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## Inspiring Moments

# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Take time to stroll Paris' intimate quarters, chat with neighborhood shopkeepers and unwind in tranquil gardens and churchyards, and you'll come to know the city's soul.

*Above: View from Notre Dame Cathedral*

- ▶ Explore **Le Marais**, a historic neighborhood that has emerged as a modern-day favorite of Parisians for its chic boutiques and trendy galleries.
- ▶ Savor a special **lunch at a luxurious 15th-century mansion** in Dijon.
- ▶ See the sun dip behind Paris' most beautiful landmarks during a late-afternoon **cruise on the Seine**.
- ▶ Marvel at some of the world's greatest works of art and antiquities with a **two-day Museum Pass** that allows you to bypass long lines.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of Louis XIV, the Sun King, in the Hall of Mirrors at the **Palace of Versailles**.



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## Howdy, Ags!

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 traveler breathless. This program seamlessly blends planned excursions and leisure time so you can linger when your heart desires or revisit a neighborhood that has charmed you.

From tickets for the convenient Paris Métro to expertly guided walking tours, travel experts have meticulously planned this immersive journey. 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. Be sure to make your reservations today!

Gig 'em!

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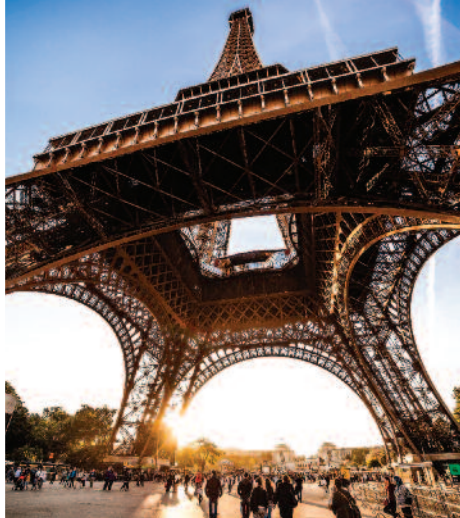
Two of France's UNESCO World Heritage sites are featured in this program:

1. **Paris, Banks of the Seine**
2. **Palace and Park of Versailles**





National Archives Building



Le Marais

Welcome to Paris! Cruise the Seine, smell the roses in the Versailles gardens and still have time to linger in leafy courtyards, nibble airy macarons, browse French antique stores and follow your heart down cobblestone lanes. Spread your wings and visit Dijon, the ancient capital of Burgundy, and the palace of Versailles. Expert lecturers and guides will help you 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.

#### DAY ONE

##### IN TRANSIT

Depart for Paris, France. †

#### DAY TWO

##### PARIS, FRANCE

Upon arrival, transfer † to the Hotel l'Echiquier Opera Paris.

**Excursion: *Welcome to Paris.*** Orient yourself with the neighborhood around your hotel on a walking tour and get a briefing on the Métro, Paris' famous subway system, from your Travel Director.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

#### ACTIVE TRAVEL for CULTURAL EXPLORERS

Immersion Programs are moderately paced with a good balance of included activities and excursions and time to explore on your own. Travelers should be physically fit, able to walk distances of up to 3 miles, exit and enter trains quickly and navigate stairs, hills and uneven terrain.

#### DAY THREE

##### PARIS

**Educational Focus: *The History of Paris.***

Discover Paris' rich past before venturing into the city.

**Excursion: *Le Marais.*** Explore the heart of artistic and cultural life in Paris in this trendy, yet intimate, neighborhood. Marais means "marsh," but this neighborhood is much more elegant than its name.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy some time at leisure to discover the city. You may wish to stay in Le Marais, where the narrow lanes give you an idea of what the area looked like during the Middle Ages. Browse through art galleries and stylish boutiques or stroll through Place des Vosges, Paris' first square.

**Excursion: *Paris by Boat.*** Cruise the Seine River for a different perspective of Paris. Float past Notre Dame Cathedral, Ile St. Louis, the Louvre Museum and the French Institute. End your cruise near the Musée d'Orsay.

