

FRANCE

LOIRE VALLEY TOUR AND HOMESTAY

Day 1 Australia - France

Depart Australia on your flights to Paris.

Day 2 Paris (D)

Upon arrival, transfer to the city centre. Meet your guide and enjoy a coach tour of Paris. Transfer to your accommodation to drop off your luggage and then spend a free afternoon in the city.

Overnight accommodation in Paris

Day 3 Paris - Loches (B,D)

After breakfast, transfer by coach to the station for your train trip to Loches. Meet your host families and begin your French homestay.

First night's accommodation in Loches homestay

Day 4 Loches, Chenonceau (B,PL,D)

This morning, attend your first 2-hour French lesson. This afternoon, enjoy an excursion by coach to the chateau of Chenonceau, famous for its hallway, which bridges the two wings of the palace on opposite sides of the river. Return to your families in the evening.

Second night's accommodation in Loches homestay

Day 5 Loches, Tours, Snail Farm (B,PL,D)

This morning, attend your second 2-hour French lesson. This afternoon, enjoy an excursion by coach to Tours. Explore the town centre as a group, starting in the central *Place Plumereau*. Continue on to Montlouis-sur-Loire for a visit to a snail farm. Learn about the art of rearing, cooking and eating snails! Return to your families in the evening.

Third night's accommodation in Loches homestay



Day 6 Loches, Chambord (B,PL,D)

This morning, attend your third 2-hour French lesson. This afternoon, enjoy an excursion by coach to Chambord. Visit the town's beautiful chateau as a group. Return to your families in the evening.

Fourth night's accommodation in Loches homestay

Day 7 Loches (B,PL,D)

This morning, attend your fourth 2-hour French lesson. Spend a free afternoon in Loches.

Fifth night's accommodation in Loches homestay

Day 8 Loches, Amboise (B,PL,D)

This morning, attend your fifth 2-hour French lesson. This afternoon, enjoy an excursion by coach to Amboise. Visit the *Manoir du Clos Lucé*, former home of Leonardo Da Vinci.

Sixth night's accommodation in Loches homestay

Day 9 Loches (weekend) (B,PL,D)

Enjoy a full day at leisure with your host families.

Seventh night's accommodation in Loches homestay

Day 10 Loches (weekend) (B,PL,D)

Enjoy a full day at leisure with your host families.

Eighth night's accommodation in Loches homestay



Day 11 Mont St Michel, St Malo (B,PL,D)



Say goodbye to your host families this morning and depart for Mont St Michel. Visit the town's Abbey and enjoy free time with your teachers leading the group. Continue on to St Malo. After dinner,

explore the walled city within St Malo.

Overnight accommodation in St Malo

Day 12 Rouen, Giverny, Paris (B,D)

After breakfast, depart for Rouen. Explore the historic city centre, which is home to many of Monet's subjects, such as the Cathedral, the Old Clock Tower, the Church of St Maclou and the Old Market Square, where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. Continue on to Giverny in the afternoon. Visit Monet's House and Gardens. Travel on to Paris in the evening.

First night's accommodation in Paris

Day 13 Paris (B,D)

Explore l'Ile de la Cité on foot this morning, including a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of Notre Dame. This afternoon, walk along the Champs Elysées from the Place de la Concorde to l'Étoile. Enjoy a 1-hour cruise on the Seine River, finishing at la Tour Eiffel. You might like to climb this Parisian icon for spectacular views across the city.

Second night's accommodation in Paris

Day 14 Versailles (B,D)

This morning, make your way to Versailles by RER. Spend a free day exploring the beautiful chateau, including the *Grands Appartements*. Walk around the palace gardens in the afternoon. Return to Paris for dinner.

Third night's accommodation in Paris

Day 15 Paris (B,D)

This morning, visit the *Musée d'Orsay*, which boasts an impressive Impressionist collection. Spend a final free afternoon in Paris.

Fourth night's accommodation in Paris



Day 16 France - Australia (B)

After breakfast at your accommodation, transfer 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.