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Revolution. And finally the Champs-Élysées – perhaps the most famous avenue in the world.

The afternoon and evening are free. You might like to head back to the Louvre [open till 10 tonight] or the Musée D'Orsay [open till 6pm] for some fabulous art and architecture. Or [window] shop on the Champs-Élysées!

DAY 3 SATURDAY 4th October. PARIS:

Discover St Germain-des-Près. With its wonderful cross section of Paris, the old abbey church of St Germain, the oldest church in Paris, the stately St Sulpice with beautiful murals by Delacroix, charming streets, old squares, artists' studios, famous literary cafes, and the hotel where Oscar Wilde died. Choose somewhere to lunch, from the dozens of cafes and bistros in the area. The afternoon and evening are free. Perhaps take a river cruise or see a show.

DAY 4 SUNDAY 5th October. PARIS:

The day of heights – A walking tour of The Village of Montmartre. See one of the stunning landmarks of the Paris skyline; the Basilica of Sacre-Coeur. Lunch while watching the street artists, painting, as painters have done for 200 years.

Afternoon and evening are free, if you're feeling energetic, climb the 274 steps to the top of the Arc de Triomphe. The view really is worth the effort! To finish the day, be at the Eiffel Tower for the light show at sunset.

DAY 5 MONDAY 6th October. PARIS:

Today is completely free for you to choose. The Louvre is open today, as are the shops! Or find a café on the street or a garden bench, sit back and watch the world go by. Enjoy your 'day off'.

DAY 6 TUESDAY 7th October. PARIS:

The Grand Palace and Gardens of Versailles is the order of the day today. An all day excursion by train from Paris. We'll be back in time for dinner.

DAY 7 WEDNESDAY 8th October. PARIS:

Perhaps you'll say we've kept the best till last! We're heading out of Paris again, this time to a very different house and garden – that of the famous Impressionist painter Claude Monet, in the village of Giverny. Have your camera charged!

We'll be back in time for dinner.

DAY 8 THURSDAY 9th October. PARIS to PROVENCE:

Time to say 'Au revoir' to Paris. We'll head south on the fast train, the TGV to Provence. Sit back and relax for the 3 hr journey. Contemporary Avignon (ah-veen-yohn) bustles and prospers behind its mighty walls. Our wonderful hotel is right in the medieval centre. Unpack, settle in then we'll take a wander to get our bearings. We'll visit the monumental Palace of the Popes and the surprising Sur le Pont d'Avignon.

Evening free.



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DAY 9, 10, 11 FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 10, 11, 12th October. PROVENCE:

For the next three days we'll wander the countryside and coastline of this stunningly beautiful region. With our own English speaking driver/guide, we can relax in the comfort of the mini-bus. We'll make frequent stops for photos, coffees and walks in quaint villages. We'll see towns clinging to the side of hills, deep gorges, Roman ruins, rolling hills, beautiful abbeys and the azure Mediterranean. Drop into Market Day and see how the locals shop. We'll visit wineries for wine tasting, watch artists at work, and see why Van Gogh, Cezanne, Picasso, Renoir, and Matisse were drawn to this magical place.

DAY 12 MONDAY 13th October. AVIGNON:

A free day for you to do as you please!

DAY 13 TUESDAY 14th October. PROVENCE to LOIRE VALLEY:

Pack up, we're on the move today. We'll catch the TGV again to our final destination – A real 17th Century Chateau in The Loire Valley. What a treat! Set in beautiful extensive grounds, our hosts will welcome us to this very special accommodation.

DAY 14 15 16, WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY, 15TH 16TH 17TH October. LOIRE VALLEY:

After breakfast each morning, we'll set off in our mini-bus for a half-day sight seeing adventure, visiting the famous chateaux, wineries and fascinating villages set among the rivers and hillsides of this beautiful Valley. Afternoons and evenings free, apart from Friday when we'll come together for our 'Farewell Dinner'.

DAY 17 SATURDAY 18TH October. DEPARTURE:

We'll travel back to Paris airport, for our journey home. Arriving in Australia on Monday 20th October, 2008. [Change of return date, to accommodate further travel, is possible at the time of booking.]

Price per person, [double/twin share basis] AUD\$5850. This includes transfers, 16 nights accommodation with continental breakfast, and guided tours with local guides, the Paris Museum Pass [this allows free entrance to over 60 Museums in and around Paris], as well as 'welcome' and 'farewell' dinners.

We welcome singles and offer the discounted Single Supplement of AUD\$980 per person. Max 6 / 7 people. For further information or to book this holiday call Travel Associates on 1800 777 607.

Bookings close 9th June, 2008.



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INCLUSIONS

- Land content only, including 16 nights in 3* or 4* accommodation, carefully selected for its character and position [always in the centre of town]. Twin/share or single [with supplement], all with private facilities.
- 16 Continental breakfasts, 2 dinners [first and last nights].
- Airport pick up. Transportation between destinations.
- 7 guided half day and 7 full day programmes, using the services of an expert local walking guide or driver/ guide in mini-bus.
- 2 free days as per the Itinerary.
- Entrance fees to all venues during guided programmes, [museums, chateaux etc] as per the Itinerary.
- A complimentary 6 Day Paris Museum Pass, which provides free entry to over 60 attractions in and around Paris, for use anytime in those 6 days. See www.paris-pass.com
- Your personal guide and programme co-ordinator.

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfares.
- Meals, apart from breakfasts and 2 dinners.
- Entrances to museums etc during 'free time' [apart from those included in The Paris Museum Pass].
- Items of a personal nature, [telephone, laundry etc].
- Travel Insurance. [essential]

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