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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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his is no coach tour, but rather an immersion program designed to introduce you to life in Paris and its environs from a native's point of view. Travel by Metro and TGV rail as you immerse yourself in a program that showcases Paris and provincial France. Spend 10 nights in a Paris apartment located in the beautiful neighborhood of Bercy Village, just minutes by Metro from the city center. Cruise the Seine, smell the roses in the Tuileries Gardens and still have time to linger in leafy courtyards, nibble airy macarons, browse French antique stores and follow your heart down cobblestone lanes. We will spread our wings and visit Dijon, the ancient capital of Burgundy; the palace and gardens of Versailles; and the ancient port city of Rouen, the capital of Normandy. Expert lectures and guides will help us make the most of every moment, from navigating some of the world's greatest art collections to walking history lessons about the French Revolution and more.

- Make Paris your own while enjoying 10 nights of **apartment-style living**.
- Embrace personality-packed neighborhoods during three escorted walking excursions through **Le Marais, the Latin Quarter** and **Saint-Germain-des-Prés**.
- Deepen your understanding of Paris' history and culture during four **insightful lectures**.
- Bypass long entrance lines with the **Paris Museum Pass**.
- Venture beyond Paris during three excursions to outlying towns, including **Versailles, Dijon and Rouen**.
- **Cruise the Seine** and the Canal Saint-Martin on an exclusively chartered boat.
- Travel like a local by **Metro and TGV**, France's famed high-speed train.

| UNESCO |

The UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program are **Paris, Banks of the Seine; the Palace and Park of Versailles; and the Cathedral of Notre-Dame**.

Howdy, Ags!

Embrace Paris like never before during this 10-night adventure featuring apartment-style living and the perfect balance of enlightening lectures, fascinating walking tours, must-see landmarks, exciting excursions and ample free time.

Travel experts have meticulously planned this program, from a briefing on how to use the popular and convenient Paris Metro like a local, to expertly guided neighborhood walking tours and preferred access to popular attractions. For instance, before visiting the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay, learn the ins and outs during educational lectures and then bypass the long lines with a valuable Museum Pass.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with plenty of time to pursue your own interests. Enjoy the camaraderie of exploring Paris and beyond with an intimate group of fellow travelers and still have time to follow your own path.

Space on this amazing journey is limited. So be sure to make your reservations today.

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac

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Director, Travel Programs

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“Great trip, wonderful experiences and the groups are exceptional.”

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The Louvre



The Seine and Notre-Dame

Grand and glamorous, epic and dramatic, stylish and cosmopolitan, Paris is perhaps the most magnificent city in the world. The iconic architecture, artistic treasures, unparalleled cuisine and century upon century of history can leave a rushed traveler breathless. But take the time to stroll its intimate quarters, chat with neighborhood shopkeepers and unwind in tranquil churchyards and gardens and you'll come to know Paris' village-like soul. Each intimate quarter has its own sagas and legends; its own exuberant mood and rhythm; its own romantic side streets. Spend 10 nights in Paris and the memories will stay with you forever.

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart for Paris, France. †

†Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY TWO

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PARIS

Upon arrival in Paris, transfer † to the Adagio Bercy, located in the Bercy Village near the Seine, Parc de Bercy and the convenient Cour Saint-Emilion Metro station.

Become acquainted with the easy-to-use Paris Metro system this afternoon before taking a walking tour of the Bercy neighborhood.

This evening, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner at a Parisian restaurant.



Arc de Triomphe

DAY THREE

B | D

PARIS

Lecture: *The Story of Paris.* Enjoy a historic perspective before venturing into the city.

Excursion: *Paris by Boat.* This morning, board a private boat and cruise the Seine. Glide past the Tuileries Gardens, Île de la Cité, Notre-Dame and Île Saint-Louis before entering the tranquil, leafy Canal Saint-Martin.

Independent Exploration: This afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps browse the art galleries and stylish boutiques, visit the Musée Picasso or stroll the regal Place des Vosges, Paris' first square.

Local Flavor: Enjoy dinner at one of the city's many excellent restaurants.



DAY FOUR

B

PARIS

Independent Exploration: Enjoy a morning of independent exploration.

Excursion: *Le Marais.* Marais means “marsh,” but this neighborhood is much more elegant than its name. Explore the heart of artistic and cultural life in Paris on a walking tour of this intimate neighborhood, once the nucleus of Jewish life.

DAY FIVE

B

VERSAILLES

Excursion: *Versailles.* Explore France’s grandest palace, including the Hall of Mirrors where the Treaty of Versailles was signed. Just a short trip out of the city, the baroque chateau was the kingdom’s political capital and the seat of the royal court from 1682 until 1789. A headset rental is included so that you can explore at your own pace.

