

The Best of France *Sample Itinerary**

This breathtaking journey has it all – bustling Paris, breathtaking Provence, and the iconic French Riviera. You'll soak in incredible art & architecture and world-class museums in the “City of Lights”, discover the unmatched beauty and charm of the *Provençal* countryside, and soak up the sun on the legendary *Côte d'Azur*. You'll experience delicious regional cuisines and enjoy famous French wines at every stop, meet with local experts and guides, visit charming villages, and get behind-the-scenes access of the best of this timeless country.

- ✓ **Tour Duration**
10 days
- ✓ **Tour Focus**
French Art, Culture,
Food & Wine
- ✓ **Cities Visited**
Paris, Avignon,
Nîmes, Nice

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*Itinerary at a Glance**

- DAY 1** ● **PARIS: ARRIVE & EXPLORE PARIS**
Transfer to hotel. Settle in & stroll through this enchanting city
- DAY 2** ● **PARIS: DISCOVER THE CITY OF LIGHTS**
Visit iconic sites: Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, *Le Marais*
- DAY 3** ● **PARIS: MAGICAL VERSAILLES**
Palace of Versailles guided tour. Visit *Champs-Élysées* & *Arc de Triomphe*
- DAY 4** ● **AVIGNON: EXPLORE HISTORIC CITY CENTER**
Transfer to Avignon. Private tour: Papal Palace, Pont d'Avignon, Basilica
- DAY 5** ● **AVIGNON: VINEYARDS & WINE TASTING**
Explore towns & vineyards of *Côtes du Rhône* region with private tastings
- DAY 6** ● **AVIGNON: ANCIENT ROME IN PROVENCE**
Visit first century Roman aqueduct bridge; Explore Roman sites in Nîmes
- DAY 7** ● **NICE: PRIVATE WALKING TOUR**
Transfer to Nice. Explore iconic sites with private guided tour
- DAY 8** ● **NICE: QUINTESSENTIAL FRENCH RIVIERA**
Discover this stunning seaside city: Shopping, beaches, cafes, & squares
- DAY 9** ● **NICE: EXPLORE PICTURESQUE COASTAL TOWNS**
Visit hilltop village of Èze & coastal village of Menton
- DAY 10** ● **DEPART FROM NICE FOR THE US**
After breakfast, private transfer to airport. Arrive U.S. the same day

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DAY 1

ARRIVE & EXPLORE PARIS

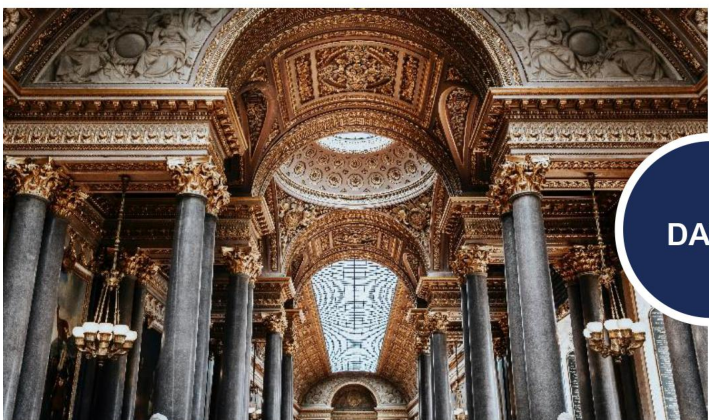
Arrive in Paris, “The City of Lights”. Get settled in at your hotel and then begin exploring the city at your own pace. Wander along the banks of the Seine River, relax and people-watch at a local cafe, and stroll down cobblestone streets, before enjoying your welcome dinner in a local Parisian restaurant.



DAY 2

DISCOVER PARIS

Your English-speaking guide will show you the best of the city during a private tour, including the Gothic cathedral of Notre Dame in the *Ile de Cite*. You’ll enjoy a café lunch in the hip *La Marais* neighborhood. After lunch, you’ll view some of the world’s greatest masterpieces in the world-famous Louvre museum. The afternoon concludes with a visit to the Eiffel Tower observation deck for an unmatched view of this enchanting city.



DAY 3

PARIS: MAGICAL VERSAILLES

This magnificent Baroque palace with its spectacular gardens, situated southwest of Paris, is considered by many to be the prototype for grand European royal residences. You’ll view the sheer opulence of the ornate Hall of Mirrors and the State Apartments. The private guided tour concludes with the world-renowned gardens. This evening includes a walk down the *Champs-Élysées* and the famed city views from atop the *Arc de Triomphe*.

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AVIGNON: EXPLORE HISTORIC CITY CENTER

This morning we will transfer to beautiful Avignon, situated on the Rhône River. After settling in, you'll embark upon a private guided city tour with an English-speaking guide. Strolling through the narrow streets, you'll visit the iconic *Pont d'Avignon* bridge, St Peter's Church, the 11th century Avignon Cathedral, and the massive Papal Palace, a 14th century building that is one of the most important examples of Gothic architecture in Europe.



