



## Day 1

Depart from home city.

## Day 2: Bienvenue

Arrive in Paris, the historically dynamic and artistically romantic capital of France. Get acquainted with your surroundings on a **motorcoach overview tour** highlighting notable landmarks like the **Eiffel Tower**, the **Champs-Élysées**, the **Arc de Triomphe**, the **Louvre**, and **Notre Dame**.

**Stop by a pâtisserie** for your first taste of French delicacies. Your **Focus Director** will familiarize you with the areas around your hotel and share practical information with you such as banking, mail services, phone, personal security, and health care.

Enjoy free time before your first **traditional French dinner**.

## Day 3: The Art of Cuisine

### Morning at the Market

Join Parisians in a time-honored tradition and start your **morning at a French market**. Shop among locals while surrounded by aromatic cheeses, fresh vegetables, and high-energy merchants. This is a great chance to embrace authentic French culture.

### Lessons and Lunch

Join a French chef or local students at a culinary school and **learn how to prepare a traditional French dish** – a lifelong memory, plus a way to show off newly-acquired talents back home!

Dive into the spectacular village atmosphere of **Montmartre**, a Mecca for artists, writers, and poets. In addition to its hilled ascent, small, lively streets, and vineyard, the area's **Sacré Coeur Church** is the highest point in Paris and offers a spectacular view of the city.

## Day 4: Timeless Paris

Discover the historic center of the city where medieval buildings coexist with the hip crowds of the **Latin Quarter**. **L'Île de la Cité** was the island center of Paris throughout the Middle Ages. Walk through **Notre Dame**, a superb example of French gothic architecture built nearly 900 years ago, then visit the island's famous **Flower Market**.

### The Evolution of Revolution

Times may have changed since the blood and battle of the French Revolution, but you can get a feel for a much more recent revolt against the political and social climate. Take to the streets near **Sorbonne University** while walking through the **Latin Quarter**. Students will not only hear about the student protests and strikes of **May 1968**, but will deconstruct propaganda posters and reflect on the revolution's impact worldwide, then and now.

Soak up the distinctive character and romance of Paris after dark as you glide along the **Seine River** on a **regal night cruise**.

## Day 5: Mythical Paris

Let I.M. Pei's *Glass Pyramid* be your guide as you head to the world's most visited museum – the **Louvre**! Its collection of over 380,000 objects includes da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* and Michelangelo's *The Dying Slave*.

After lunch, walk along the picturesque and winding **Seine River**. Stop by stalls on the river bank and browse through paintings, used books, and souvenirs. You and your students might choose to grab an ice cream cone and find some benches to join a variety of Parisians in a common midday rest and round of people-watching.

In the afternoon, take the metro to **Père-Lachaise Cemetery**, the famous resting place of Chopin, Molière, Seurat, Oscar Wilde, Jim Morrison, and many others.

### From Eyesore to Emblem

Head up to the second level of the **Eiffel Tower** for a magical view of Paris at night! Find it hard to believe that many Parisians originally fought the construction of this 'eyesore'? After mapping out the height of the tower in comparison to Paris' other not-nearly-as-tall buildings and reading the 1887 protest petition, students discuss and debate convention vs. invention in a city's architecture and identity.

## Day 6: Paris Final Discovery

Begin your morning at the **Arc de Triomphe**, a massive arch honoring all those who have fought for France. Your Focus Director will then guide you down the **Champs-Élysées** and give you time to explore the famous street's shops and cafés. End your walk at the **Place de la Concorde**; now beautifully showcasing a fountain and Egyptian obelisk, this was the site of the beheading of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI.

Use your last afternoon in Paris to explore on your own. Perhaps choose to picnic in the **Jardin des Tuileries** after trying your hand at ordering breads and cheeses *en français!*

Bid farewell to this magical city with a **final dinner of French cuisine**.



The Eiffel Tower, built in 1889 by Gustaf Eiffel



Carvings on the exterior of Notre Dame



Château Chambord in the Loire Valley



Teacher and students having fun at Notre Dame

# PARIS

## PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

7\*, 8, 9, OR 10 DAY PROGRAM

### Landmarks

Eiffel Tower (*with admission to 2nd level*)  
Champs-Élysées  
Place de la Concorde  
Arc de Triomphe  
Notre Dame  
Sacré Coeur Church  
Montmartre  
Marais  
Latin Quarter  
Jardins du Luxembourg  
Hôtel de Sens  
Place des Voges  
Île de la Cité  
Jardin des Tuileries  
Père-Lachaise Cemetery

### Museums and Galleries

Louvre

### Interactive Insights

Morning at the Market  
Lessons and Lunch  
The Evolution of Revolution  
From Eyesore to Emblem

### Eye-opening Excursions

Versailles (*program extension*)  
Normandy (*program extension*)  
Loire Valley (*program extension*)

\* SPRING BREAK OPTION

### Day 7: Au Revoir, Paris

Enjoy free time in the early morning for one last walk down the city's charming streets or stop in for a final sweet treat at your favorite *pâtisserie*.

A motorcoach will then take you to the airport for your flight home.

