



**Educational
Tours**

The Wines of Champagne, the Loire & Burgundy

A private tour designed by Elizabeth Thach, in conjunction with EF Customized Tours

Requested departure date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014

(Dates below are subject to change. Required date flexibility of 4 days on either side of requested departure date)

Day 1

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Board your overnight flight to Paris!

Day 2

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Arrive in Paris

Welcome to Paris, cosmopolitan City of Light. Over the centuries, Paris has grown to become the undisputed center of France, and one of the world's most important cities both culturally and politically. Equally famed for its high fashion, awe-inspiring museums and elegant cuisine, Paris has also been a center of theater, literature and philosophy throughout the ages.

Walking Tour of Paris *(time permitting)*

Join our walking tour of the chic Opéra district and the haute couture boutiques of Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré. Stroll through Place de la Concorde, the city's largest public square, built to honor Louis XV. The next Louis was not so lucky--he was beheaded here during the Revolution, along with Marie Antoinette. Continue through the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to Place Vendôme, a vast square wrapped in 17th-century façades. Pass the Ritz hotel at no. 15, a favorite haunt of Ernest Hemingway. *(The exact walking route may vary depending on your hotel location and other activities.)*

Overnight in Paris

Day 3

Friday, May 16, 2014

Excursion to the Champagne Region

Wind your way through the vineyards of the Champagne region, where the technique for bottling the natural effervescence of champagne was first perfected by Dom Perignon in the 17th century. Today your group leader has arranged for you to visit Veuve Cliquot Cellars as well as the cellars of the famed Dom Perignon. Later you will also have a chance to visit a small local producer to further your exploration of this region. *(Please note: entrances to wineries are not provided by EF)*

Dinner is not included this evening.

Overnight in Paris

Day 4

Saturday, May 17, 2014

Walking Tour of Parisian Markets

This morning, your tour director will lead you to one of many vibrant and lively Parisian markets. You will have the opportunity to make purchases for a picnic lunch, or simply take in the sights and sounds as you explore.

Culinary Walking Tour

Continue your culinary exploration of Paris as your tour director leads you past some of the finest cafes, bakeries and wine stores in Paris.

Overnight in Paris

Day 5

Sunday, May 18, 2014

Free Day in Paris

Enjoy free time for your own explorations of Paris. You might wish to visit the Musée d'Orsay, the Rodin Museum, or the futuristic exhibits of the Pompidou Centre. Other possibilities are a visit to the Sacré-Cœur, where you can watch artists at work in the streets of Montmartre below, 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.

Dinner is not included this evening.

Overnight in Paris

Day 6

Monday, May 19, 2014

Visit the Château de Chambord

Visit 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. View the stunning double-staircase that ascends through the center of the château's interior. Many of Molière's plays premiered here.

Free Time in Blois

Enjoy some free time for lunch in the city of Blois, located on the lower Loire River between Orléans and Tours.

Group Leader Arranged Winery Visit

This afternoon, your group leader has arranged for you to spend some time at Domaine Huet in Vouvray.

Transfer to Amboise

Transfer to Amboise, home to the beautiful Château d'Amboise, built by Charles VIII. This is the first of the French chateaux to adopt the Italian influenced Renaissance style.

Dinner is not included this evening.

Overnight in Amboise

Day 7

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Visit Le Château de Chenonceau

Your excursion into the Playground of the Kings includes a visit to the most romantic château in the region: the exquisite Château de Chenonceau. Built over the River Cher and surrounded by water, the château is characterized by the Pont de Diane, an arched bridge that spans the river. Serving both practical and aesthetic functions (it also houses the grand gallery), it was this bridge that spared the château from destruction during the French Revolution as it provided the only access across the river for miles. Learn of the extraordinary succession of women, beginning in the 1500s with Catherine Bohier, Diane de Poitiers, and Catherine de Médicis, who each influenced the design of the castle as it is today. After touring the lavish interior, be sure to stroll through the terraced gardens and take in the spectacular views of the château as it sits along the river that make Chenonceau so unique.

Free Time in Chablis

Spend some time in this burgundy region town where you will have time to explore and find lunch on your own.

Transfer to Beaune via a Group Leader Arranged Winery Visit

While in Chablis, your group leader has also arranged for you to visit La Chablisienne Cooperative.

Arrive in Beaune

Continue onto the historic town of Beaune, known as the wine capital of Burgundy. Some of the world's most famous wine villages are directly surrounding this town, as well as having some producers located directly within Beaune. There is a great tradition of food markets being held on Saturdays where one can find a variety of specialties from Burgundy and the surrounding area.

Dinner is not included this evening.

Overnight in Beaune

Day 8

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Group Leader Arranged Winery Visits

Today your group leader has arranged for you to visit wineries in Gevrey-Chambertin, Vougeot as well as Beaune.

Dinner is not included this evening.

Overnight in Beaune

Day 9

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Group Leader Arranged Winery Visits

Today your group leader has arranged for you to visit wineries in Chassange Montrachet and Meursault.

Overnight in Beaune

Day 10

Friday, May 23, 2014

Return to Paris

Today you will return to Paris to for your last day of tour. Spend the day exploring the city on your own, taking in the culture and enjoying the local cuisine and wine.

Dinner is not included this evening.

Overnight in Paris

Day 11

Saturday, May 24, 2014

Transfer to the Airport for Your Return Flight

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

Itinerary is subject to change

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions at www.efcollegestudytours.com/bc.

Tour Highlights and Details

Overnight stays:

Paris	(4)
Amboise	(1)
Beaune	(3)
Paris	(1)

Entrances included to the following sites:

Chambord
Chenonceau

Included in the Program Price:

- Non-refundable \$95 deposit
- Round-trip airfare
- Accommodations in clean, safe hotels with private bathrooms
- A Tour Director available 24 hours-a-day from when you arrive until you depart (unless otherwise noted)
- Breakfast and dinner daily (unless otherwise noted)
- Sightseeing tours and excursions led by licensed local guides as specified
- Airport transfers and transportation between destination cities
- Transportation to all included activities
- Entrances fees and tickets as specified
- EF walking tours and Tour Director-led sightseeing as specified
- Cruises, trains or ferries as specified
- Support from EF representatives abroad
- 24-hour worldwide emergency service

Not included in the Program Price:

- Costs associated with group leader arranged visits
- Insurance coverage
- Beverages and lunches
- Transportation to free-time activities
- Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver and local guide)
- Porterage
- Adult supplement (if applicable)
- Weekend supplement
- Shore excursions on cruises
- Any applicable baggage-handling fees imposed by the airlines (see eftours.com/baggage for details)
- Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or events beyond EF's control
- Passport, visa and reciprocity fees