



*Educational
Tours*



Paris in Depth



8 or 10 DAYS

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France

Extension to England



Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (8 with extension)
- Complete European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time bilingual EF Tour Director
- 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Paris • Versailles
- 1 EF walking tour: Paris
- 5 visits to special attractions: Versailles • Notre Dame Cathedral • Louvre Eiffel Tower • Musée d'Orsay
- Experiential learning: Prepare tarte flambée
- 1 carnet (10 Métro tickets)

OPTIONAL:

Chartres and the Loire Valley
Giverny (seasonal)

WITH EXTENSION: All of the above PLUS:

- 1 sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide: London
- 1 EF walking tour: London
- Eurostar high-speed train



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The Eiffel Tower is twice as tall as the Washington Monument but weighs 700,000 tons less!

Day 1 Flight

Overnight flight to France • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

Day 2 Paris

Arrival in Paris • Touch down in Paris, City of Light. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your bilingual EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

Day 3 Paris

Guided sightseeing of Paris • Discover the city on the Seine, beginning with the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon graduated to lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's

Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909. Pass the Opéra Garnier, where the famous Phantom of the Opera haunted his dear Christine, and marvel at Église de la Madeleine, designed as a temple of glory for Napoleon's army. Continue past the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to the Place Vendôme, a vast square surrounded by elegant 17th-century façades.



Number of overnight stays in parentheses.

Guided visit to Versailles • Visit Versailles, the elaborate palace of Louis XIV. Here the Sun King held court in the most lavish style imaginable. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants inhabited the annexes. Stroll through the elegantly landscaped gardens designed by André Le Nôtre, tour the State Apartments of the King himself, walk through the historic Hall of Mirrors and admire the ornate decor of the State Apartments of the Queen. (Please note: Because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons. In this case, your group will hear a presentation from your guide before entering the palace. Please also note that Versailles is closed on Mondays.)

Day 4 Paris

Visit to the Louvre • Built to defend the city in the 13th century, the Louvre today safeguards one of the world's greatest art collections. Enter the museum through world-renowned architect I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, constructed in 1989. Inside, discover priceless antiquities from Asia, Greece and Rome. You'll also see precious objects from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, as well as iconic European paintings such as the *Mona Lisa*.

Walking tour of Paris • Begin at the Louvre and cross over the Seine river. On the left bank, watch the *bouquinists* selling old books and postcards and catch glimpses of the

Conciergerie and St. Chapelle from the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in the city. Continue through the Latin Quarter, an area dominated by the Sorbonne, Paris' most famous university, founded in 1253. The quarter was named for its inhabitants' native tongue; Latin was the official language until 1793. As you stroll, look for the Panthéon, created by Louis XV because of a promise he made during a severe illness to build a church dedicated to Saint Geneviève if he survived. Your tour will end at Notre Dame Cathedral.

Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral • Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804. Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as "a vast symphony in stone." However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

Visit to the Eiffel Tower • Visit Paris' iconic Eiffel Tower, the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. In 1954, a mountaineer scaled the tower, and in 1984, two Englishmen parachuted off of it. Today, you will ascend to the second floor, home to the Jules Verne restaurant and some shops where you

may want to pick up a souvenir to remember the day. See if the City of Light looks any different from its most famous monument!

Experiential learning: Tarte flambée preparation lesson • Tonight, head over to Flam's restaurant where an employee gives your group a historical description of the French favorite, tarte flambée. After learning how it was made in times past, students will discover the secret of Flam's flambée. Then, in small groups, students will create and cook their own tartes in the restaurant's kitchen. Lastly, you'll all sit down to taste your magnificent creations!

