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TRIP SUMMARY

Day 1

PARIS - Paris

Check in at Novotel Paris Centre Gare Montparnasse - Novotel Paris Centre Gare Montparnasse

Day 2

PARIS–REIMS–METZ - Cathédrale Notre-Dame De Reims, Metz

Check in at Hotel Mercure Metz Centre - Hotel Mercure Metz Centre

Day 3

METZ–SAINT-AVOLD–STRASBOURG–COLMAR - Strasbourg, American Military Cemetery

Check in at Mercure Colmar Centre Unterlinden - Mercure Colmar Centre Unterlinden

Day 4

COLMAR - Colmar

Day 5

COLMAR–BEAUNE–MACON - Musée De L'hôtel-Dieu, Beaune, Mâcon

Check in at Mercure Bord de Saône - Mercure Bord de Saône

Day 6

MACON–LYON–AVIGNON - Lyon, Palais Des Papes

Check in at Novotel Centre Avignon - Novotel Centre Avignon

Day 7

AVIGNON–ST. RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE–LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE–MARSEILLE - Avignon, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, Les Baux-de-Provence

Check in at Mercure Vieux Port - Mercure Vieux Port

Day 8

MARSEILLE. EXCURSION TO AIX-EN-PROVENCE - Provence, Aix-en-Provence

Day 9

MARSEILLE - Marseille

DAY 1



PARIS

ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE.

Welcome to Paris!

At 5:30 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, and leave the hotel for a welcome dinner at one of Paris' lively restaurants, followed by an orientation drive of the "City of Light."

(Dinner included)



Paris
Paris



Check-in

Check in at Novotel Paris Centre Gare Montparnasse



Novotel Paris Centre Gare Montparnasse

17 rue du Cotentin, Paris, Île-de-France, FR, 75015

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DAY 2



PARIS–REIMS–METZ

Drive to Reims, city of champagne, and enjoy a highlight CHAMPAGNE EXPERIENCE with sabrage (saber bottle opening).

Also recognized by UNESCO, France's Champagne region is celebrated for its specialized artisan activity that has become an agro-industrial enterprise.

Next, visit the impressive NOTRE DAME DE REIMS CATHEDRAL, where the Kings of France were crowned. Considered one of the most beautiful examples of Gothic art, the 800-year-old cathedral was one of the first monuments registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Later, arrive in Metz, located at the confluence of the Moselle and Seine Rivers. Enjoy an orientation of this 3,000-year-old city and visit its magnificent gothic CATHEDRAL, famous for its glass-stained windows.

(Breakfast included)



Cathédrale Notre-Dame De Reims

Place du Cardinal Luçon, Reims, MARNE, FR, 51100
03 26 70 36 50



Metz

Metz, Grand Est, FR



Check-in

Check in at Hotel Mercure Metz Centre



Hotel Mercure Metz Centre

Metz, Alsace-Champagne-Ardenne-Lorraine, FR, 57000

DAY 3



METZ–SAINT-AVOLD–STRASBOURG–COLMAR

Stop in Saint-Avold for a visit to the largest American Military WWII Cemetery in Europe, the LORRAINE AMERICAN CEMETERY & MEMORIAL.

Next, enter the Alsace region and arrive in Strasbourg, where the European Parliament has its plenary sessions four days each month.

A BOAT CRUISE is the best way to see Strasbourg with its LITTLE FRANCE DISTRICT and the impressive European Union institutions. Continue to Colmar.

(Breakfast included)



Strasbourg

Strasbourg



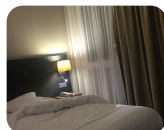
American Military Cemetery

Avenue de Fayetteville, Saint-Avold, Grand Est, FR, 57500



Check-in

Check in at Mercure Colmar Centre Unterlinden



Mercure Colmar Centre Unterlinden

15 Rue Golbery, Colmar, Alsace, FR, 68000

DAY 4



COLMAR

Explore Colmar and the famous LITTLE VENICE district with its half-timbered houses by LITTLE TRAIN.

Balance of the day is at leisure.

Ask your Tour Director for suggestions.

(Breakfast included)



Colmar

Colmar

DAY 5



COLMAR–BEAUNE–MACON

Enter Burgundy and arrive in Beaune, capital of the region, for an orientation of this beautiful town with its impressive Hôtel-Dieu and Notre Dame Basilica.

Then, continue to Macon, situated on the Saône River, and famous for its wine.

(Breakfast included)



Musée De L'hôtel-Dieu

rue de l'Hôtel Dieu, Beaune, CÔTE-D'OR, FR, 21200

03 80 24 45 00



Beaune

Beaune, Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, FR, 21200



Mâcon

Mâcon, Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, FR, 71000



Check-in

Check in at Mercure Bord de Saône



Mercure Bord de Saône

26 Rue Pierre De Coubertin, Mâcon, Bourgogne, FR, 71000

DAY 6



MACON–LYON–AVIGNON

A short drive brings you to Lyon, “Capital of the Gauls,” and the second-largest city in France.

Enjoy a walking tour through OLD LYON, situated between two rivers, the Rhône and the Saône, and see the Roman ruins and the Murales, examples of trompe l’oeil, started by a group of students in the ‘70s. On to Avignon, the medieval residence of several popes and antipopes.

During your walking tour through the OLD TOWN, take pictures of the magnificent Palace of the Popes and the famous bridge, and browse through the colorful shops that sell traditional products made in Provence, like cloth, honey, herbs, and nougat candy.

(Breakfast included)



Lyon

Lyon



Palais Des Papes

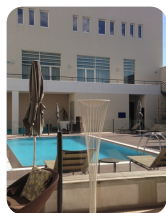
Place du Palais, Avignon, VAUCLUSE, FR, 84000

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Check-in

Check in at Novotel Centre Avignon



Novotel Centre Avignon

20 boulevard Saint Roch, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur,
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DAY 7



AVIGNON–ST. RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE–LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE–MARSEILLE

In St. Rémy-de-Provence, visit the ST. PAUL DE MAUSOLE MONASTERY, used as a hospital when Vincent van Gogh stayed there for a year in 1889.

Continue to Les Baux-de-Provence, famous for its breathtaking views. Then, a special highlight awaits you: an OLIVE OIL TASTING.

Arrive in the busy seaport of Marseilles, and visit the neo-byzantine NOTRE DAME DE LA GARDE BASILICA, spectacularly located on a limestone outcrop near the Old Port on the foundations of an ancient fort.

(Breakfast included)



Avignon

Avignon



Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR, FR



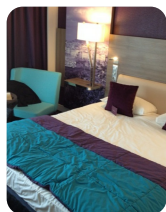
Les Baux-de-Provence

Les Baux-de-Provence, PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR, FR, 13520



Check-in

Check in at Mercure Vieux Port



Mercure Vieux Port

1 rue Neuve Saint-Martin, Marseille, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, FR, 13001

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DAY 8



MARSEILLE. EXCURSION TO AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Today, enjoy an included half-day excursion to Aix-en-Provence, one of France's most elegant cities.

It was the birthplace of painter Cézanne, and has always attracted artists from all over. Explore its center during your walking tour, and wander through the maze of small streets and along shaded Cours Mirabeau.

An optional excursion is available to Arles with its Roman arena. This evening, a special farewell dinner awaits you at one of Marseilles' excellent local restaurants as a proper au revoir to France.

(Breakfast and Dinner included)



Provence

Provence



Aix-en-Provence

Aix-en-Provence, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, FR

DAY 9



MARSEILLE

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

(Breakfast included)



Marseille

Marseille