### Choose to extend your program with the following options:

#### **E** 8 day program: Versailles

Leave Paris and drive west to the **Palace of Versailles**. As the home of the Sun King, Louis XIV, this palace housed as many as 20,000 people at a time. Tour the Queen's and King's bedrooms, the **Hall of Mirrors**, and extensive gardens of flowers and fountains. Finish your day as royalty with a guided walking tour of **Le Marais**.

#### **E** 9 day program: Versailles, Normandy or Loire Valley

Experience the beauty of **Versailles** for one day and choose to continue your journey with either **Normandy** or the **Loire Valley**. Normandy is home to a pinnacle chapter in history as the location for the 1944 Allied invasion of Europe. Your tour will take you to **Omaha Beach**, the **U.S. Cemetery at Coleville**, and the **Landings Museum at Arromanches**. Or maybe you would be better suited to travel through the town of **Orléans** into the **Loire Valley**. Known as "The Garden of France," the Loire Valley is famous for its gorgeous green hills, lush vineyards, and numerous castles. Visit **Chambord**, one of the finest castles in the valley, with 440 rooms, 365 fireplaces, and 84 staircases.

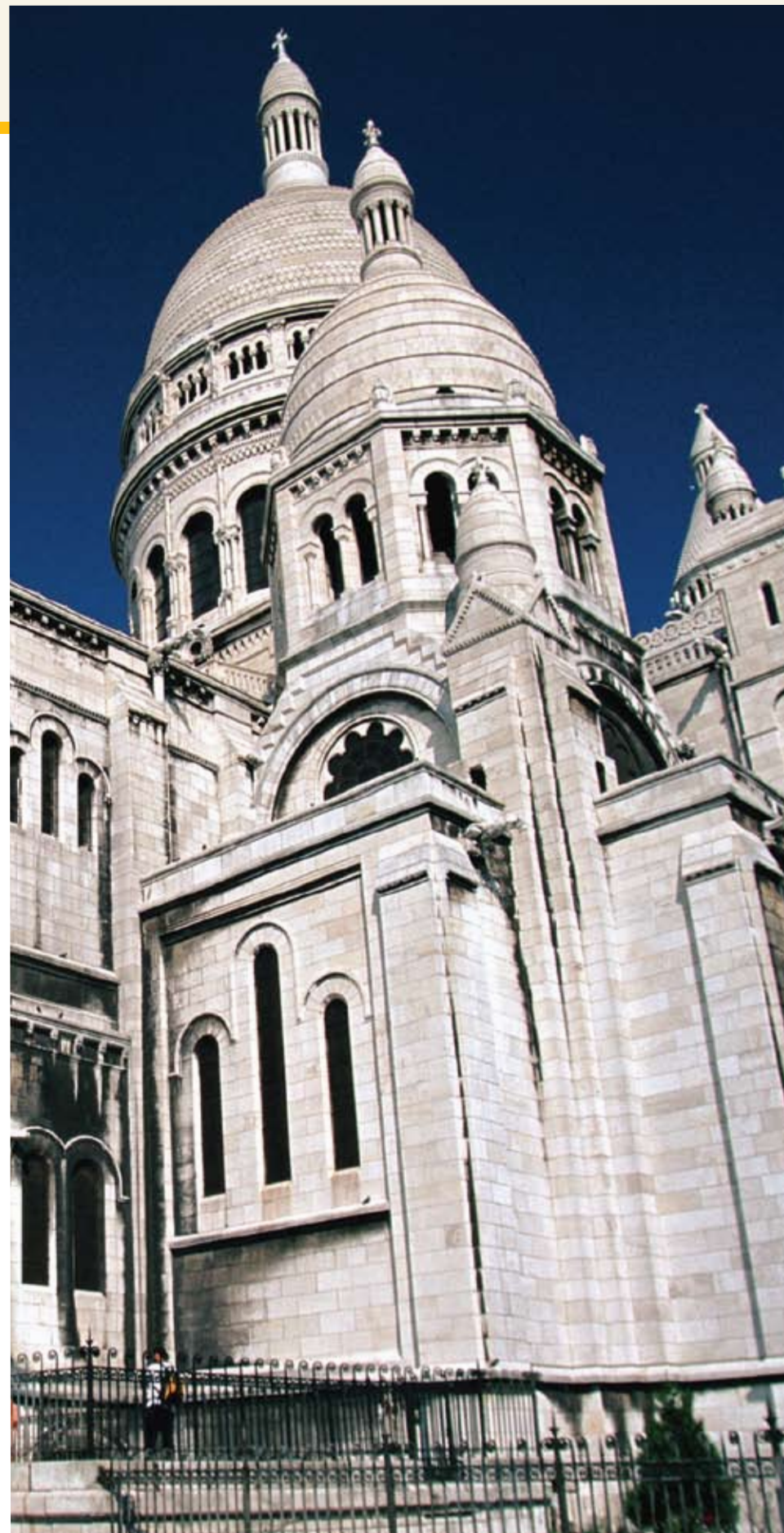
#### **E** 10 day program: Versailles, Normandy and Loire Valley

Live like a French local and travel on all three excursions! Return home with a true taste for French culture after you experience some of the best destinations that France has to offer.

**Note:** *This itinerary may be modified depending on your travel dates, arrival and departure times, national holidays, and hours of operation in the host country. Prices vary depending on departure city and duration of program.*



A regal entrance to the city's underground public transportation



Sacré Coeur Church at the top of the Montmartre hill