

10 Day Paris Dream A Dream Journey In & Around Paris



# CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 7-10 Day ITINERARY

## Day 1 Arrival Paris: US - Paris

**Upon arrival into Paris**, Meet your Professional English-speaking Local Guide at Customs for VIP Package & assistance through Customs and traversing the airport. You will be escorted to baggage Claim where you will be met by your private English-speaking Driver who will transfer you to your hotel (TBD).

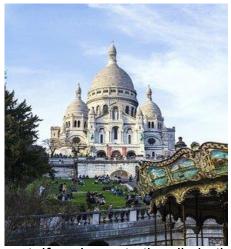
Check into your hotel and settle a little.



**Lunch is on your own today**. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Paris.



After lunch (approximately 2:30 pm) Meet your Professional English-speaking Guide in the lobby of your hotel for an Afternoon Walking Tour of the Left Bank.



This afternoon your private guide will meet you at your hotel and you will be on your way to Montmartre. One of the liveliest neighborhoods in Paris, and a designated historic area, Montmartre has something for everyone—art, architecture, café and club culture, and, of course panoramic views of Paris.

A funicular travels up the 427-foot —mountain to the impressive Sacre Coeur Basilica, which was completed in 1912.

Inside you'll find one of the world's largest mosaics; its famous bell, le Savoyarde, is among the heaviest ever

cast. If you're up to the climb, the top of the dome offers 360-degree views extending across 20 miles.













The adjacent neighborhood, Place du Tertre, has long been home and studio to countless artists; among its first were Toulouse-Lautrec, Degas, Matisse, Renoir, and Picasso. Today, artists and craftspeople exhibit their work for sale and offer one the great souvenirs of Paris – a portrait of you!

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour where you will be at leisure to relax in the

hotel or continue exploring on your own.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Paris.

# Day 2 Paris: Paris

## Breakfast in your hotel.



**After breakfast,** meet your private Englishspeaking driver & Professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel to begin your discovery of Paris' legendary Left Bank district.

The Latin Quarter, named by Rabelais after the students & professors who spoke Latin in the classrooms & the streets, contains more history & beautiful monuments that any other part of Paris.



During this relaxing walk you will make your way from the Pantheon, the final resting place of France's most famous citizens, to the manicured Luxembourg gardens via the infamous Boulevard St Michel.



You will also enjoy walking through the beautiful St Germain des Pres with its art galleries & swanky boutiques.

Lunch is on your own. Your guide will offer suggestions for restaurants in the area.



**After lunch,** you will also discover the magnificent & historical Notre Dame cathedral located on Ile de la Cité.

From there, you can continue on to Ile St Louis - probably one of the prettiest neighborhoods in Paris, with its elegant 17th century townhouses lining the quais next to the Seine.

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You will find charming gift shops, wonderful bookstores, specialty food shops and we will not forget to mention the famous Bertillon ice creams and sorbets where you will be able to treat yourself.

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour where you will be at leisure to relax in the hotel or continue exploring on your own.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Paris.

# Day 3 Paris: Paris

## Breakfast in your hotel.



After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel to begin your cultural tour of Paris' Right Bank.

Today you will discover the main **sights & monuments of the Right Bank** as you circle the Arc
de Triomphe, walk along the Champs Elysées with
stops to experience the elegance of the avenue
Montaigne before pass you through Place de la
Concorde which harbors the historical obelisk &
Place Vendome.







Lunch is on your own today. Your guide will offer suggestions in the area. You will then enjoy a walk through the Tuileries Gardens to the Louvre & the Palais Royal.



To finish off your day you will head to the **Louvre for a wonderful discovery tour**. The Louvre, in its successive architectural metamorphoses, has dominated central Paris since the late 12th century.

You will discover the famous pyramid made of glass and metal created by architect Mr. Pei and built in 1989 and then the museum. Quite a maze there! But the museum features a very impressive and prestigious collection for your delight including the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, Winged Victory and some great Vermeer.





After the tour, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Paris.

# Day 4 Paris: Paris – Giverny & Versailles

## Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel to begin your drive to Giverny where you will have a private tour of Monet's home, studio and his beautiful gardens.





When Monet and his family settled in Giverny in 1883 the piece of land sloping gently down from the house to the road was planted with an orchard and enclosed by high stone walls. A central alley bordered with pines separated it into two parts. Monet had the pines cut down, keeping only the two yews closest to the house to please Alice.





