

FRANCE

Fall 2024

Summary Itinerary



PARIS

Depart October 24 (one night aloft), October 25-30, 2024

Day 1 – October 25

Arrive at Charles de Gaulle International Airport; transfer to the luxurious Intercontinental Paris Le Grand, which offers historic charm in central Paris. Overlooking the magnificent Opera Garnier; Le Grand is close to some of the most famous Paris attractions, including the renowned Café De La Paix.

Evening: Welcome dinner event at the hotel

Day 2 – October 26

Orientation Tour of Paris by Coach

From the comfort of a deluxe motor coach, we will explore many famous highlights of Paris.

Lunch: Mère Catherine, a chic Parisian bistro featuring quality French cuisine in Montmartre

Afternoon: Walking tour of the highlights of Montmartre with some free time to explore

Evening: Paris Dinner Cruise on the Seine River

Day 3 – October 27

Visit to the Palace of Versailles with lunch

Originally Louis XIII's old hunting pavilion, the extraordinary Palace of Versailles is one of the greatest achievements of French 17th century art.

Lunch: La Flottille, located in the Palace gardens

Afternoon: Free time to explore Paris

Evening: Moulin Rouge Dinner Show

Day 4 – October 28

Day Trip to the Champagne Region by train with lunch

Celebrated around the world for its sparkling wines, the Champagne Region is a can't-miss destination. According to French law, only bubbly from the region grown in designated areas, then aged and bottled according to the strictest standards, can be labeled as Champagne. Our trip will include a visit to Reims, a spectacular city known for its famous champagne houses.

Lunch: After the short walk in Reims, we will enjoy a private lunch at Maison Mumm's Champagne House with a visit to the cellars of Mumm.

Evening: Parisian Brasseries Dine Around

Day 5 – October 29

Day at leisure with optional activities at an additional cost. We will likely select three of the following:

- Musée d'Orsay
- Paris Passages & Opera Garnier House
- Biking Tour of Paris
- Gourmet Tour Montorgueil
- Paris Two Islands Tour
- Paris Marais Walking Tour
- St. Germain & Latin Quarter





Day 5 (continued)

Evening: Last Night in Paris Gala at Le Pré Catelan. Located in the heart of the beautiful Bois de Boulogne, Le Pré Catelan is one of the most prestigious venues in Paris. We will enjoy an incredible evening of fine dining, drinking, dancing, and fun.

Day 6 – October 30

Departure from Paris

Baggage handling at hotel. Motor coach to the Charles de Gaulle Airport. Depart Paris via scheduled airline service to Carpenter Co. originating home gateway cities or continue on to amazing Bordeaux.

BORDEAUX

October 30 – November 2, 2024

Immerse in the culture of wine amidst World Heritage architecture. Bordeaux is located in the land of the most famous and first vineyard of the world.

Day 1 – October 30

High-speed train from Paris to Bordeaux (about 2 hours)

Lunch: Café du Port, on the right bank of the Garonne River with exceptional food and views

Afternoon: Walking Tour of Bordeaux City Center: We will discover many of the city's treasures along the waterfront. Arrive at the InterContinental Bordeaux Le Grand, a 5-star hotel in the heart of Bordeaux's historic center:

Evening: Welcome to Bordeaux dinner event at the hotel

Day 2 – October 31

Saint Emilion Tour

St. Emilion is both a world-famous vineyard and a well-preserved medieval town along the legendary "Right Bank". The village's cobblestone streets are lined with remnants of convents and monasteries dating from the 11th and 18th centuries.

Lunch: Enjoy a private visit, tasting, and lunch at Château de Ferrand, a Grand Cru Classé winery. Founded in the 17th century, Château de Ferrand was classified as a Grand Cru Classé in 2012 for the acclaimed quality of its wines and architectural heritage.

Afternoon: At leisure in Bordeaux

Evening: Dinner cruise on the Garonne River, featuring incredible dining and views of Bordeaux

Day 3 – November 1

Day at leisure with optional activities at an additional cost, including one of the following:

Médoc Wine Tour (great option for wine enthusiasts) or visit Arcachon Bay with lunch. The famous oysters from the Arcachon Lagoon have long been a delicacy hailed by Roman poets. After lunch, climb the Dune du Pilat, Europe's highest sand dune, featuring breathtaking views.

Evening: Farewell Gala at Château Pape Clément, where the first harvest took place in 1252. Visit the vat room, cellars, and impressive property prior to our gala dinner event featuring exceptional dining, drinking, and entertainment.

Day 4 – November 2

Departure from France

Baggage handling at hotel. Motor coach transportation to the Bordeaux - Mérignac Airport. Depart Bordeaux via scheduled airline service to Carpenter Co. originating home gateway cities.