

Tour de France

Normandy, Paris and Loire Valley

Provence and French Riviera

Day 1

Early morning: Arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport
Meet and greet with English-speaking chauffeur-guide at the airport.
En route to Normandy,
Your first stop will be in Rouen to visit the Gothic cathedral and the medieval district. You will enjoy your lunch in the Old Market Square where Joan of Arc was burnt.
In the afternoon, you will drive to Deauville. Check in at your hotel (for 2 nights) and relax time on the beach or to do your first French shopping.

Day 2

Program of the day: Full day tour to discover the Landing Beaches area.
In the morning, you will visit the Peace Memorial Museum in Caen. This Museum will give you history and events of the World War II with several exhibitions and movies.
Lunchtime on your own in Arromanches.
In the afternoon, visit the artificial harbor of Arromanches, used after the Landing. Then, you will drive to the American Cemetery and Omaha Beach, before ending your day at the Pointe du Hoc, main battlefield of the Landing Beaches.

Day 3

En route to Paris,
In the morning you drive along the Norman Coast to Honfleur. You will enjoy a walking tour of the village before lunch in the old harbor. Honfleur is a charming village painted several times by impressionist artists.
In the afternoon, you will drive to Giverny to visit the Monet's House, Workshop and Gardens with the famous "water lilies".
(Hotel in Paris for 4 nights)

Day 4

In the morning, you will have a private tour of Paris (4 hours) with English speaking guide.
Afternoon at leisure

Day 5

Full day at leisure in Paris

Day 6

In the morning, you will meet your driver-guide in Paris to go to Versailles, the Royal Castle of the King Louis XIV. Private guided tour of the Royal Apartments and the Hall of Mirrors.

Enjoy a charming lunch in the park of Versailles.

During the afternoon, your guide remains at your disposal, either to visit the Grand and Petit Trianons of Versailles and then the Queen's Hamlet or to go back to Paris for last shopping or tour.

Day 7

In the morning, you will meet at your hotel your driver-guide at disposal for 2 days in Loire Valley.

En route to the Loire Valley, your first stop will be in Chartres to visit the Gothic cathedral with its famous stained-glass windows collection.

Then you will drive to the Chateaux Country. Your first chateau visit will be Chambord, the imposing masterpiece built for the king Francois 1st.

(Chateau-Hotel near Tours for 2 nights)

Day 8

Program: Full day to discover the Loire valley and its castles.

In the morning, you will visit Chenonceau, the bridge castle built for ladies and mistresses of the Kings of France.

Then, you will visit Amboise and its castle. Free time for your lunch.

In the afternoon, you can visit either the castle of Villandry and its huge Gardens or Azay-le-Rideau, little castle built by the water.

Day 9

Transfer to Tours Train Station

In the morning: departure of your train from Tours to South of France via Lyon.

(Day 9...) Mid-afternoon: arrival in Avignon train station.

At the train station, you will meet your driver-guide, who will be at your disposal from Avignon to Cannes (6 days)

(Hotel in Provence for 3 nts – first evening with dinner at hotel)

Day 10

Program: Full day to discover Provence, Avignon and Luberon region

In the morning, you will visit the 2 main monuments of Avignon: the Palace of the Popes and the famous Bridge called "Pont d'Avignon" like the song.

Lunchtime on your own in Avignon or Fontaine de Vaucluse

In the afternoon, you will discover the picturesque Provence:

- Fontaine de Vaucluse, where is the most powerful spring of France.
- Gordes, hilltop picturesque village and the Abbey of Senanque

Day 11

Program: Full day to discover the South of Provence.

- Arles, market and Van Gogh's workshop
- Aigues-Mortes, medieval city in the Camargue National Park
- Les Baux-de-Provence, tourist village with shops, galleries and ruined castle – Very picturesque.

Day 12

En route to the French Riviera,

Your first stop will be Aix-en-Provence, where you will enjoy a walk in the old district and a visit at Cézanne's workshop.

Free time for lunch on the Cours Mirabeau in Aix en Provence

During the afternoon, several stops can be planned on the way like St Maximin and the St Mary of Magdalena Basilica, Saint Tropez and its fashionable pier...

(Hotel in Cannes for 4 nights)

Day 13

Full day to discover the Inland of the French Riviera:

In the morning, you will go to Grasse, Perfume Capital. You will enjoy visiting a Perfume factory like Fragonard or Molinard.

In the afternoon you will go to Saint-Paul-de-Vence, where you will walk in the old village between galleries, craft shops and Provencal shops.

You could spend the end of your day by a typical dinner in the Old district or on the famous Promenade des Anglais in Nice.

Day 14

In the morning, you will drive along the Mediterranean Coast to Nice and then to Eze, hilltop village on the Coast.

In the afternoon, you will go to Monaco and Monte Carlo, where you could visit some exotic gardens, the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco, maybe the Palace and the Monte-Carlo Casino.

Day 15

In the morning, flight departure back to Paris and your country.