Day 5 Paris

Optional excursion to the Loire Valley • Journey through the French countryside to the magnificent Loire Valley, Playground of the Kings. Our first stop is Chartres, home to Europe's grandest Gothic (13th century) cathedral and the world's finest stained-glass windows. Then visit the spectacular Château de Chenonceau on the banks of the River Cher, an architecturally breathtaking estate with a romantic history. Finally, make a stop at Chambord, the largest of all the Loire Valley châteaux. It is widely believed that Leonardo da Vinci, an artist with whom François I was personally acquainted, had a hand in this castle's design. Many of Molière's plays premiered here.

Free time in Paris • You may choose to explore the City of Light on your own today.

Day 6 Paris

Visit to the Musée d'Orsay • Part of this museum's draw is the building itself, not just the artwork that adorns its walls. Built for the 1900 Universal Exposition, the Gare d'Orsay functioned as a train station until 1939 and was converted into a museum in 1986. The high, arching ceiling and enormous wall clocks hint at the days when trains zipped in and out of the spacious structure. The museum is noted for its collection of Impressionist paintings—a walk through the upper gallery will reveal works by Monet, Renoir, Degas, Sisley, Pissarro and countless others.

Day 7 Paris

Optional excursion to Giverny (seasonal) • Join an optional excursion to the village of Giverny, where Claude Monet lived and worked for more than 40 years. As you tour Monet's home you'll see his collection of Japanese paintings and the china he designed for his kitchen. Make your way through the

Flower markets are an intrinsic part of Paris' charm.



extensive gardens to the pond. Monet's art comes to life as you stand on the wooden footbridge that spans the pond—you might recognize the view from the artist's famous *Water Lilies* series.

Free time in Paris • Alternatively, enjoy free time for your own explorations of Paris. You might wish to visit the Musée d'Orsay, the Picasso Museum or the exhibits at the Pompidou Centre. Other possibilities are a visit to Sacré-Cœur and Montmartre, where you can watch artists at work, or a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Or take part in the timeless Parisian tradition of people-watching over a cup of café au lait at a sidewalk café.

Farewell dinner • Join us for a traditional French dinner and live music for your final evening in Paris.

Day 8 Home

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

EXTENSION

Day 8 Paris • London

Transfer via the Eurostar • Alternatively, your group can extend its stay two days. In Paris, board the high-speed Eurostar, an 18-car

train that runs through the tunnel connecting continental Europe with Britain. Completed in May 1994, the Channel Tunnel provides travelers with easy access to and from the continent. Enjoy state-of-the-art technology as you glide under the English Channel.

Arrival in London • Arrive in London, Europe's largest city.

Guided sightseeing of London • A local guide leads you on a panoramic tour of London. Begin in Grosvenor Square, which is sometimes called "Little America" because it's the site of the U.S. embassy and the house where Eisenhower once lived. Continue to Hyde Park Corner, located at the southeast corner of Hyde Park, one of London's largest parks. At bustling Piccadilly Circus, the intersection of five busy streets, check out the bright lights and big-city displays, before heading to Trafalgar Square. Pass Speaker's Corner, where anyone with something to say is invited to speak his mind. Snap a photo of the Houses of Parliament and continue along London's South Bank for views of the famous Tower of London and London Bridge. Stroll across the Millennium Bridge for an orientation of St. Paul's Cathedral, the magnificent 17th-century Baroque church designed by Sir Christopher Wren.

Day 9 London

EF walking tour of London • Stroll through the heart of London on our EF walking tour, which begins along the banks of the River Thames. These shadowy waters gave the city its name, which derives from Llyn-Dyn, Celtic for "city of the lake." Walk along the Strand and see the spot considered to be London's geographic center; all measurements of distances to London end here. Enter Trafalgar Square and pause at Nelson's Column, built to commemorate his 1805 victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Continue on to Leicester Square, where duelists once fought to the death. Then saunter through London's tiny Chinatown. Your walk ends at chic Covent Garden, where you'll enjoy watching street performers (or "buskers") amuse the lively crowds. (The exact walking route may vary, depending on your hotel location and the day's other activities.)

Free time in London • Ask your tour director for fun suggestions!

Day 10 Home

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

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