

Abercrombie & Kent



ROMANTIC FRENCH HONEYMOON

Duration: 9 Days/8 Nights

France is a true epitome of love, art and passion.
Enjoy your honeymoon while exploring the burgundy region!

Programme Overview

Paris, Burgundy region, Vézelay, Puligny Montrachet, La Bussière sur Ouche, Dijon & Beaune

Highlights

Sightseeing of Paris city including major highlights and evening enjoy romantic four Course dinner cruise
Dinner and private cooking class with Marc Ménaud
Visit to the Chateau du Clos de Vougeot
Full day (8 hour) sightseeing tours of Dijon, Beaune and a private hot air balloon flight

A&K Advantage

Visit to a renowned "Parfumeur" for a unique private workshop
Personalized shopping in Paris

Private arrival and departure airport transfers
The services of an Abercrombie & Kent Guardian Angel

** On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Guardian Angel who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. A Guardian Angel is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your Guardian Angel's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.*

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE PARIS–Dinner cruise on the Seine

Upon arrival at the Paris airport, you will be met and transferred by your Guardian Angel and private vehicle with an English-speaking chauffeur to your hotel in Paris, where you will be assisted with check-in.

Day is at leisure

This evening discover Paris, the city of lights and enjoy a dinner cruise on the Seine. 8:30PM board an entirely glass-encased boat for your romantic dinner including live musical animation. Your 4-course menu will include wine and a glass of champagne with dessert.

Special Offer for the Honeymoon Couple – Bouquet of Flowers and Bottle of Champagne

Overnight: Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg

Meal Plan: D

Day 2

PARIS–Unique experience of blending your own personal fragrance & Moulin Rouge show

This afternoon your guide will take you to a renowned "Parfumeur" for a unique private workshop (4hrs). You will step behind the scenes and learn about the key stages in the composition of a fragrance. You will discover the techniques and the ingredients before becoming a "nose" yourself! You will design your own personal blend of notes with a selection of high quality ingredients. Also plan the name and label of your 17.5 fl oz. bottle of personal fragrance and carry it with you as a souvenir of this factory experience.

9.00 PM – enjoy the cabaret theatre show at the Moulin Rouge. See the world-renowned showgirls and French Cancan dancers on the Moulin Rouge's historic stage.

We recommend you have your dinner prior to the show.

Return to the hotel after the show and you may lounge in the elegant comfort of the hotel's in house bar. The bar is stocked with over 100 whiskies and liqueurs to choose from.

Overnight: Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg

Meal Plan: B

Day 3

PARIS–Personal shopping guide, behind the scenes tour of the Eiffel tower

Explore the best of Paris's vintage boutiques with your personal shopping guide who will show you true hidden gems in one of the fashion capitals of the world. Meet specialist sellers and receive private access to boutiques to find something truly unique to remind you of your trip to Paris.

Time at leisure & later a behind the scenes tour can be organized at the Eiffel Tower. View the internal machinery room located under the structure. You will be provided entry to the old secret military bunkers sited under the Champs des Mars, previously dedicated to radio and telegraph equipment. The tour then finishes on the 2nd floor, on the roof of the Michelin star restaurant, Le Jules Verne.

Enjoy your dinner in this glorious setting & return to your hotel for the night.

Overnight: Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg

Meal Plan: B, D

Day 4

PARIS–CHABLIS–VÉZELAY–Burgundy region tour

This morning, you would be met by your English-speaking wine expert guide, who will accompany you through your tour of Burgundy.

On your way to Burgundy stop at Chablis, the most northerly and insular of 'Burgundian Wine regions'; known for the Chardonnay grape and the clay soil which produce delicate wines with considerable finesse. There are seven different Grand Cru vineyards in the Chablis appellation. At Domaine William Fèvre enjoy tasting of the distinct wines of the region. The Domain is set within 47 hectares of skillfully harvested vineyards in the heart of Chablis.

Afterwards drive deeper into the countryside of Burgundy, stopping to walk in the valley of the River Serein, before arriving this evening at the foot of the 'holy' hill of Vézelay to check into your celebrated hotel, Hotel de l'Espérance.

This evening sample the cooking of Marc Meneau, owner of the hotel and one of the founders of la nouvelle cuisine française. Marc Meneau was born in the village and knows all the flavors of the region. You may also enjoy a local Vézelay wine to accompany your meal.

Overnight: Hotel de l'Espérance

Meal Plan: B, D

Day 5

VÉZELAY–Sight–seeing & private cooking class with Marc Ménaud

Your private vehicle with chauffeur and an English–speaking wine expert guide will be at your disposal for a half day. Visit the beautiful setting of Vézelay and the magnificence of its glorious Basilica. Follow the footsteps of medieval pilgrims with a visit to the 'sacred hill' of Vézelay. Best known for its mighty Basilica of Ste–Madeleine, where St Bernard preached the Second Crusade in 1146, and whose carved capitals are one of the greatest Romanesque treasures of Europe.

Early this afternoon enjoy a private cooking class with Marc Ménaud, sous chef. You will be able to create some of Marc's original recipes yourself followed by a feast of your creations.

The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure.

Overnight: Hotel de l'Espérance

Meal Plan: B, L

Day 6

VÉZELAY–PULIGNY MONTRACHET–LA BUSSIÈRE SUR OUCHE–Wine tasting

Your private vehicle with chauffeur and an English–speaking wine expert guide will be at your disposal for a full day transfer to your hotel in the beautiful location of la Bussière Sur Ouche.

You will stop for a wine workshop (not available on Sundays) and a lunch at Olivier Leflaive's estate. In 1984 Olivier Leflaive, with help from his uncle Vincent Leflaive, set up his own wine business, which he continues to manage to this day. With the help of winemaker Jean–Marc Boillot, Olivier Leflaive produced wines of quality from the outset. Quality has continued to improve over time, and Olivier Leflaive has established a reputation of high quality. He is also renowned for his Table–d'Hôtes, where you will be invited today for lunch and a wine tasting.

