

PREMIUM

13D10N

INDULGENCE FRANCE

TOUR CODE: ECFRWS (Validity: 1 Apr to 31 Oct 2018)

Whether you are one for the bustling cities like Paris and Marseille, or prefer to relax in quiet countryside areas such as Loire Valley and Provence, spoil yourself for choice in France, a country brimming with food, culture, art and history that is bound to entice you.

**COUNTRY
FOCUSED**



MONT ST. MICHEL, FRANCE

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HIGHLIGHTS

FRANCE

MONACO

- St. Nicholas Cathedral
- Opéra de Monte-Carlo
- Prince's Palace of Monaco

MARSEILLE

- Vieux Port
- Notre-Dame de la Garde

- Palais Longchamp

CANNES

- Pastry-making experience

PROVENCE

- Lavender field and distillery

AVIGNON

- Palais des Papes
- Pont d'Avignon

ARLES

- Arles Amphitheatre
- Gallo-Roman theatre
- Baths of Constantine
- The cryptoporticus
- Barbegal aqueduct and mill

CARCASSONNE

- Medieval historic town

LOURDES

- Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

BORDEAUX

- St. Emilion vineyards & wine tasting

LOIRE VALLEY

- Chateau d'Amboise
- Chapel of Saint-Hubert

ST-MALO

- Château de Saint-Malo

MONT ST-MICHEL

- Norman Benedictine
- Abbey of St-Michel

PARIS

- Champs-Élysées
- Arc de Triomphe
- Place de la Concorde
- Louvre Museum
- Louvre Pyramid
- Eiffel Tower
- Galeries Lafayette



EXCLUSIVES

- French pastry making
- Exclusive visit to lavender field (seasonal)
- Lavender distillery
- St Emilion wine tasting
- Mont St Michel

DAY 1 HOME ▶ MILAN

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and get ready to depart to the **Milan**.

DAY 2 MILAN ▶ MONACO ▶ PROVENCE

Dinner - Local Fare

Depart for a scenic drive along the **Mediterranean Coast** to reach **Monte-Carlo** in **Monaco**. See the **St. Nicholas Cathedral** and the **Opéra de Monte-Carlo**, an opera house built in a similar style to the **Palais Garnier opera house** in Paris under the same architect, Charles Garnier. Indulge in a panoramic view of the port and the Mediterranean from the **Prince's Palace of Monaco** – the official residence of the Monaco royal family for 700 years. Travel to Provence and retire for the night.

DAY 3 PROVENCE ▶ MARSEILLE ▶ CANNES ▶ PROVENCE

Breakfast, High tea with self-prepared pastries

Kick off your day in the oldest city in France, **Marseille**. Be enthralled by the **Vieux Port**, also known as the **Old Port of Marseille**, and the lulling view of the boats swaying along to the rhythm of the waves. Drop by other iconic attractions of Marseille,

such as the **Notre-Dame de la Garde**, the majestic complex of **Palais Longchamp** and **Le Panier**, the glorious old town of Marseille. Next, proceed to **Cannes** for a brief orientation tour of the city, followed by a novel hands-on experience as you **apprentice with a professional chef to learn how to make two traditional French pastries on your own**. Enjoy a short tea-time break with the fruits of your labour, and travel back to Provence to stay for the night. Before you leave, you may wish to take up an optional **45-minute cruise** at the Calanques National Park to visit the three Cassis calanques – Port Miou, Port Pin and En Vau.

Optional: Calanques National Park

DAY 4 PROVENCE ▶ AVIGNON

Breakfast, Dinner - Local Fare

A trip to the south of France is not complete without enjoying the **lavender fields** of Provence. These purple blossoms come into bloom during the summer months, forming a stunning picture that lasts in your memory for a lifetime. Bask in the fragrant lavender scent as you pay a visit to a **lavender distillery** and watch how these flowers are processed into products like essential oils, perfumes and soap. Thereafter, we shall visit a special city –

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

10 Breakfasts, 1 High Tea with Snack
7 Dinners

4★ HOTELS

NICE B4 Plaza

AIX-EN-PROVENCE Radisson Blu

CARCASSONNE Trois Couronnes

BIARRITZ Holiday Inn

BORDEAUX Quality Suites

LOIRE VALLEY Novotel

SAINT-MALO Quality Hotel

PARIS Novotel

*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.

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PALAIS DES PAPES, AVIGNON

Avignon, whose historic centre has been crowned a UNESCO World Heritage site. A professional guide will bring you on a tour of Avignon, which covers the **Palais des Papes**, the **cathedral** and the **Pont d'Avignon**. During the tour you will enter the Palais des Papes, one of the largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings in Europe. Before the end of day, you may wish to take up an optional tour to **Provence Factory Outlet** to do some shopping.

Note: The lavender field tour is only available during the lavender period (approximately mid-June to August).

