



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary *France Magnifique* *Paris, Normandy, Provence, Riviera* *Thursday, November 4 – Monday, November 15, 2010*

You don't need to be Lance Armstrong to experience your own Tour de France. Begin where the famous road race leaves off, with a spin through gay **Paris**, including a cabaret dinner at the legendary **Paradis Latin**, and a day to tour the city's can't-miss sites from the **Arc de Triomphe** to **Notre Dame** and the **Louvre**. Next, your off to Normandy for a poignant tour of the **Memorial Peace Museum**, commemorating the lives lost during the epic battles of WWII, followed by a visit to the **U.S. Military Cemetery** in **Omaha Beach** and a day spent in the heart of the historic D-Day operations. The remaining days will whisk you through the locales immortalized by France's legendary painters and vineyards, including picturesque **Amboise** in the **Loire Valley**, **Avignon** and a **Cezanne**-inspired tour of **Aix-en-Provence**. The piece de resistance—two days to laze on the **French Riviera**, including its crown jewel, **Monaco**. And remember, the French do not say goodbye: it's au revoir... until your next visit.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Paris and Nice to Boston
- Ten nights' first class accommodations
- Sixteen meals: ten buffet breakfasts, six dinners
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

Rates

\$3,429 per person double occupancy
\$4,025 single reservations

Add \$110 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation and unused services waiver is \$200 per person. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking. Passport required

Features:

Paris: Paradis Latin cabaret, panoramic tour;
Normandy: Memorial Peace Museum, U.S. Military Cemetery at Omaha Beach, Airborne Museum, Ranger Memorial, Utah Beach; Loire Valley: chateaux tours,
Provence: Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Grasse perfumerie; Riviera: Nice tour, Monaco tour.

Trip Planner

DAY 1 Overnight flight from Boston
DAYS 2–3 **Concorde La Fayette**, Paris
DAYS 4–5 **Hotel Mercure**, Omaha Beach, Port-en-Bessin
DAYS 6–7 **Hotel Mercure**, Blois
DAYS 8–9 **Hotel le Galice**, Aix-en-Provence
DAYS 10–11 **Plaza Boscolo Hotel**, Nice
DAY 12 Return flight to Boston

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, November 04, 2010 Overnight Flight

Day 2: Friday, November 05, 2010 Arrive Paris, France - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in beautiful Paris. Enjoy a relaxing evening cruise past famous landmarks along the River Seine. Celebrate the beginning of a fabulous trip with a special dinner at the Paradis Latin, Paris's oldest cabaret theatre. Enjoy a delicious dinner complete with wine, champagne and a delightful cabaret show. **(D)**

Day 3: Saturday, November 06, 2010 Paris

A panoramic tour of Paris reveals the breathtaking architecture of the Arc de Triomphe; the Cathedral of Notre Dame; the Place de la Concorde and its commanding obelisk from the tomb of Ramses II in Egypt; Place Vendome; and the Champs-Elysées, the promenade famous for its people watching. **(B)**

Day 4: Sunday, November 07, 2010 Paris - Caen - Huppain Port-en-Bessin

Set off for the Normandy coast. During WW II, the largest invasion in history took place here. Enjoy an insightful visit to the Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic battle of Normandy in 1944. Later, experience a moving visit to the U.S. Military Cemetery in Omaha Beach.

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Day 5: Monday, November 08, 2010 Huppain Port-en-Bessin - D Day Landing Sights

This morning visit Ste. Mere Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and its parachute shaped Airborne Museum. At the Pointe Du Hoc Ranger Memorial, see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. A drive to Utah Beach provides a visit to the scene of the 4th Infantry Division's operations. **(B,D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 Huppain Port-en-Bessin - Blois

Journey south to the Loire Valley which is brimming with chateaus and parks, once the setting for the French court. Visit Chateau de Chenonceaux on the banks of the Cher River, a jewel of Renaissance architecture with traditional French gardens. **(B)**

Day 7: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 Blois - Amboise - Blois

Embark on a tour of Chateau du Clos Luce, where Leonardo da Vinci spent his last three years, showcasing a display of his early inventions. Proceed to the picturesque center of Amboise for free time to explore the colorful market street, stroll along the river or the colorful market street. Enjoy a tour and tasting at a well-known winery in Vouvray. **(B,D)**

Day 8: Thursday, November 11, 2010 Blois - Paris - TGV Train - Avignon - Aix-en-Provence/Avignon

Climb aboard the high speed TGV Train heading for Avignon, Provence. Enjoy a delightful tour of this walled city that was the center of European religion for 70 years when the Popes moved there in 1309. Tonight, enjoy dinner and fine French wine. **(B,D)**

Day 9: Friday, November 12, 2010 Aix-en-Provence

Embark on a walking tour "in the footsteps of Cézanne" through Aix-en-Provence's tree lined avenues to view sites from the famous painter's life. Experience the markets and monuments of this ancient city. **(B)**

Day 10: Saturday, November 13, 2010 Aix-en-Provence/Avignon - Grasse - St. Paul de Vence - Nice

Today, journey to Grasse, a retreat in the alluring Cote d'Azur region of France. Learn the secrets of perfume making, from extraction to distillation, when visiting a famous perfumerie. Travel to St. Paul de Vence, a 16th century walled town overlooking the Mediterranean coast. Then it's off to Nice, the playground of the rich and famous and your home for two nights. **(B)**

Day 11: Sunday, November 14, 2010 Nice - Monaco - Nice

Enjoy a morning stroll through the local Flower Market in Nice. Next, see Place Massena and the lively seafont Promenade des Anglais. Witness the splendor of Monaco, the glittering gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous Casino of Monte Carlo and the 13th century Prince's Palace. See the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a quaint restaurant. **(B,D)**

Day 12: Monday, November 15, 2010 Nice

Today after breakfast you will be transferred to the Nice airport for your return flight home. **(B)**

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

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