



*Chateau de Chenonceau – The Loire*

## *Paris, the Loire & Normandy*

**9 Days / 8 Nights**

**\$2,995-\$3,495 PP**

*Price Varies with Group Size  
and Travel Dates*



*The Eiffel Tower – Paris*

**Day 1** Departure  
Meet your group at the airport and depart on your **overnight, trans-Atlantic flight to Paris, France.**

**Day 2** City Tour & Welcome Dinner  
On arrival, meet your **tour director and motorcoach**, and then depart on a **guided orientation tour of Paris** featuring the city's highlights. You will see the Place de la Concorde, l'Opera, the Eiffel Tower, la Sorbonne, the Latin Quarter, l'Arc de Triomphe, le Pantheon, and the Avenue des Champs-Elysees. Stop on Ile de la Cite to see the Cathedrale de Notre-Dame, a masterpiece of medieval art. Tonight, enjoy a **welcome dinner** with your group. **Overnight in Paris.**

**Day 3** Montmartre, Orsay & Eiffel Tower  
After **breakfast at your hotel**, depart by **Metro** for the **Montmartre district**, with its narrow, winding cobblestone streets. Here you will visit the magnificent **Basilique du Sacre-Coeur** and enjoy the sidewalk artist displays at the Place du Tertre. Have some time for lunch on your own, then travel to the Left Bank to **visit the Musee d'Orsay**, a museum that houses works by the Impressionist masters. This evening, enjoy **dinner** with your group, then transfer by **Metro** to the **Eiffel Tower**. Here you will ride to the second level observation deck for a magnificent view of the City of Light at night! **Overnight in Paris.**

**Day 4** Louvre, Latin Quarter & Invalides  
This morning, transfer by **Metro** to the **Louvre Museum** for a **guided tour** featuring Leonardo da Vinci's famous work, the *Mona Lisa*. Continue on for a visit to the Latin Quarter, where you will have time for lunch on your own. This afternoon, **visit the Hotel des Invalides**, a military museum where you will view the tomb of Napoleon. After **dinner**, enjoy a stroll down the Champs-Elysees and see the L'Arc de Triomphe lit up at night! **Overnight in Paris.**

**Day 5** Versailles Shopping & Bateau Mouche  
Today enjoy a **visit to the Palace at Versailles**, the former residence of the Sun King, Louis XIV. Here you will see the State Apartments, the Hall of Mirrors and the magnificent gardens. Return to Paris this afternoon and have some time for shopping. After **dinner**, enjoy a moonlit **Bateau Mouche cruise** on the River Seine. **Overnight in Paris.**

**Day 6** The Loire Valley  
Check out and depart for the enchanted **Loire Valley region**, famous for its beautiful countryside of rolling hills and winding rivers, dotted with quaint villages, wineries and medieval castles. Here you will visit the fairy-tale **Chateau at Chenonceau**, known as the *Castle of the Three Women*, and the **Chateau of Chambord**, the largest of all castles in the region. Continue on to the city of **Tours for dinner and overnight.**

**Day 7** Mont-St-Michel & St Malo  
Check out of your hotel and travel to Brittany where you will **visit the magnificent monastery at Mont-St-Michel**, an imposing Cathedral perched on a mound of coastal earth that becomes completely surrounded by water at high tide. Have time for lunch on your own and souvenir shopping, then continue on to the medieval, walled **village of St-Malo** and check into your hotel. Meet your local guide for a **walking tour of St-Malo**, where the stone ramparts of this one-time pirate base have stood firm against the Atlantic since the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Your tour will include the impressive Castle and Tomb of Jacques Cartier. **Dinner and overnight in St-Malo.**

**Day 8** Normandy & Paris Free Time  
Today, **visit to the Normandy D-Day Beaches**, including Omaha, Arromanches, Pointe du Hoc and the **American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer**, which memorializes nearly 10,000 Americans killed during the Allied D-Day Invasion. You will also stop to see the **Bayeux Tapestry**, a magnificent 230-foot long tapestry that tells the story of William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings. Return to Paris late this afternoon and check into your hotel. Have some time for last minute shopping before a **special farewell dinner. Final overnight in Paris.**

**Day 9** Return Flight  
Check out of your hotel this morning and transfer to the airport for your **return, trans-Atlantic flight to the United States.**

**Sample Tour Itinerary**  
Customize for your group, your preferences,  
your budget, your timeline!