DAY SIX

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BURGUNDY

Excursion: *Bourgogne.* Travel Le TGV, France’s high-speed train, to Dijon, capital of Burgundy, to discover the town’s landmarks,

including stately stone mansions, a trio of churches and half-timbered homes from the 15th and 16th centuries.

Local Flavor: Take a break for lunch at a restaurant in Dijon.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy some time at leisure before returning to Paris.

DAY SEVEN

B

PARIS

Lecture: *The Treasures of D’Orsay.* The famous Musée d’Orsay showcases French art of the 1800s and early 1900s, including works by Manet, Monet, Renoir, Degas, Van Gogh, Cézanne and Gauguin. Enjoy an expert overview of the museum and the impressionist movement during a morning lecture.

Independent Exploration: Enter the Musée d’Orsay with insider insights, and relish the impressionist masterpieces at your leisure.



Bercy Village

Slow Paris, or Paris Like a Local

Many visitors to Paris have just enough time to zip through the top attractions. The fortunate ones have time to live like a Parisian and relish the moments. Relax with a warm croissant and a morning paper in a timeworn café. Wander the flower market on peaceful Île de la Cité. Go underground to see the eerie catacombs or find the gemlike Sainte Chapelle and be dazzled by the heavenly stained glass on a sunny day. Observe the proper culinary rituals, including a break at legendary Ladurée for melty, rainbow-colored macarons or ice cream from Berthillon, followed by a pleasant stroll on Île Saint-Louis. Spend time procuring the perfect picnic ingredients: wine, berries, an oven-fresh baguette and cheeses from a fragrant fromagerie. Find the right picnic patch at Luxembourg Gardens, the gardens behind Les Invalides or the elegant Place des Vosges. At dusk, stroll the banks of the Seine or rest on the grassy Champs de Mars and wait for the moment when the lights illuminate the Eiffel Tower. Seek out live jazz at low-key, lamp-lit clubs and dip into warm moelleux au chocolat at a neighborhood bistro where French couples linger late into the eve.



Above: Inside the Louvre

Right: Mona Lisa, Louvre



DAY EIGHT PARIS

B

Lecture: *Treasures of the Louvre.*

Constructed as a fortress in the 12th century and rebuilt as a royal residence in the 16th century, the Louvre is home to arguably the world's greatest art collection. Learn about the museum and the best way for you to approach it during this valuable lecture.

Independent Exploration: Navigate the Louvre with ease. Afterward, treat yourself to a gelato as you stroll through the Jardin des Tuileries or sneak away to Palais-Royal, one of Paris' most romantic gardens.

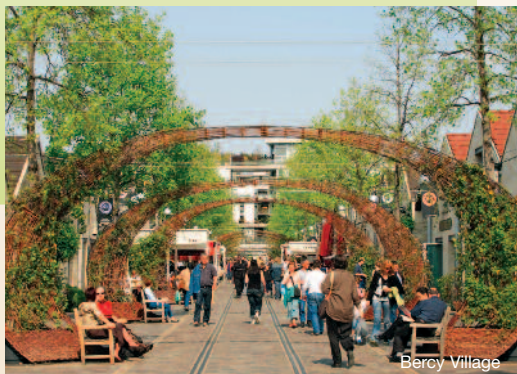
DAY NINE PARIS

B

Lecture: *Contemporary France.* Learn

Bercy Village

Tucked away in Paris' 12th arrondissement, Bercy Village once housed the largest wine market in the world. A decade ago, the dozens of small white-stone warehouses were meticulously restored. Today, they are home to an inviting collection of shops and restaurants. The friendly open-air village features cobblestone lanes, leafy terraces and the tracks once used to move wine barrels in and out of storage. Next door, the modern Parc de Bercy, located right on the Seine, includes a rose garden, small vineyard, herb-filled scent garden, shaded lawns and a peaceful lake. Nearby, a noted Frank Gehry-designed film house shows classic French films.



about issues and events that are shaping modern France.

Excursion: Paris and World War II. Stroll the neighborhood of Saint-Germain-des-Prés and learn about Paris during the Occupation during this fascinating walking tour. This charming district dotted with storied cafes was a meeting place for artists, writers and intellectuals.

Independent Exploration: Make the most of an afternoon at leisure.

