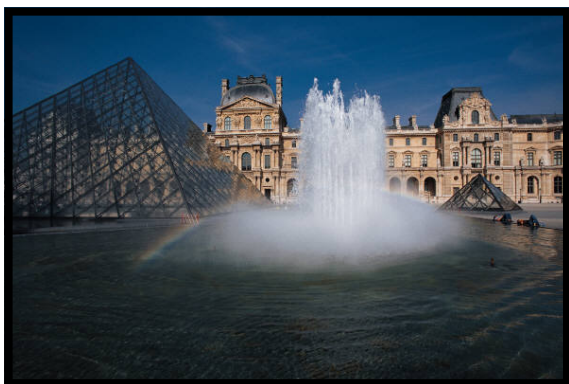


PARIS MINITOUR

ITINERARY NIGHTS: Paris (3)

HIGHLIGHTS: Paris City Tour • Louvre • Palace of Versailles

OPTIONS: Chartres Cathedral • Bateau Mouche Cruise



Discover this most magical of cities, the city of light, the city of love. From the top of *La Tour Eiffel* to the depths of *Les Egouts*, Paris will enchant you! The city is divided into 20 quarters, or *arrondissements*. The 1^{er} arrondissement is the center from which the others spiral out in the shape of an *escargot*. Each quarter has its own unique flavor and character. The elegance of the Marais, the bawdiness of Montmartre, the trendiness of Saint-Germain des Près, the chic Madeleine, the energy of Les Halles and the history of the Latin Quarter all combine to make Paris an incomparable, world-class *ville*.

Watch the sunrise over the Seine. Inhale the aromas of the baguettes and croissants emanating from the boulangeries. Do some people watching as you savor a café au lait at an outdoor cafe. Head over to the Ile St.-Louis for Berthillon, the world's best ice cream. Browse at the bookstores on the quais of the river. Cruise the canals to see a side of Paris most tourists miss. Catch the sunset from Sacré Cœur. Enjoy the brilliance of the lights of Paris after nightfall. Wherever you go, whatever you do, this city will mesmerize you. No visitor leaves untouched by her splendor and no amount of time spent here will ever be enough!

DAY 1 Depart for France.

DAY 2 PARIS

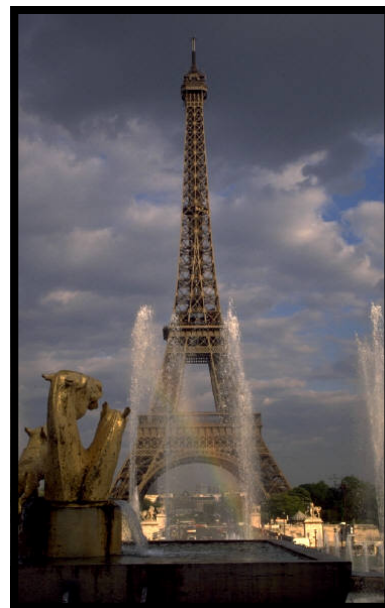
Bon Jour!! Bienvenue à Paris! Your TSA Tours guide will meet you at the airport, then take you on a **Paris City**

Tour to see the magnificent Arc de Triomphe on the Champs-Élysées, the majestic Eiffel Tower, the Trocadero, Les Invalides, Palais du Luxembourg, the Pantheon and the historic Latin Quarter. Continue to the Ile de la Cité, the Conciergerie and the Palais de Justice. Visit the Gothic masterpiece, Notre Dame Cathedral, then on to the Jardin des Tuileries and the stunning Place de la Concorde with its 3,300 year old Obélisque from Luxor.

Next visit the **Louvre**. Originally constructed in 1200 as a fortress,

the Louvre later served as the royal palace of monarchs such as Louis XIII and was a favorite haunt of Alexandre Dumas' *Musketeers*. Today it is the largest museum on earth. From I.M. Pei's modern pyramids to the ancient Egyptian sarcophaguses, the sheer magnitude of the Louvre is astounding. If you spend only 30 seconds viewing each work of art, your tour would last over three months! Highlights of the vast collection include da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*, *Liberté* by Delacroix, the *Winged Victory of Samothrace* and the *Venus de Milo*. Be sure to see the spectacular Crown Jewels in the Galerie d'Apollon and visit the Carousel du Louvre for world class shopping.

DAY 3 PARIS Travel to **Versailles** and the glorious Palace of Versailles, home of Louis XIV. The Sun King remodeled this former hunting lodge into one of the most impressive buildings in the world. See the fabulous formal galleries such as the Hall of Mirrors where the Treaty of



Versailles was signed, ending World War I, then stroll through the splendid formal gardens with elaborate statuary and the famous Apollo fountain.

DAY 4 PARIS Consider the **option** of traveling to the ancient city of Chartres whose cathedral was constructed in 1260 and is the best preserved example of Gothic architecture in the world. The cathedral's sublime architecture is surpassed only by the sensational stained glass windows which cover over 25,000 square feet and depict over 5,000 figures. Tonight's **option**: Enjoy a Bateaux Mouches Cruise on the romantic Seine. View the monuments of France from a unique perspective as you take in the brilliance of the lights of Paris after nightfall. Sail past the Eiffel Tower, the Trocadero, the Grand Palais, the Petit Palais, the Palais du Tokyo, the Alexandre III Bridge, the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in Paris. and the Petit-Pont, the smallest bridge in the city. Glide between the Ile de la Cité and the Ile St.-Louis and be sure to make a wish as you pass under the Pont-Marie - it's guaranteed to come true!

DAY 5 DEPART Time to bid a reluctant "au revoir" to the magnificent city of Paris.



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