

PARIS, NORMANDY AND THE LOIRE VALLEY CHATEAUX.

March 21-30, 2025

Escorted by
Pastor Richard and Mrs. Sibylle Krause

Featuring:

4 nights in Paris

Sightseeing of the City of Paris

Visits to the Louvre, the Palace of Versailles

2 nights in Normandy

Visit to Bayeux Tapestry Museum

Visit to D-Day Memorial Cemetery

Visit to Abbey of Mont Saint-Michel

2 nights in Loire Valley

Visits to two Chateaux (castles) in Loire Valley

Join us for this exciting visit to France in March, 2025. We look forward to hosting you on our tour. Here are some of the places and sites you will be experiencing....

PARIS

We will visit all the most important sites in the “City of Lights” on our initial panoramic tour: The Eiffel Tower, the Place de la Concorde (the city’s grandest square), the iconic architecture of the Louvre and Hotel des Invalides (once a hospital, now a museum and site of Napoleon’s tomb) the Palais Garnier Opera House, and the nearby *couverts* (covered passages), Champs-Elysees and Arch of Triumph. We will also be exploring the Louvre museum and see some its most famous treasures, and then enjoy a walking tour of Île Saint-Louis and the Cathedral of Notre Dame and Sainte Chapelle. Next we visit the Left Bank (home of artists, writers and philosophers). The Palace and gardens of Versailles will be a highlight of our visit.

NORMANDY AND BAYEUX

We will venture north to the coastal province of Normandy, and view the famous Bayeux Tapestry, depicting the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Our visit to the American Memorial Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer will be inspiring, as well as the chance to see Pointe-du-Hoc, overlooking the beaches below. We also get a chance to visit the Abbey of Mont-Saint Michel, on a small offshore promontory, which on rare occasions is separated from the mainland during high tides.

ANJOU AND THE LOIRE VALLEY CHATEAUX.

For two days we will be visiting this area rich in history and showcasing the castles once used as country homes by the French monarchy. We will visit Chenonceau, with its signature arches and covered bridges crossing the River Cher; Chambord with its spectacular open double-spiral staircase, and moat, reminiscent of medieval castles. Enroute to the Loire Valley, we will stop in the province of Anjou to visit the most complete remaining example of underground/cave living at Village Museum of Rochemenier. Enjoy a wine-tasting event during our time in the Loire.

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March 21 (Friday)

Depart USA on overnight flights to PARIS.

March 22, Saturday (D)

Arrive Paris and travel to hotel, beginning of a four-night stay. Enroute to the hotel, we will pass by some of the most iconic locations in the city, with a stop for a panoramic view of the Eiffel Tower. Welcoming dinner.

March 23, Sunday (B, D)

Paris sightseeing day. This morning we will tour the city center seeing Paris highlights. Stop at the Eiffel Tower, including the elevator ascent to the second floor for a great view of the city. Next on our drive through the city center we will see Place de la Concorde, the Arch of Triumph, and the Champs- Elysee. Some free time on our own for lunch, followed by a walking tour to Isle Saint-Louis, in the middle of River Seine, of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, opened now following restoration from the fire of April 2019. Continue to the “left bank,” home to artists, writers, and philosophers. Dinner at the hotel this evening.

March 24 Monday (B, D)

We begin our day with a visit to the Louvre this morning. Once a fortress, and then a palace, we plan to have a guided tour so as not to miss the most important items in the collection such as the Mona Lisa, the statues of Venus de Milo and Winged Victory, and the Great Sphinx of Taris. Following our visit and some free time for lunch, we will next visit the Musee de l’Orangerie where will see works of some of the great impressionistic masters. Next, a visit to the Rodin museum before returning to the hotel. Dinner included tonight.

March 25 Tuesday (B, D)

Visit to the Palace of Versailles today. A hunting lodge was transformed in the 17th century by father and son Louis XII and XIV to the magnificent palace we see today. Explore the Hall of Mirrors, the royal apartments of King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, and the gardens. A Seine River cruise will complete our day today. Dinner included tonight.

March 26 Wednesday (B, D)

Depart Paris to the small town of Givery to visit the home of Claude Monet. Continue to Bayeux and the museum where we will see the famous Bayeux Tapestry. The 230 ft. crafted tapestry depicts a Norman interpretation of Duke William of Normandy's conquest of England at the battle of Hastings in 1066. Dinner included tonight.

March 27 Thursday (B, D)

Today we begin with a visit to the American Cemetery and Visitor's Center, Weather permitting, we hope to visit the Pointe du Hoc, overlooking the Omaha Beach, site of the American landing on June 6, 1944. Continue to Mont Saint-Michel, to visit the famous Abbey, which on rare occasions of high tides is cut off from the mainland. Return to our hotel where dinner included is tonight.

March 28 Friday (B, D)

Depart Normandy this morning to the south to the province of Anjou, for a visit to the Troglodyte village of Rochemenier, where we will visit the preserved underground dwelling. This afternoon we continue east to the town of Amboise for our first chateaux visit. We plan to visit two castles/chateaux in our two days in the Loire Valley. Those will be Chenonceau and Chambord. Dinner included tonight.

March 29 Saturday (B, L, D)

Continue our visit to the chateaux of the Loire Valley, with another visit and some wine-tasting. Lunch to be included. This afternoon we make our way back to Paris for our final night on tour, and our farewell dinner tonight.

March 30 (Sunday) (B)

Depart from Paris Charles De Gaulle airport for flights back to USA.

Welcome home!

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Round trip trans-Atlantic flight in main cabin, coach class.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel daily.

8 dinners as noted on the preliminary itinerary.

1 lunch

Admissions to all included museums and attractions.

Standard gratuities for driver, escorts and local guides.

Not included;

Lunches except for March 29.

Beverages other than coffee and water for included dinners.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form to indicate your interest in the tour, and be placed on the tour list. Once we have a firm number of participants, an invoice with payment schedule and other details will be provided. Estimated pricing as of February, 2024:

\$4495.00 Tour price per person, twin occupancy.
Single and triple rates will be available on request.

Yes, please register us for the 2025 Tour PARIS/DDAY/MONT
ST.MICHEL/LOIRE VALLEY

Name _____ Cell phone _____

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Address _____ City _____

State/Zip _____ email address _____

___ I would plan to travel with the group on the exact tour dates listed.

___ I may want to go early, or stay beyond for some extra time in Europe.*

*Air fares for requested alternate date/cities

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