

LOURDES & SHRINES OF FRANCE

11 days incl. air or 10 days from Paris to Paris (TB)

Vacation Overview

Follow in the footsteps of the devoted through France. Start in Paris with a welcome dinner and guided sightseeing featuring all major sights and visits to Notre Dame Cathedral; the Basilica of Sacre Coeur; Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Shrine, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830; and St. Vincent de Paul Shrine. During an excursion to Lisieux, visit Les Buissonnets, family home of St. Therese, and the basilica. St. Therese was known as "The Little Flower" and for her charming autobiography *The Story of a Soul*. Also visit St. Peter's Cathedral and the Carmelite Convent, where she lived as a nun. Return to Paris, where you will board the high-speed "TGV" train to Lourdes, one of the world's most famous places of pilgrimage. Visit the Grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, and St. Bernadette's birthplace and family home. You may wish to bathe in the healing waters, attend the "Blessing of the Sick," or join the evening's rosary and candlelight procession. Admire medieval Carcassonne on your way to Avignon, where a walking tour features the Palace of the Popes, residence of the papacy in the 14th century. Stops are made in La Salette to visit the church and the apparition site; in Ars-sur-Formans to visit the St. John Vianney Shrine, his home, and the church where he preached; in Paray-le-Monial to visit the Chapel of the Apparitions and the Basilica of the Sacred heart; in Nevers to visit St. Gildard, where St. Bernadette spent her life as a nun; and in Chartres to visit the magnificent cathedral. Return to Paris and enjoy a farewell dinner.

Special Departures:

August 15 - In Lourdes for the Feast of the Assumption
October 1 - In Lisieux for the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

Map



Itinerary

Day 1

Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

Day 2 Arrival in Paris, France

Transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director, then enjoy this evening's welcome dinner with your traveling companions. (D)

Day 3 Paris

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features Arc de Triomphe, Louvre, Champs-Élysées, and the Eiffel Tower. Visit the architectural wonders of NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL and the BASILICA OF SACRE COEUR on Montmartre. Afterwards, visit OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. Then, visit the ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHRINE, where you can see the reliquary of the saint who has inspired thousands of charities and volunteers. (B)

Day 4 Paris. Lisieux Excursion

Travel to Lisieux and visit LES BUISSONNETS, family home of St. Therese. Afterwards, visit the BASILICA OF ST. THERESE. St. Therese was known as "The Little Flower" and for her charming autobiography *The Story of a Soul*. Next, visit ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, where her family attended Mass, and the CARMELITE CONVENT, where she lived as a nun. Return to Paris. (B)

Day 5 Paris–Lourdes

Journey aboard the high-speed "TGV" TRAIN to Lourdes, one of the world's most famous places of pilgrimage. Visit the GROTTA where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernardette in 1858. Join this evening's memorable rosary and candlelight procession. (B,D)

Day 6 Lourdes

Your walking tour with a Local Guide includes visits to OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE and ST. BERNADETTE'S BIRTHPLACE and FAMILY HOME. Balance of the day is at leisure. You may wish to bathe in the healing waters or attend the "Blessing of the Sick." Also, you may wish to join this evening's rosary and candlelight procession. (B)

Day 7 Lourdes–Carcassonne–Avignon

First stop in Carcassonne, a medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, continue to Avignon. Walk to the Palace of the Popes, where the papacy resided in the 14th century. (B)

Day 8 Avignon–La Salette–Lyon

Journey to the mountaintop of OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE SHRINE, where the Virgin Mary appeared to two shepherd children in 1846. Visit the CHURCH, APPARITION SITE, and miraculous SPRING. Depart for Lyon. (B,D)

Day 9 Lyon–Ars-sur-Formans–Paray-le-Monial–Nevers

In Ars-sur-Formans, visit the ST. JOHN VIANNEY SHRINE. See the saint's incorrupt body, walk through his HOME, and explore the CHURCH where he preached and heard confessions. Depart for Paray-le-Monial, home to the CHAPEL OF THE APPARITIONS and where Jesus revealed his Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Also, visit the BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART. Arrive in Nevers. (B,D)

Day 10 Nevers–Chartres–Paris

Visit ST. GILDARD in Nevers, where St. Bernadette spent her life as a nun. See the beautiful and miraculously incorrupt body of St. Bernadette. Continue to Chartres and visit the CATHEDRAL, one of Europe's most celebrated shrines and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Paris and enjoy this evening's farewell dinner. (B,D)

Day 11

Your homebound flight arrives the same day. (B)

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers may be included when you make your flight arrangements. [Click Here](#) for more information.

