# Lourdes, Loire Valley, Paris, Normandy and Provence June 18<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>



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# Sunday, June 18th

**Welcome to Paris** 

**1:30pm** At your arrival in Paris CDG airport, make your own way to your hotel.

**5pm** This afternoon, you could meet members of our team to go over your itinerary, discuss shows you would like to attend as well as a potential stay in Provence.

# Monday, June 19th

**Fly to Lourdes** 

**11am** Meet your driver at your hotel for a transfer to Orly airport.

**1:05pm** Flight to Pau airport.

**2:25pm** At your arrival at Pau airport, meet your driver for a private transfer to your hotel in Lourdes (1-hour drive).

Check-in at your hotel, the Grand Hotel Gallia & Londres.

**5:45pm** Meet your guide at your hotel for a first tour of Lourdes sanctuary. She will introduce you to the history of this holy place, and will show you the different centres so that you can get an overview of the layout of the sanctuary. You will be able to discuss your program for the following day. You could also attend the adoration in the Chapelle de l'Adoration.

**8pm** Caroline will recommend you a restaurant nearby. If you wish so, she could meet you again after dinner, to escort you to the Marian procession.

**9pm** Marian torchlight procession.

Night at the Grand Hotel Gallia & Londres – Suite.





# Tuesday, June 20th

Pilgrimage

This morning, we suggest you meet your guide early at your hotel, to be able to maximise your time in the morning while there should be fewer pilgrims. The sanctuary schedule should be as follows:

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

9am-5pm / 6pm-8pm in the Chapel of Adoration – 11:30pm-12am at the Grotto.

### **CONFESSIONS IN ENGLISH**

10am-11:15am / 2:30pm-6pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

### THE BATHS

9am-12pm / 2pm-5pm (times can vary depending on the availability of hospitaliers)

### MASS

8:30am in the Grotto
9.00am in the Chapel of Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Your guide will recommend a place for lunch.

**3:30pm** Rosary in French at the Grotto. There is unfortunately no Rosary in English today.

This afternoon, before or after the rosary, you could go to Pic du Jer for a walk (around 2 hours long), or visit the medieval fortress overlooking the town (around 2 hours long).

Your guide will recommend a place for dinner.

Night at the Grand Hotel Gallia & Londres – Suite.





# Wednesday, June 21st

**To Loire Valley** 

**9:30am** Meet your driver at your hotel for a private transfer to Tarbes-Lourdes airport.

**11:10am** A5712 flight to Paris Orly airport.

**12:35pm** At your arrival at Orly airport, meet your private driver for a transfer to Chambord castle (2-hour drive).

At Chambord, you will have a private visit with one of the castle guides, with behind-the-scene accesses to discover rooms and areas usually closed to the public. The castle's unique architecture was imagined for the glory of François I, and is imbued with the spirit of Leonardo da Vinci. It is the largest and most majestic of the castles on the Loire, as it was considered by the King not as a place in which to live, but rather a symbol of power and aesthetic achievement. You will end this exceptional moment will a glass of champagne.

4:30pm After your visit, your chauffeur-guide will meet you in the castle to take you to Amboise. On the way, if you have the time, you will stop in Blois (20-minute drive from Chambord) for a quick visit of the castle. Favored residence of French Kings during the Renaissance, it displays a fascinating panorama of French architecture, from the Middle Ages to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Major works by famous artists (Ingres, Rubens, Boucher...) also highlight the Chateau's collections, making it one of France's premier museums of fine arts. The castle closes at 6:30pm.

Check in at your hotel (30-minute drive from Blois).

**8:15pm** Tonight, we suggest you have dinner at the new 2017 Michelin guide selection in Amboise, *Le Lion d'Or* (3-minute walk from your hotel).

Night at Le Choiseul – Junior Suite.





# Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

# **Loire Valley Overview**

**9:30am** Meet your chauffeur-guide at your hotel at your hotel for a full-day tour of the Loire castles. You will start with a visit of the town of Chaumont-sur-Loire and its remarkable castle.

**12:30pm** You will have a reservation for lunch at *Le Bon Laboureur*, in Chenonceau estate.

This afternoon, Stephanie will take you for a private visit of the castle of Chenonceau, exceptional both for its original location on the Cher River, and for its destiny in the hands of women such as Diane de Poitiers and Queen Catherine de' Medici.

