



# A WEEK IN PARIS

## MAY 2-9, 2016

We are delighted to be returning to Paris this spring. If you have never been to the **CITY OF LIGHT**, or wish to return, this is the trip for you! Our always-spectacular **EXCURSION** to Paris will include comprehensive sightseeing as well as free time to wander on your own. We have included the city's grand monuments as well as an abundant sampling of her splendid museums. Special tours will give us an opportunity to enjoy the architecture, sculpture, parks and avenues of one of the world's most beautiful cities. A highlight will be a visit to the newly opened **FOUNDATION LOUIS VUITTON**, designed by American architect Frank Gehry. Optional evening events will be arranged to ensure you have the richest possible experience throughout your stay. Accommodations are at the wonderfully located **HOTEL DU LOUVRE**.

**MONDAY, MAY 2** – Early evening departure from Philadelphia, or your home city, to Paris. Dinner and breakfast will be served aboard the airplane.

**TUESDAY, MAY 3** – Upon arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfer to the **HOTEL DU LOUVRE** conveniently located amid Paris' most exciting landmarks, museums and shops. Enjoy an orientation tour of the neighborhood this afternoon. Dinner is included this evening. **(B,D)**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4** – Our sightseeing this morning will include the great monuments of Paris: the **PLACE DE LA CONCORDE**, and stately **TUILERIES GARDENS** and the opulent **PARIS OPERA HOUSE**, designed in the Second Empire style by Charles Garnier. The bustling **CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES** ends at the **ARC DE TRIOMPHE** that commemorates Napoleon's victory at the Battle of Austerlitz. We will stop at the **EIFFEL TOWER**, centerpiece of the 1889 International Exposition, visit **NAPOLEON'S TOMB** and stroll through the magnificent **LUXEMBOURG GARDENS** in the heart of the Latin Quarter. This afternoon a visit is planned to **ST. CHAPELLE**, with its beautiful stained glass, and the great Gothic Cathedral of **NOTRE DAME**. **(B)**

**THURSDAY, MAY 5** – This morning we will tour one of the most beautiful areas of Paris, the 16<sup>th</sup> Arrondissement. We will visit the **OLD VILLAGE OF PASSY**, once a country village outside the city walls. Our guide will take us through streets famous for their **ART NOUVEAU** houses by Hector Guimard, designer of the distinctive Paris Metro entrances introduced at the turn of the twentieth century. This afternoon we will visit the **MUSEE MARMOTTON MONET**, housing a magnificent collection of paintings by Claude Monet and other impressionists, and the fabulous new **FOUNDATION LOUIS VUITTON**, a spectacular new museum of contemporary art designed by American architect Frank Gehry located in the **BOIS DU BOULOGNE**. **(B)**

**FRIDAY, MAY 6** – Today is free to explore Paris on your own. **CENTRE GEORGES POMPIDOU** housing one of the most important collections of modern art in the world, and the ancient **HOTEL DU CLUNY** with its fine collection of French Medieval treasures is both open today. Or you might wish to do some shopping or take a public tour to **VERSAILLES** or **CHARTRES**. **(B)**

**SATURDAY, MAY 7** – This morning we have planned a walking tour which will include **ST. GERMAIN** and stately **ST. SULPICE** with its beautiful murals by Delacroix. You can enjoy lunch on the **LEFT BANK** and shop in the fabulous boutiques on the **RUE BONAPARTE**. Since we will be close by, we suggest a visit to the **MUSÉE D’ORSAY**, housed in a former train station and Paris’ spectacular showcase for 19<sup>th</sup> century art and culture. It is an easy walk back to the **HOTEL DU LOUVRE**. (B,D)

**SUNDAY, MAY 8** – Enjoy a morning walking tour in the charming **MARAIS**. Stroll around the **PLACE DES VOSGES**, the city’s oldest square. At the **PLACE DE LA BASTILLE** we will recall the birthplace of the French Revolution in 1789. Lunch is included following our tour. In the afternoon you can visit the **PICASSO MUSEUM**, which contains the artist’s collection of his own works and his personal collection of paintings by Matisse, Renoir, Braque and Rousseau; **HOTEL CARNAVALET** (historical Museum of the City of Paris), or the fascinating **MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART OF JUDAISM**. (B,L)

**MONDAY MAY 9** – If you are returning home today we will make arrangements for you to return to the airport. Additional nights at the **HOTEL DU LOUVRE** are available upon request.

**TOUR COST:** The cost for land arrangements is **\$2625**. The single supplement is **\$795**. We will make every effort to arrange for a compatible roommate if you are interested.

**INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE:** Accommodations for six nights at the **HOTEL DU LOUVRE** including buffet breakfast, tax and service; one lunch, two dinners; sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary, including museum admission costs; and a pre-trip reading packet. Airfare is additional. Airport transfers are not included. The trip will be escorted by a representative from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**.

**THE BEST AVAILABLE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** will be booked at the time reservations are made. Current fares and schedules, as well as information about flights from other cities, are available upon request. Airfares are guaranteed only when ticketed. We encourage you to reserve space as early as possible in order to ensure the best airfare.

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO 28 PARTICIPANTS.** Please complete the coupon below and mail it with a deposit of **\$1000** to **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**, PO Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Final payment for land arrangements is due no later than **MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016**. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express at an additional charge of 5%. Full refund for land arrangements may be made until **MARCH 7, 2016** less your deposit of \$1000. Thereafter, all costs are non-refundable unless a replacement is found. Airfares are subject to airline cancellation restrictions. Trip cancellation insurance is available from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**. **AN EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT OF \$150 PER PERSON IS AVAILABLE IF WE RECEIVE YOUR DEPOSIT BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016.**

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