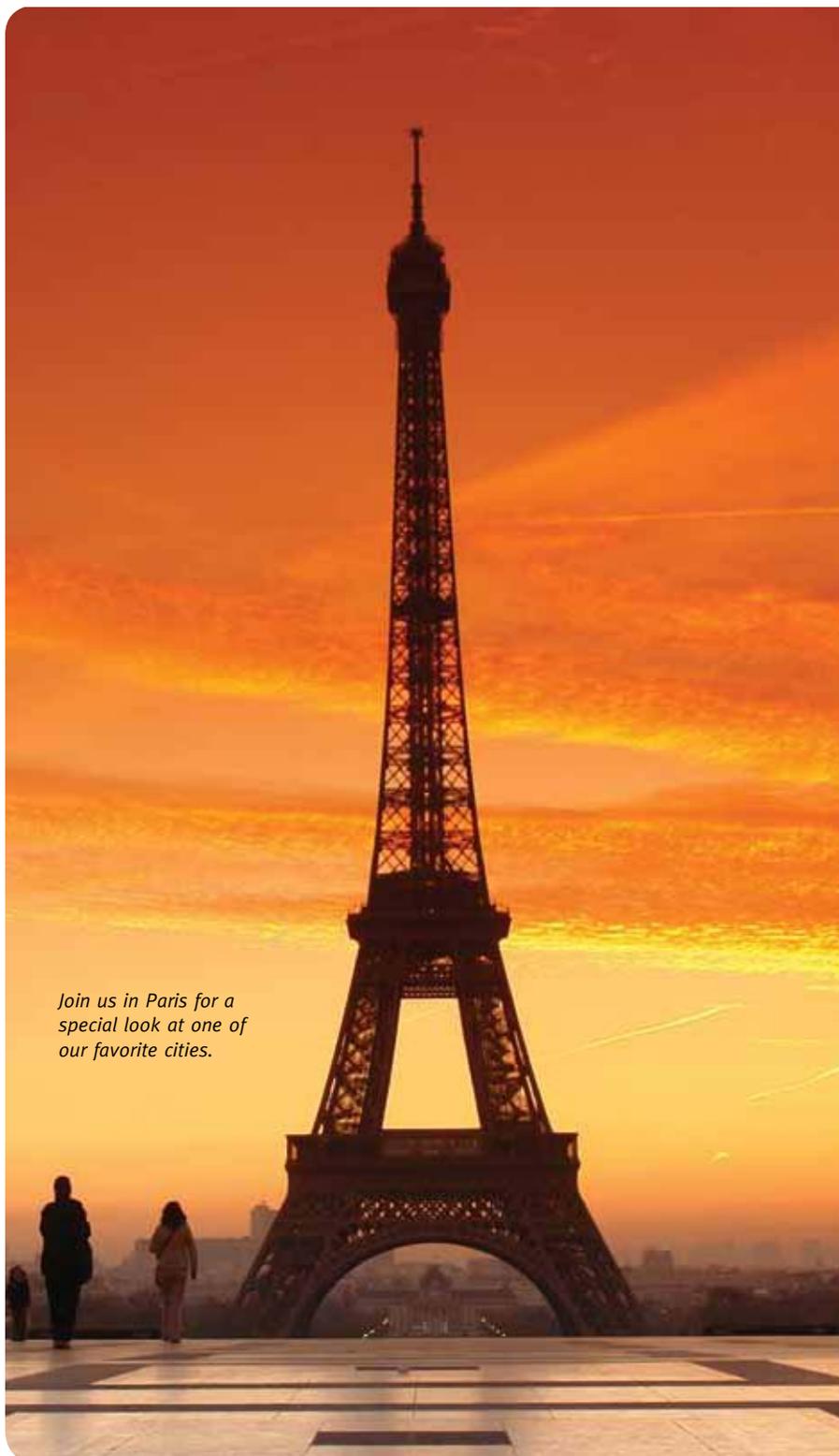


# Signature Series: Unforgettable *Paris*



OCTOBER 13, 2012 | 7 days from only \$2,449\*



*Join us in Paris for a special look at one of our favorite cities.*

## 7-DAY TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip air transportation with a major airline, airport transfers
- The services of a bilingual Go Ahead Tour Director
- A licensed local city guide in Paris, the Louvre and the Musée de L'Orangerie
- 5 nights accommodations in comfortable, well-located hotels with twin beds and private bath or shower
- All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling and local taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily; 1 lunch 1 three-course dinner, 1 private dinner cruise
- Private deluxe motorcoach
- Guided sightseeing and entrance fees to select sights as described
- Go Ahead travel gift and membership in our World Traveler Club, which includes credit toward your next tour

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

**DAY 3:** Explore the impact Americans have had on the City of Light

**DAY 4:** Visit the Loire Valley, where you'll visit Château de Chambord and Château de Chenonceau before a wine tasting.

**DAY 5:** Delve into the works of Claude Monet on a journey to Giverny, followed by a tour of the Musée de L'Orangerie.

**DAY 6:** Discover the hidden treasures within the Louvre, including works by Rubens.

### Insider's Tip

To experience Paris as it was for the "Lost Generation," head to Montmartre. Artists including Dalí, Mondrian and Picasso lived here alongside literary luminaries such as Hemingway, Fitzgerald and T. S. Eliot. You can explore their haunts on a leisurely walk toward Sacré-Cœur, Montmartre's iconic white basilica.



*Indulge in the wines of the Loire Valley.*



*Discover the opulence of France's ancien régime at the Château de Chenonceau.*

#### **DAY 1: FLIGHT TO FRANCE**

Your trip begins with a regularly scheduled overnight flight to Paris aboard an internationally recognized airline.

#### **DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN PARIS**

Welcome to the City of Light! A Go Ahead representative greets you at the airport after you clear customs and escorts you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to begin exploring Paris. Meet your fellow travelers at a welcome reception and then enjoy an included Welcome Dinner. Included meals: breakfast (in flight), dinner

