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- Comprehensive sightseeing tour of Paris
- Paris 'By Night' tour
- Visit to the beautiful Château de Versailles
- Visit to the artists' quarter – picturesque Montmartre
- Escorted by our experienced tour manager

Paris was, is and always will be, something rather special. So if you have an anniversary to celebrate, a family get together, want to say a thank you, or sorry to a loved one or maybe take a short break to recharge your batteries – why not take a few days with us in Paris. This inexhaustible city has something to offer everyone, whatever you are looking for.

Sightseeing? The list is endless. Notre Dame, L'Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, Champs Élysées, Sacre Coeur, Eiffel Tower and much, much more. During the day you can visit fine shops such as the Galeries Lafayette and the smart arcaded rue de Rivoli. Here you are only a short walk from the Louvre – home of the most well-known painting in the world, the Mona Lisa. The grandiose Place de la Concorde, largest square in the city, shows off 18th Century French architecture at its best and just over on the left bank you'll find the Musée d'Orsay, home of the world's finest Impressionist art collection.

The eccentrically modern and yet stylish Pompidou Centre famous for, not only its exhibits, but street entertainment of the area too. The islands in the middle of the river Seine, dominated by the cathedral

of Notre Dame and the delicate spire of the sublime Ste. Chapelle. Take a stroll through the famous Tuileries gardens, they are especially spectacular during the spring. But to see everything at once, why not try a trip up the Eiffel Tower?

To get the feel of Paris you will visit old Montmartre, for this is the home of the artists and street entertainers. Picturesque squares where the eaves of the houses almost touch and the unmistakable smell of fresh coffee and croissants drifts from the numerous brasseries. Paris really comes into its own at night. Quite apart from the famous hot spots like Le Moulin Rouge, Lido and Paradis Latin there are quieter and more romantic areas. The Latin Quarter has an atmosphere all of its own; tiny cobbled streets, crammed with restaurants and bistros. For the gourmet there can be no other country in the world quite like France for its quality of food and drink, and Paris, of course, is the capital of it all. The prices are reasonable with good restaurants and cafes offering traditional three course French menus with several choices. If you visit the Latin Quarter, one of the oldest areas of the city, there are hundreds of restaurants and competition ensures keen prices, together with very good quality.

There is so much to see and do, you will leave Paris with sore feet, but once having had a taste you will always want to come back for more. It is everything you imagine it to be, romantic, inspiring, vibrant even outrageous, but best of all Paris is unique – come with us and see.

DAY 1 You take the Eurostar service from London St Pancras International (or Ebbsfleet) to Paris, (exact time will be indicated on travel documents), arriving at Paris, Gare du Nord approximately 2 hours 15 minutes later. Eurostar takes you to the heart of the city, a coach will then take you to your hotel.

DAY 2 After breakfast, the coach will take you on a comprehensive sightseeing tour of the city, during which you will see L'Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées, river Seine, the Louvre, in fact almost every famous landmark you will ever have heard of. You then leave Paris to take the short

drive to Versailles where you can visit the majestic palace home of Louis XIV and the typically provincial French market town of Versailles itself. This visit will end mid afternoon after which the coach will take you back to Paris so you can spend the remainder of the afternoon as you wish, either shopping or more sightseeing. During the evening, the coach will take you on a tour of Paris "By Night". The whole city's a work of art with monuments and buildings illuminated in the most tasteful manner, their reflections dancing on the river Seine with the majestic Eiffel Tower dominating the skyline. It looks so delicate it could almost be made of lace. The tour does not take up the whole evening so you also have time to perhaps sample some of the famous Parisian nightlife.

DAY 3 This morning, after breakfast the coach will then take you to perhaps the most picturesque and atmospheric quarter of Paris, Montmartre, home of the artists and street entertainers, with of course the whole area dominated by the white domed basilica of the Sacre Coeur. You will have time to wander and see such sights as the Moulin Rouge, where Toulouse Lautrec found most of his models; Vincent Van Gogh's and Renoir's houses; the famous club of the Lapin Agile; the oldest vineyard in Paris and many other interesting sights.

This afternoon you are free to sightsee in this beautiful city as you wish, so what is it to be? Perhaps a trip up the Eiffel Tower, a cruise on the river Seine, a browse amongst the antique shops, a wander around the picturesque gardens, window shopping or take your time to visit Paris' incredible range of attractions. This evening you have the opportunity to visit one of the best cabarets in the city, the stunning Paradis Latin (full details of this excursion will be sent with your confirmation).

DAY 4 After a leisurely start to the day, the coach will return you to the Gare du Nord station to take an early afternoon Eurostar service, (exact time will be given on travel documents), arriving at London St Pancras International (or Ebbsfleet) approximately 2 hours 15 minutes later.

In organising this holiday we have allowed two criteria to govern our planning at every point – quality and comfort. We have been successfully operating holidays to France for over twenty five years, so we like to think we know what makes a good tour. We regard four days as the ideal length of time for this holiday, ample time to explore Paris, both on the tours that are included in the price and under your own steam.

HOTELS

All together ideal for a comfortable stay in this, perhaps the most beautiful city in the world.

The **Hotel Mercure Paris Porte de St Cloud** is a member of one of the most prestigious hotel chains in Europe. It is modern and comfortable. It has a bar, spacious reception area and restaurant (there is a limited service at weekends). The rating is four star, one of the highest classifications in France, and as you would expect of a hotel of this quality, all rooms have en-suite bath, shower and toilet together with direct-dial telephone, mini bar, TV, radio and alarm. For your additional comfort, all rooms are fully air conditioned. The hotel itself is beautifully designed and is well situated, approximately two miles from the Eiffel Tower to the west of central Paris, near the river Seine, in a quiet residential/business area and yet only 5 minutes from the nearest metro station, enabling you to explore the city with ease.

The **Hotel Ibis** is modern and comfortable. It has a bar and restaurant which serves set price menus and à la carte. The French classification of the hotel is 2**nn (nouvelle normes equivalent to a 3-star UK hotel) and as you would expect of a hotel of this quality, the bedrooms have en-suite facilities together with direct-dial telephone, air conditioning, alarm and TV. The hotel is situated approximately two miles from the Arc de Triomphe or Notre Dame, the geographical centre of the city, in a pleasant area and near a metro station, enabling you to explore Paris with ease.

The **Timhotel Paris XVII Bd Berthier** is a modern, comfortable, 3-star hotel in the north-west of Paris. It has a small bar and a popular buffet restaurant, with an outdoor terrace. The rooms are air-conditioned with flat-screen TV and tea-making facilities. There are safes in the rooms, along with an alarm and radio. The metro station is right outside the hotel, with direct access to the Champ Élysées. The Hotel is roughly two miles from the Arc de Triomphe.

