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"PARIS IN DEPTH"

Friday, March 2 to Sunday, March 11, 2018



Enjoy the wonderful French capital by foot, coach and Metro. Become more acquainted with its history, architecture, art and food. Leisurely wander its major monuments, museums, churches and squares. Discover its hidden by-ways, galleries and restaurants but with ample opportunity to pursue one's own interests. The tour includes a seven day subway pass, a four day "front of the line" museum pass, four dinners or lunches in typical restaurants, a Seine cruise and a classical music concert! Tour escorted by Michael Quinn.

> Tour Cost: Land Only \$2,650.00 Single Supplement: \$895.00 Optional group airfare at \$206.00 + taxes \$611.00 = \$817.00 total.

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

(Please note that the order of visits may require adjustment to accommodate possible future rescheduling of museum/ shop opening hours; the time and venue of the classical music concert is TBA.)

Day 1 - Friday, March 02 :

Evening departure from Toronto to Paris with Air France. Dinner and a light breakfast will be served

Day 2 - Saturday, March 03: (D)

Morning arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. Coach transfer and introductory panoramic tour of the city, including the Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysées, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, etc. Early afternoon registration at our comfortable 4-star hotel. Free time to settle in and rest after the overnight flight. Some energy left? Join me for a leisurely late afternoon walking tour of the neighbourhood, including the Les Grands Magasins, L'Opera Garnier and La Madeleine. This evening, a group dinner in a typical local restaurant.

Day 3 - Sunday, March 04: (L)

Theme of today's sightseeing: Traditions

After breakfast, a walking tour of Roman Paris, with its ancient monuments such as the Arènes de Lutèce and the Baths, as well as the Ile de la Cité and Notre Dame. Lunch together in a cozy restaurant in the Latin Quarter before travelling by Metro to famous Père La Chaise cemetery with the tombs of such notables as Chopin, Oscar Wilde, Edith Piaf, Simone Signore and the evocative monuments of WW II. Late afternoon hotel return and evening at leisure. *This evening you will also receive your 7-day NAVIGO DÉCOVERTE Metro Pass, permitting convenient and efficient travel on the city's excellent public transportation system until our departure. Please be sure to bring a passport-size picture to be attached to this pass!*

Day 4 - Monday, March 05: (D)

Theme of today's sightseeing: Modernity

A full-day tour of the most important monuments of contemporary Mitterrand Paris: the monumental "Grande Arche" in the Défense suburb; the National Library, the Omnisports Stadium and Ministry of Finance before lunch in trendy Bercy. This afternoon we travel to the "Cité Scientifique" of La Vilette, with the unusual but significant "deconstructivist" architectural creations of Bernard Tschumi on the site of the old Parisian slaughter houses! Late afternoon return to our hotel and dinner in a local bistro.

Day 5 - Tuesday, March 06:

Theme of today's morning sightseeing: Daily Life

We begin our day-perhaps in the Marais, perhaps Montmartre or St-Germain des Prés...a surprise that will allow us to experience the sights, smells and tastes of the city, from croissant to cheese, wine to fruit; a movable feast... a memorable lunch! In the afternoon we climb the staircase of the Butte of Montmartre, or if lunch has had its desired effect, then by Funicular to the famous district of artists and *Bohémiens*, featured in Puccini's opera *La Bohème*. Here too, the site of the great Basilica of Sacré-Coeur. A magnificent view of Paris rooftops and skyline before strolling home and an evening to relax.

Day 6 - Wednesday, March 07:

Theme of today's sightseeing: Absolute Monarchy

This morning we travel outside the city by rapid transit to the once little village of Versailles. A short walk before our self-guided visit to the monumental Palace of Louis XIV - the Royal Chapel, the Hall of Mirrors, the magnificent gardens of Le Nôtre. Time for lunch in the market of Versailles before returning to Paris, where a visit to Les Invalides, the Musée Rodin or the Arc de Triomphe can end the day. Evening at leisure.

Today you will receive a four-day museum pass valid for admission not only to the Palace of Versailles, the Louvre, and the Orsay Museum, but also to a host of other Parisian museums, art galleries, and monuments including: Cluny Museum (highly recommended!) - Notre Dame Towers and Crypt - Orangerie (with Monet's Water Lilies) - Sainte Chapelle - Arc de Triomphe - Pantheon - Invalides (with Napoleon's tomb) -Pompidou Centre - Museum of Modern Art - newly renovated Picasso Museum - Rodin Museum....three of the major sites over the next four days have been chosen for group visits. The Pass begins to-day plus Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Michael will be available to assist with planning personal visits/choices to museums, galleries, shops and restaurants.



