



Magnificent France (26 Destinations)

10 Days - Start and end in Paris (Fully Guided)

Under exceptional circumstances (breakdowns, delays due to traffic problems, weather problems, strikes, sports and religious events, congresses, sanitary precautions and protocols or other complex situations), the tour operator reserves the right to modify the sites visited, the order of the visits on certain days or the stages of the itineraries.

- Explore the stunning Château de Villandry gardens
- Visit Leonardo da Vinci's last home at Clos Lucé
- Tour the prehistoric Lascaux cave replicas
- Enjoy a boat ride in the Padirac Chasm
- Taste wine at Bordeaux's Cité du Vin

Itinerary Days 10

• **Day 1: Paris, Blois, Tours, Villandry, Amboise**

We'll start the day by traveling to the enchanting south of France, heading towards the picturesque Loire Valley. Our first stop will be Blois, a charming city known for its stunning castle. Next, we'll go to Tours, the regional capital situated on the banks of the Loire River, where you can enjoy a leisurely stroll and a delightful lunch. In the afternoon, we'll explore the splendid Château de Villandry, renowned for its gardens and flowers. Tickets to the gardens included. Our journey will then take us to Amboise, a captivating city with a fascinating medieval quarter along the Loire River. Dinner will be included.

Accommodation

Novotel Amboise

Hotel

★★★★

• **Day 2: Damnern saduak Floating Market**

Embark on a day of discovery in the Dordogne, home to one of the great historic rivers in central France. Few regions contain so many charming villages and enchanting landscapes. We'll arrive at Lascaux, where we'll visit the museum and the replica of the caves (tickets included) and learn about the site's prehistoric times with its magnificent cave paintings. After that, we'll visit Sarlat, a UNESCO World Heritage town with an incredibly well-preserved Renaissance historic center, where there will be time to stroll and have lunch. In Beynac, we'll explore a medieval castle overlooking the river (admission included). We'll end the day in Rocamadour, a beautiful medieval village with an important sanctuary "perched" on a cliff; we suggest walking down the Via Crucis and taking the lift back up. Dinner will be included.

Accommodation

Campanille Limoges Centre

Hotel

★★★

• **Day 3: Limoges, Sarlat, Beynac-et-Cazenac, Rocamadour**

We'll leave Limoges for the Dordogne, home to one of the great historic rivers in central France. Few regions contain so many charming villages and enchanting landscapes. We'll arrive at Lascaux, where we'll visit the museum and the replica of the caves (tickets included) and learn about the site's prehistoric times with its magnificent cave paintings. After that, we'll visit Sarlat, a UNESCO World Heritage town with an incredibly well-preserved Renaissance historic center, where there will be time to stroll and have lunch. In Beynac, we'll explore a medieval castle overlooking the river (admission included). We'll end the day in Rocamadour, a beautiful medieval village with an important sanctuary "perched" on a cliff; we suggest walking down the Via Crucis and taking the lift back up. Dinner will be included.

Accommodation

Du Chateau

Hotel

★★★

• **Day 4: Rocamadour, Padirac Cave, Collonges-la-Rouge, Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux**

We'll visit the impressive Padirac Chasm, where we'll enjoy a boat ride on the river 75 meters underground. Afterwards, we'll proceed to Collonges-la-Rouge, a picturesque village built with red stone on the Way of St. James. Following lunch, we'll journey to Saint-Emilion, located in the heart of the Bordeaux wine-producing region, with time for a leisurely stroll. We'll arrive in Bordeaux in the evening.Note: The Padirac Chasm may be closed from November until the end of March due to weather conditions.

Accommodation

You will stay in one of the following accommodations:

Mercure Burdeos Meriadeck

Hotel

★★★

Hilton Garden Inn Bordeaux Centre

Hotel

★★★★★

Mercure Bordeaux Centre

Hotel

★★★★★

• **Day 5: Bordeaux, Lourdes**

The entire center of Bordeaux has been recognized as a World Heritage Site. Prepare to be captivated by the "Water Mirror" and explore the historic old town with its charming pedestrian streets and 11th-century cathedral. Later, you'll have free time to stroll along the Garonne River banks, lined with quaint restaurants perfect for lunch, or if you wish, you can visit Cité du Vin, an impressive interactive museum that delves into the history and production of wine. Afterward, we continue towards the Pyrenees, arriving in Lourdes by mid-afternoon. You'll have time to visit the sanctuary (we suggest attending the candlelit procession). Dinner will be included.

Accommodation

You will stay in one of the following accommodations:

Le Mediterranee

Hotel

★★★★★

Hotel Alba

Hotel

★★★★★

Padoue

Hotel

★★★★★

• **Day 6: Lourdes, Carcassonne, Narbona, Marseille**

We'll travel through the south of France, stopping in Carcassonne, a city surrounded by some of the most beautiful walls in Europe. You'll have time to walk and explore. After lunch, we'll continue to Narbonne, where you'll have free time to discover this historic Occitan city with its picturesque old town. In the late afternoon, we'll arrive in Marseille, France's second-largest city. We recommend a walk through its vibrant Vieux-Port (Old Port), bustling with life and dotted with charming small restaurants.

