



EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY  
AND ROMANCE OF  
**FRANCE**

October 6-15, 2017 10 Days

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## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### **FRI 06 OCT** **Depart U.S.**

Our adventure of fun, friendship and exploration in France begins today! Board your Delta Air Lines flight in Minneapolis/St. Paul and fly non-stop overnight to Paris. (Meals in-flight)

### **SAT 07 OCT** **Arrive Paris/Loire**

Connect with the continuing flight to Paris. Bienvenue en France! Upon mid-day arrival your professional guide and driver will be waiting to greet you. Travel by private coach to Chartres to see its magnificent Cathedral of Our Lady of Chartres. After time to refresh with a snack, continue to the Loire Valley for hotel check-in and a welcome dinner. You have the option to upgrade from a room in the château wing to one in the main château building (see Cost Summary). Château Hôtel de la Bourdaisière (D) [www.labourdaisiere.com](http://www.labourdaisiere.com)

### **SUN 08 OCT** **Loire**

Immerse yourself in the Frenchness of the Loire Valley –the vineyards, orchards, gentle climate, and chateaux-dotted hillsides. Drive to Amboise, whose town is as charming as its Medieval/Renaissance castle. Explore the Sunday market where you and the guide will select foods for an al fresco picnic lunch. Then tour Château Amboise, which rises gloriously from a cliff overlooking the town. End the day with wine tasting at a Vouvray winery. Vouvray is the largest white wine genre in the Anjou-Saumur-Touraine region, producing Chenin Blanc wines in a range of styles from dry and sparkling to sweet dessert wines. Tonight dinner is on your own - perhaps wander into the nearby village for dinner at a local café. Château Hôtel de la Bourdaisière (B, picnic-L)

### **MON 09 OCT** **Loire/St. Michel**

Begin the day with a visit to Chateau Chenonceau – the graceful façade, the string of delicate, sunlit galleries overlooking the water, and the airy apartments have given this castle a reputation as the prettiest of the Loire. Continue northward to Brittany. After hotel check-in, gather for a group dinner. Auberge de la Mère Poulard (B, D) <http://en.merepoulard.com>

### **TUE 10 OCT** **St. Michel/Deauville**

After hotel check-out, visit Mont-Saint-Michel, the medieval fortress and abbey perched on an island a few hundred yards off the coast of Brittany. The mound of rock looms in dramatic contrast to



the sandy bay and flat grasslands that surround it. Tides rush to lap at the man-made causeway that links the abbey to the mainland. Continue through the countryside to the charming town of Deauville on the Côte Fleurie (Floral Coast). You'll have time at leisure both tonight and tomorrow night to explore the town and find the perfect brasserie. Hotel La Closerie (B) [www.lacloserie-deauville.com](http://www.lacloserie-deauville.com)

### **WED 11 OCT** **Deauville**

Embark on a full day excursion to the D-Day landing beaches from WWII. Wind your way through the country lanes amidst stone villages. Stop at Omaha Beach to see the moving memorial and tour the American Cemetery in Colleville with its excellent museum. This part of France is known for Calvados – the essence of apples distilled from cider into a brandy. End the day tasting this earthy spirit whose character can change from village to village according to the customs, the fruit and the soil. Enjoy the hotel's spa facilities - the jacuzzi, sauna and Turkish bath are included and available until 8PM. Hotel La Closerie (B)

### **THU 12 OCT** **Deauville/Paris**

Depart for La Fromagerie Durand, producers of the famous Camembert cheese, the regional specialty. Continue to Versailles to see its glorious palace and gardens built mainly by Louis XIV. Later this afternoon arrive in Paris for hotel check-

in and a group dinner. This evening ascend to the third level of the Eiffel Tower to feast your eyes on the city at night. Pullman Hotel Paris Tour Eiffel (B, D) [www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-7229-pullman-paris-eiffel-tower/index.shtml](http://www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-7229-pullman-paris-eiffel-tower/index.shtml)

### **FRI 13 OCT** **Paris**

Enjoy a full day of touring the City of Light, so called both because of its leading role during the Age of Enlightenment, and more literally because Paris was one of the first European cities to adopt gas street lighting. View such sights as the Arc de Triomphe, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and the Marais Jewish Quarter. Savor lunch on your own in the "bohemian" Latin Quarter. Explore the lively Montmartre District and view the city from the steps of Sacré Coeur. Pop into some of the trendy shops along the Champs Elysées. Pullman Hotel Paris Tour Eiffel (B)

