



# Parlez Français

**NIGHTS:** PARIS (5) CÔTE D' AZUR (2)

Meals: Breakfast/Dinner Daily in Hotel Program. Three Meals Daily in Homestay Program.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Fifteen Hours Intensive French Language Study • Paris City Tour • Notre Dame Cathedral • Louvre Museum • 2nd Level Eiffel Tower • Palace of Versailles • Musée d' Orsay • Paris Sewers and Catacombs Tours • Bateau Mouche • TGV • Nice City Tour • Monaco Tour • Eze and Perfume Factory

### DAY 1 DEPART

Board your flight to the stunning capital of France.

### DAY 2 PARIS

*Bienvenue à Paris!* One of our representatives will meet you at the airport and escort you, along with an expert guide, on a **Paris City Tour**. See the world famous Champs Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, Palais du Luxembourg, and other sights. Visit **Notre Dame Cathedral** to view its snarling gargoyles and exquisite rose windows. Transfer to your hotel or homestay family this evening.

### DAY 3 PARIS

Begin your intensive French language classes this morning in a program that will improve both your linguistic skills and cultural knowledge. Then tour the **Louvre**, the largest museum in the world, home to the *Mona Lisa*, the *Venus de Milo*, the *Winged Victory of Samothrace*, and other art treasures. The world famous symbol of France was constructed for the World's Exposition in 1889. At that time it was the tallest man-made structure on earth. Ascend to the second level of the **Eiffel Tower** for a panoramic view over Paris and the suburbs.

### DAY 4 PARIS

*Encore les cours de langues*, then your afternoon is free for discovery.

### DAY 5 PARIS

Attend your language classes in the morning. This afternoon take an excursion to the elaborate **Palace of Versailles**, home of Louis XIV, the Sun King. See the magnificent Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed, ending World War I. Take a walk through the formal gardens to view elaborate fountains and statuary, and marvel at the splendor in which royalty once lived.

### DAY 6 PARIS

Enjoy your language classes *cette matin*, then tour the **Musée d' Orsay**. Even if you know little about art, you're sure to recognize some of the world's most famous paintings here. View Impressionist masterpieces of Monet, Cézanne, Van Gogh, Rodin, and others. Among the glorious arrays of work you'll find *Déjeuner sur l'herbe* by Manet, and *Blue Dancers* by Degas. Next, explore Underground Paris with a tour of a section of the fascinating **Paris Sewers**. See a video presentation explaining the city's efforts to manage water throughout history and visit a museum that traces the workings of the *les égouts*. Continue your underworld adventures in the **Paris Catacombs**. Far below the city streets seven million Parisian lie motionless. Their skeletons, long disinterred from churchyard graves, are neatly stacked to

form walls of nearly one kilometer of walking passage. Float past the history and monuments that hug the banks of the Seine on your **Bateau Mouche** cruise this evening.

### DAY 7 CÔTE D' AZUR

Journey south on the high-speed TGV train. Arrive in Avignon, an ancient town full of history, life, youth, art, music, and activity. Protected by its ramparts, this was the home of the French Popes for 68 years. Transfer to the glorious Côte d' Azur region of the French Riviera. The rest of the day is free.

### DAY 8 CÔTE D' AZUR

On your **Nice City tour** see the city's acclaimed museums, the Flower Market, and the Promenade des Anglais. Continue to the hilltop village of Eze and tour a **perfume factory**. Later travel to the elegant principality of **Monaco** to see the Monte Carlo casino, the Palais de Prince, and visit the **Musée Océanographique**.

### DAY 9 DEPART

Return home with improved language skills and memories of your time in *Un pays de merveilles*.