**4:40pm** Stephanie will take you to Amboise aerodrome, where you will be able to embark for a 50-minute private helicopter flight over the Loire castles. After a 20-minute brief, you will take off to fly over Chenonceau, Pontlevoy, Fougères, Cheverny, Villesavin, Chambord, Ménars, Blois, Chaumont-sur-Loire, Amboise, the Pagode de Chanteloup and the Loire river.

Please note that this flight is subject to weather conditions. Should it be impossible today, we could reschedule it for the following day.

**5:50pm** After your flight, your chauffeur-guide will take you back to your hotel.

**7:45pm** Tonight, you have a reservation for dinner at your hotel restaurant, *Le 36*.

Night at Le Choiseul – Junior Suite.





# Friday, June 23rd

# **Treasures of the Loire Valley**

9:30am Meet your chauffeur-guide at your hotel at your hotel for a full-day tour of the Loire castles. You will start with a visit of Amboise castle, favored retreat for all of France's Valois and Bourbon kings. The ramparts afford thrilling views of the town and river. This chateau was one of the first royal residences, with which the king introduced the Italian taste in the Loire Valley. The presumed remains of Leonardo da Vinci are buried in the Flamboyant Gothic Chapelle.

**12:30pm** You will have a reservation for lunch at La Bourdaisiere, home of Louis Albert de Broglie the "Prince Gardener" and famous for its truly unique conservatory of tomatoes.

This afternoon, Stephanie will take you for a private visit of the castle of Villandry and its extraordinary gardens – and vegetable gardens!

After your tour, Stephanie could take you back to your hotel at around 6pm so that you can have some time to freshen up. She would then take you to Clos Luce (5-minute drive). Depending on the time, you may also choose to be dropped off directly there.

6:30pm At the Clos Luce, enjoy a private visit after the closing hours. You will see Leonardo da Vinci's room, the chapel with frescoes painted by his disciples, and workshops that were restored last year. You will also have an exclusive access to the underground passage said to have allowed King Francis I to meet da Vinci directly from his castle. The first meters of the underground galleries are still visible, though normally closed to the public. You will also see the gardens and park illuminated, at the close of the day.

After your visit, you will have a private dinner with a member of the Clos Luce team, served at the Auberge or in the mansion. They will call a taxi to take you back to your hotel after dinner.

Night at Le Choiseul – Junior Suite.





# Saturday, June 24th

# **From Loire Castles to Paris Castles**

**9:15am** Meet your driver at your hotel for a private transfer to Tours train station.

**10:14am** Train to Paris Montparnasse station – car n°11, seat n°61.

**11:13am** At your arrival at the station, meet your driver to start your day tour to Fontainebleau and Vaux le Vicomte castles.

**12:30pm** You will have a reservation for lunch at the *Hotellerie du Bas Breau*.

1:45pm Transfer to Fontainebleau castle (15-min drive), where you will meet your guide at 2pm for a private guided visit of the estate, castle and gardens. After your visit, if you have time before going to Vaux-le-Vicomte (30-minute drive), you could stop at the tea room of Courances castle. One of many seigneurial dwellings in Paris region, Courances is especially remarkable for its gardens, widely considered as the epitome of the French formal garden style.

7pm At your arrival at Vaux-le-Vicomte castle, the owner Jean-Charles de Vogue will meet you and take you for a private guided tour of the estate. You will learn about the famously tragic history of the first owner, Parliamentarian Nicolas Fouquet, who called on the best architects and artists to create the most beautiful and refined residence in France. Such splendour ignited the jealousy of the Sun King; in 1661, the unfortunate owner fell prey to a plot and was first banished, then jailed for life.

**8:30pm** Dinner will be served at the restaurant *Les Charmilles*. Please let us know your choice of menu before June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Menu Terre:	Menu Mer:	Vegetarian Menu:
Foie Gras and Gingerbread	Prawn Moelleux with Chanterelle	Courgette Plait with Aubergine
Millefeuille, Apricot & Rosemary	Cream and a Smooth Fresh Herb	Caviar, Quenelle of Tapenade and
Chutney and Beetroot Sorbet.	Centre, Fried Julienne Leeks	Pomegranate and Pistachio Sauce
	(Warm Starter).	Vierge.
Filet of Beef, Melting Potatoes		
with Moel Mushroomms and	Seared Scallops, Velouté of Purple	Creamy Risotto with Truffe Jus &
Rocamadour Cheese, Rich Jus.	Sweet Potatoes, Watercress Jus.	Seasonal Baby Vegetables.
Pistachio Shortbread, Red Berry	Pistachio Shortbread, Red Berry	Pistachio Shortbread, Red Berry
Cracknel & White Chocolate	Cracknel & White Chocolate	Cracknel & White Chocolate
Ganache.	Ganache.	Ganache.