From this Clos Normand of about one hectare, Monet made a garden full of perspectives, symmetries and colors.

Lunch is on your own today. Your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the area.



This afternoon you will drive to Versailles where you will discover the infamous Chateau de Versailles Louis XIV spared no expense in renovating this once modest hunting lodge and, in 1682, the Chateau became the official residence of the king and his court.





In the palace itself hundreds of rooms, glittering with gold, crystal and mirrors beg exploration and you can discover the State Apartments of the king and queen at your own pace. A fascinating tour of the King's Chamber lends intriguing insight, and the Hall of Mirrors reflects an unrivaled era of opulence.







The formal Le Notre gardens are reason enough to come here—acres of meticulous landscaping, dazzling fountains embellished with mythical creatures and a tram encircles the park, showcasing off the vast grounds.

You will be returned to your hotel to relax a little before your evening entertainment and dinner.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Paris. Montmartre is close to the Moulin Rouge, so a selection here tonight would be a good choice.

Meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to Dinner and forward to the Moulin Rouge for a great Parisian Show. This is an icon in Paris, and something that is not to be missed.



The show starts at 9:00 pm promptly. You will need to arrive approximately 30 minutes before the show begins. You will be seated in an orderly fashion (along with a lot of other guests) and your tickets include champagne. You can order additional drinks



throughout the evening, if you can attract a server's attention. It is quite crowded and the staff is working non-stop the entire time.

This is a really interesting show with all the glitz and glamour you are expecting for a great musical review.

After the show, you can get a taxi back to your hotel. They are readily available outside the entrance. If you prefer a private driver we can arrange that for you. The remainder of the evening is at leisure.

# Day 5 Paris: Paris



## Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will make your own way to the Opera Granier (taxi is best) and arrive a few minutes before 10:00am. Your private behind-the-scenes opera house tour will begin promptly at 10:00am. Meet your Opera House Guide in front of the Guided Tours counter.





interesting places in this great opera house.

You will see the main opera hall and learn about the house and the history of this great opera venue. In addition, you will go behind-the-scenes normally available to most people. You will learn in depth history of the opera house and all sorts of interesting facts and stories about what really happens here.

You will be allowed into the private areas of the performers, see where they ready themselves for the shows, see costume rooms, changing rooms, and other very

**After the tour**, you are at leisure to enjoy a lunch in the area. See Celebration Escapes' Retaurant Collection for dining recommendations in this area.

**After lunch** you are free and at leisure to explore a little on your own. We would suggest that you take a taxi (or even a walk) to the Eiffel Tower area and see some of the many sites surrounding this Parisian Icon. This afternoon's tour is the only time you will be in this area on this itinerary.

You might enjoy taking a scenic boat ride on the Seine, exploring some of the other sites around the tower, riding the Famous Carousal or just finding lovely spots to watch all of the people who come to this spot in Paris.

**At 3:00 – 6:00pm**, you will meet your private guide at the Eiffel Tower – at the North Pillar in front of the Statue of Gustave Eiffel.

On this very special VIP tour, you will go behind the scenes of all of the buildings and other structures related to the Eiffel Tower. You will be in front of, around, underneath, behind, and all the way through the tower today.

You will discover the incredible history behind the tower, the man who designed and built it, and a whole lot more about how this icon was imagine, developed, built and miraculously saved...



You will be escorted into places in the tower that very few people are allowed to go. Find out what is in these areas, why they are important, and why not just anyone can access these places. You will go all the way to the top of the tower, beyond the main viewing point. You will have spectacular views of Paris, the River Seine and literally have your breath taken away as you stand in awe of the magnificence.

**NOTE:** After the tour you will have time for continued exploration on your own in the area. However, you may want to return (via taxi) to your hotel and refresh for dinner. Tonight you have reservations at the Jules Verne Restaurant in the Eiffel Tower. Traffic can be very crowded at this time of day, so if you do elect to return to your hotel you will have to hurry, in order to make the round trip and refresh for dinner and be back at the tower by 8:00. Many people opt to dress a little nicer for the day and just stay in the area before dinner, so as not to have to rush or be late for this reservation.



This is an incredible venue. "An experience at the heart of the Eiffel Tower, a unique venue infused with dreams and magic..." Alain Ducasse.

