

FRANCE 2025



August 29 – September 10, 2025 13 Days / 12 nights

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Join us in a captivating journey through the enchanting landscapes of France, where culinary delights and exquisite wines await.

Our adventure starts in the City of Lights, **Paris**, before venturing into the famous **Champagne** region for a day of exploring vineyards and uncovering the artistry behind Champagne production.

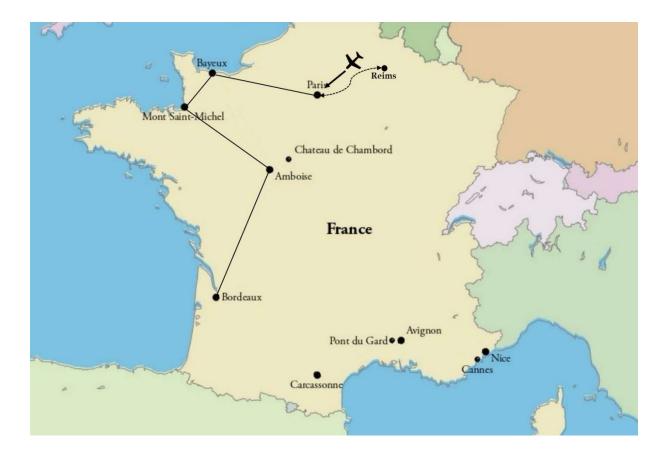
Next, our path leads us to the historic shores of **Normandy**, where the echoes of D-Day resonate, offering a profound glimpse into a pivotal moment in history. Here, we'll pay homage to the bravery of those who shaped our world, and marvel at the iconic Mont Saint-Michel, a testament to human ingenuity hailed as the "Wonder of the Western World." Continuing our odyssey, we traverse the **Loire Valley**, named the "Garden of France." Nestled in the charming town of **Amboise**, we'll discover regal castles and indulge in the exquisite flavors of Loire wines, surrounded by the picturesque beauty of the region.

Our grand finale awaits in **Bordeaux**, an architectural masterpiece of the 18th century. Over three captivating days, we'll enjoy our time visiting beautiful charming towns, renowned vineyards, and savoring the splendor of this magnificent region.

Gerry and Adriana Sarmiento

"I had come to the conclusion that I must really be French, only no one had ever informed me of this fact. I loved the people, the food, the lay of the land, the civilized atmosphere, and the generous pace of life." - Julia Child

OUR TOUR



ITINERARY

August 29 Paris Welcome Dinner 4* HOTEL IN PARIS

August 30

Paris City Tour Morning city tour in Paris Group Dinner Overnight in Paris

August 31

Paris City Tour We will continue exploring Paris with a morning City tour. Afternoon at Leisure Dinner at Leisure Overnight in Paris

September 1

Day Trip to Champagne

We will drive east of Paris to visit the renowned Champagne wine region; we will have the opportunity to visit the city with its beautiful cathedral, a famous large Champagne producer and a boutique Champagne producer.

Dinner at Leisure Overnight in Paris

September 2

Paris - Normandy

We will leave Paris driving northwest to the city of Bayeaux in Normandy, famous for its Norman-Gothic Cathédrale Notre-Dame and the 68-meter tapestry de Bayeux, an 11th-century tapestry depicting the 1066 Norman invasion of England. Group dinner

4* HOTEL IN BAYEAUX

September 3

Normandy D-Day Sites

We will visit the most representative D-Day sites: Sainte-Mère-Église , Utah beach, Omaha beach, Pointe du Hoc, and the American Cemetery Group dinner

Overnight in Bayeaux

September 4

Mont Saint Michel – Loire Valley.

We will leave Bayeaux for a morning visit to the unique island of Mont Saint Michel, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1979.

After our visit, we will drive to Amboise located in the Loire Valley.

Group dinner

4* Hotel in Amboise

September 5

Loire Valley

Besides producing excellent wines from Roman times in the first century, The Loire Valley, is best known as being the home to many important castles. Many of these date from the 15th to 17th centuries when the region was much loved by many of the French Kings and noblemen, who competed to build ever more elaborate and luxurious chateaux.

During our day tour we will visit Castles and a winery.

Group dinner

Overnight in Amboise

September 6

Amboise - Bordeaux

We will depart from Amboise to get to our final destination, the beautiful city and very important wine region of Bordeaux.

Group dinner

5* HOTEL IN BORDEAUX

September 7

Bordeaux

Morning Bourdeaux city tour Afternoon at Leisure Group dinner OVERNIGHT IN BORDEAUX

September 8 & September 9 Bordeaux

During these three days we will visit different wineries in the region in both Left and right bank, enjoying the visits to charming little towns in Bordeaux.

Dinner at Leisure

OVERNIGHT IN BORDEAUX

September 10 End of the Tour

GROUP SIZE: Minimum 18 guests / Maximum 24 guests

OUR TOUR INCLUDES:

All local transportation, Lodging 12 nights in 4 and 5* hotels Tours and excursions with English Speaking guides Meals: 12 breakfast / 10 lunch / 8 Dinner Wine with the lunch and dinner meals described in the itinerary.

OUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

International roundtrip flight and any airport taxes Personal expenses such as telephone bills, laundry expenses, beverages, etc. Insurance against theft, loss, illness and/or accident etc. Gratuities, baggage porterage and other extras not specified. <u>Important</u>- **Travel Insurance** (not included) is strongly recommended for all passengers – there are multiple options: single trip, multi-trip, different coverage, etc. – please contact me for policy quotes.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: In case of cancellation, the following fees will apply based on the date of the written cancellation Notice:

61 days or more prior to arrival: Non-Refundable deposit

60-31 days prior to arrival: Non-refundable deposit + 50% of the Trip Cost

30 days or less prior to arrival: Non-refundable deposit + 100% of the entire trip cost

GETTING THERE

We will start our Tour in **Paris** – which Airport code is **CDG: Paris Charles de Gaulle**. The tour will finish in Bordeaux – the local airport code is **BOD: Bordeaux–Mérignac Airport**

Several Airlines offer flights arriving to Paris-CDG and returning from Bordeaux- BOD e.g.:

American Airlines, United / Lufthansa (mostly same flights as United), Air France / Delta

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