



23 Days Itinerary

Rice's Summer in Croatia & France

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| Day 1 | Flight from Phoenix to Chicago (3 hrs, 15 min)
Flight from Chicago to Paris +1 |
| Day 2 | Flight from Paris to Zagreb
Esplanade Zagreb (1 Night)
Transfer · Dario Pavcev |
| Day 3 | Zagreb - Trakoscan castle - Plitvice 9:00 AM (11hr)
Ethno houses Plitvice (1 Night) |
| Day 4 | Plitvice 9:00 AM
Hotel Cornara (1 Night) |
| Day 5 | Island Tour Hvar Vis Bievo Brusnik - Hvar 8:30 AM
Hotel Amfora Hvar 4* (3 Nights) |
| Day 6 | Leisure Day in Hvar |
| Day 7 | Offroad Jeep safari Hvar 9:00 AM |
| Day 8 | Hotel Korcula (2 Nights)
Korcula Island Tour 5:00 PM |
| Day 9 | Korcula Donkey Tour, Swimming and Leisure 9:00 AM |
| Day 10 | Dubrovnik City Tour 4:00 PM
Hotel Rixos Dubrovnik 5* (2 Nights) |

Day 11	Transfer · Dario Bera Flight from Dubrovnik to Zagreb (55 min) Flight from Zagreb to Frankfurt (1 hrs, 35 min) Flight from Frankfurt to Washington (8 hrs, 50 min) Flight from Washington to Phoenix (5 hrs, 1 min) Leisure Day in Dubrovnik
Day 12	Transfer · Dario Bera Flight from Dubrovnik to Paris Transfer InterContinental Paris Le Grand (3 Nights) Restaurant Options in Paris
Day 13	Vintage Family Tour 3:00 PM (3hr) Panoramic Tour of Paris One Hour Sightseeing River Cruise Eiffel Tower
Day 14	Chateau de Vaux-le-Vicomte 2:00 PM (4hr) Visit Vaux le Vicomte in Historical Costumes for Adults and Children Musee du Louvre 6:00 PM (4hr) The Department of Paintings Department of Sculptures Aphrodite, known as the "Venus de Milo" A Family Tour for Young Treasure Hunters
Day 15	Transfer TGV: The Fastest Track to Explore France Transfer Aparthotel Adagio Bordeaux Gambetta (2 Nights)
Day 16	Bordeaux 9:00 AM (4hr) Saint Andre's Cathedral Place de la Bourse Opera at the Grand Théâtre de Bordeaux Le Quartier des Chartrons Le Miroir d'Eau
Day 17	Transfer TGV: The Fastest Track to Explore France Transfer Sheraton Paris Airport Hotel And Conference Centre (1 Night)
Day 18	Flight from Paris to Atlanta Flight from Atlanta to Chicago
Day 19	Caruso Cabin / Dayton House (2 Nights)
Day 21	The Abbey Resort Lake Geneva (2 Nights)
Day 23	Flight from Chicago to Phoenix (3 hrs, 35 min)
Travel Insurance	Travel Insurance By AIG Travel Guard

Day 1

Phoenix, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to Chicago, Chicago Midway International Airport

Southwest Airlines (WN)

<https://www.southwest.com/air/check-in/>

WN Carrier/Flight	PHX •	MDW •	3 hrs, 15 min Duration
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Chicago, O'Hare International Airport to Paris, Charles de Gaulle Airport

Delta Air Lines (DL) · Operated By Air France

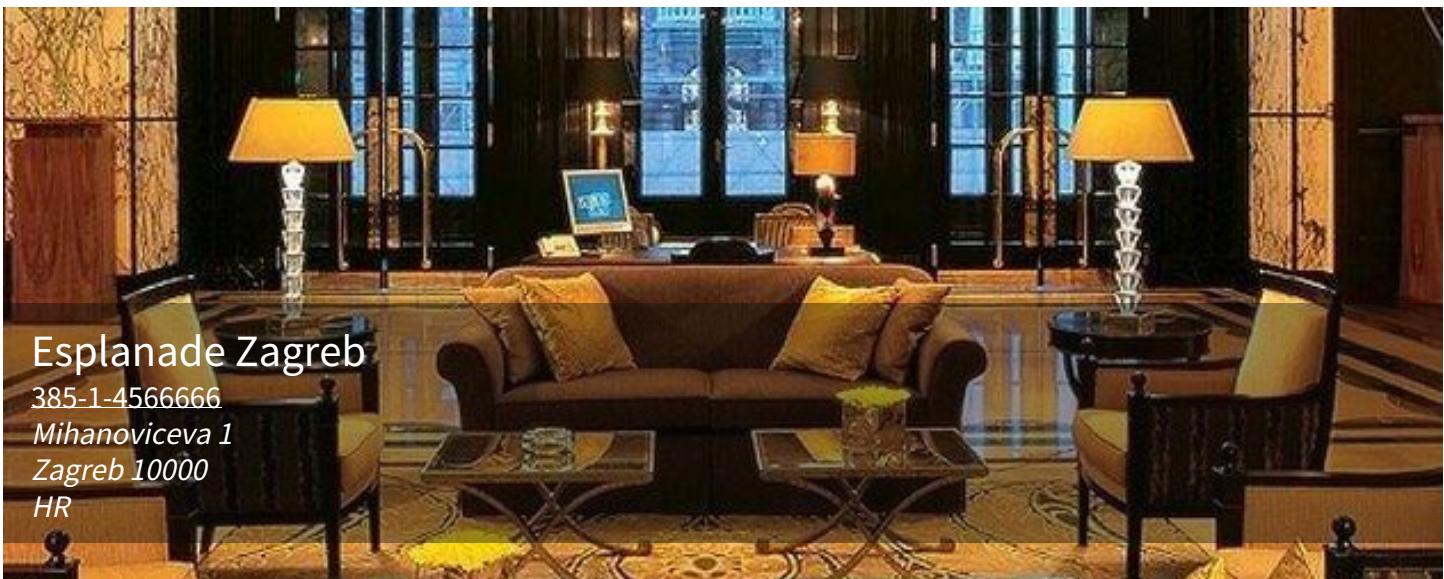
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Day 2

Paris, Charles de Gaulle Airport to Zagreb, Franjo Tudman Airport

Delta Air Lines (DL) · Operated By Air France

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3:00 PM Check In	12:00 PM Check Out	1 Night Duration
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Opened in 1925 as a refuge for passengers from the Orient Express the uber-stylish hotel Esplanade Zagreb is an architectural gem. Located within easy reach of key attractions such as the Cathedral and the Art Pavilion the city's most iconic hotel combines art deco glamour with every contemporary convenience. Long-established as a haven for A-List movie stars politicians singers and artists the hotel's fairytale exterior and gracious guest accommodation make it easily the most prestigious hotel in Zagreb.