**10pm** You have free access to the gardens illuminated with 2,000 candles.

11pm This enchanting evening will end with fireworks set at the Miroir d'Eau pond. Your driver will then take you back to your hotel (1,5-hour drive).





Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> Versailles

**9:15am** Meet your driver and your guide at your hotel for a private transfer to Versailles (45-minute drive).

**10am** You will start your visit of the estate with the King's Kitchen Garden, which produced fresh vegetables and fruits for the table of the court of Louis XIV. Innovative cultivation techniques made it possible to grow rare fruits and vegetables, including out-of-season produce.

Your guide will then take you to the Palace, a 15-minute walk away – or 5-minute drive. You will first see the gardens, that Louis XIV considered just as important as the Palace. He himself reviewed each project proposed by gardener André Le Nôtre, painter Le Brun and Superintendant Colbert. Musical and water displays will start at 11am the Mirror Fountain and Theatre Grove, for today's Musical Fountains Show.

**12pm** You have a reservation at *La Petite Venise*, close to the Grand Canal.

**12:50pm** Make your way to the main castle, for your private guided visit of the Kings' Private Apartments with Jean-Manuel.

1:15pm Away from the Grands Appartements and ceremonious displays, step into the more intimate lives of French Kings Louis XV and Louis XVI. On the first floor of the central part of the castle lie the Kings' Interior Apartments, a genuine oasis of tranquillity, a distinguished place of life and work, smaller in size and tastefully decorated. Each and every one of the rooms harbours a treasure waiting to be discovered. The clock room, named after its amazingly complex clock, shows off King Louis XV's interest for astronomy. The King's interior cabinet showcases the world-famous cylinder desk, or roll-top desk, the first of its kind.

2:45pm After this tour, Jean-Manuel will take you to the meeting point for another guided visit, even more behind-the-scenes! With a castle guide, you will discover the hidden rooms and attics where Kings Louis XV and Louis XVI arranged smaller apartments to escape the crowd of courtiers and the palace etiquette. Using hidden staircases, you will reach the top floors of the castle where a very private atmosphere still reigns. Nothing has changed here since the Revolution, and the furniture sold away at that time is being returned to the original rooms, to recreate the setting of daily life in the Palace during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Jean-Manuel will then take you to the other side of the park for a guided visit of the Petit Trianon (10-minute drive). Built for the privacy and passion for botanical sciences of King Louis XV, the Petit Trianon was then offered to Queen Marie-Antoinette so she could escape the formality of court life. Not even the King was allowed without her permission!

**6:30pm** After this extensive visit of Versailles, your driver will take you back to Paris.

**7:15pm** You will have a reservation for dinner at Alain Ducasse's chic Art Deco bistrot, the *Relais Plaza*. We will ask the restaurant to call a taxi for you.





# Monday, June 26th

**Heart of Paris** 

10am Meet your guide at your hotel for a private tour of Paris most iconic gardens. You will start with the Tuileries, created by Catherine de Medici as the garden of the Tuileries Palace. They were then redesigned by famous gardener André Le Nôtre who gave them their current French formal garden style. The name come from the tile factories which previously stood on this site.

Anne-Marie will then take you to the Luxembourg garden, another popular Parisian promenade site. The Palais du Luxembourg is a 30-minute walk from the Tuileries, across the Seine river. You could walk there, through the narrow streets of the left bank, or Anne-Marie will call a taxi.

