

VENTRESCA TRAVEL & MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE PARISH

Presents



Highlights of France - From Normandy to Lourdes

October 14 - 24, 2019

11 days/9 nights - Land Price: **\$3,458** per person

Air Price: **\$944** per person

Single Supplement \$1,471



TOUR FEATURES

- 9 nights' accommodations at 4* hotels
- 9 Buffet breakfasts
- 4 3-course meals including wine, mineral water & coffee
- Welcome & Farewell dinners
- Normandy cheese tasting
- 2 Wine Tastings - Chateaufneuf du Pape & Bordeaux
- English-speaking escort throughout
- Sightseeing, guides & entrance fees as per itinerary
- Private, deluxe air conditioned coach throughout
- 1st Class train service Avignon to Lourdes - 2 changes
- English-speaking local guides for all tours
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person at hotels
- Whisper headsets for all tours
- Entrance fees - Montmartre Funicular, Palace of Versailles, Abbey of Mont St. Michel, and Papal Palace of Avignon
- Hotel Taxes & Service Charges

HOTEL

| City | Nts. | Hotel |
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| Lisieux | 2 | Hotel Mercure |
| Paris | 2 | Hotel Le Littre |
| Nevers | 1 | Hotel Mercure |
| Avignon | 1 | Hotel Mercure |
| Lourdes | 2 | Hotel Panorama |
| Bordeaux | 1 | Hotel Mercure |

Oct 14 | Mon | Depart USA Early evening departure from Philadelphia on a connecting flight to Paris.

Oct 15 | Tue | Paris | Lisieux Morning arrival into Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport. You will be met by your English-speaking escort and transferred to your hotel in Lisieux for a two-night stay. This afternoon there will be a half-day guided tour of Omaha Beach and The American Cemetery. As 2019 is the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, it is truly a special time to visit these sights. The Battle of Normandy was one of the largest and bloodiest military assaults in history. After the tour, there will be time for a tasting of the famed Normandy cheeses. This evening there will be a Welcome Dinner in Lisieux. (D)

Oct 16 | Wed | Lisieux After breakfast, we'll have a full-day guided visit of the sites associated with The Little Flower, Ste. Therese. These include her childhood home, Les Buissonnets; the Cathedrale St. Pierre, Therese's parish church; the Basilique of Lisieux, where the reliquaries of Ste. Therese and her mother and father, St. Louis and Ste. Zelig Martin are located. They are the first married couple to be canonized together. The convent of Carmel, where Ste. Therese lived as a nun, will also be included on the tour. The evening and dinner will be on your own. (B)

Oct 17 | Thu | Lisieux | Mont St. Michel | Paris After breakfast at the hotel in Lisieux, we will depart for a full-day guided tour of Mont St. Michel. Upon leaving, we will go to check-in at our hotel in Paris for a two-night stay. Dinner will be at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Oct 18 | Fri | Paris After breakfast at the hotel, we will have a full-day guided visit of Paris. The tour will include the Cathedrale of Notre Dame; the Basilique of Sacre Couer, with the tickets for the funicular up and down Montmartre Hill and a visit to the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal on the Rue du Bac. This evening there will be an opportunity for those who wish to experience fine dining in Paris on an optional dinner experience. (B)

Oct 19 | Sat | Paris | Versailles | Nevers After breakfast at the hotel, we will leave Paris for the Palace of Versailles. There we will have a guided tour of the fabulous Palace. In the afternoon we will visit the convent of the Sisters of Charity in Nevers. This is the final resting place of Ste. Bernadette. We will check-in at our hotel for the night. Dinner will be at the hotel. (B,D)

Oct 20 | Sun | Nevers | Ars | Avignon After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for a visit to the town of Ars and the Shrine of St. John Vianney. In the afternoon we will have a guided tour of the Papal Palace in Avignon, a charming town in the beautiful region of Provence. Today we will have a real treat – a tasting of the fabulous Chateaufort du Pape wine. Later we check in at our hotel for one night. Dinner will be included at a local restaurant, where we can savor the delicacies of the region, along with the wine! (B,D)



Saint Emilion village in Bordeaux region

Oct 21 | Mon | Avignon | Lourdes After breakfast at our hotel, we will be transferred to the rail station in Avignon for our trip to Lourdes. We'll travel through southern France through Toulouse to the mountains of the Pyrenees, where Lourdes is located. Upon arrival, there is a transfer from the rail station to our hotel, where we will have a two-night stay. Dinner is at the hotel, with the balance of your evening at leisure. The Marian Procession takes place at 9:00pm each evening on the grounds of the Sanctuary. (B,D)

Oct 22 | Tue | Lourdes Following breakfast at our hotel, we will have a full-day guided walking tour of the town of Lourdes and the grounds of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. The evening is at leisure in the town. (B)

Oct 23 | Wed | Bordeaux Following breakfast, we leave for a visit to the area of Dax, where the birthplace of St. Vincent de Paul is located. Afterwards we will have a tasting of the wonderful wines of the Bordeaux region. After checking in at our hotel in Bordeaux for our last night in France, we will visit the important sites of the town. This evening we will have our Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Oct 24 | Thu | Bordeaux | Toulouse to USA We have an early morning departure from our hotel in Bordeaux for the airport in Toulouse. There we will board our connecting flight to Philadelphia. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (D) Dinner

Conditions: Land price is per person land only based on double room occupancy and a minimum of 25 passengers. If the group exceeds this number, discounts will apply. Air price includes taxes & fees, which are subject to change until ticketed. To purchase air tickets, a copy of your passport valid through April 25, 2020 must be submitted to VTI. If paid by check or cash, a 3% discount will apply.



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