Room Selection

Room Category

Double Superior Room

Room Description

Confirmation: GP08467/01 and GP09467/02

Room Category

Triple Superior Room



Transfer · Dario Pavcec

385915193238

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Notes

Pick up: 17:30

Zagreb airport

Driver: Dario Pavcec

Mob: +385915193238

Vehicle: Mercedes Viano ZG-4939-EG

Your driver Dario will be waiting for you at the airport and take you to the hotel.

Day 3



Zagreb - Trakoscan castle - Plitvice

9:00 AM

Start Time

8:00 PM

End Time

11hr

Duration

Meeting Point

Hotel Esplanade

Today's Zagreb, the Capital of Croatia, has grown out of two medieval settlements that for centuries developed on neighboring hills. The first written mention of the city dates from 1094, when a diocese was founded on Kaptol, while in 1242, neighboring Gradec was proclaimed a free and royal city. Both the settlements were surrounded by high walls and towers, remains of which are still preserved.

During the Turkish onslaughts on Europe, between the 14th and 18th centuries, Zagreb was an important border fortress. The Baroque reconstruction of the city in the 17th and 18th centuries changed the appearance of the city. The old wooden houses were demolished, opulent palaces, monasteries and churches were built. The many trade fairs, the revenues from landed estates and the offerings of the many craft workshops greatly contributed to the wealth of the city.

Castle Trakoščan's cultural heritage, is protected as a historical entity, which consists of the castle, the building next to the castle, park and forest park with a lake. Today the castle is one of the few facilities in Croatia with preserved its own constitution, historically closely related to the architectural framework and the life of its owners.

Trakoščan was built in the late 13th century in northwestern Croatian defense system as a small observation fortress for monitoring the road from Ptuj to Bednja Valley.

According to legend, Trakoščan was named after the Thracian fortress (ARX Thacorum) which allegedly existed in antiquity. Another preserved legend says, it is named after the knights Drachenstein who in the early Middle Ages, ruled the region

Itinerary:

Breakfast and check out

Zagreb sightseeing tour

Time for lunch

Trakoščan castle

Driving to Plitvice

Dinner

Overnight at the hotel

Ethno houses Plitvice

+385-91-2348716

Plitvika jezera, 53231, Croatia

1 Night

Duration

Room Selection

Room Category

Deluxe suite with two hot tubs BB

Room Description

The first floor of this duplex suite consists of a hallway, a bedroom with a large double bed, a living room with a table and a three-seater pull-out sofa bed, a large bathroom with a hot tub and a separate lavatory. The second floor comprises a hallway, a bedroom with a large double bed and a fireplace, as well as a bathroom with a whirlpool bath.

Day 4



Plitvice

9:00 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Ethno Houses Plitvica Selo

The Plitvice Lakes are the most renowned national park in Croatia, and is also one of the most beautiful sites of nature in all of Europe. With an abundance and grandeur of the water, the thundering of the many waterfalls, the power of nature leaves all of our guests in awe when they experience the Plitvice Lakes. They are located at the spring of the river Korane, at an altitude of 480 to 636m, between the mountains Mala Kapela and Like Pljevice.

The Plitvice lakes comprise of 16 terraces like lakes, all interconnected by waterfalls, and kilometers of wooden bridges and forest paths allow for a close encounter with the lakes. Nature creating waterfalls, with forests and plant life of the national park and wild life in the waters and around them, thrill all of our guests every year. Between the partitions in the lakes, beautiful waterfalls occur in a special way that nature has allowed for thousands of years. Calcium deposits that have collected at the bottom of the lakes and sunken objects create natural barriers, that rise above water level, constantly grow higher and wider, creating spectacular waterfalls. The great variety of natural configurations brought the National park to be on the UNESCO "World heritage list".

Stella Croatica is a family producer of delicious Dalmatian sweets. By visiting the manufacturing area you will gain insight into Dalmatian gastronomic heritage as well as the beauty of natural and ecological products. In addition to the manufacturing part, you can also visit their family estate and experience how people lived in the hinterland a hundred years ago.

Itinerary:

Breakfast and check out

NP Plitvice sightseeing

Time for lunch

Driving towards Split

Visiting Ethno Agro Park Stella Croatica

National cousin style dinner



Hotel Cornara

+385 21 644 200

Sinjska ul. 6, 21000, Split, Croatia

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1 Night

Duration

Room Selection

Room Category

2 Rooms

Day 5



Island Tour Hvar Vis Bievo Brusnik - Hvar

8:30 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point
Hotel Cornaro



Hotel Amfora Hvar 4*

+385-21-750300

Ulica biskupa Jurja Dubokovia 5, Hvar, Croatia

3 Nights

Duration

Located on the top floor and providing panoramic views of the sea from its floor-to-ceiling windows, this 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom suite features uniquely designed interiors and an ample seating area

Room Selection

Room Category

Deluxe Penthouse Two-Bedroom
Suite, Terrace, Sea View, BB

Day 6

Leisure Day in Hvar

Day 7



Offroad Jeep safari Hvar

9:00 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel Amfora

From hidden coves on the coast to lush vineyards in the heart of the island, let us take you on a jeep safari packed with an exciting array of spectacular landscapes and azure vistas. We'll also take you all the way to the highest point of Hvar, St. Nikola's peak. As the locals say, "there's no better place in the world for me to be at this moment!"

A short drive along a dirt road leads to Malo Grablje, a small village abandoned decades ago. Upon arrival there will be a short walk through this picturesque 16th c. village. After Malo Grablje we proceed to Velo Grablje and then stop in Vidikovac with a perfect view of the deepest bay on the island. It's here where our guide will tell you all about the area and about the oldest town in Croatia founded by ancient Greeks. After a short stop we drive to the highest peak of the island, Saint Nicholas (626 m). From here there is a 360 degree unobstructed view of the island all the way across to the islands of Brac, Korcula and Vis. Driving downhill you will be constantly surprised by the sheer variety of Hvar's landscapes: vineyard-covered hills, olive groves and undulating fields of rosemary and lavender.

We will have lunch at one family run tavern in the central part of the island. Preparation of food in the tavern is traditional and it sends you back to lives of people from Hvar from centuries ago. The most interesting is under the bell shaped lid ("peka") which is covered with live coal. For the lunch you can choose: octopus, lamb, veal or chicken with potatoes as a side dish.

After lunch we continue along the north coast to Vrboska where we stop at Soline beach for a relax and a swim. After a pleasant beach stop, we continue towards Jelsa, a charming little town on the northern part of the island founded in the 15th century.

Living on the island of Hvar and making top quality wines is, for us, both a challenge and a logical choice. As early as the 4th century BC, the Ancient Greeks brought the grapevine to this sunny island and started planting it on the fertile fields of the ancient town of Pharos.

Throughout the centuries of rich and turbulent history, the people of Hvar cultivated their vineyards with great skill and care, blessed with the lushness of the Mediterranean.