#### DAY FOUR

##### PARIS

**Excursion: *The French Revolution.*** Learn about the French Revolution on guided walk through the Sixth Arrondissement, a historic

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Cruising the Seine River

neighborhood with strong ties to the French Revolution. See the hall where Danton and the radical Cordeliers held their debates, visit the oldest café in Paris and hear about the guillotine and the death of Marat.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy lunch on your own and some time at leisure. Continue your exploration of the Sixth Arrondissement, which includes the Latin Quarter, so named because this has been the intellectual hub of Paris for centuries. The Sorbonne, Paris' famous university, is nearby, and the streets are lined with bookstores, cafés and more. Stroll through the Luxembourg Gardens for a look at a classic French garden or visit the abbey of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, the oldest church in the city.

DAY FIVE

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PARIS

**Educational Focus:** *Treasures of the Louvre.* Learn about the collections at the Louvre, Paris' most famous museum, and decide what areas of the museum you would like to see. Today offers you the chance to visit the museum with your included two-day museum pass.

**Independent Exploration:** The morning and afternoon are at leisure to explore Paris. With all the information from today's lecture about the Louvre fresh in your mind, you may want to visit this vaunted museum.

DAY SIX

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PARIS

**Educational Focus:** *Treasures of the 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.

**Independent Exploration:** The day is at leisure to explore Paris. You may wish to use your museum pass to visit the d'Orsay to see the collections you learned about this morning.

DAY SEVEN

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DIJON

**Excursion:** *Bourgogne.* Travel to Dijon on a high-speed TGV train. Discover the historic sites of this charming Burgundian town. Admire stately mansions, churches and half-timbered homes dating from the 15th century.



The Louvre



**Local Flavor:** Take a break for lunch at a luxurious, historic home in Dijon.

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

DAY EIGHT

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**VERSAILLES**

**Excursion: Versailles.** Travel by train to Versailles to see France’s grandest palace on a guided tour. Versailles was France’s political capital and seat of the royal court from 1682-1789. The Treaty of Versailles was signed in the famed Hall of Mirrors.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy your final afternoon in Paris at leisure.

Join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY NINE

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**IN TRANSIT**

After breakfast, transfer✈ to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

*Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ Provided for AHI FlexAir participants

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

(With baggage handling.)

- Seven nights in Paris, France, at the first-class L’Echiquier Opéra Paris Hotel.

**MEALS**

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, featuring seven breakfasts, one lunch and two dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

**YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM**

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- **Ten-ticket Métro package** for included excursions.
- **Two-day Paris Museum Pass** that allows you to skip long entrance lines.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- **All excursions:**
  - Explore Le Marais.
  - See the highlights of Paris during an afternoon Seine River cruise.
  - Delve into Paris’ role in the French Revolution.
  - Visit the Burgundian town of Dijon.
  - Stroll through the opulent, historic halls of Versailles.



## AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

*Before you go:*

### ► **TRAVEL CONSULTANTS** |

These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

### ► **PASSENGER SERVICE**

**REPRESENTATIVE** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

### ► **TRAVEL INFORMATION** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to fully prepare you for your journey.

*Once you arrive:*

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

### ► **TRAVEL DIRECTOR** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.

### ► **EXPERT GUIDES** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.

### ► **LECTURERS** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



## L'ECHIQUIER OPÉRA PARIS HOTEL PARIS

Enjoy accommodations in the heart of the city. Our travel experts have carefully selected this first-class property for its prime location. It is ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to fully enjoy your stay.



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Name(s) you would like on your name badge(s):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

### Land Program and AHI FlexAir

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Departure City

- Please contact me regarding air options.
- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

### Land Only Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

### Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$745 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are to be paid in full by **March 20, 2017** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

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Enclosed is a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$600/person) to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

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# LAND PROGRAM

June 4-11, 2017

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\$3,295\*

\*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 transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$745 (limited availability).

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