

# EDLIN SCHOOL PARIS, FRANCE "IN THE SPRINGTIME" TRIP APRIL 3-10, 2020



## DEPART THE UNITED STATES

**Day #1 - Friday, April 3** - Depart from Washington Dulles International (IAD) Airport on Air France Flight Number AF-055 at 6:05pm. Sit back, relax and enjoy your trans-Atlantic flight with onboard amenities.

## ARRIVAL IN PARIS AND ENJOY A SEINE RIVER DINNER CRUISE

**Day #2 - Saturday, April 4** - Arrive in Paris, France at Charles De Gaulle International Airport (CDG) at 7:35am. As the biggest and busiest airport in France and one of Europe's most important international transport hubs, Charles de Gaulle is visited by almost every traveler to Paris. After clearing immigration and customs, depart the airport and transfer to the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc (or similar) which offers a quality yet affordable accommodation in one of Paris' trendiest and most atmospheric districts, the Marais. This three-star establishment has a charming décor and provides the best value for your stay in the world's most romantic city. The convenience of a central location is yet another advantage of this charming hotel. Take time to acclimate to time zone change and get some much needed rest. After a refreshing lunch (on your own expense), follow-up on confirming all tour voucher details regarding Paris and surrounding sightseeing and activities in the program. Later that evening, take one of the bateaus along the Seine River. It is touristy but a very fun thing to experience. This will be a truly memorable night out in Paris with a bistro-style dinner cruise along the Seine River. Arrive at 6:00pm and tour starts at 6:15pm. Float past the city's famed monuments, such as the

Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, Musee d'Orsay and (Notre Dame Cathedral) aboard a luxury Bateaux Parisiens riverboat. Soak up the magic of Paris from an onboard dining room while enjoying a delicious three-course meal. Your Paris evening begins near the Eiffel Tower, where you will meet your host and climb aboard a luxury Bateaux Parisiens sightseeing boat. Take a seat in the elegant dining room surrounded by large enclosed windows and enjoy a complimentary glass of Welcome Champagne. Make your dinner selection from an à la carte menu of classic French cuisine. While you savor each of the three gourmet courses, enjoy the vocal and instrumental stylings of onboard musicians for a true bistro atmosphere. French wine and mineral water accompany your meal. As the boat glides along the UNESCO World Heritage-listed riverbanks of the Seine River, see the famous monuments of Paris bathed in the golden glow of sunset. When darkness falls, admire monuments like the Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, (Notre Dame Cathedral), and Musée d'Orsay illuminated against the night sky. Step out into the open-air deck for a breath of fresh evening air and immerse yourself in the romance of the "City of Lights". After approximately two hours, end your scenic river cruise and step back onto solid ground back at the original departure point. Later that evening, return to the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc (or similar) for a relaxing overnight. Meals Included: Dinner Cruise.

### SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF PARIS – "THE CITY OF LIGHTS"



**Day #3 – Sunday, April 5** –After a refreshing breakfast enjoy a full day excursion in Paris. Tour starts at 8:30am and see interesting landmarks such as: the Arc de Triomphe, an instantly recognizable symbol of Paris, the colossal arch stands at the epicenter of Place Charles de Gaulle, where twelve of the city's busiest avenues converge. The Napoleon-commissioned monument, adorned with high-relief sculptures depicting sword-wielding soldiers and inscribed with the names of generals and battles, celebrates French military victories and remembers all of those who have fought on behalf of France. The top of the arch, accessible via 284-steps, affords superb views all over Paris; the Champs-Elysees - what would a trip to Paris be without a walk down the historic Champs-Elysees? Plenty of photo opportunities abound on this world famous avenue from the Arc de Triomphe, elegant hotels and elaborate fountains; the Grand Palais which is one of Paris' most beautiful and recognizable structures. Debuted in 1900 in time for the World's Fair, the architectural marvel is famed for its colossal nave, Beaux-Arts architecture, and immense glass roof. Today, the Grand Palais houses several gallery areas and also hosts tournaments, Chanel fashion shows, and many other major