Andro Tomi was born on the island of Hvar and has dedicated his whole life to wines and enology. After 20 years of professional training in France and elsewhere, he decided to return to Hvar to produce his own wines. Firmly believing that Hvar, with its authentic varieties, climate and exceptional location of vineyards, can reclaim its long lost reputation in the wine world, Andro follows the 150-year long tradition of family winemaking. His legendary wines like "1991" were proof of the high potential of the indigenous variety Plavac Mali and paved the way for a winemaking and viticulture renaissance in the region. In 1993, he founded the company Bastijana with the primary aim of producing top quality wines and promoting wine culture. We strive towards producing highest quality wines and preserving a long tradition, continually enriching it with new ideas. None of this says much about his personality, but that is beyond words anyway.

Itinerary:

Breakfast

Pick up from hotel

Offroad

Lunch

Swimming time

Wine tasting, snack

Return to Hvar hotel

Free time

Time for dinner

Pick up: 09:00

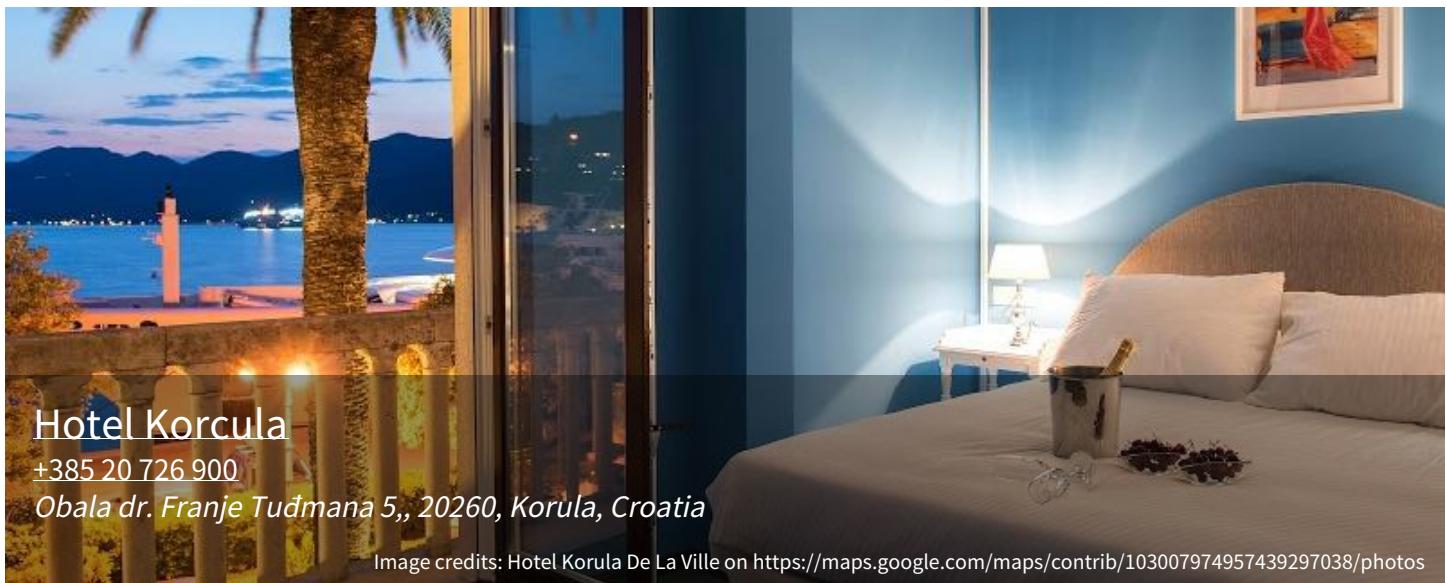
Guide: Sinia Matkovi

Mob: +385958059075

Your guide Sinia will pick you up in front of your hotel and take you to the great Offroad trip. You will have an authentic dalmatian lunch, swimming time and wine tasting in one of the greatest winery in Croatia.

After the tour, your driver will take you to the hotel.

Day 8



Hotel Korcula

+385 20 726 900

Obala dr. Franje Tuđmana 5,, 20260, Korcula, Croatia

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2 Nights

Duration

Room Selection

Room Category

2 Rooms



5:00 PM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel Korsal

The Island Of Korula is one of the greenest islands in the Adriatic sea. Like most of the Croatian islands, the Greeks, who gave it the name Korkyra Melaina or 'Black Corfu' for its dark and densely wooded appearance, first settled here. The island itself is rich in art and culture, as well as beautiful nature. Besides all the natural beauties the Island has a lot to offer to a visitor to see and learn in its galleries, museums and churches..

The main town on the island is also named Korula where the sword dance Moreka, a well-known folk drama/dance, which used to be played all over the Mediterranean is now solely performed here. Korula Old Town is a typical medieval walled Dalmatian town, with its round defensive walls and towers and cluster of red-roofed houses where Marco Polo (1254 - 1324) the famous world-traveler and writer, as well as a Venetian merchant, is reputed to have been born. In the Old Town, his supposed house of birth. At the end of the day, your all senses will enjoy with Farac family and their konoba Mate. Slowly and with time, the family has been expanding, and today each member does what he or she loves and what they are best at. Mirjana, the mama familia, is an old school chef, gathering all around the pot, making sure that their guests stay hungry. Mate, pater familia, farmer at heart, man of nature who takes care of everything, of livestock at the farm and of prosciuttos being superiorly dried and prepared every year. Biljana, often called 'the magician' is practicing magic around the kitchen with sweet treats and desserts followed by natural tastes of aloysia, mint and other aromatic plants. Joint at the kitchen stove, Mirjana and Biljana will impel your palates to recall your grandma's kitchen, a delicacy that never forsakes the memory. Ana, au naturale farming girl, is often in the field so that the food you eat is fresh and grown only in ecologically accepted way.

Itinerary:

Catamaran local transfer to Korula

Check in Hotel Korula

Time for lunch

City tour

Home made dinner

Transfer from Hotel Aamfora to port hotel Amfora transfer at 10:30

MB Kapetan Luka

Boat departure: 11:15

Transfer from port to hotel Korsal: hotel transfer

Vladimir Brkii

Mob: +385 91 5968667

City tour pick up: 16:00

Guide: Toni Lozica

Mob: +385992862268

After check out your transfer will take you to the harbor. Your boat, Kapetan Luka leaves at 11:15. Please be there min. 30 min. before.

In Korula your transfer will be waiting for you and take you to the hotel. After check-in, your guide Toni will pick you up at 16:00 and take you to the city tour. After the city tour, you will have a great dinner in one of the greatest restaurants on our cost. Every ingredient is homemade or home planted.

After dinner, your transfer will take you to the hotel.

Day 9



Korcula Donkey Tour, Swimming and Leisure

9:00 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel KOrsal

OPG Cura is a family farm that deals with the cultivation of a protected and autochthonous Dalmatian donkey. 11 years ago, they developed the idea of using donkeys for the purpose of recreation of donkeys to the nearby coves. Donkeys have been playing a very important role on the island in the past. You will find out what it was and spend some unforgettable time with those wonderful, charming creatures.

Donkey Safari is an adventure to the parts of Korcula island which are usually hard to reach, enjoying the wild and untouched nature. This excursion is an ideal choice for families with children.

