



FRANCE

ELEGANCE IN EVERY SEASON



France captivates travelers with its romance, history, and refined lifestyle. From the dazzling Eiffel Tower in Paris to the lavender-scented hills of Provence and the sunlit shores of the French Riviera, every journey reveals a new chapter in France's story. Each region invites exploration—whether through iconic landmarks, scenic landscapes, or cultural treasures.

Travel experiences in France are a delight for every visitor. Cruise along the Seine beneath glittering city lights, wander through bustling village markets, or uncover centuries of history in medieval castles and world-class museums. Wine lovers can savor tastings in Bordeaux, while adventurers may hike the trails of the French Alps or stroll through picturesque coastal towns.

The French way of life adds charm to every trip. With its deep-rooted traditions in art, philosophy, and fashion, France embodies the celebrated “art de vivre” the art of living well. Cuisine elevates the journey: from buttery croissants and artisan cheeses to gourmet classics like coq au vin and escargots. Each sip of wine in a vineyard and each step along cobble streets blends elegance with vibrant modern life, ensuring travelers leave with unforgettable memories.



ICONIC FRANCE LANDMARKS



EIFFEL TOWER (PARIS)

An enduring symbol of France, the Eiffel Tower rises gracefully over Paris, offering breathtaking panoramic views from its three observation levels. Built for the 1889 World's Fair, its intricate ironwork and impressive engineering continue to captivate visitors. By day, admire the sweeping vistas of the city's landmarks; by night, watch as the tower sparkles with thousands of lights, creating an unforgettable romantic atmosphere.

MONT SAINT-MICHEL (NORMANDY)

Rising dramatically from the tidal waters of Normandy, Mont Saint-Michel is a fairytale vision of stone walls, spires, and winding medieval streets. The abbey, perched at the summit, offers sweeping views of the bay and surrounding coastline. Accessible by a causeway, this UNESCO World Heritage site transforms with the tides, creating a magical experience that feels suspended between land and sea, history and legend.



PALACE OF VERSAILLES

A testament to the grandeur of France's royal history, the Palace of Versailles dazzles with its opulent architecture, lavish interiors, and perfectly manicured gardens. Once the residence of Louis XIV, it boasts treasures like the shimmering Hall of Mirrors, the King's and Queen's Apartments, and ornate fountains. Wander through acres of landscaped parkland and experience the pinnacle of French classical design and artistry.

LOUVRE MUSEUM (PARIS)

The Louvre is not just the world's largest art museum, it's a treasure trove of human creativity and history. Home to masterpieces like Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa and the ancient Venus de Milo, its vast collections span civilizations from ancient Egypt to the modern era. The museum's iconic glass pyramid welcomes millions each year to explore its galleries, making it an essential stop for culture lovers.



CHÂTEAU DE CHAMBORD (LOIRE VALLEY)

One of the Loire Valley's most majestic châteaux, Chambord is a Renaissance marvel blending French tradition and Italian innovation. With over 400 rooms, 80 staircases, including Leonardo da Vinci-inspired double helix stairs, and intricate towers, it's a feast for the eyes. Surrounded by forests, gardens, and vineyards, this UNESCO-listed estate embodies the grandeur of French nobility and the beauty of the countryside.

MORE TO KNOW ABOUT FRANCE



TRADITIONAL MUSIC & DANCE

France's musical heritage is as diverse as its landscapes, blending accordion melodies from Parisian cafés, spirited Breton folk dances, and soulful Corsican chants. In city squares and village festivals, you might find lively street performers, costumed dancers, or open-air concerts. Each region preserves its own rhythms and traditions, making music and dance a vibrant expression of French culture and history.

HANDCRAFTED SOUVENIRS

From the fragrant soaps of Provence to the intricate lace of Alençon, France is a treasure trove of artisanal goods. Browse Limoges porcelain, Parisian fashion accessories, and regional ceramics at bustling markets and small ateliers. Glassware, hand-painted pottery, and embroidered linens are often crafted using centuries-old techniques, offering authentic keepsakes that reflect the artistry and cultural heritage of each region.



FRENCH CUISINE

France is a culinary paradise where every region boasts distinct flavors and traditions. Savor fresh baguettes, rich foie gras, hearty cassoulet, vegetable-packed ratatouille, and sweet crêpes. Meals are cherished rituals, meant to be savored slowly with good company. From Michelin-starred dining rooms to countryside bistros, the focus is on quality ingredients, refined preparation, and the joy of sharing food together.

WINE & CHEESE CULTURE

France offers an unparalleled tasting journey with over 300 cheeses and world-renowned wine regions like Bordeaux, Burgundy, Champagne, and Alsace. Pair creamy brie with sparkling Champagne or tangy Roquefort with a robust red. Visit sun-drenched vineyards, from rustic family-run estates to grand châteaux, to witness winemaking traditions and sample vintages at the source, embracing a cornerstone of French culture and lifestyle.



LANGUAGE & ETIQUETTE

In France, courtesy is key. A warm “Bonjour” when entering shops or meeting someone sets the tone. The French value refined manners, tasteful attire, and engaging conversation. Dining etiquette, such as keeping hands on the table and savoring courses, reflects a culture of elegance. Even a few French phrases can open doors, showing respect for local customs and enhancing your travel experience.



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DISCOVER PARIS & NORMANDY

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Your 7-day France vacation package by rail begins in Paris, one of the most inspiring cities in the world. Packed with attractions and monuments, from the antique to the most modern and cosmopolitan, the city takes nothing for granted. Come and take a tour to France. Delight in an included tour of Paris' splendors - the Eiffel Tower, Palais Royal, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, and the designer shops along the Champs Elysees - a tree-lined beauty, full of elegant cafes, theaters and shops developed by Louis XV.

PROVENCE & RIVIERA

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Travel to France and explore Provence's rugged beauty and rustic charms that continue to captivate hearts. This eight day France vacation tour adventure begins in charming Avignon. A short motor-coach ride to Orange, a UNESCO world heritage site, will indoctrinate travelers in the imperial Roman past that influenced this region for centuries and is best seen in the crumbling antiquities of Nimes and Aix-en- Provence.



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FRANCE'S FINE WINES & CUISINE

BORDEAUX | CARCASSONNE | SARLAT

The best of gourmet meals and world-famous wines combine with breathtaking surroundings on this unique wine and gastronomy experience. On this France vacation you will enjoy: Seven momentous wine tastings of some of France's prestigious wines such as Grand Cru Classe of Saint Emilion and Grand Crus and Crus Bourgeois. Continue your tour of France in Saint-Beauzeil and participate in a hands-on cooking lesson with renowned Chef Guy Heraut, followed by a lunch to savor the fruits of your culinary work.

PARIS, PROVENCE & FRENCH RIVIERA

PARIS | AVIGNON | NICE

Experience France on a nine-day rail journey through Paris, Provence, and the French Riviera. Enjoy three nights each in Paris and Nice, plus two nights in Avignon, with first-class rail and hotels included. Explore Paris at your own pace, from the Arc de Triomphe to Notre Dame, or take an optional Versailles excursion.



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