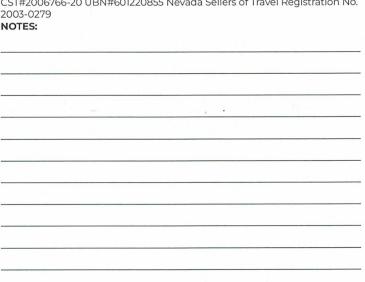
Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

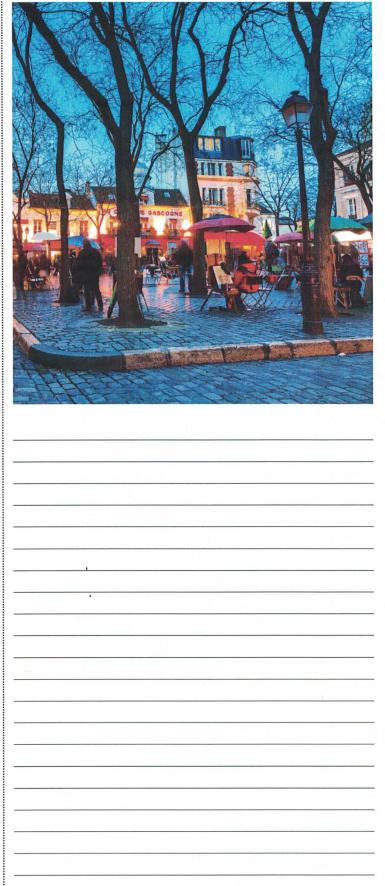
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