The excursion starts in rново, from where it passes through the olive groves and vineyards to the beautiful Pavja Luka. In Pavja Luka there is a break for swimming and lunch.

The return is scheduled in the afternoon.

Itinerary:

Transfer to Rnovo
Donkey riding
Swimming
Lunch
Free afternoon

Day 10



Dubrovnik City Tour

4:00 PM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel Rixos

Dubrovnik, The pearl of Adriatic, built as a fortification complex when the city was part of the Republic of Ragusa has over 1400 years of history. The Republic was one of the main rivals of Venice, especially during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

Dubrovnik is surrounded by 1940 meters of unique medieval ramparts preserved in their original form and open to visitors as the city's flagship attraction. Protected by UNESCO World Heritage status since 1979, Dubrovnik can boast one of the first such listings in Croatia.

Old City is by all means the most interesting and the most attractive part of Dubrovnik. Since it occupies a rather small city area, it is best to sightsee on foot. While walking through the romantic city lanes you will not only see the most interesting sights, but also feel the specific, somewhat mystic atmosphere rising from the ancient stone walls

.. The smell of aromatic herbs, the whiteness of the sheets drying in the sun between the houses, the constant chatter of the locals on the narrow, busy streets... the best way to learn, to feel the city is to merge with the crowd and let it take you on an unforgettable journey through the maze of Dubrovnik city streets and through centuries.

Itinerary:

Transfer from hotel to port
Catamaran line to Dubrovnik
Time for lunch
City centre walking tour

Transfer from Hotel Korsal to port hotel Korsal transfer at 09:40

Vladimir Brkii

Mob: +385 91 5968667

MB Kapetan Luka

Boat departure: 10:30

Transfer from port to hotel Rixos:

Dario Bera

Mob: +38598570499

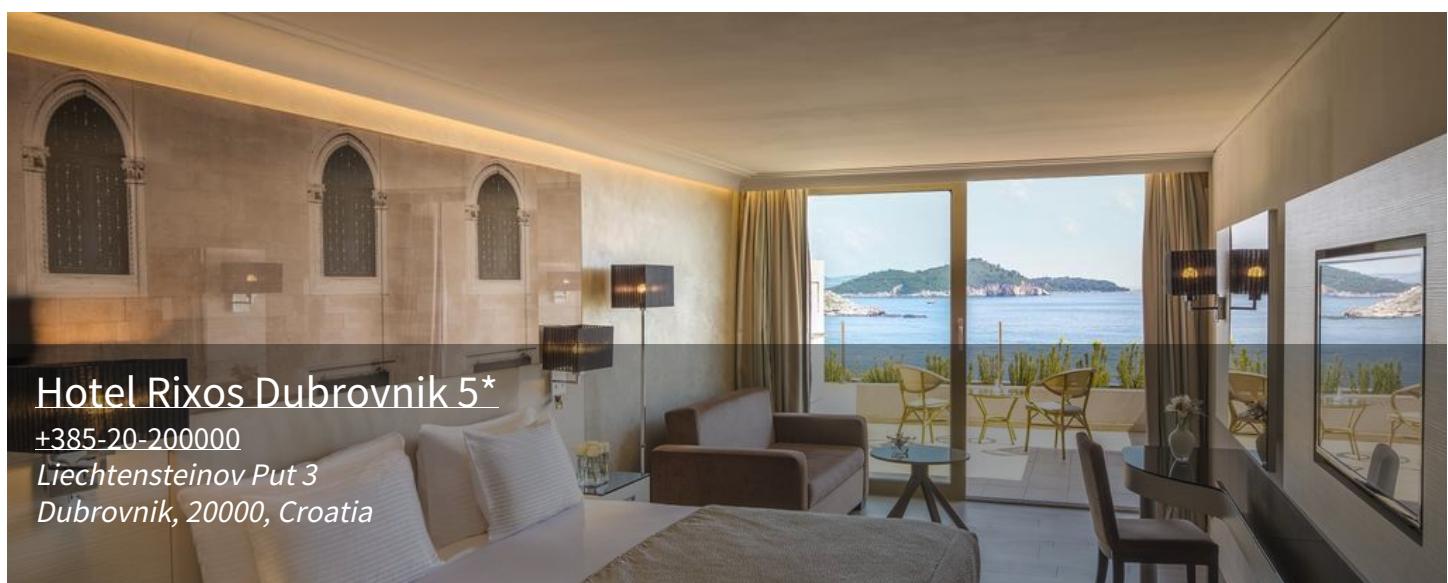
City tour pick up: 16:00

Guide: Indira Stani

Mob: +38598704988

After check out your transfer will take you to the harbor. Your boat, Kapetan Luka leaves at 10:30. Please be there for min. 30 min. before.

In Dubrovnik, your transfer will be waiting for you and take you to the hotel. After check-in, your guide Indira will pick you up at 16:00 and take you to the city tour. After a tour, you can have a great dinner in some of the most popular restaurants in Dubrovnik (360 or Nautica). Indira will give you all the information about.



2 Nights

Duration

Room Selection

Room Category

Superior double room, sea view and balcony, double use, BB



Transfer · Dario Bera

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Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik Airport to Zagreb, Franjo Tudman Airport

Croatia Airlines (OU)

OU Carrier/Flight	DBV •	ZAG •	55 min Duration
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Zagreb, Franjo Tudman Airport to Frankfurt, Frankfurt Airport

Croatia Airlines (OU)

OU Carrier/Flight	ZAG •	FRA •	1 hrs, 35 min Duration
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Frankfurt, Frankfurt Airport to Washington, Washington Dulles International Airport

United Airlines (UA)

UA Carrier/Flight	FRA •	IAD •	8 hrs, 50 min Duration
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Washington, Washington Dulles International Airport to Phoenix, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

United Airlines (UA)

UA Carrier/Flight	IAD •	PHX •	5 hrs, 1 min Duration
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Day 12



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Driver: Dario Bera
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Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik Airport to Paris, Charles de Gaulle Airport

Croatia Airlines (OU)

OU
Carrier/Flight

DBV •

CDG •



Transfer

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Departure Location
CDG Airport

Arrival Location
Hotel

Vehicle
Mercedes V Class

Notes

Private transfer in a Mercedes V Class

From CDG to your hotel



InterContinental Paris Le Grand
+33 (0)1 40 07 32 34
2 Rue Scribe Paris 75009 France

3:00 PM

12:00 PM

3 Nights

Check In	Check Out	Duration
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Renovation: InterContinental Paris le Grand will be undergoing an alluring renovation project starting from February 2018. We are committed to ensuring that you will not be impacted by the work in progress. The areas undergoing refurbishment will not be accessible from inside the hotel and work will be limited to daylight hours on weekdays. InterContinental Paris Le Grand truly celebrates the authentic spirit of Paris. Inspired by Napoleon III facing the magnificent Opera Garnier, the hotel is just steps away from famous department stores and luxury boutiques of Place Vendome. Rooms and Suites are sumptuously decorated in the second Empire style and offer exceptional views overlooking the Opera and its surroundings. Le Café de la Paix mythic restaurant from the Second Empire with its adorned ceilings reflects the real essence of French gastronomy.

