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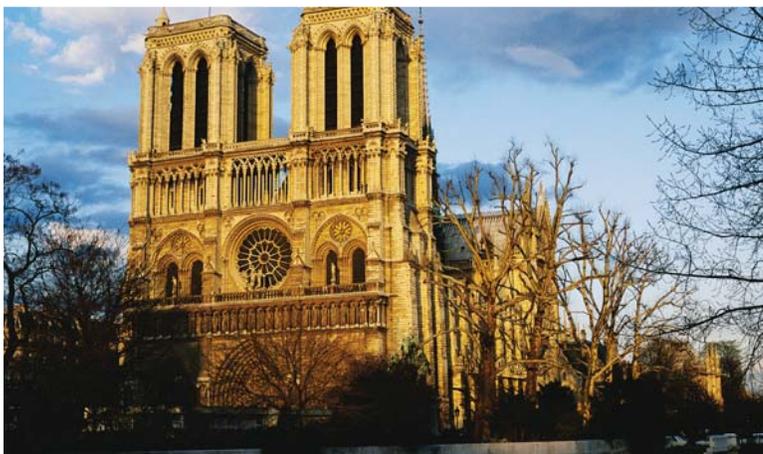
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It would be unfair of us to limit your stay in one of Europe's foremost centers for fashion, cuisine and business to just one day. That's why we're leaving the journey up to you.

After an inspiring visit to the mighty Louvre, choose a route that caters to your group and build your own Parisian experience. Curious about French cooking? Our classes offer authentic guidance for integrating regional flavors into your own creations. For fashion and design, you'll have the opportunity to go behind the scenes of a fashion studio. It's no

secret that the professionals have plenty to teach in the ways of their native Coco Chanel and Louis Vuitton.

And for the economically minded, you'll be able to explore one of the leading businesses in Paris, which is home to more Fortune Global 500 company headquarters than Beijing, New York or London. You'll meet with business leaders who will share insights on the benefits and challenges of living in a country with the world's fifth largest economy.



Day 1: Fly to France

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Paris.

Day 2: Paris

Arrive in Paris: Welcome to Paris, the City of Light. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore on your own.

Explore Paris: Check out Paris on foot. Head to the Latin Quarter, so named because the language was once commonly spoken by the Sorbonne students that populated the area. Today the students remain, frequenting the numerous shops and bistros.

Notre Dame Cathedral: Admire Notre Dame's sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings. This evening, get to know your tour group over dinner in the Latin Quarter.

Day 3: Paris

Sightseeing tour of Paris: Get a taste of Parisian style as you ride down the famous Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. You'll pass by grand monuments, including the obelisk in the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe. Next, strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. When you see the lush and beautiful gardens of Les Tuileries, it's easy to forget the turbulent history of this sophisticated city. Your guide shares insight into the city's military history when you continue past Les Invalides. Also, learn about political upheaval in Paris as you pass by the Conciergerie, a palace-turned-jail for prisoners of the French Revolution, and the École Militaire, where a promising young Napoleon launched his incredible rise to power.

Louvre: Explore art from around the world as you wander from wing to wing of the renowned Louvre, one of Paris's biggest attractions and the most visited museum in the world. Built to defend the city in the 13th century, today the Louvre safeguards collections that span continents and the ages. Enter by I. M. Pei's glass pyramid, considered a controversial addition by many resident Parisians. Inside, discover Greek, Roman and Asian antiquities, as well as precious objects from the Middle Ages. These massive halls are home to over 35,000 objects; among them is Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the *Mona Lisa*. Be sure to get an up-close look at her beguiling smile.

Day 4: Paris

Free time in Paris: Make the city your own during your free time today. You could savor a croissant at a local café or grab some friends and visit the stately public gardens.

✚ **Select your excursion:** Choose to participate in one of three optional excursions: a fashion visit, cooking class or a business visit and get a glimpse into modern-day art and commerce in Paris.

Day 5: Paris

Free time in Paris: With world-class museums and attractions all around you, there's plenty to see and do.

✚ **Versailles:** Nobody does decadence like Louis XIV, and there's no better testament to this than Versailles. Under the direction of the Sun King, the château that began as a modest hunting lodge exploded into one of the largest palaces on earth. On your excursion to this lavish estate, explore the State Apartments of the king and queen and the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Walk through the meticulously landscaped gardens and marvel at dozens of ornate fountains. Discover why Versailles was more than just a vacation home: Louis XIV hosted his royal court here to reign in their power and prevent their political rise. Then, return to Paris, where you will spend the night. Those who do not opt to join the excursion will enjoy free time in Paris.

Day 6: Paris

Explore Montmartre: Take a walking tour of Montmartre. The white-domed Sacré-Cœur Basilica stands out as a prominent fixture atop Montmartre's hill and marks the highest point in Paris. Picasso, van Gogh, Degas and Renoir helped establish Montmartre as an artistic center of France. Venture to the Place du Tertre, where you can still see street artists painting portraits today.

Atelier visit: Visit a Parisian artist creating beautiful works in their professional workshop.

Day 7: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport and check in for your return flight home.

✚ 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 7: Amsterdam

Travel to Amsterdam: Travel by high-speed train to Amsterdam.

Explore Amsterdam: With 1,200 bridges crisscrossing 160 canals, the capital city of Amsterdam begs to be discovered on foot. Kick off your extension with a walking tour. Pass by the 13th-century dam built to prevent the Zuiderzee Sea from flooding the city. See the Begijnhof, a lovely 14th-century sanctuary for the Catholic sisterhood of Begijnhofites, before making your way to the city square of Waterlooplein.

Day 8: Amsterdam

Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam: A local guide will show you the Westerkerk (West Church), where Rembrandt is buried. Pass by the flower markets—Amsterdam is known for its colorful tulips. See the Koninklijk Paleis (Royal Palace), once the home of the Dutch Royal Family before continuing to Rembrandtplein, a bustling square that comes alive at night.

Anne Frank House: Visit the Anne Frank House, where the young girl hid with her family from 1942 to 1944. This is also the site where she penned her poignant diary, which has been translated into dozens of languages worldwide.

Day 9: Depart for home

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INCLUDED ON TOUR:

-  Round-trip flights on major carriers
-  Full-time Tour Director
-  Land transportation
-  Hotels with private bathrooms
-  Light breakfast daily; 2 local dinners or 3 with extension
-  Sightseeing tours
Paris; With extension: Amsterdam
-  Entrances
Notre Dame; Louvre; Atelier visit; With extension: Anne Frank House
-  **Optional**
Versailles; Fashion visit; Cooking class; Business visit

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