events; the Place de la Concorde which is situated on the right bank of the Seine River and flanked by the idyllic Tuileries Garden and the grand boulevard of the Champs-Élysées, it is the largest square in Paris. The infamous guillotines of the French Revolution were located here, but today the square is best known for its striking monuments; and the Bastille, site of the notorious prison and its legendary siege and learn about the situation that led to the famous storming of the prison on July 14, 1789 that started the French Revolution. After a relaxing lunch (on your own expense) at a local restaurant (TBD) perhaps enjoy some delicious ice cream at Bertillon on the Rue St. Louis. Time permitting mingle with the locals at a Parisian market, stopping to indulge in a sampling of a delicious array of cheeses. Later that afternoon, enjoy an Eiffel Tower and Summit Access Tour. Arrive at starting point at 4:00pm and tour starts at 4:15pm. Built in 1889, the “Iron Lady” was hated by many Parisians when she first appeared on the skyline. Breeze past the crowds outside the Eiffel Tower with your skip-the-line pass for a ninety (90) minute tour. Meet your local guide at a pre-arranged meeting point a few minutes' walk from the Eiffel Tower. In the company of your local guide, you will gain priority access to the Eiffel Tower's second level. As you approach the tower, skip the long waiting lines and proceed by the elevator directly to the second level. Look around the second floor, which includes panoramic maps of Paris, affectionately known as “the City of Lights” and a 1/50th scale model of the tower's original architecture. Enjoy spectacular views of famous landmarks like Les Invalides, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre Museum, and (Notre Dame Cathedral) as you listen to your guide's engaging commentary. Once your guided tour has concluded, you may continue to explore on your own. Ascend a second elevator for access to the Eiffel Tower's summit, where you can get fantastic views from 1,063 feet (324 meters). Toast your experience with a glass of bubbly from the Champagne bar (on your own expense). Afterwards, return to the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc (or similar) for a relaxing dinner (on your own expense) and overnight. Meals Included: Breakfast.

## VISIT TO THE LOUVRE MUSEUM AND MONTMARTRE DISTRICT



**Day #4 - Monday, April 6** - After a refreshing breakfast, enjoy a visit to the Louvre Museum. Arrive at 9:45am and tour starts at 10:00am. The Louvre Museum is gigantic and almost impossible to really take in. The Musée du Louvre, perhaps the most famous art museum in the world, as well as the biggest, can be overwhelming for both first-time and repeat visitors, with its maze of galleries and thousands of works. Meet your private guide at the Louvre Pyramid to begin your tour of the museum, which houses masterpieces from around the world, spanning centuries. Take the stress out of navigating the museum on your own by

booking a three-hour private tour with a guide, who can show you the most impressive pieces of art. Entrance fee is included with skip-the-line access provided with your guide. Highlights of the three-hour narrated tour of the Louvre Museum include three of the museum's most famous works – Venus de Milo, Mona Lisa, and Nike of Samothrace – as well as other famous paintings and sculptures. Enjoy the convenience and efficiency of a private guide to show you around so you don't lose time getting lost. Other interesting works of art such as paintings by Delacroix, sculptures by Michelangelo, and The Coronation of Napoleon by Jacques-Louis David can also be seen. In addition to fantastic artwork, you'll also have the chance to see valuable artifacts like the French crown jewels. At the end of your guided tour, enjoy a refreshing lunch (on your own expense) at a nearby restaurant (TBD). Afterwards, discover the charms of one of Paris' most popular neighborhoods on a two hour walking tour of Montmartre, a district known for its artists and historically bohemian vibe. Explore the Parisian neighborhood of Montmartre on a walking tour and hear stories from your guide about what makes this district stand out from the rest of Paris. Start your route at the Moulin Rouge and see where artists like Van Gogh, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, and Picasso lived and worked. See other interesting sights like the Basilica du Sacre-Coeur, and get insights from your guide about the art, music, food, and history of the Montmartre District. Exploring on foot allows you to get a better feel for the atmosphere of the neighborhood. Afterwards, return to the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc (or similar) for a relaxing dinner (on your own expense) and overnight. Meals Included: Breakfast.