**1pm** You will have a reservation at *Les Bouquinistes*, on the bank of the Seine.

2:15pm Your guide will meet you at your restaurant to take you for a tour of Ile de la Cite and Ile Saint Louis, where Paris has been established as the capital of the kingdom at the turn of the 13<sup>th</sup> century by King Philip-Augustus. You will see the beautiful Conciergerie and Sainte Chapelle, both remains of the Palais de la Cité that was the residence of the Kings of France from the 6<sup>th</sup> century until the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The Conciergerie is Paris' oldest prison, where Queen Marie-Antoinette' was jailed during the French Revolution. You will also have access to the Palais de Justice, always open to the public. (If you can resist entering Notre Dame Cathedral, it will be part of your tour of Parisian churches with Anne-Marie.)

At the end of your tour, Paul will walk back with you to your hotel (20 minutes), or take a taxi with you.

6:20pm Meet your driver at your hotel for a private transfer to the Moulin Rouge (15-minute drive). Your dinner will start at 7pm, followed by the show at 8:30pm. The Moulin Rouge was created in 1889, during the *Belle Epoque*, to appeal to the richer Parisians who came to Montmartre district to "slum it". With dancers already famous in other theatres, the innovative quartet *French Can Can*, and with an unconventional architecture and extravagant decoration (like the giant wooden elephant in the garden), the Moulin Rouge was more than adept at attracting clients who simply wanted to have fun.

**10pm** At the end of the show, your driver will take you back to your hotel.





# Tuesday, June 27th

# **Catacombs and Private Mansions**

9:50am Meet your driver at your hotel for a transfer to the Catacombs (15-minute drive), where you will meet your guide. Skip the line and go down the 130 steps into the galleries of this underground ossuary. The Catacombs host six million bones, transferred from Parisian cemeteries during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, in a 1,7-km labyrinth of tunnels. The Catacombs have been a "curiosity" to Parisians from their creation, with public visits as early as 1815.

**12:45pm** You will have a reservation at *La Gare* (25-minute drive).

**2pm** Your guide will meet you at your restaurant to take you for a private guided visit of Marmottan museum. You will see the incredible Monet collections, as well as the special exhibition on impressionist Pissarro's work. Your visit will continue with the museum Jacquemart-André that displays, in a lovely 19<sup>th</sup> century mansion, the works of famous artists such as Elisabeth Vigée-Lebrun, Fragonard, Botticelli, Rembrandt, Boucher etc.

**6pm** At the end of your tour, your driver will take you back to your hotel.

**7pm** Your driver will take you to Versailles to attend the concert *Bach Suites* at the Royal Opera at 8pm. He will take you back to your hotel at the end of the show.

Night at the Grand Hotel du Palais Royal.

# Wednesday, June 28th

Louvre

9:15am Your guide will meet you at your hotel to take you to the Louvre (5-minute walk). He will give you an introduction to this iconic museum, and explain the history of the buildings. When entering, you will be able to see the foundations of the original fortress. Paul will then guide you through the collections or exhibitions, to show you the famous masterpieces or focus in greater depth on a specific period, genre, or artist.

**12:30pm** You will have a reservation at *Café Marly*, in the courtyard of the museum.

In the afternoon, enjoy the Louvre on your own. Your ticket from the morning is normally still valid, just notify the staff that you will be back after lunch and they should give you a pass.





# Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

**To Normandy** 

**8am** Meet your driver at your hotel for a private transfer to Paris St Lazare station.

8:44am Train to Caen – car n°11, seat n°42.

10:53am At your arrival at the station, meet your chauffeur-guide. She will first take you for a guided tour of Caen, on the footsteps of William the Conqueror. Heirs to the Vikings, the Norman dukes reached out as far as the Kingdom of Sicily at the height of their power, and their most famous representatives, William the Conqueror, changed the destiny of Caen from the year 1050. You will see the Ducal Castle, built around 1060 and one of the largest medieval enclosures in Europe. In atonement for his marriage to his cousin, Matilda of Flanders, Duke William also founded two abbeys in the town. One is dedicated to women, and accommodated young girls from the Norman aristocracy up until the French Revolution. The other, the Men's Abbey, is still remarkably preserved and now hosts the City Council Chamber. It is also the place of resting of William the Conqueror.

During the tour, your guide will recommend you a place for lunch.

After Caen, you will go to Bayeux (30-minute drive), where you will visit the famous tapestry museum. Nearly 70 metres long, this embroidered cloth depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England, culminating in the Battle of Hastings. The tapestry became famous after its exhibition at the Louvre in 1797, and was admired – and coveted – by England and Germany as precious for their history.