### **SAT 14 OCT** **Paris**

Our last glorious day in Paris! This morning visit the Louvre, one of the world's grandest and most stunning museums housing the "Mona Lisa" and a massive collection of art and artifacts from nearly all cultures and regions, from ancient times to the present. The rest of the day is free for individual pursuits. This evening we say farewell to France as the sun sets and night falls over Paris. Our riverboat casts off its moorings and slowly drifts away as we experience an extraordinary dinner cruise. The violin and the piano begin to play and the city of lights slowly unveils itself as you softly slip by along the shimmering waters of the Seine. The sophisticated menu echoes the extraordinary setting, displaying culinary flair and excellence. This dinner cruise will be remembered as one of the most special moments of your stay in Paris. Pullman Hotel Paris Tour Eiffel (B, D)

### **SUN 15 OCT** **Return to U.S.**

Transfer to the airport this morning for flight check-in and departure on the non-stop flight to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Arrive home this same day enriched with our many fun and fascinating experiences amid the beauty and romance of France. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code: **B** Breakfast, **L** Lunch, **D** Dinner  
Itinerary subject to change.



## TOUR CONDITIONS

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due June 2, 2017. Final payment is due August 2, 2017. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

**REFUND POLICY:** All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to June 1, 2017- \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; June 2 – September 14, 2017 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; Within September 15, 2017 or after – No refund.

**CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS:** The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than June 2, 2017. A minimum fee of \$175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

**LATE BOOKINGS:** Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul via Delta Air Lines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Eight nights accommodation at hotels as listed or similar, double occupancy, with private facilities.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, one picnic lunch and four dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Paris through departure from Paris.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$60 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$596 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

**PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 14 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174**

## COST SUMMARY

# \$4499

From Minneapolis/St. Paul

Tour Gratuities (\$60)..... Included  
 Airport /Departures Taxes (\$596).....Included  
 Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

### Optional Individual Supplements

Single Room.....\$979  
 In addition to base tour cost. Limited availability.

**Château de la Bourdaisière room upgrade**.....\$75  
 Per person, double occupancy. Limited availability.

**Costs:** The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of October 2016, a minimum of 22 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

### Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

## RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#171007 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Eve.) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_  I will pay the supplement for a single room.  We will upgrade at Château de la Bourdaisière

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

### FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Mpls/St. Paul.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from \_\_\_\_\_ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.  
Please contact GTD for land-only rates.

### DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$648 per person **inclusive of travel protection.**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$400 per person **without travel protection.**  
 I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

### Form of Payment

- Check
- Charge my deposit(s) to  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#171007

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION**

Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 14 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174. Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

**GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS**

- Trip Cancellation.....up to Tour Cost\*
- Trip Interruption.....up to 150% of Tour Cost\*\*
- Travel Delay.....\$750
- Missed Connection.....\$300
- Baggage.....\$1,000
- Baggage Delay.....\$200
- Medical Expense.....\$50,000
- Evacuation/Repatriation.....\$500,000
- Accidental Death.....\$10,000
- Political Emergency Evacuation.....\$100,000
- ID Theft Resolution Services.....included
- Assistance Service.....included

\* a maximum of \$4500 per person  
 \*\* a maximum of \$6750 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$248 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.

This document contains highlights of the plan. The Plan contains insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. Fairmont Specialty and Crum & Forster are registered trademarks of United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2015. The Plan also contains non insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization, OnCall International, and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International. Review the Plan Document for complete terms, including benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions that apply. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions.

**EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS**

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

**CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Group Travel Directors (GTD) provides customized travel planning throughout the world for group travelers who have a variety of reasons and goals for travel. The goals and/or opinions of these groups do not reflect or imply the position of GTD in any matter. Brochure contents may not be duplicated without permission from GTD. In offering these travel arrangements, Group Travel Directors, Inc. (GTD) acts solely as an agent for the sale of air transportation and other travel related services. GTD maintains no control over the personnel, equipment or operations of any entity furnishing services, products or accommodations. GTD assumes no responsibility or liability for, and shall not be expected, asked or required to pay for any injury, damage, expense, personal injury, property damage, inconvenience or any other loss experienced by reason of: (1) any intentional, wrongful, negligent or unauthorized act or omission on the part of any supplier, its agents or employees; (2) any defect, breakdown or other failure of any vehicle, equipment, service, product or other instrumentality which is owned, operated or otherwise used by a supplier; (3) any intentional, wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized act or omission on the part of any other party not under the direct control of GTD; (4) financial problems causing nonperformance by any supplier; or (5) any other cause, condition or event whatsoever beyond the direct control of GTD. GTD cannot guarantee any rates, bookings or reservations of any supplier. Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the foregoing provisions. All prices quoted are subject to change if airlines or ground operators increase their prices, the U.S. dollar is devalued significantly against foreign currencies, the group falls below minimum numbers, or a fuel surcharge, government tax or user's fee is imposed. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. GTD reserves the right to withdraw from any tour any tour member whose conduct is incompatible with the interests of the group as a whole. The above Conditions and Responsibility also covers the group leader(s) and their respective organizations.

**NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:**

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was not a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>

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