#### **DAY 3: AMERICANS IN PARIS SIGHTSEEING**

This morning's guided sightseeing tour focuses on the imprint Americans have made on Paris. You'll pass by Shakespeare and Company, a Left Bank bookstore where expat writers used to gather to talk shop. You'll also see a bronze replica of the Statue of Liberty at Place des États-Unis, along with statues of George Washington and Lafayette and a memorial to Americans who fought in World War I. Finally, you'll pass by the Texas Legation, a quasi-embassy established during the brief period when Texas was an independent republic. This afternoon, perhaps you'll join our optional excursion to Versailles' Gardens. You'll explore André Le Nôtre's formal gardens and pass by the Trianons, including the private residence of Marie Antoinette. Included meals: breakfast

#### **DAY 4: LOIRE VALLEY**

Embark on a full-day excursion to the nearby Loire Valley. Highlights of your day in the country include visits to Château de Chambord and Château de Chenonceau, where you'll enjoy a specialty lunch in the chateau's orangery. Château de Chambord was designed to suit the short-term needs of King François I; the new chateau, the largest ever built in the Loire Valley, was intended to both intimidate François' rivals and to allow the king to be near his mistress. Château de Chenonceau, by contrast, is known colloquially as the *Château de Femmes*—some of its famous female residents included Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de' Medici. This excursion concludes with a tasting of Touraine wines at the Plou et Fils wine cellar. This evening, you might consider joining our optional excursion to the Moulin Rouge, where you'll enjoy a can-can show and a champagne toast.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Included entrances: Château de Chambord, Château de Chenonceau, Plou et Fils winery

#### **DAY 5: GIVERNY & L'ORANGERIE**

Today's itinerary highlights the legacy of the Impressionists, with a special focus on Claude Monet. You'll start your day with a journey to Giverny, Monet's home for 43 years and the setting for his *Water Lilies* series. Stroll through Monet's garden and his home while you take in the beauty of Haute-Normandie. Then, you'll return to Paris for

a visit to the Musée de L'Orangerie, where you can see works by Cézanne, Matisse, Picasso, Renoir and of course, Monet (eight of his *Water Lilies* paintings are on permanent display here).