### EXCURSION TO VERSAILLES WITH GARDEN SHOW INCLUDED



**Day #5 - Tuesday, April 7** - After an early breakfast, enjoy a full day tour of Versailles which includes your skip-the-line admission. You will be picked-up from your hotel at 8:30am and transferred by road to Versailles. Travel by minivan to the regal city and move past long lines outside of the Palace of Versailles with your priority-access pass. After a scenic forty-five minute ride arrive at the regal town of Versailles. Plan to arrive no later than 10:00am and tour starts at 10:30am. Receive an illuminating introduction to the region from your tour guide and feel suitably impressed by the classical splendor of the Palace of Versailles as you arrive at the UNESCO-listed monuments entrance. You get plenty of free time in the exquisite gardens and a chance to see the pink marble Grand Trianon, which isn't included in many other Versailles tours. Witness the extravagance of Louis XIV - the Sun King - who built up the massive 700-room complex, adorning the space with luxuries fit for the French monarchy. Delve into the

Versailles's visionary architectural array on a comprehensive full-day tour from Paris. Embark on a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed wonder and see grand chambers like the Hall of Mirrors. Absorb the botanical beauty of the palace gardens, and then head to an esteemed restaurant by the Grand Canal for a three-course lunch (on your own expense). Conclude with a visit to the Queen's Hamlet and the Grand Trianon, a marble palace surrounded by verdant gardens. Admire its distinct pink marble colonnades and listen to tales of France's extravagant emperor, Napoleon, before concluding your tour at the Queen's Hamlet, a serene retreat replete with charming thatched-roof cottages. Return back to central Paris later that afternoon and return to the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc (or similar) for a relaxing dinner (on your own expense) and overnight. Meals Included: Breakfast.

### **MORNING TOUR OF GIVERNY AND AFTERNOON TOUR OF MUSEE D'ORSAY**

**Day #6 - Wednesday, April 8** - After an early breakfast, depart your hotel at 7:30am to enjoy a half day tour of the riverside village of Giverny, home of the iconic French artist Claude Monet and a major center of the Impressionist art movement. This half-day trip offers enough time to explore including a Tour of Monet's House and Gardens as well as a visit to the Musee des Impressionisms. When you arrive, take the time to independently explore Monet's studio, home and vibrant gardens. Monet lived here with his family for more than forty years, working on some of his Impressionist masterpieces. Inside, you can see his kitchen, sitting room, reading room, dining room, and bedroom, plus admire his collection of Japanese prints, which provided him with inspiration. Outside, stroll around rows of flowers and visit the water lily pond and Japanese bridge, surrounded by weeping willows. This is a scene you will probably recognize from his masterpiece paintings. Afterwards, return to Paris and visit the Musee d'Orsay which is situated in the heart of Paris, opposite the Tuileries Gardens. The Musee d'Orsay is renowned worldwide for its important collection of Impressionists art. This former station, inaugurated for the Universal Exposition of 1900, which was held in Paris, is a renowned building in its own right and well worth the visit. The museum presents the artistic production of the period 1848-1914, a decisive period in the art history which gave birth to the masterpieces of Impressionism. Upon arrival, stop at the Café de l'ours for sandwiches and salads but for a more thematic dining experience at the museum, visit the Café Campana and enjoy some classic Parisian brasserie fare in a dreamy underwater environment inspired by Emile Galle a French artist and influencer of Art Nouveau. The Musee d'Orsay rivals the Louvre as Paris' favorite art museum and is known for its impressionists, post-impressionists, and art nouveau works from 1848-1914. Equally impressive as what's inside the museum is its exterior: a former Beaux-Arts railway station with an enviable location on the banks of the Seine River. Both architecture and art buffs will want this museum on their Parisian itineraries. With its position on the 7th arrondissement, just across the river from the Jardin des Tuileries, the Musee d'Orsay will immerse you in the world of Monet, Pissarro, Renoir, Cezanne, Monet, and other masters of the 19th and 20th centuries. Works include Degas' the Ballet Class and Van Gogh's Starry Night. In addition to the paintings, don't miss the museum's large clock, which you can look through for a view of the right bank of the Seine River. After your completion of the museum tour return to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing

dinner (on your own expense) and overnight at the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc (or similar). Meals Included: Breakfast.

