



# Paris

featuring the African American Experience

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Discover how the **African American expatriate community** influenced Paris.
- ▶ Explore **Montmartre**, where African American jazz musicians created their own Harlem in the 1920s.
- ▶ Enjoy an evening at a **jazz club**.
- ▶ Nibble treats and French specialties during a **gastronomic walking tour**.
- ▶ See Paris' most beautiful landmarks during a **cruise on the Seine**.
- ▶ Join an enriching tour through the **Musée du quai Branly**, a premier cultural institution.
- ▶ Gain a **new perspective of Paris** as you explore its historic quarters, tranquil gardens and friendly neighborhoods.
- ▶ Experience Paris' Banks of the Seine, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.



A jazz club in Paris, 1960

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

### Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking distances up to 3-5 miles
- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and trains
- ▶ navigating stairs to get in/out of Métro stations

Following World War I, many African American expatriates found acceptance and opportunities in Paris. During carefully curated excursions, trace the path of Black performers, literary greats and luminaries who were instrumental in shaping French culture. See famous Parisian hangouts, enjoy a jazz concert, cruise the Seine River and delight in delectable French cuisine. Return home with an understanding of the contributions and influences made by African American expatriates.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Paris, France. 🌐

### Day 2 | Paris, France

Arrive in Paris. Transfer 🚗 and check in to your hotel, Les Jardins du Marais.

**Welcome to Paris!** Join your AHI Travel Director for a discovery of the neighborhood around your hotel and learn how to use the Métro.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

### Day 3 | Paris

**Paris' African American History.** The day begins with an enriching city tour. Head out to uncover the Paris that welcomed Josephine Baker, Langston Hughes and other African American luminaries. See the haunts of W.E.B. Du Bois, James Baldwin and others as you ride along the Champs-Élysées, drive through the Latin Quarter and visit other vibrant and historic districts. Your guide shares insights into the connection between Black heritage and important landmarks, including the Palais Garnier, the Moulin Rouge, the Louvre and more. Dig into sensational French cuisine over lunch.

**Free Time:** Spend the afternoon crafting your own adventures through Paris.

### Day 4 | Paris

**AHI Connects: Paris Noir.** Watch an illuminating documentary that explores the relationship between Paris and African American expatriates in the time after World War I. A question-and-answer session with the filmmakers follows the screening.

**Montmartre and Jazz Walking Tour.** Explore the colorful streets of Montmartre. Along the way, learn about the influence of the Harlem Renaissance and jazz on Paris, and see clubs owned by jazz legends.

**Free Time:** An afternoon of leisure offers opportunities to discover Paris' excellent food, boutiques and more.



## Day 5 | Paris

**Flavors of France.** Experience the nuances of French gastronomy during a walking tour. Visit local shops, and taste excellent artisan-made foods, sweets and wines.

**Musée du quai Branly.** Join an expert for a tour through one of Paris' premier cultural institutions. This museum features collections focused on non-European cultures with a variety of art, artifacts and objects from Oceania, Asia, Africa and the Americas.

## Day 6 | Paris

**Free Time:** The day is yours to explore Paris! Pave your path through legendary landmarks, museums and parks. Stroll along the famous Champs-Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe, or visit the magnificent Eiffel Tower.

**Elective | Versailles.** Uncover the splendor of France's grandest palace. During a guided tour, witness the palace's ornate décor, painted ceilings, rich tapestries and luxurious galleries. See the Hall of Mirrors, the lavishly decorated room where the Treaty of Versailles was signed, and roam the elaborate gardens.

**Jazz Experience.** A splendid night awaits! During an evening stroll, trace the evolution of French jazz in St-Germain-des-Prés and the Latin Quarter. Listen to stories of great musicians. Then settle in at a jazz club to enjoy a delicious dinner, followed by a jazz concert.

## Day 7 | Paris

**Enrichment: An African American Writer in Paris Today.** Award-winning writer Jake Lamar, a Bronx transplant in Paris, discusses his experiences in Paris. A Harvard University graduate and former writer for Time magazine, Lamar has written six novels, a play, a memoir and many short stories.

**Pioneers of the Left Bank.** From the Place du Panthéon to La Sorbonne, follow a storied path through the Left Bank, passing landmarks steeped in artistic innovation and political debate. Along the way, learn about the rich history of the Négritude movement, which rose to prominence in the 1930s in the lecture halls of the Sorbonne. See the former home of



Richard Wright, author of the groundbreaking novel "Native Son."

Join your group for another extraordinary lunch.

**Free Time:** The afternoon is at leisure. You may wish to wander the vast corridors of the Louvre or gaze at works by Monet, van Gogh and Renoir in the Musée d'Orsay, located in the old Gare d'Orsay railway station.

## Day 8 | Paris

**Paris by Boat.** Get a different perspective of glorious Paris on a memorable Seine River cruise. Glide along the storied waterway, viewing the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, Île Saint-Louis and other renowned landmarks along the riverbanks.

**Free Time:** Enjoy an afternoon in Paris. Scout for souvenirs or relax in the Jardin du Luxembourg.

Tonight, raise a toast to celebrate your time together at a Farewell Reception, followed by a Farewell Dinner.

## Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer to the Paris airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

## Included Features

**Accommodations** (with baggage handling)

– **7 nights** in Paris, France, at the first-class Les Jardins du Marais.

**Extensive Meal Program**

– 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

**Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **10-ticket Métro package** for included excursions.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



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**Note:** Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Electives available at an additional cost.