

Mothers-Daughters-Granddaughters

Ladies to Paris - August 1 - 7, 2018

\$2400 per person land only: \$3850 including air.



Day 1 – August 1 – Depart US for Paris.

Day 2 – August 2 - Arrive Paris

Arriving in Paris we will be met by our English speaking guide who will direct us to our coach for our transfer to our hotel in Paris – Hotel Pont Royal on the fashionable left bank in the St-Germain des Pres. www.hotel-pont-royal.com - the hotel has quite a literary history and is most convenient to all we will do in the city.

After we drop off our luggage, (rooms will not be ready for occupancy till the afternoon) we will depart with our English speaking guide for a walking tour of the Ile de la Cite & Ile St Louis.

Walking tour in the Ile de la cite & Notre Dame

Despite being the birthplace of Paris, these two neighboring islands, embraced by the arms of the Seine, are very different. On the Île de la Cité, amid a flurry of uniforms and lawyers' gowns, you will go from one historic site to another: place Dauphine, the Conciergerie, Sainte-Chapelle, Hôtel-Dieu, and Notre-Dame. The Pont Saint-Louis marks the boundary – often with music – beyond which lies the tranquility of sumptuous mansion houses and a refuge for artists and poets: the Île Saint-Louis. This Ile is also a haven for gourmets if you judge by the profusion of restaurants, cafés, ice-cream makers and confectioners, whose tempting windows line the rue Saint-Louis-en-l'Île.



Continuing our walk on the Ile St Louis we will enjoy an Ice Cream at Berthillon!!

Berthillon is widely believed to be the best ice cream in France, and according to many ice cream fans, possibly the best in the world. Unlike other ice cream brands like Baskin Robbins or Ben & Jerry's, Berthillon ice cream is not into mass marketing or mass production. Nevertheless, ask in anyone in Paris about Berthillon ice cream and they'll instantly know what you are talking about.



Less touristy and more Bourgeois than the île de la Cité, the Île Saint-Louis is most pleasant for a stroll in the city. It has remained almost the same for nearly 4 centuries, its architecture and its atmosphere of independent village make the Island an ideal place for a walk in any season.

The Ile Saint-Louis originally included two islands: the island of cows, which was a pasture field, and the island Notre Dame, which was used in the Middle Ages for judicial duels. In the early 17th century, after the creation of the Place de Vosges, it was decided to join the two islands to create a bridge between the right and left banks.



This afternoon we will provide you with tickets to enjoy an hour cruise on the Seine, and at your leisure. Afterward you may go back to the hotel to “check in”, just a short nap, and shopping at nearby Bon Marche! Dinner locations abound in the neighborhood and we will provide a list of suggestions.



- **RIVER CRUISE – VEDETTE DE PARIS - 1 hour**

From the Louvre Museum to the Cathedral Notre-Dame, passing by the Eiffel Tower, discover the most beautiful monuments in Paris the time of a cruise on our boats along the Seine. The cruise departs from Paris’ oldest bridge, the Pont-Neuf, lasts an hour and is commented by our guides in French and in English. Pont Neuf is at the tip of Ile de la Cite and you may walk back to the hotel.



DAY 3 – Friday, August 03rd 2018

9am -1 pm –After breakfast at the hotel, we will meet our English speaking guide & our driver and depart by coach for a panoramic tour of Paris, The Neighborhoods of Paris, including the Montparnass Tower, Invalides, Opera, Madeleine Church , Latin Quarter and Saint Germain des prés, Bastille, République, Beaubourg, City Hall, and Palais Royal.



We also explore the Place de la Concorde, Avenue des Champs Elysees and the Arc de Triomphe among other main sites within the city.



1pm – end of the tour at the Tuileries Gardens where you can enjoy the Carrousel or Ferris Wheel and watch the little boats on the pond! Lunch at nearby rue Rivoli at a choice of places.

This afternoon we will provide you with:

- Tickets for the Orangerie Museum
- Tickets for d'Orsay Museum – very close to our hotel.

L'Orangerie Museum

Six great intellectuals recently described the museum chosen and arranged by Claude Monet to showcase his “testamentary” masterpieces as “Unique in its genre”. Next to the Nymphs, “the haven of peaceful meditation”, a gift to modern man with his “overworked nerves”, the Orangerie offers a fabulous concentration of masterpieces from the Jean Walter and Paul Guillaume Collection, a highly original insight into modern art featuring Cézanne, Renoir, Picasso, Rousseau, Matisse, Derain, Modigliani, Soutine, Utrillo and Laurencin.



ORSAY MUSEUM

The outstanding collection of Impressionist paintings, formerly exhibited in overcrowded conditions in the Jeu de Paume museum, is now displayed to infinitely better advantage in the Musée d'Orsay, opened in 1986. Set in a disused railway station, modern galleries on four levels have been constructed, yet these renovations are in keeping with the fin-de-siècle character of the original 1900 structure.

