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The Eiffel Tower at sunset
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"PARIS IN DEPTH"

Thursday, February 21, to Saturday, March 2, 2019

Explore the wonderful French capital on foot, by coach, and by subway, and discover its history, architecture, art, and food. Organized group visits will be complemented by free time to pursue one's own interests. The tour price includes hotel accommodation, airport transfers, a seven-day subway pass, a four-day "front of the line" museum pass, five dinners or lunches in typical restaurants, a Seine cruise, and a classical music concert! The tour is escorted by Michael Quinn.

Tour Cost, based on "Land Only" and double Occupancy: \$2,595; the single room supplement is \$955

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Thursday, February 21:

Individual evening departure from Toronto to Paris.

Day 2 - Friday, February 22: (D)

Morning arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. Coach transfer and introductory panoramic tour of the city, including the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Elysées, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, etc. Early afternoon hotel registration and time to settle in and rest after the overnight flight. Some energy left? Join our leisurely late afternoon walking tour of the neighbourhood, including sights such as the Opera Garnier and the Madeleine Church. This evening, group dinner in a typical restaurant.

Day 3 - Saturday, February 23: (L)

After breakfast, walking tour of Roman Paris, with monuments such as the ruins of the amphitheatre (Arènes de Lutèce) and the Baths, as well as the Ile de la Cité and Notre Dame. After lunch in a cozy restaurant of the Latin Quarter, we take the Metro to famous Père La Chaise Cemetery to view the tombs of such notables as Chopin, Oscar Wilde, and Edith Piaf, as well as the evocative monuments of WW II. Return to the hotel in late afternoon and evening at leisure.

This evening you will also receive your 7-day “Navigo Découverte” pass, permitting convenient and efficient travel on the city’s excellent public transportation system, especially the subway, known here as Le Métro. Please be sure to bring a passport-size picture to be attached to this pass! If you already have a Navigo Découverte, please bring it with you. Please note that we will get around mostly by subway, but our Parisian exploration necessarily involves quite a bit of walking – and using stairs getting in and out subway stations!

Day 4 - Sunday, February 24: (D)

A full-day tour of the many important monuments that have appeared in Paris in recent decades, especially since the presidency of Mitterand: the monumental “Grande Arche” in the Défense suburb; the National Library, the Omnisports Stadium and Ministry of Finance in trendy Bercy. In the afternoon we continue to the “Cité Scientifique” of La Vilette, with the spectacular “deconstructivist” architectural creations of Bernard Tschumi on the site of the old Parisian slaughter houses! This evening, dinner in a traditional bistro.

Day 5 - Monday, February 25: (L)

This morning we focus on the food of the “movable feast” that Paris happens to be, with visits to markets and delicatessen establishments in neighbourhoods such as the Marais, and St-Germain des Prés. After a group lunch, we climb the staircase - or take the funicular! – to the top of the Butte (Hill) of Montmartre, the famous district of artists and *Bohémiens*, featured in Puccini’s opera *La Bohème*. From the stairs in front of the huge Basilica of Sacré-Coeur, we will enjoy a magnificent view of Paris before returning to our hotel.

Day 6 - Tuesday, February 26:

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 - Picasso Museum - Rodin Museum..

You can visit individually, or you can join Michael as he focuses on one of the major museums or monuments over the next four days, starting today with the Palace of Versailles.

This morning we travel by RER rapid transit to Versailles to visit the impressive palace built for the “Sun King,” Louis XIV, with attractions such as magnificent gardens planned by Le Nôtre, the Royal Chapel, and of course the Hall of Mirrors, where the infamous Treaty of Versailles was signed in June 1919. Time for lunch in the market of Versailles before returning to Paris, where there will still be time for a visit to Les Invalides (with Napoleon’s tomb), the Rodin Museum, or perhaps the Arc de Triomphe.



The Arc de Triomphe on an ancient lithograph (c/o Wikimedia Commons)

Day 7 - Wednesday, February 27:

Today, we explore selected sites and monuments associated with the French Revolution, e.g. Place de la Bastille (where it all started on July 14, 1789); Place de la Concorde (site of the guillotine), the Tuileries Gardens; and the little-known Mausoleum of Louis XIV and Marie-Antoinette. Rest of the day at leisure. This might be a good time for a boat tour on the River Seine!

Day 8 - Thursday, February 28:

After breakfast, you may want to join Michael on a visit to the Orsay Museum, a grand old railway station that morphed into the great Parisian showcase of 19th-century art, featuring works by masters such as Monet, Manet, Renoir, Van Gogh, etc. The afternoon is available to take advantage of your Museum Pass to visit the Hotel de Cluny or yet another museum or monument. Or how about some retail therapy in the marvelous Grands Magasins, department stores such as Le Printemps and Galeries Lafayette, whose gourmet counters would be a fine venue for dinner!

Day 9 - Friday, March 1: (D)

This morning we take the subway to the Louvre Museum, featuring countless superb art treasures, including Leonardo's Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo, and the Winged Victory of Samothrace. The afternoon allows for personal choices, an open invitation to visit any other museum or monument: e.g. the Picasso Museum and the Pompidou Centre. This evening, *Au Revoir*- dinner in a typical bistro!

Day 10- Saturday, March 2:

After breakfast, transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport for our return flight to Toronto.

**Tour Cost, based on "Land Only" and double occupancy:
\$2,595 - single room supplement: \$955**

Pauwels Travel Bureau will be happy to book your flight to Paris from Toronto or any other international airport. At this time (summer 2018), a non-stop return flight with Air Canada from Toronto to Paris is available at a total price of approximately 900 Canadian dollars (\$244.00 + \$646.65 in airport taxes/security fees/fuel surcharges), but the price is subject to change.

Included in the land-only tour price:

- Airport transfers in Paris;
- Accommodation in 4-star Mercure Opera Garnier, based on double occupancy; the single room supplement is \$955.00.
- Meals: daily buffet breakfast plus *five* full-course dinners/lunches;
- Sightseeing and visits as indicated in the itinerary;
- Classical music concert;
- Seine River cruise;
- Subway Pass valid for 7 days;
- 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:

- Airfare, available upon request;
- Beverages (wine, beer, mineral water, tea, etc.) with dinners;
- All items of a personal nature;
- Travel insurance, available upon request.



Coat of Arms of Paris (c/o Wikimedia Commons)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration 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 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 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.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ___ seat(s) on the “Paris in Depth” tour of February 21 – March 2, 2019.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000.00 and the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

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

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

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

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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: _____ Email: _____

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

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____?

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.

Insurance. Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____

Other _____ **OR** Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

“I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, 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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