

## PARIS – LYON & NICE 12 DAYS – 11 NIGHTS



### **Day 1: Welcome in France !**

Meet your driver after the luggage delivery. Check in your Hotel 4\* in Bayeux  
Time at leisure to relax. Dinner at leisure.

### **Day 2: Paris & Louvre private visit**

After your breakfast your driver will take you back to Paris; (3 hours of driving), check in your Hotel  
Lunch at leisure

In the afternoon, meet your guide at your hotel and walk to BATOBUS STATION to join Le Louvre  
Museum by the SEINE RIVER.

Enjoy a 2-hour guided tour of the Museum, of the Main highlights of the largest Museum of the World!  
There are plenty of good reasons to visit the Louvre! So many works of art to discover in this fabulous  
museum that used to be a royal palace! After the tour, some free time will allow you to continue the visit  
of the Museum on your own. Dinner at leisure



### Services included:

- Transfer to Paris with your driver guide
- Private visit of le Louvre museum (2 Hours)
- Accommodation, breakfast and city taxes, ( 2 rooms :1 double +1 single)

### **Day 3: Eiffel Tower**

Meet your guide at your hotel, you will make a Walking tour with local guide until the Tour Eiffel. You will of course enjoy a specular view from 2de floor of the Iron Lady!

You will come back with your guide at the Hotel. Dinner at leisure under our recommendation. overnight in Hotel TOURVILLE 4\*



### Services included:

- 2-hour Guide services
- Night in Hotel, breakfast, and city taxes

Afternoon Optional: Private Guided visit of Opera Garnier.

Initiated by Napoleon III after an attempted attack and inaugurated in January 1875, it was after 15 years of work carried out by Charles Garnier, an architect unknown at the time, that the Palais Garnier was born. Today, this building, also called Opéra Garnier is one of the most emblematic monuments of the 9th arrondissement. Spread over an area of 11,000 m<sup>2</sup>, this eclectic style building will charm you with its many influences: Louvre Museum, Palace of Versailles... Enter the largest opera house in France and enjoy its famous grand staircase, the Bassin de la Pythie or its sumptuous grand foyer and lounges.

### **Day 4: Giverny and Versailles Exploration**

After breakfast, you will first visit the idyllic home of Claude Monet on the edge of Normandy. The leader of the Impressionist School lived here from 1883 to 1926, the colorful décor and pink brick facade are an intimate reminder of its former life. The precious collection of Japanese engravings is displayed in several rooms, hung in the manner chosen by the master of Giverny himself.

Claude Monet's property at Giverny, left by his son to the Académie des Beaux-arts in 1966, has, after completion of large-scale restoration work, become the Claude Monet Foundation, inaugurated in 1980. The huge Nymphéas studio, a stone's throw from the house, has also been restored and contains the Foundation's Shop. The gardens have been replanted as they once were and offer visitors the "painting from nature" which Claude Monet's contemporaries considered to be one of his masterpieces. The rectangular Clos Normand, with archways of climbing plants entwined around brilliantly colored shrubs, lies before the house and studios, offering from Spring to Autumn the palette of varying colors to the

painter-Gardner who was “ecstatic about flowers”. Lastly, the Water Garden, formed by a tributary of the Epte, lies further away, shaded by weeping willows. With its famous Japanese Bridge, its wisterias, azaleas, and its pond, it has once more become that casket of sky and water which inspired the pictorial universe of the water lilies.

You will enjoy a fabulous 3-course lunch at the “Moulin de Fourges” restaurant, a 200-year-old mill. The architecture of this listed site, dating back to the 18th century, draws its inspiration from the hamlet of Marie-Antoinette at Versailles. It offers a unique setting with its rural grounds and spacious terrace on the banks of the Epte.

In the afternoon, we will take you back to the golden age of France with a visit to the Palace of Versailles. The castle and the gardens are among the most prestigious monuments of the world's artistic heritage and are certainly the finest and most complete collection of 17th-century French art. Former residence of "Sun King" Louis XIV, this sumptuous royal palace was home to three of France's most illustrious kings for over 100 years. Your private expert guide will take you for a guided tour of the interior of the palace, including the King's and Queen's State Apartments, the Royal Chapel, and the Hall of Mirrors, a richly decorated gallery that features 357 mirrors, floor-to-ceiling windows, and crystal chandeliers.

