

BEST OF PARIS APRIL 2027

Sunday, Apr 18

Arrive at your leisure today, unpack and relax a bit after your long journey, and prepare to join us at 6pm for a Welcome Cocktail on the little patio of our hotel. Afterwards, we'll set out on a dinner cruise along the Seine, gliding beneath the lights of Paris as the city sparkles around us. It won't take long to understand why Paris is known as *la Ville Lumière*--the City of Light.

Monday, Apr 19

Our walking journey begins in the charming streets of **Montmartre**, where artists, poets, and dreamers have long found inspiration. Wander through quiet lanes where once roamed Picasso, Renoir and Cezanne, discover hidden squares with unusual sculptures, and enjoy breathtaking views over the city. After lunch in a hide-away restaurant, we'll amble over to the elegant **Parc Monceau**, one of Paris's most beautiful gardens and a favorite of the Impressionists, where you'll have time to absorb the unique contrast between bohemian Montmartre and the refined elegance of western Paris.

Tuesday, Apr 20

Beginning at the **Arc de Triomphe**, we'll stroll the legendary **Champs-Élysées**, tracing the history of France from the imperial era to the present day. Our destination is the magnificent **Petit Palais**, one of Paris's finest museums and itself an architectural masterpiece from the Belle Époque. Following lunch at a celebrated brasserie, we continue on foot through the formal beauty of the **Tuileries Gardens**, crossing the Place de la Concorde before ending our afternoon beneath the graceful arcades and gardens of the **Palais-Royal**.

Wednesday, Apr 21

Enjoy a leisurely morning at your own pace, or try your hand at *la cuisine française* with a special cooking class in the home of a French chef. After lunch at your leisure, we'll meet to explore the elegant **16th arrondissement**, where Paris proudly displays some of its finest examples of **Art Nouveau** and **Art Deco** architecture. The day concludes in true French fashion with a relaxed wine and cheese gathering in a Parisian apartment, hosted by an authentic cheese specialist. If schedules permit, those wishing may continue the evening with a jazz concert at a jaunty jazz hall in the 15th.

Thursday, Apr 22

This morning we immerse ourselves in authentic Parisian life at the vibrant **Marché d'Aligre**, one of the city's liveliest neighborhood markets. Overflowing with seasonal produce, cheeses, flowers, extraordinary strawberries and local specialties, it offers a colorful glimpse into everyday Paris. After lunch nearby, we turn our attention to one of the world's most beautiful opera houses, discovering the outstanding architecture and history of the **Palais Garnier**.

Friday, Apr 23

Today offers the freedom to explore independently or to join one of our optional small-group museum visits. Art lovers may reserve a place on an intimate guided morning visit to the **Louvre Museum** with our very own talented Pascale, while others may prefer an afternoon with her discovering the remarkable collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterpieces at the **Musee d'Orsay**. (Both visits are limited to 6 people. If interested, please choose one or the other.)

Saturday, Apr 24

Departure for those of you who are short on time, or stay for one more night for our **Versailles** extension. We'll browse its lively antiques market, celebrated as one of the finest in France, before enjoying lunch at a starred restaurant near the famous chateau. After lunch, we'll visit the remarkable intimate world of Louis XV's **Petit Trianon** and Marie-Antoinette's **hameau de la reine**, offering a more personal perspective on life at Versailles than the grandeur of the palace itself.

Sunday, Apr 25

Departure for those of you who joined us in Versailles.