



Sample Itinerary



YOUR HOTEL

Mercure Paris Porte de Versailles
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DAY 1 27 DECEMBER

Flights depart USA for Paris.

Your trans-Atlantic flight to Paris will be overnight. You will be served with dinner shortly after take-off, and a light continental breakfast or snack meal shortly before arrival into Paris the following morning.

DAY 2 28 DECEMBER

7.00pm

On your arrival in to Paris after clearing immigration and customs you will be met in the arrivals area by your bi-lingual tour assistant and taken by coach to your hotel.

On arrival at your hotel your tour assistant will assist with your hotel check-in. Rooms for early arrivals may not be ready immediately.

During the day your tour assistant will present an orientation meeting for your where you will receive your information and itinerary book and learn all about your week in Paris. You will also have time to explore the vicinity of your hotel to find the nearest general stores, ATM machines and metro station.

Dinner in your **HOTEL RESTAURANT** this evening.

DAY 3 29 DECEMBER

From 8am

A substantial buffet breakfast will be served each morning in your hotel restaurant. This buffet will consist of hot and cold items including, fruit, cereals, pastries, hams, cheeses, eggs and bacon as well as coffee, fruit juices and water.

9.30am

COACH TOUR LEFT BANK – this morning depart from the hotel for your first sightseeing tour of Paris by coach with a professional English speaking guide. This tour will take you to see all of the must see sights on the left bank of the River Seine including the Eiffel Tower, Musee d’Orsay, Musee Rodin, Sorbonne University, Luxembourg Gardens, Boulevard St Germain and the areas of Montparnasse and The Latin Quarter. There will be plenty of photo stops along the way.

1.00pm

At the end of the tour independent lunch in Paris.



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2.00pm

BATEAU PARISIEN – this afternoon take an hour long cruise with Bateaux Parisian down the River Seine. Commentary on all of the sights you are passing will be given onboard.

There will be some time for independent shopping and sightseeing this afternoon.

7.00pm

A typical Parisienne dinner will be served this evening in **CHEZ CLEMENT** this evening.

8.30pm

CONCERT PERFORMANCE this evening at the Basilica of Saint Clotilde located on the Rue Las Cases, in the area of Saint-Germain-des-Prés

10.00pm

Return by coach to your hotel after the concert.

DAY 4

30 DECEMBER

From 8am

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

9.30am

COACH TOUR RIGHT BANK – this morning take your second sightseeing tour of Paris by coach with a professional English speaking guide. This tour will take you to see all of the must see sights on the left bank of the River Seine including the Champs Elysees, The Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Picasso Museum, Pompidou Centre and the areas of Opera and Trocadero.

1.00pm

At the end of the tour independent lunch in Paris.

3.00pm

MP3 WALK 'ILE DE LA CITE' – this afternoon depart from the hotel by metro and take the first of your personal MP3 guided audio walks 'Ile de la Cite' This walk will take you through the heart of the city, from its birth right through to the 21st Century. The walk will take you past the Louvre, home to Leonardo's Mona Lisa, the medieval Church of Sainte Chapelle, the gruesome Conciergerie prison and of course to the most famous Cathedral in Paris – Notre Dame. On the way you will also have the chance to stroll through the book and antique stores along The Quai Grands Augustins and even stop off at The Guillotine Cafe!

7.00pm

Tonight enjoy dinner at **BISTROT ROMAIN**.

9.30pm

EIFFEL TOWER – after dinner visit the Eiffel Tower. You will have entrance to the 2nd level of the Tower where you will have fabulous views out across Paris. Use your personal MP3 players to listen to the 'An Eye Full of the Eiffel' track explaining all of the buildings and streets you can see down below.

Return by **METRO** to your hotel using tickets from your carnet.



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DAY 5 31 DECEMBER

From 8am

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

9.30am

FULL DAY CHANTILLY – depart by coach for the beautiful town of Chantilly, famous for horse racing, porcelain, Le Musée du Cheval Vivant, and it's beautiful Chateau.

11.00am

This morning take a tour around the Chateau comprised of two attached buildings: the Petit Château built around 1560 for Anne de Montmorency, and the Grand Château, which was destroyed during the French Revolution and rebuilt in the 1870s. Owned by the Institut de France, the château houses the Musée Condé. It is one of the finest art galleries in France.

Independent lunch in Chantilly.

3.00pm

This afternoon you will have the chance to visit the Musée du Cheval Vivant – a Museum all about horses through the ages. Also included in the tour is an equine show in the 'ring' in the museum.

There will be a little more time to explore the town before returning to Paris in the late afternoon.

Return by coach to Paris.

5.00pm

Dinner in your **HOTEL RESTAURANT** this evening.

9.30pm

A New Year's Eve party will be held in your hotel this evening with a disco and party hats, poppers and streamers provided to celebrate the new year.

DAY 6 1 JANUARY 2016

From

10.30am

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

11.30am

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH – depart by coach from the hotel for your group photograph, taken with the Eiffel Tower in the background.

12.30pm

Continue on by coach to the assembly area adjacent to the Tuileries Gardens.

1.00pm

A sack lunch with a sandwich, piece of fruit, cake and drink has been arranged for performers today.

2.00pm

PARADE PERFORMANCE – Le Grand Parade de Paris – Champs-Élysées.



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The route of the Parade will be from Place de la Concorde along the Champs-Élysées to Etoile and then back along the Champs-Élysées to a dispersal area near to Place de la Concorde.

Return by coach to your hotel to change out of performance uniforms.

7.00pm

Dinner will be served in your **HOTEL RESTAURANT**.

DAY 7 2 JANUARY

From

7.30am

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

9.00am

VERSAILLES – this morning depart from the hotel by coach for Versailles to take a tour of the Palace built by Louis XIV – The Sun King. You will have the chance to visit the most famous places in the Palace including the hall of mirrors, the grand apartments of the King and Queen and the formal gardens.

12.30pm

Return by coach to Paris.

1.30pm

Independent lunch in Paris.

3.30pm

MP3 WALK 'MONTMARTRE' – this afternoon take the second of your personal MP3 guided audio walks 'Montmartre' This walk takes you through the Bohemian and artistic quarter of Montmartre located at the top of the large hill in Paris' 18th arrondissement. You will have the chance to see Van Gogh's house, discover the studio where Renoir worked and the place where Picasso painted the first cubist painting and of course see the mighty church of Sacre Coeur with its magnificent views across Paris and perhaps even find time to have your portrait or caricature painted by the artists gathering in Place du Tertre.

7.30pm

Dinner this evening will be at **LA BONNE FRANQUETTE** in Montmartre.

Return by coach to the hotel after dinner.

DAY 8 3 JANUARY

From

7.30am

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

Return to the USA.