Your reservations are for 8:00 pm and there is a dress code. No sports clothes, shorts, etc. This is one of Paris' most exciting restaurants.

Enjoy contemporary French cuisine overlooking the most spectacular view of the City of Lights, scintillating beneath your feet....

To fully enjoy the experience, the chef has created a unique "tasting" menu.

Flavour over everything. And generosity and pleasure.

The Experience Menu: A dinner at the Jules Verne is a rare experience, a step outside of time and space... Leading you from discovery to surprise, you will be guided through an exceptional 5 or 6 course voyage. To accompany your experience, the sommelier will guide you through perfect food-wine pairing with a wine course suggestion.



**After dinner,** you are at leisure to continue to explore on your own, take a leisurely walk back to the hotel, return to your hotel via taxi, or have your private driver return to transfer you back to your hotel.

## Day 6 Paris: Paris - Fontainebleau - Vaux le Vicomte

## Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will be at leisure to relax in the hotel or continue to explore Paris on your own this morning.

An Early Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Paris.

At 12:30 pm, you will meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel, to begin your afternoon touring. You will drive to Fontainebleau, a very famous Chateau outside of Paris.



The Royal Château of Fontainebleau is the largest of the French royal châteaux. With over 1500 rooms at the heart of 130 acres of parkland and gardens, Fontainebleau is the only royal and imperial château to have been continuously inhabited for seven centuries.





The château as it is today is the work of many French monarchs, building on a structure of Francis I. The building is ranged around a series of courts.

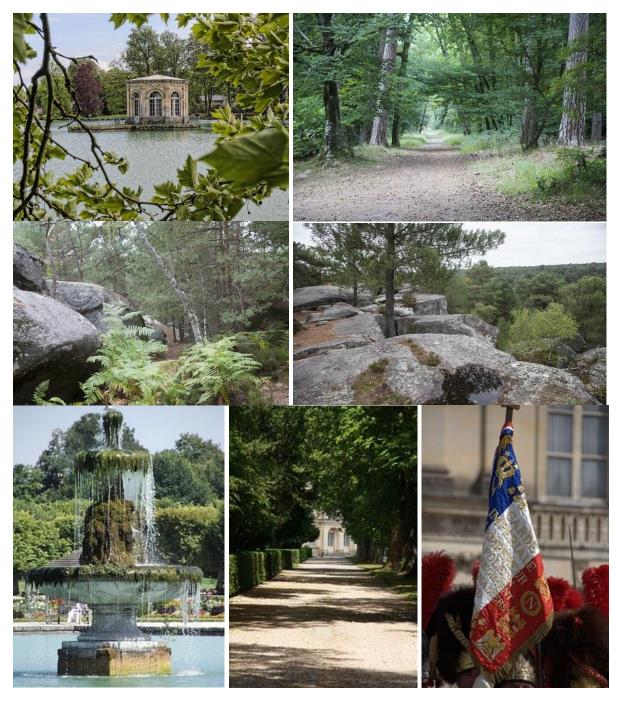
The city of Fontainebleau has grown up around the remainder of the Forest of Fontainebleau, a former royal hunting park.

You will enjoy a private tour of this truly beautiful Castle and find out so much about it history, as you explore the rooms, hidden

areas, and special places throughout the building and the grounds. This is one of the best Castle experiences.







After this visit, you will continue on your way to Vaux le Vicomte where you will enjoy an evening tour and dinner in the restaurant.



Vaux le Vicomte, estate of Nicolas Fouquet, finance minister of Louis XIV, was, in the 17th century, one of the most modern and elegant masterpieces that none of the royal properties could compete with. This still holds true today. Jealous by such ostentation, the young Sun King, had Fouquet condemned to life imprisonment. The King took inspiration from Vaux to build Versailles.



Located about 30 miles south east from Paris, Vaux le Vicomte today is the largest private castle of France.

**In the evening,** Vaux le Vicomte offers you a romantic and enchanting visit of the chateau and gardens lit by more than 2000 candles.







**Dinner Reservation** We have booked a table at **Les Charmilles Restaurant at 8pm** 

**After dinner,** you will be returned to your hotel.

Day 7 Paris: Paris - Chateau de Malmaison

Breakfast in your hotel.

**10:00am:** After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your drive and tour to Chateau de Malmaison.



Situated 9 miles west of Paris, this 17th-century estate is now best known for its Napoleonic associations. Bought by Josephine as a retreat from the formality of the Emperor's residences, it has charming rural grounds.