DAY TEN

B

ROUEN

Excursion: Rouen. Journey to the ancient city of Rouen, the capital of Normandy, in comfort aboard the regional train. An expert guide leads us past half-timbered houses

along medieval Rue du Gros-Horloge and to Cathédrale Notre Dame, painted repeatedly by Claude Monet, who was fascinated by the play of light on its towering façade. Hear the haunting story of Joan of Arc, who was burned at the stake in Rouen's central square in 1431.

DAY ELEVEN

B | D

PARIS

Excursion: The French Revolution.

Learn about the French Revolution as you explore the Latin Quarter with a guide. Named for the scholars who spoke Latin in this intellectual hub, the quarter is filled with history. See the hall where Danton and the radical Cordeliers' club held their debates, visit the oldest café in Paris and hear about the guillotine and the death of Marat.

Independent Exploration: Relish the last afternoon of your adventure in Paris. Consider window shopping with locals or seeing something new off the beaten path. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner

DAY TWELVE

B

After breakfast, transfer⁺ to the airport for your journey home.

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Included meals indicated each day as B | L | D = Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner.



ADAGIO PARIS BERCY VILLAGE PARIS

Feel right at home in your own Parisian pied-à-terre. The Adagio Paris Bercy Village features 142 apartments with equipped kitchens, bathtubs and other amenities that are hard to find in European accommodations. Wi-Fi is also available for your convenience. The one-bedroom units have separate living rooms. The Adagio is located just steps from the Parc de Bercy, the banks of the Seine and Bercy Village shopping and dining center, which is connected to the Cour Saint-Emilion Metro station. The hotel is a short Metro ride from Gare de Lyon and Gare Saint-Lazare, the termini for two of France's national rail routes. Enjoy easy access to Paris' landmarks from this apartment-style hotel.



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(1) _____ (2) _____
Class Year Class Year

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Accommodations desired: Studio Apartment or One-Bedroom Apartment

Land and AHI FlexAir Program

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round trip AHI FlexAir to and from Paris, France, to depart from:

Departure City _____

- Please contact me regarding air options.
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Land Only Program

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.
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RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPANT: This program includes accommodations in an apartment in Paris, France. It is the responsibility of each participant to leave his/her apartment at the conclusion of the program in as good a condition as it was when the program began. Participants may be assessed charges for repairs or cleaning required due to damage beyond normal wear and tear caused or permitted by a participant.

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June 6-16, 2015

	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
B0 — Studio	\$3,545	\$250	\$3,295*
B1 — One-Bedroom Apartment	\$4,145	\$250	\$3,895*

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel. VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air program costs (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are available for both categories with limited availability. The single supplement is \$995 for the Studio and \$1,495 for the One-Bedroom Apartment.



Street artist

AHI FLEXAIR

June 5-16, 2015

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ITINERARY

- Day 1** Depart Gateway City[†]
- Day 2** Paris
- Day 3** Paris
- Day 4** Paris
- Day 5** Versailles
- Day 6** Burgundy
- Day 7** Paris
- Day 8** Paris
- Day 9** Paris
- Day 10** Normandy
- Day 11** Paris
- Day 12** Return to Gateway City[†]

Note: Itinerary subject to change. This program is designed for active alumni and includes moderate daily walking. Your Travel Director will describe the length and difficulty level.

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| INCLUDED FEATURES |

ACCOMMODATIONS

- **10 nights** in **Paris, France**, at the first-class **Adagio Paris Bercy Village**.

MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including 10 breakfasts, one lunch and three dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend festive **Welcome** and **Farewell Receptions** and **Dinners**.

TRANSPORTATION

- All **deluxe motor coach transfers** and **TGV train rides** in the Land Program itinerary.
- **Metro ticket package** to be used on included excursions and individual explorations.

YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

(For full details, see the day-by-day itinerary.)

- **Informative educational programs** presented by local experts to enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- A **Paris Museum Pass** provides entry to the d'Orsay and Louvre museums after learning about the museums and their collections during informative lectures. The pass also allows you to bypass long lines.
- **All excursions:**
 - Explore the Bercy neighborhood, your home during your 10-night stay in Paris.
 - Take a leisurely cruise on the Seine River and through the Canal Saint-Martin.
 - Stroll through Le Marais.
 - Marvel at the wonders of Versailles.
 - Explore the city of Dijon, capital of Burgundy.
 - See significant sites during the occupation of Paris during World War II.
 - Journey to Rouen, capital of Normandy.
 - Discover the highlights of the Latin Quarter.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

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- **Tipping** of all guides and drivers.
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Top to bottom:

A bicycle ride through a Paris neighborhood
Outdoor cafe, Paris
Clock, Musée D'Orsay
Metro sign

Cover photo:

View of Eiffel Tower from Pont Alexandre III



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