Accommodation

You will stay in one of the following accommodations:

Ibis Marseille Centre Euromed

Hotel

★★★

Novotel Suites Marseille Euromed

Hotel

★★★★★

• **Day 7: Marseille, Arles, Avignon, Lyon**

Villages, landscapes, history - today we'll see some of the most beautiful places in Provence. In Arles, a UNESCO World Heritage city, we'll explore its Roman and medieval legacy and be reminded of Van Gogh. In Les Baux, we'll visit this small medieval village and include admission to Carrières de Lumières, an impressive underground show that combines art, image, and sound in its old quarries. We'll have time for lunch and a stroll in Avignon, home to the immense Palais des Papes. Our journey will continue to Lyon, where we'll walk through the World Heritage Site old town and take the cable car up to Notre-Dame de Fourvière, a huge basilica offering a great view over the city.Note: If tickets for the Carrières de Lumières show are unavailable due to closure or high demand, we will instead transfer to the Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard.

Accommodation

You will stay in one of the following accommodations:

Appartcity Lyon Cite Internationale

Hotel

★★★

Campanille Centre Lyon Berges Du Rhone

Hotel

★★★★

• **Day 8: Lyon, Tournus, Savigny Castle, Beaune, Dijon**

We'll set off from Lyon and head to the Burgundy region. Our first stop will be Tournus, a quaint little town with an imposing stone gate and a large abbey. After that, we'll travel to Beaune, where we'll have time for lunch and to explore the wine capital of Burgundy. We recommend visiting the wine museum or the historic hospice. Next, we'll visit the Savigny Castle, situated in the heart of this winemaking region. Built in the 15th century, the castle houses extraordinary museums featuring motorbikes, racing cars, planes, and helicopters. Our journey will continue to Dijon, the capital of Burgundy, known for its lively streets and numerous medieval and Renaissance buildings, including the standout Palace of the Dukes.

Accommodation

You will stay in one of the following accommodations:

Holiday Inn Express Dijon

Hotel

★★★

Mama Shelter Dijon

Hotel

★★★★★

• **Day 9: Dijon, Abbey Of Fontenay, Semur-en-Auxois, Vézelay, Paris**

We'll leave Dijon for Fontenay Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we'll include admission to this Cistercian center. Afterward, we'll stop in Semur-en-Auxois, a medieval city surrounded by impressive ancient walls. Still in Burgundy, we'll have time for lunch and a stroll in Vézelay, one of France's most beautiful villages, where its immense basilica was one of the starting points of the Way of St. James. In the afternoon, we'll continue our route to Paris, arriving in the evening.

Accommodation

You will stay in one of the following accommodations:

Novotel Est - Bagnolet

Hotel

★★★★★

Mercure Paris Porte De Versailles Expo

Hotel

★★★★★

Mercure Paris La Defense 5

Hotel

★★★★★

• **Day 10: Paris**

After breakfast, our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories.

Includes:

- **Accommodation**
- **Guide**

Please note also that your tour guide might be changed once or several times during the tour. On some tours, according to the number of passengers, the service may be provided in bilingual (usually in English and Spanish), either accompanied by two tour leaders, one for each language, or a single tour leader for smaller groups explaining in both languages.

Meals

Breakfast buffet

3 dinner included in: AMBOISE, ROCAMADOUR, LOURDES

- **Additional Services:**

Ticket admission: Villandry gardens, Chenonceau castle, castle park of Chambord, Museum and replica of Lascaux caves, Beynac castle, Beynac castle, Padirac caves, Cité du Vin in Bordeaux, Carrieres de Lumiere show, Savigny Medieval Castle, Fontenay Abbey

Excludes:**Accommodation:**

AMBOISE: NOVOTEL AMBOISE or CAMPANILE LIMOGES CENTRE or DU CHATEAU

BURDEOS: MERCURE BORDEAUX CENTRE or HILTON GARDEN INN BORDEAUX CENTRE or MERCURE BURDEOS MERIADECK

LOURDES: HOTEL ALBA or LE MEDITERRANEE or PADOUE

MARSELLA: IBIS MARSEILLE CENTRE EUROMED or NOVOTEL SUITES MARSEILLE EUROMED or CAMPANILE CENTRE LYON BERGES DU RHONE

LYON: APPARTCITY LYON CITE INTERNATIONALE or HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS DIJON or MAMA SHELTER DIJON

PARIS: MERCURE PARIS PORTE DE VERSAILLES EXPO or MERCURE PARIS LA DEFENSE 5 or NOVOTEL EST - BAGNOLET

We know how important hotels are on your trip. The hotels have been selected taking into consideration quality, price and location. They are located in the cities we visit, most of them not in the city center but all of them with easy access to public transportation nearby. Our accommodation is not based on luxury hotels. Please keep in mind that standards, bed sizes and room dimensions can vary between hotels of the same class in different locations. All rooms are equipped with private bathroom and TV. Some of them also offer a mini-bar, safe box, and hair dryer. Many hotels, mainly in North Europe, do not have air conditioning or local legislation establishes limited dates of use.

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