While Josephine loved this country manor, Napoleon scorned its entrance and instead had a curious drawbridge built at the back of the chateau. Inside are many fine rooms, paintings from Josephine's private collection and memorabilia abound, from imperial eagles to David's moody portrait of Napoleon, or Gérard's painting of the languide Josephine reclining on a chaise-longue.







Also on property are the romantic

—English gardens and the famous rose garden which was cultivated by Josephine after her divorce.

After the tour you will be returned to your hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own this evening.
See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant
Collection for recommendations for dining

in Paris.

## Day 8 Paris: Paris - Champagne District

Early Breakfast in your hotel.

8:15 am: Take Taxi to Paris Train Station.

8:45: Train from Paris to Champagne Ardennes station /Reims: Arrive by Train into Champagne Ardennes station.



Upon arrival, you will meet your English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide at Champagne Ardennes station upon arrival of your train from Paris at 9:20am.

You will **depart for Epernay** – Along the way, you will enjoy the scenic drive through the Champagne vineyards.











Upon arrival in Epernay we have arranged a **tour & tasting at the infamous Moet & Chandon Champagne house** located on the Avenue de Champagne.

After the champagne tasting, You will enjoy lunch at the Restaurant les Avizés (Jacques Selosse).

After lunch, in the afternoon you will enjoy a **tour & tasting at a family owned producer** – there are thousands of them & they offer a real opportunity to share with the producer himself.















You will end the day with a **tour of the discovery tour of the town of Reims**, well known for its 800 year old Gothic cathedral – Notre Dame de Reims. The cathedral is famous for having been the church where most of the French Kings were crowned.





**After the T our,** you will be delivered back to Reims station in time for your train back to Paris at 5:15pm.

Upon arrival in Paris, take a taxi back to your hotel.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Paris.

# Day 9 Paris: Paris – Marais

## Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, Approximately 10:30 am: meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel to start your tour of the Marais District and a lovely interactive shopping & tasting tour. You will begin at one of the best loved coffee boutiques in the Marais.











Today you will have a walking tour through the Maris. there are many gourmet boutiques, specialty shops, boulangeries, markets, and more where you will enjoy tastings, shopping, and a delightful culinary tour.

You will enjoy visits & tastings in different gourmet boutiques in the most beautiful & historic district of Paris: le Marais.

After the tour you will be at leisure to continue to explore the Marais on your own.

**Lunch is on your own** and you will have already seen many great places for lunch in the Marais.

**After lunch**, you will make your way to the Lido for a very special private Behind-the Scenes Tour, which begins at 2:30 pm. You will need to arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the tour.



Don't judge a book by its cover! Behind this cheery, superficial Parisian image of the Lido lies an extremely complex organization. The backstage tour of the legendary cabaret will take you where few people go, into the costume rooms full of flamboyant costumes, reserved for its dancers, costume designers & makeup artists.





Your guide will then show you around the building with its unique architecture. You will be stuffed by the complex set of pulleys, plated & giant elevators used to widen the stage & transform the sets. It's simply magical!

**After the tour,** there will be a BREAK in the schedule before the show. So you can go back to hotel and relax or stay in the area and explore and have dinner if you choose. **Dinner is on your own**. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Paris.

**8:30 pm:** Meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel or at the restaurant you select for your transfer back to the Lido for your show. You can maneuver by taxi or walking, if you prefer.

**9:00 pm:** Lido Cabaret Show. You will need to arrive 10-15 minute before the show to allow time to be seated and have your drinks served before the show begins. **After the show** you will make your own way back to the hotel.

Day 10 Paris: Paris



### Breakfast in your hotel.

**After breakfast,** you will be at leisure today to explore on your own. **Lunch is on your own**. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Paris.

**7:30 pm:** Meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the restaurant for dinner at Los Ombres, one of the best restaurants in Paris. Your reservation is at 8:00 pm.

**After dinner** you can meet your private driver outside of the restaurant for your return transfer back to the hotel.

Day 10 Paris: Paris - US & Home

## Breakfast in your hotel.

**After breakfast**, your private English-speaking Driver will meet you at your hotel for your private transfer to Paris CDG airport to meet your International flight for the US.

End of Services.

Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today! 678-500-9548

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