Vacation Highlights

INCLUDED FEATURES

Paris:

Welcome and farewell dinners; guided sightseeing, visit Notre Dame Cathedral, the Basilica of Sacre Coeur, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Shrine, and the St. Vincent de Paul Shrine

Lisieux:

Visit Les Buissonnets, family home of St. Therese; the basilica; St. Peter's Cathedral; and the Carmelite Convent

Paris–Lourdes:

By high-speed "TGV" train

Lourdes:

Visit the grotto; guided walking tour, visit the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine and St. Bernadette's birthplace and family home

Carcassonne:

Visit the medieval town

Avignon:

Walk to the Palace of the Popes

La Salette:

Visit the Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, the church, the Apparition site, and spring

Ars-sur-Formans:

Visit the St. John Vianney Shrine, his home, and church

Paray-le-Monial:

Visit the Chapel of the Apparitions and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Nevers:

Visit St. Gildard

Chartres:

Visit the cathedral

Note:

- On rare occasions, the road to Our Lady of La Salette may not be accessible due to weather conditions
- In the unlikely event that the "TGV" train is unavailable, alternative transportation will be provided
- 0812 In Lourdes for the Feast of the Assumption (August 15)
- 0929 In Lisieux for the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux (October 01)
- This vacation is combinable with a river cruise.

INSIDE VISITS

Inside visits and special features are shown in the description, including admission charges when applicable.

STANDARD INCLUDED FEATURES

Learn more about transportation, hotels, and other standard included features offered.

Accommodations

MEALS

Buffet breakfast daily (B); 5 three-course dinners (D), including welcome and farewell dinners in Paris

SUPERIOR HOTELS

Paris Novotel Paris Tour Eiffel (SF), **Lourdes** Grand Hotel Moderne (F), **Avignon** Mercure Cité des Papes (F), **Lyon** Mercure Grand Saxe Lafayette (F), **Nevers** Mercure Pont de Loire (F), **Paris** Pullman Rive Gauche (F)

Dates and Prices

View the following dates and prices to find just the right date for your vacation. Below you'll find the date you'll depart, the date the vacation starts and date you'll return.

Once you've selected your date, you'll move to the next step to get an airfare quote and to begin booking your vacation. When you book your flights with us, you'll find we offer competitive and hassle-free airfares, plus you'll receive free airport transfers, flights coordinated with vacation dates and you'll avoid strict internet terms and conditions.

Departure Details	Departure Date	Tour Start Date	Return Date	Land/Cruise Price	Status
	4/28/2009	4/29/2009	5/8/2009	\$2,599.00	Please Call
	7/21/2009	7/22/2009	7/31/2009	\$2,599.00	Book Now!
	8/11/2009	8/12/2009	8/21/2009	\$2,599.00	Book Now!
	9/28/2009	9/29/2009	10/8/2009	\$2,599.00	Book Now!
	10/13/2009	10/14/2009	10/23/2009	\$2,599.00	Please Call

US\$ Price Details

- Applicable air fare taxes and fees

Single room supplement:

\$814, \$855 (2010: 0428)

Triple room reduction per person:

\$28, \$29 (2010: 0428)

Extra nights per person in Paris:

Apr. '09: in single room \$270, in twin room \$145, in triple room \$140
in single room \$325, in twin room \$174, in triple room \$168

2010 departures are subject to itinerary and price modification.

Our Volume Buying Power Saves You Money!

- We may be able to provide you with flight arrangements from your gateway city.
- Additional accommodations before or after your tour may be available at our low prices.

Additional Information:

- Departure/arrival taxes and fares from other cities will be advised at the time of booking.
- 2008, 2009 & 2010 vacation itineraries and prices are subject to change.

Guaranteed Air-Inclusive Price:

Air-inclusive prices do not include a September 11th fee up to \$10, passenger facility charges of up to \$18, Federal domestic flight segment fees of up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure and other government imposed fees of up to \$300 depending on your itinerary. Please see the Applicable Airfare Taxes and Fee link above for more information.

Air booked in conjunction with a land vacation is considered an air-inclusive vacation. Air can only be booked by Globus in conjunction with a land package and is only available for passengers traveling from the United States. For vacation departures in 2008, your final air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed when your air schedule had been confirmed and your entire vacation package has been paid in full. For vacation departures in 2009, an additional \$250 non-refundable deposit (total \$500 non-refundable) is required for air booked in conjunction with any land vacation and your final air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed when your flight information is confirmed and Globus has received your full land and air deposit.

Not Included in the Vacation Price:

Federal inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; International Air Transportation tax;

agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities; airport taxes and fees including the September 11th Security fee up to \$10 per person, Passenger facility charges up to \$18 per person, Federal domestic flight segment fees up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure, and other government imposed fees up to \$300 per person; port taxes; passports; visas and vaccinations; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ships' crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted Globus menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); optional excursions; airport transfers on non-qualifying flights; portage at airports and train stations; Travel Protection premiums; all airline imposed baggage fees (including internal flights); and all other items of a personal nature.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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