Optional: Provence Factory Outlet

DAY 5 PROVENCE › ARLES › CARCASSONNE

Breakfast, Dinner-Local Fare

Head to **Arles** this morning and embark on a sightseeing tour of this ancient city's treasured remnants from the Roman Empire, which include the imposing **Arles Amphitheatre**, the **Gallo-Roman theatre**, the **Baths of Constantine**, the **cryptoporticus** and the **Barbegal aqueduct and mill**. Then, travel back to the past in the **historic town of Carcassonne**, a medieval fortified settlement with massive defence walls

encompassing the castle and surrounding buildings. Due to its exceptionally lengthy restoration works done by famous architect Viollet-le-Duc, the historic town of Carcassonne has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a place of significant importance. If you are still up for more, you may wish to go on an **optional tour of the city of Montpellier**.
Optional: Montpellier

DAY 6 CARCASSONNE › LOURDES › BIARRITZ

Breakfast

Head to the **Corbières region** and wander through the winding acres of hills and landscapes of this quaint countryside. Trek past the ancient ruined **Cathar castles** as you move towards the **Pyrenees** and arrive in **Lourdes**. Visit the **Basilica of the Immaculate Conception**, a church erected directly above the grotto of the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes**, a popular holy pilgrimage site due the reputed healing powers of the Lourdes water. Continue on to **Biarritz**, a famous seaside destination where you can enjoy a relaxing walk along the coastline and fall asleep to the sounds of crashing waves.

DAY 7 BIARRITZ › BORDEAUX

Breakfast, Dinner - Chinese Fare

Proceed to **Bordeaux** and enjoy an orientation tour of the 'City of art and history', renowned for its Gothic **Cathédrale St-André**, art museums, 18th-century mansions and urban vineyards. This city was voted the 2015 European best destination by travellers.

DAY 8 BORDEAUX › DORDOGNE VALLEY › LOIRE VALLEY

Breakfast, Dinner-Local Fare

Travel to **Dordogne Valley** and enjoy the passing countryside scenery as you head to the vineyards in **St. Emilion**, the oldest and largest wine producing region renowned for their wine. Embark on a wine-tasting tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site and learn more about their wine-making procedures. Then, journey on to **Loire Valley** for your night's stay.

DAY 9 LOIRE VALLEY

Breakfast

Begin with a visit to the magnificent **Chateau d'Amboise**, yet another UNESCO World Heritage Site which offers a panoramic view over **Loire Valley**. Once a

favourite of the French kings, the royal residence along with its gardens and collections of art, furniture and musical instruments are open for visitors' viewing. You can also get an inside look at Leonardo da Vinci's life through his apartments here, as well as visit the **Chapel of Saint-Hubert** where he has been laid to rest. You may also wish to take an optional tour of one of the many castles in Loire Valley.

DAY 10
LOIRE VALLEY ▶
MONT ST. MICHEL ▶ **SAINT-MALO**

Breakfast, Dinner - Local Fare

Make a trip to **Mont St. Michel** in the morning, a small UNESCO World Heritage site located in an island off the coast of the Lower Normandy region in northern France. Visit the spectacular **Norman Benedictine Abbey of St. Michel** located at the peak of the island, which is surrounded by winding streets and monastic buildings. Then, continue on to the ancient walled city of **Saint-Malo**, a port city that was once home to many interesting characters such as pirates and explorers and famous for its butter cookies. Get a look at the **Saint-Malo Cathedral** and the **Château de Saint-Malo**, originally a symbol of ducal and royal power which now houses a museum covering the long maritime history of Saint-Malo, the WWII Occupation as well as the destruction and reconstruction of the town.

DAY 11
SAINT-MALO ▶ **PARIS**

Breakfast, Dinner-Chinese Fare



ABBEY OF SENANQUE AND BLOOMING ROWS LAVENDER FLOWERS, PROVENCE

Travel south for your long awaited **Paris** adventure. First, set out on a guided tour of the city – take in the sights of **Champs-Élysées, Place de la Concorde, Louvre Museum** and its iconic **Louvre Pyramid**, and the **Palais Garnier Paris Opera House**. Stop at the **Arc de Triomphe** for a photo with the famed monument erected in honour of the soldiers who fought in the Napoleonic Wars. View the cultural icon of Paris – the **Eiffel Tower** and lastly, head over to the **Galleries Lafayette** – the biggest department store in Paris for some souvenir

shopping (subject to store's operating hours).

Note: The Galleries Lafayette closed on Sunday.

DAY 12
PARIS ▶ **HOME**

Breakfast

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 13
HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursions:

Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and is entirely optional.

**minimum group size may apply*

- Calanques National Park: €49
- Provence Factory Outlet: €25
- Montpellier: €25
- Seine River Cruise: €25

Tipping Guideline: (based on 13D10N)

- €91 per person

Note:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions.
- During major events, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.



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