Room Selection

Room Category

2 Rooms

Restaurant Options in Paris

Champeaux les Halles, La Coupole, Les Ombres. For Bordeaux Le Pressoir d'Argent, Le Clos d'Augusta and Racines

Day 13



Vintage Family Tour

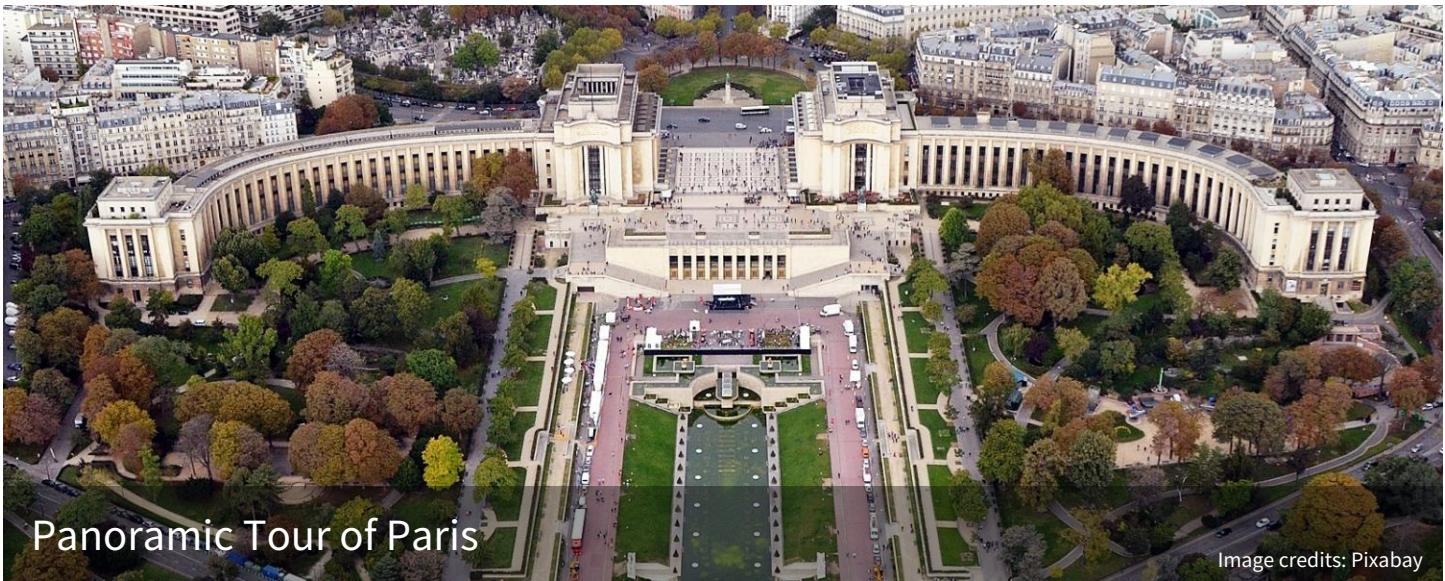
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3:00 PM	6:00 PM	3hr
Start Time	End Time	Duration

The Citroen 2CV, is a French monument, was an economy car produced by the French automaker Citroen between 1948 and 1990. It is considered one of Citroen's most iconic cars. You will pass through Paris main landmarks such as the famous Moulin Rouge, Montmartre and the Sacré Coeur, the Marais, Notre-Dame de Paris and the Place des Vosges, the Latin quarter and the île Saint Louis. But you will discover others very Parisian places. During the escapade, the expert chauffeur will show you the "must-see" monuments and places in a 2CV stroll in Essential Paris.

Our 1976 Volkswagen Kombi is the perfect host for the larger groups and big families! It can hold up to seven passengers and the driver. With his inimitable style and his convertible roof you'll spend a memorable time roaming the city of Paris.

Departure: The departure can take place from your hotel or apartment as long as located in the center of Paris (1st to 20th district). If not we propose a meeting point in front of the Opera Garnier.



Panoramic Tour of Paris

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This tour is as entertaining as it is informative, and it gives you a great overview of the city. You will start with the emblematic Eiffel Tower, and enjoy a short walking tour around the Trocadero, from where you can admire the spectacular Eiffel Tower. At the time of its construction in 1889, the tower was the tallest structure in the world.

Pass by Les Invalides, and make a first stop in the impressive and elegant courtyard of the Louvre. Continue to The Ile de la Cité and its narrow paved streets will be your next stop to see the Gothic and majestic Notre-Dame cathedral.

Continue to the Arc de Triomphe and drive down the Champs-Elysées, “the most beautiful avenue in the world.” View the obelisk on the place de la Concorde and continue to the Opera district where you can have lunch at leisure.

Your journey will continue along the Seine River before heading to the hill of Montmartre where you will enjoy an astonishing view, taking in the whole city at a glance and recognizing the monuments you encountered during the tour.

Montmartre, a hill in the north of Paris, primarily known for the white-domed Basilica of the Sacré Cœur on its summit. The Sacré-Cœur is built of travertine stone. This stone constantly exudes calcite, which ensures that the basilica remains white despite the weather and pollution. Most of the views of Paris seen in the movie “Amélie of Montmartre” were filmed from this hill! Enjoy a walking tour of the district.



One Hour Sightseeing River Cruise

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Welcome on board, for a long cruise accompanied by live commentaries and music. To learn History along the way, plug in your audio-guide and choose our language (there are 13). Your hostess will also provide lesser-known stories; famous lovers met in

this town house...From bridge to bridge and bank to bank, Parisians escort you on foot or on bicycle. You're at the heart of lovely Paris, and time will fly by. And if you come back at night, it is another Paris before your eyes yet just as magical. To discover all the charms of the banks of the Seine with their prestigious monuments that have marked the nation's history, the boats offer daily trips through Paris to reveal the soul of the City of Light. The tour enables you to gaze at famous structures such as : the Eiffel Tower, the cathedral of Notre-Dame, the Grand Palais, Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, Place de la Concorde, Orsay museum, The Louvre, etc...



Drive to the Trocadero place, from where you can admire the spectacular Eiffel Tower. At the time of its construction in 1889, the tower was the tallest structure in the world, a title it retained until 1930, when New York City's Chrysler Building was completed. The tower is the second-tallest structure in France and the tallest structure in Paris.

