

Diplomacy & Enlightenment in the Footsteps of Thomas Jefferson & Benjamin Franklin

Inspiring Moments



- Discover the role of Paris played in the battle for American independence and in the early years of the Republic.
- Explore the links between the Latin Quarter, Saint-Germain-des-Prés and the Founding Fathers.
- Enjoy lunch at Paris' oldest café.
- Dine at a restaurant in the former home of the Marquis de Lafayette.
- Marvel at the opulence of Versailles.
- Delight in a private tour of the Louvre.
- Gain a new perspective of Paris as you stroll along the Royal Axis
- Experience Paris' Banks of the Seine and the Palace and Park of Versailles,

UNESCO World Heritage sites.



Top: Aerial View of Paris | Above: Gardens in Latin Quarter



Itinerary

Day 2 Arrive in Paris and transfer 3 to hotel

Day 3 Paris

Day 4 Paris

Day 5 Versailles

Day 6 Paris

Day 7 La Roche-Guyon | Giverny

Day 8 Paris

Day 9 Transfer to airport and depart for gateway city

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants. **Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

-7 nights in Paris, France, at the first-class Crowne Plaza Place de la Republique.

Extensive Meal Program

- -7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners, tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- -Small group: Sized just right at 28 guests.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- 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.
- AHI Sustainability Promise | Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

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A World of Discovery

Saint-Germain-des-Prés. Pass by the homes of John Jay and Thomas Paine; the Temple de Pentemont, the school of Thomas Jefferson's daughters; and the Hotel d'York, where Benjamin Franklin and John Adams represented the U.S. at the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

Saint-Sulpice Church & the Luxembourg Gardens. Admire the artwork in Saint-Sulpice Church. On a guided walk through Luxembourg Gardens, see the architecture of Luxembourg Palace, which strongly influenced the work of Thomas Jefferson.

Natural History & the Pantheon. Visit Paris' botanical garden on this excursion in the Latin Quarter. Jefferson was friends with its director, who supplied him with seeds for his Virginia home. Visit the Pantheon, the mausoleum for France's greatest citizens.

The Odéon Theater. Tour the Odéon Theater. Jefferson attended performances here and admired its architecture.

Versailles. Immerse yourself in the splendor of Versailles and tour the opulent palace and manicured gardens. Your tour includes the King's Private Apartments and Marie-Antoinette's special retreat. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant in the heart of the gardens.

The Royal Axis. Follow the historic route that features some of the most significant sites of the late 18th century and places frequented by Jefferson, Franklin and other diplomats. Visit the Bourse de Commerce, the old grain exchange; the Palais-Royal and the Church of Saint-Roch.

The Louvre Museum. View artwork from the Enlightenment during a private tour. Learn how the works, which would have been seen by the early U.S. diplomats, reflected the political situation of the time.

Chateau de la Roche-Guyon. Visit a countryside chateau that often welcomed Jefferson and Franklin as guests.

Giverny. Marvel at the beautiful home of painter Claude Monet.

Life in Paris. Admire a statue of revolution heroes Washington and Lafayette. See where Franklin and John Adams lived, and walk through the park where Franklin and Jefferson watched experimental balloon flights.

ACTIVE TRAVEL 💃

Excursions on this program require:

- -walking distances of up to 3 miles per day
- -walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths, uneven surfaces and/or up and down hilly streets
- -getting on/off motor coaches on your own



\$4,995

Enrichment

- Presentations by two Indiana University professors, Mark Canada and Christopher Young, add context to your experience.

UNESCO World Heritage Paris, Banks of the Seine Palace and Park of Versailles

Accommodations

Crowne Plaza Place - Republique | Paris $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$

Tripadvisor



Flavors of Paris



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*Special Savings Price is valid if booked by the expiration date on the website and paid in full at booking.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy, includes applicable program taxes and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$1,295 (limited availability).