If you have the time, your guide could take you to see the German batteries of Longues-sur-Mer (15-minute drive). The closest landing sites, Omaha or Gold, are 25 minutes away from Bayeux.

**8pm** You will have a reservation at *L'Angle Saint Laurent* (5-minute walk from your hotel).

Night at Villa Lara – Prestige Room.





# Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Mont Saint Michel**

8:15am Meet your guide at your hotel for a day tour to Mont Saint Michel (2-hour drive). You should arrive for the rising tide. The Mont was one of the first monuments to be classed as a UNESCO world heritage site, and is today amongst the 20 most popular tourist sites in France. Your guide will take you for a visit of the island and its abbey, built by Benedictine monks from the 10<sup>th</sup> century.

**12:15pm** You will have a reservation for lunch at *La Mere Poulard*.

After lunch, take in the sights before making your way down the island, to go back to Caen (2-hour drive). On the way, you will stop at Avranches Scriptorial, where almost 200 manuscripts from the medieval abbey of the Mont are stored – the spiritual, intellectual and artistic memory of the Benedictine community. You should leave the museum no later than 4:20pm not to miss your train.

5:54pm Train from Caen station to Paris St Lazare – car n°11, seat n°21.

7:45pm At your arrival at the station, your private driver will take you to Versailles for the 9pm *Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks*. At the end of the show, he will take you back to your hotel.





# Saturday, July 1st

### **Along the Seine**

9am Meet your driver and your guide at your hotel for a transfer to Giverny (1-hour drive), where you will visit Monet's house and gardens. The painter had fallen in love with the village of Giverny while looking out of a train window, and decided to settle there and rearrange the estate into a source of inspiration for his paintings. He especially worked on his garden to create a floral masterpiece, with water, colors and reflection displays.

**12:30pm** You have a reservation for lunch at *Le Jardin des Plumes*.

After lunch, take a stroll with your guide in the village of Giverny, before going back to Paris. On the way, you could drive by the medieval castle of La Roche Guyon. You won't have time to stop for a visit, but the exterior in itself is representative of the many defensive castles built along the Seine through the centuries.

**4pm** Your driver will drop you off at your hotel or the place your choice.

**5:45pm** Meet your driver for a private transfer to Alexandre III bridge, where you will meet the captain of your boat. Embark on a mahogany speedboat for a private cruise on the Seine, to enjoy the best sights of Paris from a unique point of view.

**7:30pm** At the end of your cruise, your driver will take you to your hotel to freshen up, then to *La Tour d'Argent*, where you have a reservation for 9pm. After dinner, your driver will take you back to your hotel. You are also on the waiting list for the *Jules Verne*.





# Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

# **Orsay and Orangerie Museums**

**10:45am** Meet your driver at your hotel for a transfer to Notre Dame (20-minute drive).

**11:30am** International Mass at Notre Dame de Paris. For lunch, we would recommend *Le Saint-Régis* on Ile St Louis behind the cathedral. No reservation needed.

2:30pm Meet your guide your driver at your hotel (meeting point may be changed, please notify us in advance) for a transfer to Orsay museum, to discover the treasures of the artists of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Please note that the museum has just changed its reservation system and policy towards groups and we cannot guarantee skip-the-line access anymore. You will then cross the river to continue with the Orangerie museum, where you will be able to see the *Grandes Decorations*, Monet's large waterlilies paintings. After your visit, you could walk across the Tuileries to Angelina Tea House, to enjoy true Parisian delicacies. You can then walk down the Rue de Rivoli back to your hotel (10-minute walk).

**8:10pm** Meet your driver at your hotel for a transfer to *Le Gabriel*, where you will have a reservation for 8:30pm. We will ask the restaurant to call a taxi for you. You are also on the waiting list for the *Jules Verne*.

Night at the Grand Hotel du Palais Royal.

# Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

# **Paris Churches and Opera**

8:30am Meet your driver and your guide for a tour of Paris most iconic churches. You could start with Notre Dame to avoid the later crowds, stop at St-Eustache, continue to the Sacre Coeur basilica on top of Montmartre hill, then cross the Seine to see the medieval church of St-Germain-des-Prés or the striking 17<sup>th</sup> century St-Sulpice. If you have time, you could stop at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal where Sister Catherine Labouré of the Daughters of Charity had apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1830.