Day 14



2:00 PM

Start Time

6:00 PM

End Time

4hr

Duration

The Vaux-le-Vicomte estate forms a unique whole that spans nearly 500 hectares. It is testament to an era and the fruit of the bold vision of Nicolas Fouquet, Superintendent of Finances under young King Louis XIV. The architect Louis Le Vau was already enjoying widespread recognition when Fouquet called on his services in 1653. As Principal Architect of the King, he had already

erected many Parisian mansions including the Hôtel Lambert. Considered the greatest ambassador of the Italian style in France, Le Vau also drew inspiration from antiquity. These various sources would enable him to create a powerful new style of his own, starting with le Vicomte; a style that would lay the foundation of French architecture for the century-and-a-half to come. The Vaux le Vicomte French Formal Garden have been drawn around a 3kms length perspective. Creating a setting for the château and outbuildings out of a wild area of around 100 acres (40 hectares), Le Nôtre and Le Vau created for the first and only time in the seventeenth century, a perfect harmony between architecture and its environment. The strength and nobility of its drawing, the surprise effects and the water symphony make Vaux le Vicomte the French Formal Garden masterpiece. They also make from this great mise en scène, an invitation to knowledge, imagination and pleasure.



Visit Vaux le Vicomte in Historical Costumes for Adults and Children

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On the theme of children in the 17th century, an actress will provide the children with prince, princess, the king's musketeer, marquis or marquise costumes... This is a lively and historical visit incorporating learning about reverence or memory games for girls, sword fighting games for boys and the principles of a good education of the time, for everyone.

To enhance the visit for the whole family, children aged between 4 and 12 have the possibility of hiring a period costume to wear while visiting the estate with their parents.



Musée du Louvre

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6:00 PM	10:00 PM	4hr
Start Time	End Time	Duration

The Louvre museum exemplifies traditional French architecture since the Renaissance, and it houses a magnificent collection of ancient and Western art.

Walking through the Louvre Museum is like walking through the history of France and into the minds of kings and revolutionaries. The reigns of Louis XIII and Louis XIV saw major expansion and a linking of palaces and halls, which make up the museum today.

Divided into seven sections, the Louvre collections incorporate works dating from the birth of the great antique civilisations right up to the first half of the 19th century, thereby confirming its encyclopaedic vocation.

the present Louvre departments include Oriental (ancient Mesopotamian) antiquities; Egyptain antiquities; Geek and Roman antiquities: sculpture from the Middle ages to modern times: furniture and objects d'art: and paintings respresenting all the European schools. A section of the museum is devoted to Islamic art.

Among the thousands of priceless paintings is Leonardo Da Vinci's "Mona Lisa", probably the most famous painting in the world, housed in the Salle des Etats in a climate- controlled environment behind protective glass

Works of artists like Fragonard, Rembrandt, Rubens, Titian, Poussin, and David can also be seen. One of the most famous sculptures in the collection is the "Venus de Milo".

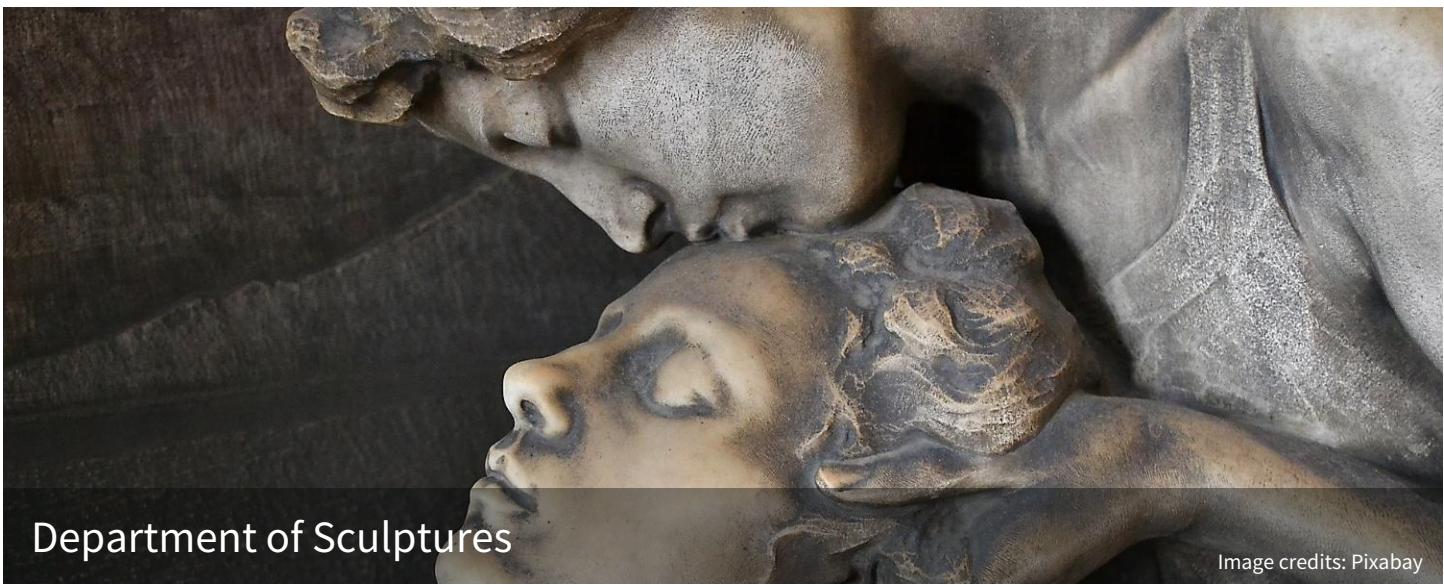
The Musee de Louvre is unquestionably one of the finest museums in the world.



The Department of Paintings reflects the encyclopedic scope of the Louvre, encompassing every European school from the 13th century to 1848. The collection is overseen by twelve curators, who are among the most renowned experts in their field.

The Louvre's collection of paintings dates back to the reign of Francis I of France, who sought to create a gallery of art in his château at Fontainebleau rivaling those of the great Italian palaces. He acquired masterpieces by leading Italian masters (Michelangelo, Raphael) and invited Italian artists to his court (Leonardo da Vinci, Rosso, and Primaticcio). The French royal collections grew steadily as successive sovereigns made acquisitions reflecting the tastes and fashions of their time—Louis XIV's purchase of the collections of the banker Jabach is a prime example. Louis XIV also expanded the collection of Italian paintings. The first Spanish paintings (by Murillo) and a series of French works (Le Sueur) were acquired during the reign of Louis XVI. Works from the Northern schools appeared first during the 17th century and, above all, the 18th.

The Louvre's collection of Italian and Spanish paintings occupies the entire first floor of the Denon wing; French and Northern schools, arranged in chronological order, take up the entire second floor of the Cour Carrée and the Richelieu wing. This is the latest arrangement in the three-hundred-year history of painting galleries within the Louvre palace. Initially, paintings were exhibited in the Grande Galerie and the Salon Carré.



Department of Sculptures

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As early as the ancien régime, the Louvre housed a number of medieval and modern sculptures. Unwanted or dismantled royal commissions—Charles V and Jeanne de Bourbon, Della Robbia's Catherine de Medicis, groups by Pilon, Puget's Alexander and Diogenes, busts, and a series of famous men made for the future museum—were stored in what was known as the "salle des antiquités," now the Salle des Caryatides, on the ground floor of the Cour Carrée. The sculptor Pajou was in charge of the works from 1777 to 1792. The collections of the Académie de Peinture et de Sculpture were kept nearby, including a complete collection of morceaux de réception, busts of patrons, and donations such as Marie Serre and a self-portrait by Coysevox.



