PARIS IMMERSION

Paris earned its nickname, the City of Light, because it embraced education and the exploration of new ideas during the Enlightenment. Today, Paris still is unparalleled in its cultural wealth. Filled with museums displaying artistic masterpieces and significant artifacts, beautiful architecture and the best restaurants, the city beckons all who are in search of the finest things. Each neighborhood offers a glimpse into Paris’ past. Every monument delivers a lesson in Parisian history, if not world history. For 10 days, explore the city and its environs at an unhurried pace. Travel like a local aboard the Metro and TGV. Explore the Marais and other Parisian neighborhoods on customized walking tours led by expert guides. Expand your horizons with day trips to the lavish Palace of Versailles and the cities of Dijon and Rouen.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
- Your exclusive Small-Group experience is limited to 25 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- Enjoy 10 days of apartment living with modern amenities, including a kitchenette and Wi-Fi, this aparthotel centers you in the business district near ample public transportation.
  - Explore the city with 20 single Metro tickets.
  - Three regional rail journeys highlight the delightful destinations of provincial France: Versailles, Dijon and Rouen.
  - A blend of planned excursions and free time allows you to surround yourself in the culture of Paris and its environs at your own pace.
  - Four lectures provide context and background for your adventures.
  - Walking excursions in three Paris neighborhoods introduce you to the varying personalities and pleasures of the city.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations
- 10 nights in Paris, France, at the first-class Aparthotel Adagio Paris Bercy Village.

Transportation
- 20 single-ride Metro tickets.

Activities and Events
- Informative educational programs, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Two-day museum pass.
- Personal VOX listening device to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Extensive Meal Program
- Enjoy 10 breakfasts, one lunch and three dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS
- Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced Travel Director throughout your stay.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.
**DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT**
Depart for Paris, France.†
† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

**DAY 2 ~ PARIS**
Upon arrival, transfer† to the Aparthotel Adagio Paris Bercy Village. In the afternoon, join your fellow travelers for a welcome briefing, featuring an introduction of the Paris’ famous subway system, the Metro, and an orientation walk in Bercy Village. Tonight, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

**DAY 3 ~ PARIS**
Educational Focus: The History of Paris.
Excursion: Le Marais. Explore the heart of artistic and cultural life in Paris in this intimate neighborhood. Marais means “marsh,” but this neighborhood is much more elegant than its name.
Independent Exploration: The afternoon is at leisure. Visit boutiques and art galleries. Step into the Musée Picasso or stroll the regal Place des Vosges, Paris’ first square.

**DAY 4 ~ PARIS**
Excursion: Paris by Boat. Cruise the Seine River, Paris’ famous river, and see the city’s most famous landmarks.

**DAY 5 ~ VERSAILLES**
Excursion: Versailles. Visit France’s grandest palace. See the Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed. Explore at your own pace with an included headset audio guide.

**DAY 6 ~ DIJON**
Excursion: Bourgogne. Travel to Dijon on a high-speed TGV train. Discover the historic sites and culture of this charming Burgundian town. Admire stately stone mansions, a trio of churches, and half-timbered homes from the 15th and 16th centuries.
Local Flavor: Take a break for lunch at a restaurant in Dijon.
Independent Exploration: Enjoy some time at leisure before returning to Paris.

**DAY 7 ~ PARIS**
Educational Focus: The Treasures of the Musée D’Orsay.

**DAY 8 ~ PARIS**
Educational Focus: The Treasures of the Louvre.
Independent Exploration: The rest of the day is at leisure. Having learned about the D’Orsay this morning, you can take advantage of a free day to visit the D’Orsay to admire the works of Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh and others.

**DAY 9 ~ PARIS**
Educational Focus: Contemporary France.
Excursion: Paris and World War II. Stroll the neighborhood of Saint-Germain-des-Prés and learn about Paris during the Occupation.
Independent Exploration: Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

**DAY 10 ~ ROUEN**
Excursion: Rouen. Take the regional express train to Rouen, capital of Normandy. See the 14th-century Gros Horloge and Notre-Dame de Rouen, a cathedral made famous by Monet. Hear the haunting story of Joan of Arc.

**DAY 11 ~ PARIS**
Independent Exploration: Spend the morning at leisure.
Excursion: The French Revolution. Learn about the French Revolution and the Latin Quarter. See the hall where the radical Cordeliers’ club held their debates, visit the oldest café in Paris and hear about the guillotine and the death of Marat.
Independent Exploration: The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, attend a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

**DAY 12 ~ IN TRANSIT**
Transfer to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city.†

**NOTE:** The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. All excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**APARTHOTEL ADAGIO PARIS BERCY VILLAGE**
This exciting French immersion experience is grounded in comfort and convenience. Your home away from home is in the Bercy neighborhood in the 12th Arrondissement along the right bank of the River Seine. Modern and stylish, the hotel is a short stroll from the Parc de Bercy and the Metro station for Paris Line 14, which takes you to the heart of Paris. The Musée de la Cinémathèque Française and the Gare de Lyon are within walking distance, and a grocery store, a pharmacy, a dry cleaner and restaurants are just around the corner. The well-equipped studios and one-bedroom apartments all feature satellite TV, Wi-Fi and a kitchen with a stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, coffee maker and tableware. A self-service laundry is available.

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