Included meals: breakfast

Included entrances: Monet's house and gardens, Musée de L'Orangerie

#### **DAY 6: THE LOUVRE**

This morning, join an included guided tour of the Louvre, perhaps the best-known museum on Earth. Originally constructed as a fortress in the 12th century, the Louvre is now the world's most visited art museum. Your guide will introduce you to "the other side of the Louvre," featuring works by Georges de la Tour and Rubens' *Marie de' Medici Cycle*. The afternoon is free at leisure before tonight's festivities. As the sun sets over Paris, you'll board a ship for a private cruise on the Seine. Onboard, you'll gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner, where you can reminisce over your favorite moments from the City of Light. As you glide along the Seine, you'll see the monuments of Paris lit up for your final evening.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Included entrances: The Louvre

#### **DAY 7: FLIGHT HOME**

A Go Ahead representative accompanies you to the airport for your return flight home.

Included meals: breakfast

(In the case of early morning departures, breakfast may not be provided.)

**POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

**Paris**

Add 2 nights, \$299 (Single room: add \$145)

**DAY 7:** Today is free at leisure in Paris. You might choose to stroll along the Champs-Élysées, or enter browse the latest haute couture in the chic boutiques of the Opéra district.  
Included meals: breakfast

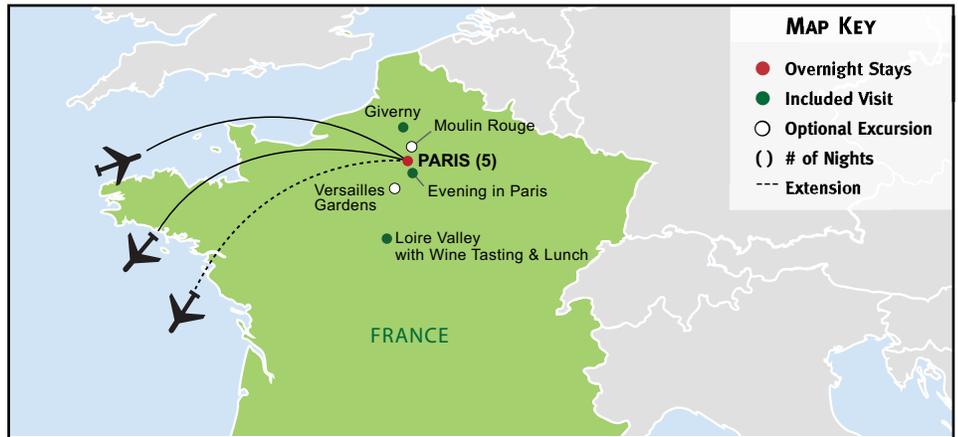
**DAY 8:** Enjoy another free day in Paris. For those of you who love shopping and discovering what treasures you can take home with you, Paris' department stores and outdoor markets are world renowned, and there's no place better than the Left Bank to browse for antique books. Stop at an intimate cafe to sip cafe au lait and watch the world go by—one of Paris' most celebrated traditions.  
Included meals: breakfast

**DAY 9:** A Go Ahead representative escorts you to the airport for your flight home.  
Included meals: breakfast

Space is limited. Call early to hold your spot. Extension requires a minimum of 10 travelers.

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Our Signature Series Tours offer a special look at some of our favorite destinations. Through a combination of themed sightseeing tours, exclusive events and specialty meals, our Tour Directors and local guides will show you your destination as you've never seen it before.



**Travel Pace: 2**

Travel pace levels are based on criteria such as length of tour, number of cities visited, number of included activities, as well as length of flights and land transfers.

