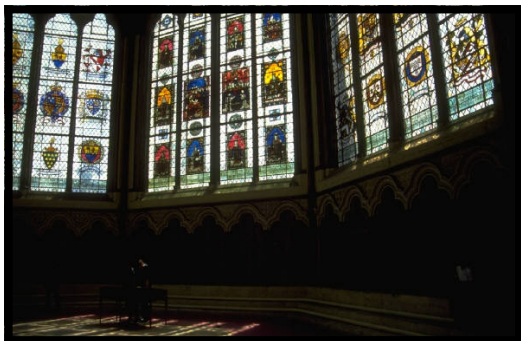


# LONDON, PARIS & NICE

**ITINERARY NIGHTS:** London (2), Paris (3), Nice (2)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** London City Tour • Windsor Castle • Canterbury Cathedral • Paris City Tour • The Louvre • Fontainebleau • TGV • Avignon • Nice Walking Tour • Eze • Monaco Tour

**OPTIONS:** West End Theatre Performance • Bateau Mouche



**DAY 1** Jet through the night to London!

**DAY 2 LONDON** Welcome to the largest city in Europe! A TSA Tours guide will meet you at the airport and take you on a **London City Tour**. See Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Fleet Street, the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's and Big Ben. Continue to Westminster where you'll tour the formidable **Westminster Abbey**, site of royal weddings and coronations. The first King crowned at Westminster was William I in 1066. Highlights include the Coronation Chair and Screen, and Poet's Corner with monuments to Kipling, Milton, Hardy, Tennyson and other writers.

**DAY 3 LONDON** Explore **Windsor Castle**, the weekend retreat of the royal family and the largest castle in Europe still inhabited. See the Round Tower built by Henry II, St. George's Chapel, the State Apartments and Queen Mary's Dolls' House. **Option:** Enjoy a West End theatre performance tonight.

**DAY 4 PARIS** En route to Paris, stop in Canterbury to visit majestic **Canterbury Cathedral**, destination of Chaucer's

pilgrims. Then travel to France via the Chunnel under the English Channel, one of the greatest engineering marvels in history.

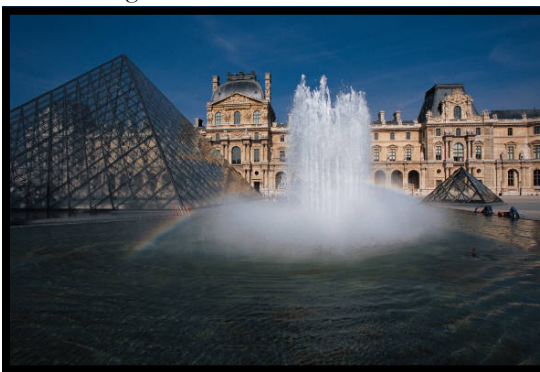
## DAY 5 PARIS

On today's **Paris City Tour** you will see all the

highlights including the Eiffel Tower, the Champs-Élysées, and l'Etoile with the Arc de Triomphe. Tour the Gothic masterpiece, **Notre Dame Cathedral**, and visit the **Louvre**, the largest museum on earth. See works of art like da Vinci's enigmatic *Mona Lisa*, the *Winged Victory of Samothrace* and the perfectly proportioned *Venus de Milo*. The Louvre has also served as a medieval fortress and palace of the kings of France. The steel, glass and aluminum pyramid in the center of the courtyard (1983-89) was designed by I.M. Pei, and was initially controversial.

## DAY 6 PARIS

Travel through the Barbizon Woods and tour the Palace and Park of **Fontainebleau**, a favorite resort of French monarchs from the 16th through the 19th centuries. Fontainebleau was ransacked during the French Revolution (1789-1799) but was subsequently restored by the Emperor Napoleon I, who

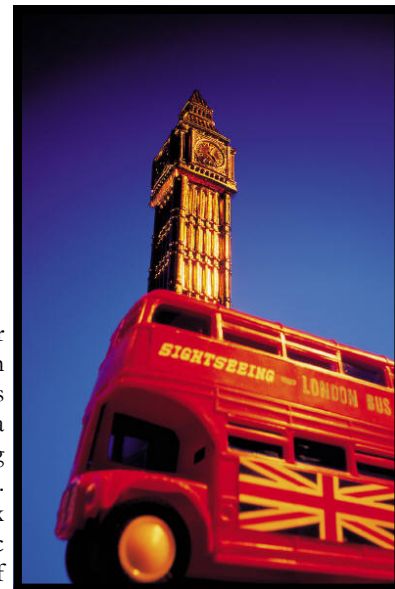


favored it above Versailles. After the collapse of the empire in 1871, the palace, with its famous horseshoe staircase, became a state monument and is among the most visited sites in France.

**Option:** Take 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 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.

**DAY 7 NICE** Board France's high-speed train, the **TGV** and journey to **Avignon**. A city overview will introduce you to this artistic medieval city that was home to the first French popes. See the Palais de Papes, noble mansions, venerable churches, and the famous Pont

du Avignon. Continue through Provence to the vibrant city of Nice on the French Riviera. An **Evening Walking Tour** with your courier shows you the



major points of interest including the Place Masséna, a broad and noble square with sculptured fountains that is the heart of the city. Framed by the château and Cours Saleya, the old town of Nice (*vieille ville*) is replete with little pastel house where fisherman once lived.

**DAY 8 NICE** Travel to the hilltop village of **Eze** for a million-dollar view over the Côte d'Azur and a visit to a perfume factory. Later tour the elegant city state of



**Monaco** to see the casino of Monte Carlo and the Palais du Prince. This little independent principality is known for its beautiful stamps, the *Grand Prix* race and its royal family. Visit the **Musée Océanographique** with its renowned aquarium founded by Jacques Cousteau. Return to Nice for a free afternoon, perhaps basking on some of the world's most famous beaches or strolling along the palm-lined boulevards.

**DAY 9 DEPART** Return home with fond memories of days in three fabulous European cities.

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