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***APRIL in PARIS***  
***In DEPTH***  
***April 5 – April 15, 2024***

*April in Paris...an eleven-day leisurely acquaintance with the wonderful French capital by foot, coach and Metro. Delve into its history and architecture, revel in its art and cuisine. Discover its markets, hidden by-ways and back streets, quaint galleries and boutiques all 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, five dinners or lunches in traditional restaurants, a Seine cruise and a classical music concert! Tour escorted by Sandra Pauwels.*

***The option of Land Only or Flight Included will be available.***

## Proposed Itinerary

### Day 1 - Friday, April 05:

Evening departure from Toronto to Paris. Dinner and breakfast will be served.

### Day 2 - Saturday, April 06: (D)

Morning arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. City transfer and introductory panoramic coach tour including the Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe, Place De La Concorde etc. Early afternoon registration in our Left Bank classic hotel. Opportunity to refresh after the overnight flight before a leisurely late afternoon orientation tour in the heart of the Left Bank. Evening group dinner in one of the many quaint local restaurants of the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Day 3 - Sunday, April 07: (L) *Themes of today's sightseeing: Origins & Traditions*

After breakfast, a walking tour of Roman Paris, with its ancient monuments such as the Arènes de Lutèce, the Baths, quaint Ile St.-Louis. Here a visit to the Deportation Martyrs Memorial set in the shadows of Ile de la Cité and Notre Dame. Lunch together in a cozy restaurant in the Latin Quarter. Afternoon visit to famous Père La Chaise cemetery with the tombs of notables such as Chopin, Oscar Wilde, Edith Piaf, Simone Signore and the evocative monuments of WW II. Hotel return and evening at leisure.

***Today 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. If you already have a Navigo, please bring it with you.***

### Day 4 - Monday, April 08: (L) *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 to make a memorable lunch! In the afternoon we climb the staircase or if lunch has had its desired effect, by funicular, to the bohemian Butte of Montmartre, with its artist dominated Place du Tertre. Here too, a magnificent view of Paris rooftops and skyline from the steps of the Basilica of Sacré-Coeur. In the late afternoon, a brief metro ride to Pont d'Alma where we end our day with a relaxed cruise and sight-seeing on the Seine River. Evening to discover one of the many local bistrots!

### Day 5 - Tuesday, April 09: (L) *Theme of today's sightseeing: Avant-Garde.*

A full-day tour of the most important monuments of contemporary Mitterand Paris. The morning takes us to the monumental "Grande Arche" in the Défense suburb; the National Library, the Omnisports Stadium and Ministry of Finance in the trendy Bercy District. Lunch then on to the "Cité Scientifique" of La Vilette, with the unusual "deconstructivist" architectural creations of Bernard Tschumi on the site of the old Parisian slaughter houses! Late afternoon return to our hotel and evening at leisure.

### Day 6 - Wednesday, April 10: Theme of today's sightseeing: Monarchy.

This morning we leave the city by rapid transit to the little town of Versailles. A short walk

through this former village will begin 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 perhaps the Arc de Triomphe ends the day. This evening, a classic music concert in 13thC. Church of St.-Julien-le-Pauvre.

*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 the following: 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 - 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 and is valid for Thursday, Friday and Saturday when there will be a considerable amount of free time. Michael will be available to assist with planning personal visits to museums and galleries over the next four days.*

Day 7 – Thursday, April 11: *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. Following lunch, we Metro to Place de la Concorde (site of the guillotine), the Tuileries Gardens, and the little-known Mausoleum of Louis XIV and Marie-Antoinette. Evening and dinner at leisure.

Day 8 – Friday, April 12: *The d'Orsay:*

Morning set aside for the d'Orsay Museum, the great Parisian showcase of 19<sup>th</sup>-century art, with works by Masters such as Monet, Manet, Renoir, Van Gogh, etc. The remainder of the day for personal choices - an open invitation to visit any other museum or monument: eg. the Musée du Moyen Age; Rodin; Picasso; Pompidou Centre.