**1:30pm** You will have a reservation for lunch at *Le Recamier*.

This afternoon, enjoy some time at leisure. You could walk in St-Germain district to enjoy the lively atmosphere, the old streets and the boutiques, or take a taxi back to your hotel.

**5pm** Meet your driver near your hotel (TBC) for a private transfer to Paris Opera, where you will meet your guide Jean-Jacques. From the classical architecture and the ceiling painted by Chagall to guildings, tapestries and mirrors, no luxury has been spared to make the Opéra Garnier a palace fitted for kings. As a special guest, you will enjoy a private visit behind the scenes, in areas closed to the public.

**7pm** You will have a reservation at *Drouant* (10-minute walk from the Opera, and another 10 minutes from your hotel).





# Tuesday, July 4th

### **Rodin Museum and Libraries**

10am Meet your driver and your guide for a transfer to Rodin museum, where you will have a private guided visit of the beautiful collections of sculptures, drawings and photos by the artist and his friends. You will then visit the Invalides church and museum, on the footsteps of Emperor Napoleon.

**1pm** You will have a reservation for lunch at *Brasserie Thoumieux*.

**2:15pm** Paul will meet you at your restaurant, with your driver, to take you for an afternoon guided tour of Victor Hugo's house and library, and the National Library Richelieu-Louvois.

**6:15pm** Your driver will drop you off at your hotel at the end of the tour.

**8pm** You will have a reservation at *Le Restaurant du Palais Royal* (4-minute walk from your hotel).





# Wednesday, July 5th

**VIP Chantilly** 

**8:45am** Meet your driver at your hotel for a private transfer to Chantilly castle (1,%-hour drive). Your guide will accompany you for the day.

10am At your arrival, you will be greeted at the entrance portal, then welcomed in the castle by the estate management and curator team, who will introduce you to the estate. A guide will then take you for a private visit of the castle unique collections. Chantilly castle is the work of Henri d'Orléans, Duke of Aumale, son of Louis-Philippe last King of France. This prince, considered as the greatest collector of his time, made Chantilly the showcase for his countless masterpieces and precious manuscripts. The museum now houses the biggest collections of paintings in France after the Louvre.

11:45 You will then meet a curator of the castle, who will allow you into the hidden collections of the castle. You will be able to see secret treasures like the Pink Diamond, the *Joconde Nue* and Delacroix's 7<sup>th</sup> drawing book.

**12:30pm** You will then have lunch at *La Capitainerie* restaurant inside the castle, in the former kitchens of the famous King's chef Vatel, with the curator or another member of the castle team.

**2pm** You will then tour the park in a golf cart with a private guide, and visit the mini zoo to see the mascot wallabies, before heading to the Great Stables. Those stables, the largest in Europe, are more of a horses' palace given their size and magnificence. Regular equestrian displays are presented to the public.

**4pm** After this visit, you could stop for tea time at *l'Auberge du Jeu de Paume*.

**5pm** Your driver will take you back to your hotel (1,¼-hour drive), and then to your restaurant.

**7pm** You will have a reservation at *Lasserre*.

**8:45pm** Paris by night tour: explore the city in a 2CV vintage car, to admire the night lights, especially on the Champs Elysees and around the Arc de Triomphe. The driver will pick you up at your restaurant.





# Thursday, July 6th

### **Latin Quarter and Eiffel Tower**

Meet your driver and your guide at your hotel for a transfer to the Left Bank, in the Latin Quarter. You will tour the major sites of this lively and historical area, with the impressive Pantheon, the beautiful St-Etienne-du-Mont church and the iconic student library Ste Genevieve. You will also visit Cluny medieval museum, set inside ancient Roman baths and filled with incredible artefacts and artwork from Medieval Europe.

**12:40pm** Meet your driver for a transfer to *La Fontaine de Mars*, where you will have a reservation for 1pm.

2pm Meet your guide at the restaurant for your tour of the Eiffel Tower. You will have to join a group to enter the Tower, as skip-the-line access is only possible at certain timeslots. Once on the second floor, you will be free to tour on your own with Anne-Marie, to discover the most iconic monument of the capital, and enjoy a stunning view over the city.

