



A WEEK IN PARIS

MAY 1-8, 2014

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 an excursion to see Impressionist painter Claude Monet's home and gardens at **GIVERNY**. 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**.

THURSDAY, MAY 1 – Early evening departure from Philadelphia, or your home city, to Paris. Dinner and breakfast will be served aboard the airplane.

FRIDAY, MAY 2 – Upon arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfer to the **HOTEL DU LOUVRE** conveniently located amidst Paris' most exciting landmarks, museums and shops. Enjoy an orientation tour of the neighborhood this afternoon and a welcome dinner this evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 – 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**, commemorating 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. Lunch is included prior to a visit to **ST. CHAPELLE** with its beautiful stained glass, and the great gothic **CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME**.

NOTE: OPTIONS WILL BE OFFERED FOR EACH FREE EVENING FOR DINING AND PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS INCLUDING CONCERTS, BALLET, OPERA AND JAZZ WHEN AVAILABLE.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 – 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. 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**.

MONDAY, MAY 5 – Today is free to explore Paris on your own. **MUSÉE D'ORSAY**, the former turn of the 19th century train station now houses an extraordinary collection of 19th century art; the wondrous **CENTRE GEORGES POMPIDOU**, 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 art; are all open on Mondays. Today might also be a great day for shopping or a trip to **VERSAILLES** or **CHARTRES**.

TUESDAY, MAY 6 – This morning we have planned a tour to some of Paris' exceptional small museums: **LE MUSÉE NISSIM DE COMMANDO**, appointed with 18th century tapestries, porcelain and furniture. and the **MUSÉE JACQUEMART-ANDRÉ**, a late 19th century townhouse, housing the collections of Eduoard André and his wife Nellie. Included are treasures of the Italian Renaissance, the Flemish Masters, and the 18th century French School. Optional lunch is planned in the charming café at the **MUSÉE JACQUEMART-ANDRÉ**.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 – This morning we will travel thirty miles outside of Paris for a tour of the home and Gardens of Claude Monet in **GIVERNY** which should be in gorgeous bloom at the beginning of May, and the nearby **MUSÉE DES IMPRESSIONISTES** housing the work of minor French Impressionists and American artists who worked in France, including Sergeant, Whistler, Homer and more. After lunch on our own in the town of Giverny we will return to Paris for some free time before an included dinner celebrating our final night in Paris.

THURSDAY, MAY 8 – 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 **\$960**. We will make every effort to arrange for a compatible roommate if you are interested.

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INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE: Accommodations for six nights at the **HOTEL DU LOUVRE** including buffet breakfast, tax and service; one lunch, two dinners; five sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary, May 3 (AM & PM), May 4, May 6 & May 7 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 **\$550** to **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**, PO Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Final payment for land arrangements is due no later than **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014**. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express at an additional charge of \$100. Credit card payments must be made over the phone for your protection. Full refund for land arrangements may be made until **FEBRUARY 3, 2014** less an administrative fee of \$550.00. 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**.

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