Aphrodite, known as the "Venus de Milo"

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Department of Greek, Etruscan, and Roman Antiquities: Hellenistic Art (3rd-1st centuries BC)

This graceful statue of a goddess has intrigued and fascinated since its discovery on the island of Melos in 1820. Is it Aphrodite, who was often portrayed half-naked, or the sea goddess Amphitrite, who was venerated on Milo? The statue reflects sculptural research during the late Hellenistic Period: classical in essence, with innovative features such as the spiral composition, the positioning in space, and the fall of the drapery over the hips.



A Family Tour for Young Treasure Hunters

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This Louvre tour is designed for families to visit the museum together, in a fun and meaningful way. Parents and children learn from the same works of art, but the younger set gets additional motivation through “Paris Muse Clues,” our educational and interactive treasure hunt (parents are free to pitch in of course!).

This scavenger hunt takes the family and their personal guide through a broad range of collections (Ancient Near East, Greek and Roman, Renaissance Italian, French), asking specific and detailed questions about many of the Louvre’s masterpieces.

It is designed to give children (ages 6-12) an entertaining background to the history of art while sharpening their “detective” skills of observation.

Their own answers to the clues lead them to discover an educational prize hidden somewhere under the Louvre’s glass pyramid.

Day 15



Transfer

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Departure Location
Hotel

Arrival Location
Train Station

Vehicle
Mercedes V Class

Notes

Private transfer in a Mercedes V Class

From your hotel to your train station



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Transfer

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Departure Location
Train Station

Arrival Location
Hotel

Vehicle
Minivan

Notes

Private transfer in a minivan

From the train station to your hotel



3:00 PM

Check In

11:00 AM

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

Year Built - 2008 Additional Property Description - The Adagio City Aparthotel Bordeaux Gambetta is located at the heart of the city, just 2 minutes walk from Place Gambetta and Bordeaux's old town, close to the Meriadeck business district. Its 111 fully equipped apartments, ranging from 2-person studios to 2-room apartments for 4 people, make this 4-star holiday residence the ideal place to stay for a vacation or business travel. It also offers a fitness room with sauna and hammam.

Day 16



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Bordeaux

9:00 AM

Start Time

1:00 PM

End Time

4hr

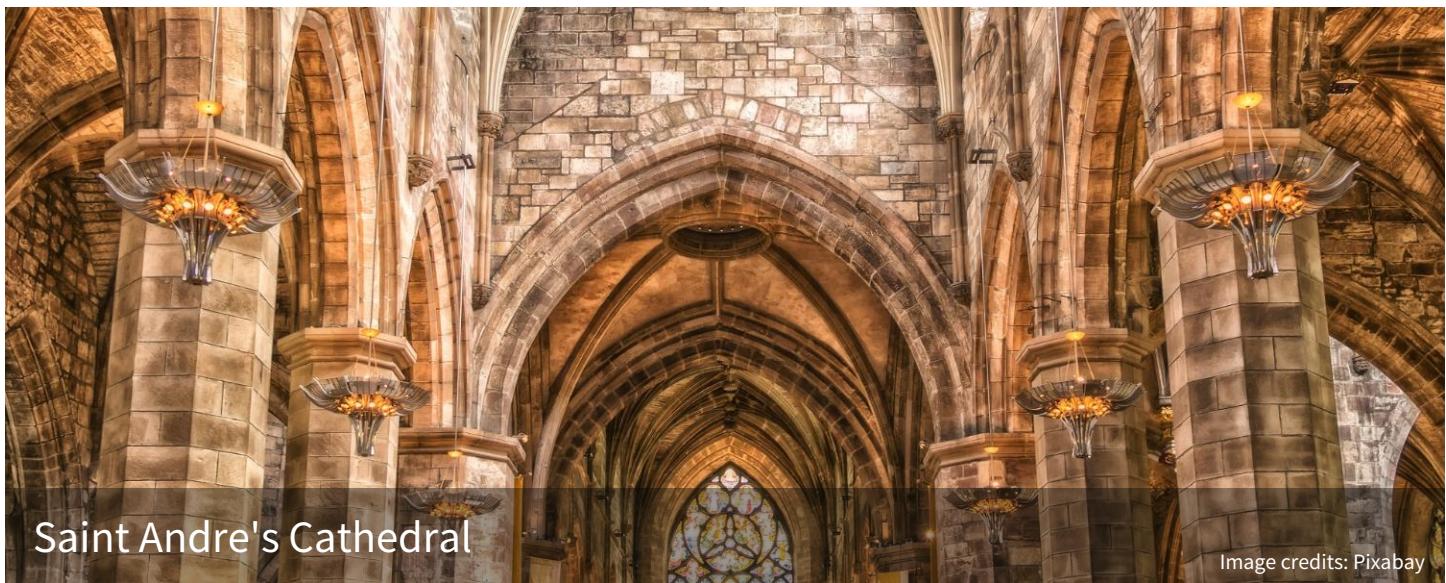
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Enjoy a guided visit of Bordeaux. On the left bank of the Garonne river, the prosperous city of Bordeaux, famous for its wines, prides itself on the preservation of its cultural heritage and offers a rich variety of hidden artistic treasures.

Its 18th and 19th century private mansions are of particular interest. The Port of the Moon, port city of Bordeaux, was inscribed on UNESCO's World heritage in 2007! It is an inhabited historic city, an outstanding urban and architectural ensemble, created in the Age of Enlightenment, whose values continued up to the first half of the 20th century. Bordeaux has more protected buildings than any other French city except Paris.

Experience the tramway which has the unique particularity of being partly ground-level power supplied! The tramway is absolutely beautiful and has changed the way inhabitants move in the city center.

Urban plans and architectural ensembles of the early 18th century onwards place the city as an outstanding example of innovative classical and neoclassical trends and give it an exceptional urban and architectural unity and coherence. Its urban form represents the success of philosophers who wanted to make towns into melting pots of humanism, universality and culture.



Saint Andre's Cathedral

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Located near the City Hall, this is the most beautiful religious monument in Bordeaux. Obviously, it is not like the cathedrals in the Paris region. Although it is not easy to compete with Amiens, Chartres or Reims, Saint André's heterogeneous style is nevertheless unexpected and endearing, especially because of its freestanding belltower. The well restored royal entrance in the north wall of the nave epitomises 13th century French Gothic architecture. Like many other cathedrals, sculptures were painted in bright colours at the time to attract worshippers. In 1853, a huge tenor bell was attached to the belltower's beams. Weighing 11 tonnes, it is the fourth largest in France. You need a good pair of lungs to walk up the 229 steps to the top of the tower (50 metres), but this is well worth the effort because the view of Bordeaux and its monuments is outstanding.



