

FRANCE, SWITZERLAND

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Day 1 Australia - France

Depart Australia on your flights to France.

Day 2 Paris

(D)

Upon arrival in Paris, transfer to your accommodation. Enjoy a free day in the city. You might like to spend time in the Marais, visiting the *hôtels particuliers* and Place des Vosges.

First night's accommodation in Paris

Day 3 Paris

(B,D)

After breakfast, visit the 13th century Ste Chapelle and the Conciergerie, which was used as a prison during the French Revolution. Make your way to l'Île de la Cité and visit Notre Dame cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy a 1-hour cruise on the Seine.

Second night's accommodation in Paris

Day 4 Paris

(B,D)

This morning, explore the quartier of Montmartre. Visit the Sacré Cœur Basilica and enjoy breathtaking views of Paris. You might like to have a coffee at "Le café des deux moulins", which is featured in *Amélie*. This afternoon, visit the Père Lachaise cemetery, where some of the city's most famous and most infamous citizens are buried.

Third night's accommodation in Paris



Day 5 Paris

(B,D)

Spend the morning at the Musée du Louvre, visiting masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo and the winged Victory of Samothrace. This afternoon, walk through the Jardin des Tuileries, visit the Place de la Concorde, and promenade along the Champs-Élysées!

Fourth night's accommodation in Paris

Day 6 Versailles

(B,D)

After breakfast, make your way to Versailles by RER. Visit the chateau, which was built by the Sun King, Louis the Fourteenth. After your visit to the *Grands Appartements*, you might like to hire a bike in the palace gardens or go rowing on the *Grand Canal*. Return to Paris in the late afternoon.

Fifth night's accommodation in Paris

Day 7 Loire Valley

(B,D)

Depart Paris this morning for the Loire Valley. Visit the gardens of the chateau of Villandry and try not to get lost in the *Labyrinthe de Charmille*! Continue on to Tours for a free afternoon.

Overnight accommodation in Tours

Day 8 Chambord, Dijon

(B,D)

After breakfast, travel to the chateau of Chambord. Visit the Renaissance palace, where some of Molière's most famous plays were first performed. Depart Chambord after lunch (*at own expense*) for the region of Burgundy. Enjoy a free afternoon in its capital city, Dijon.

Overnight accommodation in Dijon

Day 9 Annecy, Chamonix

(B,D)

This morning, depart Dijon for the Alps. Stop en route in Annecy for a free morning in the pretty Old Town. Arrive in Chamonix, a beautiful Alpine town at the foot of Europe's highest mountain, Mont Blanc.

First night's accommodation in Chamonix

Day 10 Chamonix

(B,D)

Enjoy a free morning in Chamonix. This afternoon, take the *téléphérique* (cable car) to L'Aiguille du Midi for stunning views of the Alps. Visit the *Mer de Glace*, France's largest glacier and the *Grotte de Glace*, a cave carved into the ice. Return to Chamonix in the late afternoon.

Second night's accommodation in Chamonix



Day 11 Genève, Lausanne

(B,D)

This morning, depart France for Switzerland. Enjoy free time in Genève, exploring the Old Town and walking around the lake. Continue on to Lausanne, a city which has attracted writers and philosophers, such as Voltaire and Dickens. Explore the town as a group, visiting Place de la Palud, the Cathedral and chateau of St Marie.

First night's accommodation in Lausanne

Day 12 Gruyères, Montreux

(B,D)

Enjoy an excursion to Gruyères, a town famous for its cheeses. Spend a free morning in the city, including a visit to the castle. Return to Lausanne for lunch (*at own expense*). This afternoon, enjoy a cruise on Lac Léman with a stop at the lakeside resort town of Montreux.

Second night's accommodation in Lausanne

Day 13 Neuchâtel, Grindewald

(B,D)

After breakfast, visit Neuchâtel. See the town's six fountains, designed by Laurent Perroud in the 16th century and visit sites such as the Eglise Collégiale, the chateau and the Prison Tower. This afternoon, continue on to Grindewald for a free afternoon in the town.

First night's accommodation in Grindewald

Day 14 Mürren

(B,D)

This morning, visit the village of Mürren by funicular. Located on a plateau above Lauterbrunnen, this pedestrian-only town offers spectacular views over the surrounding countryside. Return to Grindewald in the late afternoon.

Second night's accommodation in Grindewald

Day 15 Luzern, Zürich

(B,D)

Transfer to Luzern, the City of Lights. Enjoy a free morning exploring the Old Town as a group. Visit the "Lion Monument", erected in memory of the Swiss soldiers who died trying to save the royal family during the French Revolution. Continue on to Zürich for a free afternoon in the city. See the Chagall-designed stained glass windows in the cathedral.

Overnight accommodation in Zürich



Day 16 Switzerland - Australia

(B)

Today you are transferred to the airport for your return flights to Australia.

Day 17 Australia

Arrive home.

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, PL = Packed Lunch, D = Dinner

We tailor all tours to meet your specific requirements.