At the end of your visit, there is free time to discover the famous gardens à la française; a 2,000-acre park designed by André le Notre with its magnificent groves, statues, and fountains.

Dinner at leisure and overnight in Hotel TOURVILLE 4\*



Services included:

- Driver guide service 8 hours from Paris to Giverny + Versailles and back in PARIS.
- Entrance fees to Versailles Palace.
- Entrance fee at Giverny Garden and Monet House
- Lunch without drinks
- Night in Hotel, breakfast, and city taxes

**Day 5: Montmartre famous painters**

Free morning and lunch at leisure.

This afternoon you will enjoy a small group tour of Montmartre. Your guide will make you discover Montmartre and the Sacré Coeur Basilica, combining eccentric lifestyles and a real local 'savoir-faire', Montmartre has an incredible cultural richness to offer to its guests... From the picturesque streets that inspired so many artists (such as Picasso or Edith Piaf), to the panoramic view on the city and the various Art Galleries, this district is a must-see. Dinner at leisure

Optional: Enjoy a fantastic dinner river cruise with e MOF Chef on board!



Overnight at TOURVILLE 4\*

Services included:

- Night in Hotel TOURVILLE- hotel 4\*- classic room, breakfasts, city taxes
- Private Tour of Montmartre (3 hours)
- Driver guide transfer to Montmartre and back.

**Day 6: Gourmet tour in St Germain des Prés and Musée d'Orsay**

After breakfast, you will enjoy a wonderful gourmet guided tour of the St Germain district. You will find yourself amidst Paris' most charming streets, lined with quaint shops, patisseries, bakeries, wine shops and cafés, making the neighborhood an absolute paradise for food lovers, shoppers, and coffee. Lunch at leisure.

In the afternoon, you will visit Le Musée d'Orsay situated in the Latin Quarter with your guide, who will wait for you on the spot.

The museum has the largest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings in the world, with nearly 1,100 paintings<sup>3</sup> in total out of over 3,650 in its possession. The museum is located on the site of the Palais d'Orsay, built in 1810 and decorated with frescoes by Théodore Chassériau,<sup>7</sup> which in 1840 housed the Conseil d'État on the first floor and two years later the Cour des Comptes on the second floor. It was burned down in 1871 during the Paris Commune and left in ruins until Victor Laloux

built the Orsay train station, the former terminus of the Paris to Orleans railway company, to accommodate visitors and foreign delegations to the 1900 World's Fair. Dinner at leisure

Overnight at TOURVILLE 4\*

Services included:

- Gourmet Tour in St Germain des prés with your guide (3 hours)
- Musée d'Orsay visit (2 hours) with guide
- Night in Hotel TOURVILLE- hotel 4\*- classic room, breakfasts, city taxes



**Day 7: Paris to Lyon**

After breakfast your driver will take you to the station where you will take a TGV (fast train) to Lyon. (2 hours direct to Lyon) Transfer from Lyon Station to your 5\* hotel, enjoy a lunch at the hotel before the check in.

After your lunch your guide will make you discover the old town of Lyon and its fabulous streets. You will also make a silk workshop (optional) which is a real experience coming from Lyon specialty.

Dinner at leisure, overnight at Lyon Hotel Villa Florentine

Hotel: Villa Florentine

Nestled in the heights of Lyon, the Relais & Châteaux La Villa Florentine offers an exceptional panorama of the city of light. A former convent converted into a luxury hotel\*\*\*\*\*, ideally located in the historic 5th arrondissement, the Villa Florentine offers exceptional services for a unique experience.

Services included:

- Transfer from your hotel to Paris Station
- Train tickets 1<sup>st</sup> class to Lyon
- Guided tour of Old Lyon (2hours and a half) including transfers from your hotel and back
- Night in Hotel Villa Florentine\*- classic room, breakfasts, city taxes

**Day 8: Lyon Gastronomy**

After breakfast, this morning, enjoy a 3-hour private guided tour in Lyon, discovering the main monuments and painted walls transforming the city into a massive outdoor art gallery. End your morning tour at the covered market – Halles Paul Bocuse -tasting the famous local produces.