Place de la Bourse

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Place de la Bourse has symbolised the city of Bordeaux around the world for centuries and played a major role in the city's development, trade, and reputation. Both the Bordelais and visitors alike adore this very elegant square. It took 20 years of hard work in the 18th century to build what has since become the city's very symbol! The square represents a break with medieval Bordeaux surrounded by walls for centuries. The city was finally free to grow! Intendant Boucher had tried to convince the town aldermen and the parliament to create the square and open up the city walls since 1720. He decided to entrust Jacques Gabriel, Louis XV's "First Architect" with designing this rectangular square with bevelled corners, as well as constructing the famous buildings decorated with mascarons and wrought iron.

Place de la Bourse was originally separated from the river by railings, but these disappeared during the French Revolution. The equestrian statue of the king was briefly replaced by one of Napoleon, followed by the Fountain of the Three Graces in 1869... The latter has been much appreciated ever since and is photographed by tourists from all over the world.



Opera at the Grand Théâtre de Bordeaux

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Grand Théâtre de Bordeaux, is a theatre in Bordeaux, France, first inaugurated on 17 April 1780. It was in this theatre that the ballet *La Fille Mal Gardée* premiered in 1789, and where a young Marius Petipa staged some of his first ballets.

The theatre was designed by the architect Victor Louis (1731-1800). Louis later designed the galleries surrounding the gardens of the Palais Royal, and the Théâtre Français in Paris.

The Grand Théâtre de Bordeaux was conceived as a temple of the Arts and Light, with a neo-classical facade. It has a portico of 12 Corinthian style colossal columns which support an entablature on which stand 12 statues that represent the nine Muses and three goddesses (Juno, Venus and Minerva). Pierre-François Berruer made four of the statues, and his assistant Van den Drix carved the others from Berruer's models.

In 1871 the theatre was briefly the National Assembly for the French Parliament.

The inside of the theatre was restored in 1991, and once again has its original colours of blue and gold. The Grand Théâtre de Bordeaux is one of the oldest wooden frame opera houses in Europe not to have burnt or required rebuilding.

Today the theatre is home to the Opéra National de Bordeaux, as well as the Ballet National de Bordeaux which has many international dancers such as Igor Yebra from Spain and Kase Craig from New Zealand.



Le Quartier des Chartrons

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Taking its name from a convent of Carthusian monastery, formerly established on the banks of the Garonne, the Chartrons quarter has accompanied all Bordeaux wine history. It developed during the Middle Ages, under the English rule: at that time,

Bordeauxers were already exporting their claret (early wine), stored in the warehouses of the district, by the Garonne to northern Europe. Navigation was then forbidden on the river before Christmas, to protect the productions that we did not yet know how to age. In the eighteenth century, during the reign of Louis XVI, the rich merchants covered this area of life with superb private mansions and vast warehouses: the casks were then directly rolled in the ships, docked on the quays.



Le Miroir d'Eau

Located across from Place de la Bourse, between Quai de la Douane and Quai Louis XVIII, this spectacular pool, designed by landscape artist Michel Corajoud, alternates a mirror effect and artificial misting in an extraordinary way.

The rhythmic changes in 2 cm of water on a gigantic slab of granite make this location truly magical. Children adore playing here and it is a meeting place for lovers as well as people who enjoy putting their feet into the cool water in summer!

Located between the Garonne and beautiful 18th century façades, the Mirroir d'Eau is the most-photographed site in Bordeaux and is listed as a contemporary World Heritage Site by Unesco. You can immortalize the pool too, and send the photos to your friends around the world.

Day 17



Transfer

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Departure Location
Hotel

Arrival Location
Train Station

Vehicle
Minivan

Notes

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Departure Location
Hotel

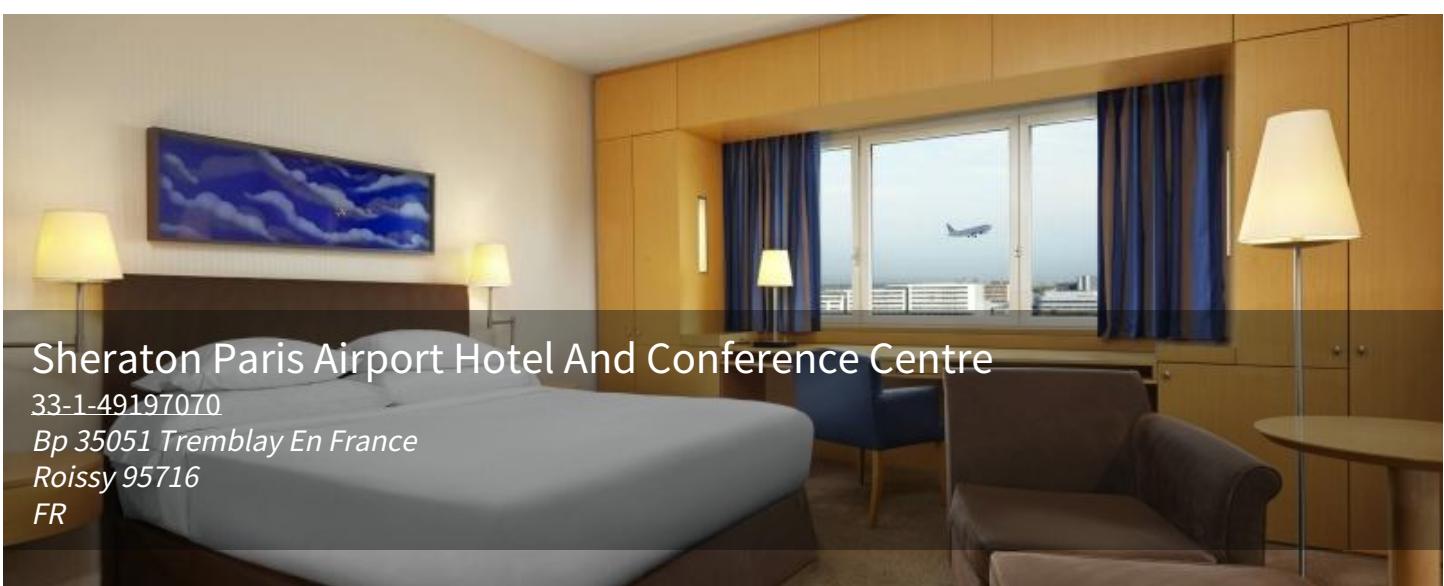
Arrival Location
CDG

Vehicle
Mercedes V Class

Notes

Private transfer in a Mercedes V Class

Transfer to your hotel at CDG



Sheraton Paris Airport Hotel And Conference Centre

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1:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

1 Night

Duration

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Room Selection

Room Category

2 Rooms

Day 18

Paris, Charles de Gaulle Airport to Atlanta, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Delta Air Lines (DL)

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Atlanta, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to Chicago, O'Hare International Airport

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Day 19

Caruso Cabin / Dayton House

2 Nights

Duration

Day 21



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2 Nights

Duration

Room Selection

Room Category

Suite

Day 23

Chicago, Chicago Midway International Airport to Phoenix, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

Southwest Airlines (WN)

WN Carrier/Flight	MDW •	PHX •	3 hrs, 35 min Duration
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Travel Insurance

Company

AIG Travel Guard