- 1 - leisurely                      3 - active
- 2 - comfortable                4 - challenging

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**Climate in October**

**PARIS**

Oct      46°-60°F / 8°-16°C

**Suggested Reading List**

*Paris to the Moon*  
Adam Gopnick

*Paris Out of Hand*  
Karen Elizabeth Gordon

*Between Meals: An Appetite for Paris*  
A.J. Liebling

*Walks in Gertrude Stein's Paris*  
Gibbs M. Smith

*Food Lover's Guide to Paris*  
Patricia Wells

**Space is limited — reserve your spot today!**

| DEPARTURE DATE   | New York | Chicago<br>Atlanta | Los Angeles | Toronto  | Winnipeg | Vancouver |
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| October 13, 2012 | \$2,449  | \$2,649            | \$2,719     | \$2,899† | \$3,129† | \$3,219†  |

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Single room: add \$380 for U.S. and Canadian travelers. \* Prices do not include between \$130 and \$180 in government taxes and fees, including the September 11<sup>th</sup> Security Fee. Airline fuel surcharges, as applicable at time of pricing, are included. † Prices are in Canadian dollars (CAD).

# Pre-departure information for your tour

## PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

In order to enter France, U.S. and Canadian citizens need a valid passport. The expiration date must extend at least six months beyond the date of your return home. No visa is required for U.S. or Canadian citizens. If you are not a U.S. or Canadian citizen, you must contact the French consulate for your specific entry requirements.

## BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Airlines have varying weight restrictions on luggage. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Bear in mind that your luggage will probably weigh more on your return trip due to souvenir shopping. We allow only one suitcase per person. One carry-on bag is also permitted, provided that it does not exceed 45 inches (length + width + height). There may be select times when you will have to handle your own bags, and you'll find that lightweight luggage provides a distinct advantage. Make sure you label your baggage and carry valuables, medication and documents in your carry-on luggage.

## CLOTHING

Light, loose-fitting clothing that provides comfort when exploring the sights is essential for your tour. A sun hat, sunglasses and a sturdy pair of walking shoes are recommended for sightseeing. It's always a good idea to be prepared for any eventuality—a lightweight sports jacket and emergency rainwear are advised. If you plan to visit an especially elegant restaurant or attend the opera or theater, you will probably feel more comfortable in something more formal. Also, remember that it is preferable not to visit churches or other religious sites with bare legs and shoulders (entrance may be denied on this basis).

## CURRENCY

The euro is the currency you will be using on your tour. Better rates of exchange are usually available in France, although it is worth ordering some currency from your local bank to use when you first arrive. We advise that you take a combination of debit/bank cards and credit cards. We suggest informing your bank and credit card company of your travel plans, so they don't confuse your international purchases for fraudulent charges. Please note: With the conversion to the euro, it has been increasingly difficult to exchange traveler's checks outside of Europe's major cities—both at banks and shops—and they often attract higher fees.

## CUISINE

For the most casual snack or picnic, stop at a small grocery store for cheeses, patés, cured meats, fresh-baked bread and fruit. Sidewalk vendors are known for their steaming crepes, filled with cheese, ham, fruit or chocolate. Mouthwatering pastries and hot cafe au lait beckon from the cafes. On the restaurant scene, the prix fixe option is popular, offering a three- or four-course set menu for a good price. Nearly all restaurants post a menu outside. Browse around until something strikes your fancy.

## TIPPING

At the conclusion of your tour, it is customary to offer your Go Ahead Tour Director and driver a gratuity. We recommend tipping in your tour country's currency, the equivalent of \$3USD/CAD per person per day for your driver and \$6USD/CAD to \$9USD/CAD per person per day for your Tour Director. If applicable, we also recommend the equivalent of \$2USD/CAD per local guide. Tips can only be paid in cash. Please keep current local currency exchange rates in mind when tipping.

## PURCHASING OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS ON TOUR

If you have not yet purchased your optional excursions, you may be able to do so while on your tour. Your tour director will accept cash, Visa, MasterCard or American Express as payment for optional excursions. Please be advised that if you pay for an excursion by credit card while on tour, it may take up to three months for your card to be charged. Some optional excursions may only be purchased in advance. See the separate "Optional Excursions" sheet for more information.

International travel is, by its very nature, unpredictable. We must therefore reserve the right to change this itinerary without advanced notice to meet with local conditions at the time of travel. We appreciate your understanding. Please refer to the current catalog for terms & conditions, dates and prices.



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