Afternoon at leisure.

Optional: Visit of a Vineyard and Pierre Dorée villages with driver guide – ask us for a quote.

Dinner: we will advise you an authentic “Bouchon Lyonnais” restaurant to immerse you in the true gourmet tradition of Lyon.

Overnight at Hotel Villa Florentine 5\*

Services included:

- Gourmet tour in Lyon and Paul Bocuse Hall + tasting. (3 hours)
- Night in Hotel Villa Florentine\*- classic room, breakfasts, city taxes

**Day 9: Lyon to the French Riviera**

Breakfast and transfer to your hotel in Nice, check in at Hotel La Pérouse 4\* Dinner at leisure

At Hotel La Pérouse, you are in an exceptional setting, an amazing yet very private address. The view over the Bay of Angels is unique and it will totally take your breath away;

At the foot of the hotel, the "Castel" private beach will welcome you for a dip in the sea or to sunbathe. Pool, sauna, jacuzzi, restaurant and bar await you. The 56 rooms are mostly decorated with woodwork and mat marble, with bold fabrics and lighting which transcend an elegant and refined universe.

You can choose from the numerous rooms with terrace to enjoy breakfast with a unique sea view.

### **Day 10: Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild, Eze and Monaco**

This morning you will enjoy a private visit of La Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and its 9 beautiful gardens. It includes a thematic visit of the Villa (2 themes to choose from "In the footsteps of Marie-Antoinette" or "The eccentricities of Beatrice"), a free visit of the gardens, a glass of champagne accompanied by salted appetizers in a private area.

After this visit your driver will take you to Eze and Monaco. You will enjoy a panoramic view over Nice from Mt. Boron. On the Middle Corniche stop at Eze – a medieval perched village with its crafts shops and breathtaking panorama.

Lunch in EZE.

After your lunch your driver will take you to the Old Town of Monaco and of Monte-Carlo and drive along the amazing Grand Prix circuit.. You will visit the princely city and its gardens with your guide.

End of afternoon you will be drive back to your Hotel in Nice. Enjoy a moment of relaxation at the swimming pool. Dinner at leisure, overnight at Hotel La Pérouse 4\*



#### **Services included:**

- Full day driver guide (8 hours) – Nice Eze Monaco
- Entrance at Villa Ephrussi gardens and villa
- Accommodation, breakfast and taxes included

### **Day 11: Grasse perfume and St Paul De Vence village**

Meet your driver guide at your hotel. Starting in Grasse, you'll discover the world of perfumes at Galimard. Enjoy an unforgettable, fun and captivating sensory experience focused on creating a scent with aromatic, citrus and orange blossom notes. You will have the chance to attend a private workshop and create your own fragrance;

After this experience, your driver guide will take you to St Paul de Vence for a lunch. (not included)

After Lunch, your guide will make a confidential visit of that village so renowned for its art, where so many of the world's most famous artists have spent their time. Still culturally important today, many up and coming artists flock to this Mecca of the arts. You will also visit the fabulous Maeght Fondation museum.

Return to your hotel at the end of the afternoon. Dinner at leisure, overnight at Hotel La Pérouse 4\*

Services included:

- Full day driver guide (8 hours)
- Perfume Workshop in Grasse
- Entrance at Fondation Maeght Museum
- Accommodation, breakfast and taxes included

**Day 12: Departure**

After Breakfast, Transfer to Nice airport according to your flight schedule. Au revoir!

**Prices includes:**

- Accommodation, breakfast and city taxes
- All necessary transfers from airport or station to hotels and vice versa
- Private tours with driver guide or guide as mentioned in the program
- Train tickets: Paris/Lyon 1<sup>st</sup> class
- A detailed road book describing routes, tourist information, historical information, and our favorites addresses.
- Operational and logistical support throughout, including triple checking all arrangements prior to your arrival; any last-minute changes necessary due to flight delays, inclement weather, etc.

**Prices excludes:**

- Airline tickets
- Meals & drinks except when it is mentioned
- Travel insurance