It provides an appropriate setting for a museum devoted to the art of the second half of the 19th century and the spirited brilliance of the Belle Epoque.

DAY 4 – Saturday, August 04th 2018

9am – 1 pm – We will meet our English speaking guide in the lobby of our hotel and depart for a visit of Montmartre.

Montmartre is a very picturesque area, with lots of painters on the famous Place du Tertre, and tiny touristy stores. The area is located on a hill, with an amazing view over Paris. Walk through the narrow, winding streets, and discover where Picasso and Toulouse-Lautrec lived and worked when they were young. You might also wish to visit the famous Sacré Coeur Church.



1pm- End of the tour at Montmartre
Afternoon at leisure for lunch and shopping.

DAY 5 – Sunday, August 05th 2018

9am – 1 pm – We will meet our guide in the lobby of your hotel and departure by public transportation for a visit of the Marais & Picasso Museum.

Start by a visit of the Marais

The Marais is one of Paris' oldest and most dazzling quarters. First developed in the 12th century, the Marais, which means "swamp" and once was one, went from being a royal favorite under Henri IV and Louis XIII, to falling into ruin after the Revolution of 1789. Since its revival in the 1960's, it has shone as a center of Parisian artistic and cultural life.

The Marais is one of the only areas that preserves the narrow streets and architectural styles of Medieval and Renaissance-era Paris. Most of Paris was overhauled in the mid-19th century under the direction of Napoleon III and architect Baron Georges Eugène Haussmann.

We will visit the newly reopened and acclaimed Picasso Museum in The Marais to conclude our tour.

The collection is displayed inside the Hôtel Salé which was renovated for the occasion, located in the heart of the Marais district.

This unique collection is composed of 5,000 pieces by the artist, more than 200,000 personal archives, and his own collection of some 150 works (Matisse, Cézanne, Le Douanier Rousseau, etc.)



DAY 6 – Monday, August 06th 2018

Today you will receive tickets for the Skip The Line at the Eiffel Tower. They are time specific within three months of the visit and we will request 10am and 10:15am tickets. Not guided, but “on your own”. You will also receive Skip the Line tickets for the Louvre Museum where Mona Lisa awaits your visit!! And – you may opt for a bike tour of Paris which is three hours and guided. This is an optional event and not included in the costs of the trip.

DAY 7 – Tuesday, August 07th 2018

Meet your Driver at your hotel and private transfer by coach to Paris CDG airport.

AUGUST AND DINING IN PARIS: Yes, many of the restaurants and fine dining Michelin restaurants are closed, but many authentic French cafes and bistros are open and we will provide a list of convenient choices and ideas for you while in Paris.

Last year, our Princess Charlotte trip to England for Mothers/Daughters/Granddaughters sold out quickly. We hope Madeleine’s Paris will be a success too. We try to plan so girls of school age can go with their mothers and grandmothers before school starts and after summer camp/vacations. Our judgement is that your judgement will be best in determining if a child is old enough for international travel. Our group last year ranged from 9 – 21 years for the granddaughters, and the average age was 16. All did great!

EMAIL FOR REGISTRATION FORM: justladiestraveling@gmail.com or call Weezie 336-275-1010.

Included in Cost: \$2400 per person without air, \$3850 per person with American Airlines non stop from Charlotte. We must have 10 air travelers to obtain the group costs of \$1450.

Valid US PASSPORT REQUIRED

- Roundtrip air on American Airlines or you may do your own air. If with the group, you have the option to purchase the “pick your seat” for comfort and some amenities.
- Roundtrip airport transfers

- 5 nights double occupancy Pont Royal Hotel – option for single occupancy additional: \$1000
- Continental Breakfast daily
- Guided walking tour of Ile Cite and Ile St. Louie
- Guided Neighborhoods of Paris tour via motorcoach
- Guided Montmartre Visit
- Guided tour of the Marais, full of Street Art and History
- Tickets for “Skip The Line” Entrance to the following. All are date specific and Eiffel Tower time specific.
These are not guided tours, but visits you can do “on your own”, determine what you want to see and how long you want to visit, but on specific days. (and it is your option if you don’t want to use the tickets)
- River Cruise on Seine on day of arrival August 2
- D’Orsay Museum on August 3
- l’Orangerie Museum – on August 3
- Louvre - August 6
- Eiffel Tower – August 6 and these are time specific and requested for 10am and 10:15 am.
- Gratuities for guides
- Escorted by: Weezie Glascock, Ginny Mabry – and hopefully a granddaughter who be surprised!!

Insurance available for purchase based on age and state of residence.

Deposit of \$750 per person will guarantee space with registration form as soon as possible. **Non refundable and insurance highly suggested!**

Final payment due May 15, 2018 – **non refundable and insurance highly suggested!**

Limited to 18 participants

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