

Grand Tour of France

Day One

Board your overnight flight to Paris!

Day Two

Arrive in Paris

Guided Tour of Paris

A guided tour of this magnificent city awaits your arrival, where you will experience highlights such as **Pont-Neuf**, the **Notre-Dame Cathedral**, the **Arc de Triomphe**, **Chaillot Palace**, the **Eiffel Tower** and **L'Opera**. The rest of your first day will be spent at your own leisure.

Overnight in Paris

Day Three

Guided Tour of the Musee de Louvre

See the famous works of Leonardo da Vinci, including the **Mona Lisa**, and other accomplished artists of the Renaissance and Reformation periods.

Visit to the Eiffel Tower

This most famous landmark of Paris is a marvel of modern engineering. Those feeling daring can take the elevator to the third level and look down over the Parisian landscape from a bird's eye view.

Visit to Charles de Gaulle Etoile

The highlight of this afternoon visit is unquestionably the **Arc de Triomphe** in all of its glory. Walking along the **Champs Elysees** afterwards you will encounter couture houses such as Chanel, Cartier, Yves St Laurent and Pierre Cardin.

Cruise on the River Seine

Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the **River Seine** on the famous **Bateaux Mouches** before taking the rest of the day to discover Paris at your own pace.

Overnight in Paris

Day Four

Guided Tour of the Musee de Orsay

This converted railway station holds mainly French art dating from 1848 to 1915, including paintings, sculptures, furniture, and photography by such artists such as Monet, Manet, Degas, Renoir, Cezanne, Seurat, Gauguin and Van Gogh.

Explore Paris

The rest of the day is yours to continue exploring this magnificent city at your own pace.

Overnight in Paris

Day Five

Visit to the Palace de Versailles

One of France's most celebrated landmarks awaits as you leave central Paris to experience the beautiful **Palace de Versailles**. This incredible 17th century palace and surrounding gardens were built when Versailles was a modest country village. Your tour will take you through these stunning and historically rich grounds, where you will also experience the **Grand Apartment**, **The Hall of Mirrors** and the **King and Queen's suites**.

Overnight in Paris

Day Six

Transfer to the Loire Valley

Tour of the Loire Valley

This visit is highlighted by the **Chenonceau Chateau and Gallery**. This Chateau is steeped in romance, and is considered one of the most beautiful and inspiring in the area.

Visit to the Charnbord Chateau

This wonderful chateau is one of the world's most recognizable due to its distinct Renaissance architecture that blends traditional French medieval forms with classical Italian structures. Charnbord, built to serve as a hunting lodge for Francois I, is the largest chateau in the Loire Valley.

Overnight in the Loire Valley

Day Seven

Transfer to Vienne

Visit to the Futuroscope Theme Park

A change of pace is in store for you as you leave the distant past behind and jump head on into the future of entertainment. Located in the department of Vienne, 10 kilometers north of Poitiers, this park is based upon multimedia, cinematographic futuroscope and audio-visual techniques. It has several 3D cinemas and a few 4D cinemas along with other attractions and shows, some of which are the only examples in the world.

Overnight in Vienne

Day Eight

Visit to the Amboise Chateau

This historical chateau was seized by Charles VII after its owner, Louis d'Amboise, was convicted of plotting against Louis XI and condemned to be executed. Once in royal hands, the Chateau became a favorite of French kings, with Charles VIII rebuilding it extensively.

Visit to the Chateau du Clos-Luce

Your chateau experience concludes with the **Chateau du Clos-Luce**, the home where Leonardo da Vinci spent the last three years of his life at the invitation of the King of France, Francis I. You can visit his bedroom, his kitchen, his study, the Renaissance halls, the chapel with its frescoes painted by his pupils as well as 40 of his inventions.

Transfer to Paris

Overnight in Paris

Day Nine

Transfer to Airport for Return Flight

Your tour guide assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