### **TOUR OF CHARTRES AND HARD ROCK CAFÉ FAREWELL DINNER**

**Day #7 - Thursday, April 9** - After an early breakfast, depart from your hotel at 8:00am for private tour bus ride from Paris along the northern gateway to the Loire Valley and a popular day trip to the historic town of Chartres. A quintessentially French storybook town of cobblestone lanes, half-timbered buildings and quaint stone footbridges criss-crossing the Eure River. Chartres' most noteworthy attraction is the magnificent UNESCO-listed Notre Dame Cathedral, a 12th century edifice that is the largest in France and considered one of the world's most outstanding examples of Gothic architecture. On this tour you will go back in time to learn about the storied Roman and Celtic history, uncover what makes the legendary cathedral so rare and shares the sacred religious stories that are depicted throughout the cathedral in the stained glass and stone. After fully exploring the cathedral, take in the best of the historic Chartres where you will find half-timbered houses from medieval times, picturesque forts and bridges along with fishing boats along the Eure River. Follow the streets to pretty shops and cafes as you soak up the unique atmosphere of the Chartres. Enjoy a refreshing lunch (on your own expense) at a local restaurant (TBD) before returning to Paris at 4:00pm. Later that evening, depart from the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc at 6:30pm and enjoy a Farewell Dinner at the Hard Rock Café Paris! Bypass the long queue at this popular themed restaurant and choose from a two or three course menu of classic American food like burgers and barbeque and dine among authentic musical memorabilia from rock legends. Located near the Grands Boulevards and the Opera, the Hard Rock Café Paris offers a fun and festive dose of Americana. Enjoy skip-the-line access to the popular restaurant for your 7:00pm dinner reservation so you do not waste any precious time waiting in a queue. Enjoy the unique atmosphere featuring walls covered with rock-n-roll memorabilia, music videos playing on twenty-one different video screens, and tunes from rock legends piping through the sound system. Settle in at a private table and feast on your choice of a three-course Diamond meal of American style classics, served with coffee, tea or soft drinks. Feel free to purchase from an additional variety of beverages from the full bar. Browse the on-site gift shop for a few rock-n-roll souvenirs to memorialize your visit. Afterwards, return to the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc (or similar) for a relaxing overnight. Meals Included: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner.

### **DEPART PARIS AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON, DC**

**Day #8 - Friday, April 10** - Depart Paris, France and return to the United States. After a refreshing breakfast, check-out of the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc (or similar) and transfer to Charles de Gaulle International Airport (CDG). Depart at 1:15pm on Air France Flight Number AF-054. Arrive at Washington Dulles International (IAD) Airport at 3:40pm. After clearing immigration and customs you will be picked-up by your parents.

### **END OF PROGRAM**

# B O N V O Y A G E

## EDLIN SCHOOL PARIS "IN THE SPRINGTIME" TRIP INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip International Airfare on Air France from Washington Dulles International (IAD) Airport to Paris Charles de Gaulle International Airport (CDG);
- Six (6) nights in Paris at the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc (or similar);
  - Welcome Dinner Cruise on the Seine River
  - Various Tours in Paris and Surroundings;
    - Tour of Versailles and Garden Show;
- Tours of the Louvre Museum and Montmartre District
  - Tours of Giverny, Musee d'Orsay and Chartres;
  - Farewell Dinner at the Hard Rock Café Paris, and
    - Group Tips and Gratuities.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE REVIEW DETAILS ON EACH TOUR'S VOUCHER STATEMENT AND PLEASE CONTACT DESIGNATED POINT-OF-CONTACT FOR EACH TOUR TO RECONFIRM MEETING LOCATION AND START TIME AND END TIME OF EACH TOUR. ALSO CONFIRM NAME OF EACH TOUR GUIDE AND OBTAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER.**

**PRICE PER PERSON IS \$3,600.00**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT TOUR DATES AND TOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TOUR IS CONFIRMED.**

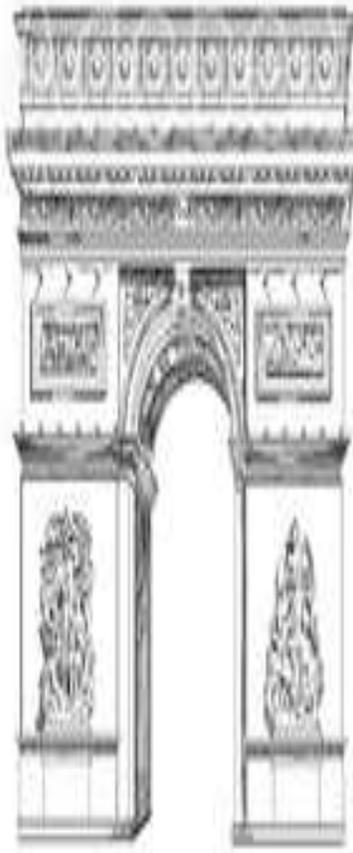
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