

PARIS, BELGIUM AND NORTH- EAST FRANCE

FRANCE, BELGIUM



DAY 1 / Australia - France **B D**

Depart Australia on your flights to France.

DAY 2 / Paris **B D**

Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodation in central Paris. Spend the day exploring the French capital. Visit the Eiffel Tower and the Champ de Mars, before continuing on to the Place de l'Etoile and the Arc de Triomphe. From here, walk down the Champs-Élysées, to the Place de la Concorde and the Jardin des Tuileries.

1st night's accommodation in Paris

DAY 3 / Paris **B D**

Make your way to the Louvre Museum for a tour of the collection. This afternoon, travel through 2000 years of Parisian history with a holographic Victor Hugo as your guide during the "Explore Paris" show, which also includes a set of five short films with a Parisian flavour. Continue exploring the 9th Arrondissement, visiting the Opéra Garnier and les Grands Magasins of Printemps and Galeries Lafayette.

2nd night's accommodation in Paris

DAY 4 / Paris **B D**

Make your way to the docks of the Bâteaux Parisiens this morning and enjoy a 1-hour cruise on the Seine. Tour l'Île de la Cité and visit Ste Chapelle. You may decide to climb Notre Dame and visit its gargoyles!

3rd night's accommodation in Paris

DAY 5 / Paris **B D**

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Montmartre. Visit the Place du Tertre, heart of the artists' quartier, and the basilica Sacré Coeur. Continue by metro to the Père Lachaise cemetery and explore the tomb stones and memorials as a group. If time permits, visit the Place des Vosges, the Pompidou Centre and the shops in Les Halles.

4th night's accommodation in Paris

DAY 6 / The Somme **B D**

This morning, leave Paris for the

Somme. Explore the World War I battlefields in Beaumont Hamel, the Park of Newfoundland and Thiépvil. Transfer to Villers- Bretonneux and visit the Australian Museum and Grave of the Unknown Australian soldier.

Overnight accommodation in Amiens

DAY 7 / Amiens, Bruges **B D**

This morning, visit the town of Amiens and its famous cathedral, France's largest. Continue on to Belgium. Arrive in Bruges, known as "the Northern Venice", and enjoy a boat tour on the canals. Spend free time in this beautiful Belgian town before taking a guided tour of a local chocolate factory and museum.

Overnight accommodation in Bruges

DAY 8 / Bruxelles, Reims **B D**

Transfer to Bruxelles for a free morning in the Belgian capital. This afternoon, travel to the Waterloo Visitor Centre. After your visit, transfer to Reims.

Overnight accommodation in Reims

DAY 9 / Reims, Strasbourg **B D**

Spend a free morning in Reims. Visit the Cathedral of Notre Dame, where Charles VII was crowned King of France in 1429. Stop at one of France's most famous Champagne cellars for a tour before travelling on to the Alsatian capital.

1st night's accommodation in Strasbourg



DAY 10 / Strasbourg **B D**

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Strasbourg. Spend a free afternoon exploring the city as a group. You might like to visit Petite France with its half-timbered houses and the Cathedral of Notre Dame, famous for its 12th century stained-glass windows and astronomical clock.

2nd night's accommodation in Strasbourg

DAY 11 / Alsace **B D**

Enjoy a coach tour through the Route des Vins. Stop in the pretty mediaeval towns of Obernai and Damach la Ville, arriving at the famous chateau of Haut Koenigsbourg in the early afternoon. Continue on to the beautiful village of Riquewhir. After visiting the town, drive to Colmar for dinner and accommodation.

Overnight accommodation in Colmar

DAY 12 / Colmar, Dijon **B D**

Spend a free morning exploring the beautiful cobbled streets of Colmar, built in the authentic Alsatian style during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. This afternoon, transfer to Dijon.

1st night's accommodation in Dijon

DAY 13 / Dijon **B D**

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Dijon, home to Dijon mustard and the powerful Dukes of Burgundy in the Middle Ages. This afternoon, visit Semur-en-Auxois, a medieval town surrounded by ramparts, and Flavigny-sur-Ozerain, where the movie "Chocolat" was filmed. Return to Dijon.

2nd night's accommodation in Dijon

DAY 14 / Fontainebleau, Paris **B D**

This morning, depart Dijon for Paris. En route, stop in Fontainebleau and visit the royal palace. Arrive in Paris in the afternoon.

1st night's accommodation in Paris

DAY 15 / Disneyland **B D**

Spend a full day enjoying the attractions at Disneyland.

2nd night's accommodation in Paris

DAY 16 / France - Australia **B**

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

DAY 17 / Australia

Arrive home.