**4:30pm** Meet your driver for a transfer to your hotel, to freshen up before the ballet tonight. He will then drop you off at the Opera Garnier for **6:30pm**, for *La Cenerentola* starting at 7pm.

**10:30pm** After the show, meet your driver for a private transfer back to your hotel. The restaurant *Le Balm* next to your hotel takes reservation until 11pm. Please advise us or your concierge should you wish to confirm a reservation.

Night at the Grand Hotel du Palais Royal.

Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Louvre

Today, meet your guide for a skip-the-line strategy at the Louvre.

Enjoy your day at leisure.

**Suggestion 3pm** Relics in Notre Dame, including the Crown of Thorns, are presented for veneration every first Friday of the month.

**7pm** Meet your driver at your hotel for a transfer to Versailles for the 8pm concert *Lalande: Motets* in the Royal Chapel. After the show, he will take you back to your hotel.





Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> Free Day

Day at leisure.

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> To Provence

Morning at leisure.

**1:30pm** Meet your driver at your hotel for a private transfer to Gare de Lyon station.

**2:19pm** Train to Aix-en-Provence.

**5:14pm** At your arrival, meet your driver who will take you to your hotel, Grand Roi Rene, in the heart of the town.

Evening at leisure. You could walk in the town, enjoy a concert (this week will be the Festival of Classical Music in Aix), or attend the 7pm mass at the beautiful Cathedral.

Night at Grand Roi Rene – Deluxe Room with Terrace.

# Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

# **Avignon and Surroundings**

Full-day tour with your chauffeur-guide, you can adjust the program with her.

We suggest you meet her at 9am to start your tour in Avignon (1-hour drive) and its surroundings. You will visit the town and its iconic Palais des Papes as well as historical monuments. In the afternoon, Laurence will take you to smaller Provence villages, like the typical Baux-de-Provence and St-Remy-de-Provence. You could stop at Glanum archaeological site, to see the remains of this Gallic city, at St Paul de Mausole medieval cloister, and many other treasures of the region!

Night at Grand Roi Rene – Deluxe Room with Terrace.





# Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

Aix en Provence

Full-day tour with your chauffeur-guide, you can adjust the program with her. We suggest you meet her at 9am to start your tour in Aix. The town is both highly historical, with a lot of classical and neoclassical buildings, and artistic, having inspired many painters such as Cezanne, Picasso, Renoir, etc.

Night at Grand Roi Rene – Deluxe Room with Terrace.

# Wednesday, July 12th

**From Cassis to Paris** 

8:30am This morning, meet your chauffeur-guide for a morning tour to Cassis, to discover the unique and incredible Natural Park of the Calanques, where steep cliffs, azure water and pine forest make for enchanting sights. You will embark on a private boat tour for a unique sight of the calanques. The boat is equipped with a small shower, should you wish to take a swim in the sea.

**12:45pm** You will have a reservation at *Villa Madie*.

After lunch, Brice will take you directly to Aix TGV station for your train back to Paris.

**3:21pm** Tain to Paris Gare de Lyon station.

6:23pm At your arrival at the station, meet your driver for a private transfer to your hotel.

Night at the Grand Hotel du Palais Royal.

# Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

**Bastille Day Eve** 

Day at leisure.

**8pm** Meet your driver at your hotel for a transfer to the Eiffel Tower.

**9pm** You will have a reservation at the *58*, on the first floor of the Eiffel Tower. Please report at their office desk 30 minutes before your reservation.





# Rates (net of all commission)

You will find below the rates for our most common services

• Airport transfer:

0	V-class (up to 6 pax)	180€
0	Maserati Quattroporte	195€
0	S-class	210€

• VIP meet & greet with luggage assistance 165€

• Car at disposal in Paris 95€/hour with a minimum of 3 hours

Guided visits guide for 4 hours: 510€

Riva boat sunset cruise (up to 6 pax)

990€

• VIP Louvre backstage guided visit 1250€

• Shopping experience

1. Personal shopper 100€/hour with a minimum of 4 hours

(transportation not included)

Style consultant 155€/hour with a minimum of 4 hours

(transportation not included)

• Versailles:

Grands Apartments and park (areas open to the public)
 Hidden Rooms (1.5 hours – to be added to the Grands Apartments)
 1150€ (up to 15)

pax)

3. Kings Private Apartments (limited access to the public) and park 1090€ +27€

tickets