Day 9 – Saturday, April 13: *The Louvre:*

We travel this morning 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. Again, take full advantage of the Museum Pass ie .see the Champs Élysées from the Arc de Triomphe! But retail therapy can be most enjoyable in the marvelous Grands Magasins of Printemps, Galeries Lafayette and Bon Marché as can an early dinner at any one of their gourmet counters!

Day 10 – Sunday, April 14: (D) *Casual:*

A day to relax and savour the city. Will it be the counters and tables of Les **Puces de Saint-Ouen** (better known as the flea market) or perhaps just a stroll in the Luxembourg Gardens with its pigeons, manicured trees, groomed pathways, serene atmosphere and Médici Fountain? A late lunch in chic Les Halles and a last view of Paris from the heights of the Eiffel Tower. But this evening, our *Au Revoir* dinner in a favourite classical setting!

Day 11- Monday, April 15:

After breakfast, coach transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport and the return flight to Toronto. Lunch and an afternoon snack will be served before our late afternoon arrival at Pearson International.

**Tour Cost – Land Only**  
Double Occupancy: CDN \$ 3,875.00  
Single Room Supplement: CDN \$1,195.00

**Included in the land-only tour price:**

- Airport transfers in Paris;
- Accommodation in a typical Left Bank hotel, based on double occupancy;
- Meals: daily full buffet breakfast plus *five* full-course dinners/lunches;
- Sightseeing and visits as indicated in the itinerary;
- Classical music concert;
- Seine River cruise;
- Week Metro Pass: city travel is mostly by metro, but...be aware that our Parisian exploration necessarily involves some walking!
- Museum Pass valid for 4 days;

*(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.)*

**Not Included:**

- Please note that this is Land Only. Once the tour departure is guaranteed (determined by registered participants), the Agency will be pleased to assist in offering personal flight choices as well as a group flight rate based on minimum of 10;
- Beverages (wine, beer, mineral water, tea, etc.) with dinners;
- All items of a personal nature;
- Travel insurance...available upon request.



## Paris Readings

### Travel Guides:

- Top Ten Paris: 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:

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

A touch more serious:

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

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible. We request you send your registration together with a refundable e-transfer of \$750.00 per person. The feasibility of operating the tour will be reviewed 90 days prior to departure and if deemed operational, registered participants will be offered the opportunity to reconfirm their place by paying an additional interim payment of \$1500.00 per person or withdraw their registration and receive a full refund of their deposit. No reservations will be accepted without a signed registration form and refundable deposit.

### 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 if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 85 days prior of the departure date. For cancellation received in writing 84 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

84 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost

Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

### RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

### RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not 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 hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.

2. I know that tour programs include walking and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.

3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.

5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.

6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.

7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.

9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

#### A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIRFARES:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you, our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel, or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.

It is the airline that makes the reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy, not ours, that prevents us from assigning specific seats. If a request is made, it is passed on to the airline by our staff when they submit the names to the airline, i.e., 30-60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you leave will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If a certain type of seat is indispensable to you, we suggest that you book our tour on a "land only" basis and make individual flight arrangements, in which case you may be able to get the seat of your choice; Pauwels Travel would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare available, but please note that this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure because your individual airfare's conditions are likely to involve cancellation penalties. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!



## REGISTRATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the "Spring in Paris" tour April 5 - April 15, 2024

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750.00 per person plus insurance premium if taken.)

I wish to book on group flights where available \_\_\_\_\_ OR land only \_\_\_\_\_.

Insurance premium will not be required until the trip is guaranteed to go. You will be invoiced for the balance prior to departure.

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

PASSPORT NAME(S): Please indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(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")

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Email) \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin (2 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ double (1 bed) \_\_\_\_\_?

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc. here. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible. \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: Cheque  payable to Pauwels Travel or e-transfer  to [tours@pauwelstravel.com](mailto:tours@pauwelstravel.com).

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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