AVIGNON: VINEYARDS & WINE TASTING

Today's day tour includes visits to several premier vineyards to taste some of the best wine produced in the *Côtes du Rhône* region. You'll visit wineries in the regions of *Gigondas*, *Séguret* and *Châteauneuf-du-Pape* where you'll learn about grape varieties, and about the production process. You'll taste delicious wines and enjoy a lunch in the countryside. Enjoy a relaxed evening upon returning to Avignon.



AVIGNON: ANCIENT ROME IN PROVENCE

Today your private guide offers you a glimpse of ancient Rome's great influence in this region. First is a visit to the *Pont du Gard* in the countryside to the west of Avignon. The highest of all Roman aqueduct bridges, it dates from the first century AD. After a leisurely lunch, you'll visit Nîmes, also known as the "French Rome". Here you'll visit the wonderfully preserved Roman amphitheater and the *Maison Carrée*, one of the best-preserved Roman temples anywhere.

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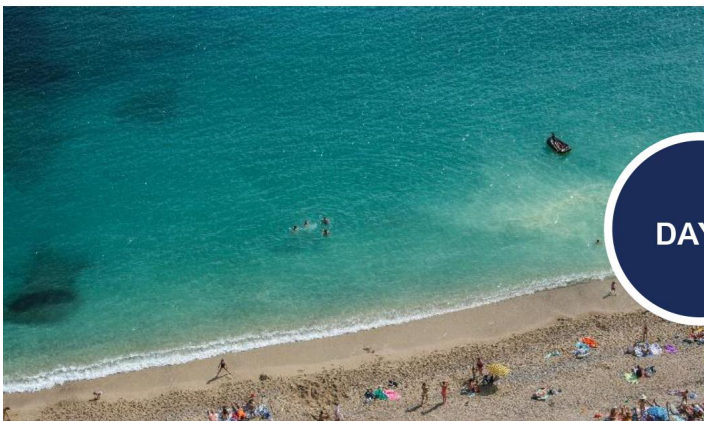
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DAY 7

NICE: PRIVATE WALKING TOUR

Transfer to Nice and settle in before departing on your private walking tour with an English-speaking guide. You'll explore open-air markets, charming squares, cobblestone streets, and the pastel-colored architecture, of the *Vieille Ville*, or Old Town Nice. Enjoy lunch in a quaint café alongside the *Niçoise* locals. After lunch, explore the charming port and stroll along the *Promenade des Anglais*, Nice's famous boardwalk.



DAY 8

NICE: QUINTESSENTIAL FRENCH RIVIERA

Today you'll experience the sophisticated charm that makes the *Côte d'Azur* famous around the globe. Enjoy a leisurely morning at the *Opéra Plage*, Nice's oldest private beach, originally opened in 1889. After a lunch overlooking the crystalline waters, you'll enjoy exploring the unique shops, exclusive to the French Riviera. This evening, you'll have a relaxed *aperitif* before having dinner at a local restaurant.



DAY 9

NICE: PICTURESQUE COASTAL TOWNS

This morning you'll enjoy a private tour with an English-speaking guide of some of the most charming towns on the *Côte d'Azur*. Described as an "eagle's nest", the small medieval village of Èze is perched above the sea. Èze is known for its beauty, charm, shops, art galleries, hiking paths, and breathtaking Mediterranean views. After lunch, you'll wander through the small village of Menton, taking in the gardens, beach, and colorful buildings in the medieval town center.

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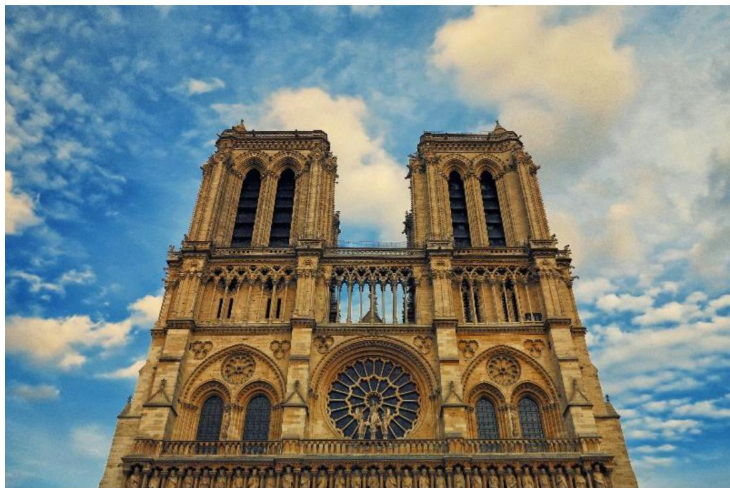
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DEPART NICE FOR U.S.

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