Day 7 - Thursday, March 08:

Theme of today's sightseeing: Revolution

Today, we explore selected sites and monuments associated with the French Revolution; Place de la Bastille (where it all started on July 14, 1789), the Carnavale Museum with its excellent memorabilia and the Place des Vosges. Later, by Metro, we travel to Place de la Concorde (site of the guillotine), the Tuileries Gardens, and the little-known Mausoleum of Louis XIV and Marie-Antoinette. Remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure...a stroll on the Champs-Élysées, tea at La Dureé or an opportune time to enjoy an evening sightseeing cruise on the River Seine.

Day 8 - Friday, March 09:

A full morning at the D'Orsay Museum, the great Parisian showcase of 19th-century art, with works by masters such as Monet, Manet, Renoir, Van Gogh, etc. Remainder of the afternoon to take full advantage of the Museum Pass. Or.... a touch of retail therapy in the marvelous Grands Magasins of Printemps, Galeries Lafayette and Bon Marché with an early dinner at any one of their gourmet counters...a pleasure!

Day 9 - Saturday, March 10: (D)

After breakfast we travel by Metro to the Louvre Museum, featuring countless superb art treasures including Leonardo's Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo, the Winged Victory of Samothrace. The afternoon allows for personal choices, an open invitation to visit any other museum or monument: e.g. the Musée du Moyen Age; Picasso; Pompidou Centre. But this evening, our *Au Revoir* dinner in a typical elegant "bistro"!

Day 10- Sunday, March 11:

After breakfast, transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport for our return to Toronto with Air France. Lunch and an afternoon snack will be served.



Tour Cost: Land Only \$2,650.00 Single Supplement: \$895.00

Optional group airfare at \$206.00 + taxes \$611.00 = \$817.00 total.

Included in the land-only tour price:

- Paris airport transfers;
- 4-star hotel accommodation, based on double occupancy; the single room supplement is \$895.00.
- Meals: daily full buffet breakfast plus *four* full-course dinners/lunches;
- Sightseeing and visits as indicated in the itinerary;
- Classical music concert;
- Seine River cruise;
- Metro Pass valid for 7 days: city travel is mostly by subway, but...be aware that our Parisian exploration necessarily involves some walking!
- Museum Pass valid for 4 days;
- Services of a Pauwels Travel tour escort.

Not Included:

- Optional group airfare of \$206.00 + taxes \$611.00 (Based on minimum of 10)
- Beverages (wine, beer, mineral water, tea, etc.) with dinners;
- All items of a personal nature;
- Travel insurance is available upon request.

Paris Readings:

Travel Guides:

- <u>Top Ten Paris</u>: DK Eyewitness
- Paris: DK Eyewitness
- Paris In Your Pocket: Michelin
- Paris Day By Day: Frommer

Should you really wish a "big guide book" for France, I suggest Frommer or Fodor. Both include Paris and offer some comfort for travellers to the city. The more historical guide is the excellent Green Michelin series which, for the serious tourist, offers the most comprehensive coverage. One can purchase the "France" or "Paris" edition separately.

Readings:

- <u>Parisians</u>: Robb, Graham
- <u>Seven Ages of Paris</u>: Horne, Alistair
- <u>Paris Revealed</u>: Clarke, Stephen..... (a fun view)
- <u>Memorable walks in Paris</u>: Frommer

A touch more serious:

- <u>A Traveller's History of France 6th Edition</u>: Cole, Robert
- <u>On The Brink:</u> Fenby, Jonathan
- <u>Paris-Biography of a City</u>: Jones, Colin
- <u>The Insider's Guide to Paris</u>: Muir, Kate

APPLICATION FORM

Please book <u>seat(s)</u> on the "Paris in Depth," March 2 - 11, 2018. Enclosed is my/our deposit of ______ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.) Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on optional group flights OR land only_____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000 and the balance approximately 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

Name as on Passport. Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.) NAME(S):

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name
tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth")
ADDRESS:

Postal Code:

PHONE:

(Residence)_____(Business)____(Fax/Email)___ If traveling alone, please indicate your willingness to share accommodations: YES_____

NO SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED:

(We will try to find a roommate for those willing to share, but cannot guarantee success in doing so. For single travelers we are not able to match, the single supplement will apply.)

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Dietary, wheelchair assistance, frequent flyer number, twin beds, etc.) Please list here so we can do our best to assist you. Please be advised that due to airline policies, individual seat selection cannot be guaranteed.

I/we agree to the "terms and conditions" attached to the program Insurance - Please call the office for premiums and record on your application form and add premium to your deposit.

All-inclusive Package	Non-medical Package	Decline Insurance
Signature (s) if declined		

If purchasing travel insurance, we require	uire your date of birth:	
Name:	Date of Birth	
Name:	Date of Birth	
PAYMENT:		

Cheque payable ☐ to Pauwels Travel	Visa	Mastercard	American Express
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Please forward this completed form, copy of passport and payment to: PAUWELS TRAVEL BUREAU LTD.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more
than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per
person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:
90 days to 46 days before departure:25% of tour cost45 to 31 days before departure:50% of tour costWithin 30 days prior to departure:100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. February necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.