Continue on your journey to the Chateau de la Bussière, which is superbly located in the Cote d'Or.

Table reservation can be made this evening for you to enjoy dinner at your hotel's gastronomic restaurant.

Overnight: Abbaye de La Bussière

Meal Plan: B, L

Day 7

DIJON–Walking tour & visit to vineyards

This morning travel to Dijon with your chauffeur and an English–speaking wine expert guide for a full day (8 hour) sightseeing tour. On arrival in Dijon, the historical capital of Burgundy, enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, with its splendid half–timber houses. Burgundians are truly obsessed with good wine and food and there is nowhere better to experience this than the local market (Tuesday & Friday, on Thursday the market is only inside the Halls), where you can sample the wonderful local delicacies and produce.

This afternoon you will be treated to a visit to the Chateau du Clos de Vougeot that lies at the heart of one of the largest of all the Grand Cru vineyards. The chateau is particularly renowned for its historic wine–making barn. Vougeot is also 'the home of the celebrated Chevaliers du Tastevin'.

Time permitting, you may also like to visit Le Gevrey Chambertin vineyard, which is known as the crown of the Côte de Nuits. At the end of the afternoon you will be transferred back to your hotel.

This evening we would be happy to make dinner reservation at L'Ecluse de la Charme restaurant in Saint–Victor–sur–Ouche.

Overnight: Abbaye de La Bussière

Meal Plan: B

Day 8

BEAUNE–MEURSAULT–Wine tasting & Hot air ballooning

This morning, with your chauffeur and an English-speaking wine expert guide, visit Beaune for a full day (8 hour) sightseeing tour.

Beaune is world famous as the capital of the Burgundy wine region. Located in the heart of Burgundy, its numerous medieval buildings with their colourful roofs are a reminder of a wealthy past. You will drive out into the countryside of the Cote de Beaune that surrounds the town. Cote de Beaune, southern part of the Cote d'Or, is home to some of the world's finest dry white wines produced from the Chardonnay grape, and also well-known red wines from Pinot Noir. You will also be taken to visit one of the noted domains in Meursault, a village that is famed for its production of white wine. You will have the opportunity to taste the typical wines from the village as well.

Later today, enjoy a private hot air balloon flight (subject to good weather conditions) over the châteaux, villages and vineyards of Burgundy. This breathtaking experience takes place at sun set and provides you with unforgettable memories. View some of the places you have visited during the past few days from the sky. (Hot air balloon flight – is also available in the morning – at sun rise.)

This evening we suggest you enjoy dinner at the restaurant L'Eire du Temps in Barbirey-sur-Ouche

Overnight: Abbaye de La Bussière

Meal Plan: B

Day 9

DEPART PARIS

Enjoy your drive back to Paris in your private vehicle. On arrival, you would be taken to the airport for your flight.

Possible Extension:

5 Days NICE & MONTE CARLO

Day 1

PARIS–NICE–At leisure

Your private charter will fly you from Paris to Nice

Upon arrival in Nice you will be met by your local Guardian Angel and transferred to your hotel in Nice.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city.

Overnight: Le Méridien

Meal Plan: B

Day 2

NICE–CANNES–At the beachside at your pace

Cannes, host of the glamorous and stylish annual film festival is also famous for luxury shops. Cannes is a boisterous and sparkling seaside destination, with a spread of luxury hotels, gourmet dining and appealing beaches.

Spend the day in this beautiful beach side at your pace.

Return to Nice for the night.

Overnight: Le Méridien

Meal Plan: B

Day 3

NICE–MONTE CARLO–Sightseeing of Nice, Monaco & Monte Carlo

Today meet your private local English-speaking guide for half-day sightseeing (4hrs) in Nice. You will explore the beautiful Old Town and colourful open-air market and take the lift up to the Château Hill (Colline du Château) area for unrivalled views of the city.

After lunch, with your private vehicle and English-speaking guide, set off to spend the afternoon exploring the Principality of Monaco. This exceptional city-state is a land steeped in history and also a Mediterranean mini Las Vegas. The capital, Monaco, is a fairy tale city standing on a rocky headland almost surrounded by sea, and contains the palace complete with guards, the tropical gardens offering excellent views, and the museum containing Roman antiquities and prehistory collections.

En route you could also stop by the village of Eze which is renowned for its Perfume factory. Located only 8 km from Monaco, the medieval fortified village of Eze makes for a wonderful day trip for anyone looking to experience the real charm of Cote d'Azur. Perched on a rock high above the Mediterranean Sea, the enchanting town consists of a picture-perfect cluster of narrow winding streets that open out into pretty little squares and patios full of charm and serenity.

Look around the Place du Casino, possibly the most famous casino in the world, in the center of Monte Carlo. Go on to the well-known Rock, crowned by the Palais Princier (open April through October), where the royal family lives, seeing the extravagance of the 16th and 17th century frescoes, as well as tapestries, gilt furniture and paintings.

Time is at leisure to enjoy the amazing principality of Monte Carlo.

Overnight: Hermitage

Meal Plan: B

Day 4

MONTE CARLO—Shopping

Day is at your own pace.

You could either take a private yacht tour for the day or indulge in some retail therapy.

Monaco offers a wide-ranging shopping experience; from distinctive shops and souvenir stalls of the Old Town to the exquisite designer boutiques and splendid chocolatiers found in famous Carre d'Or. Luxury brands such as Dior, Gucci, Hermes or Chanel are featured at the prestigious Golden Square, which includes the place du Casino, avenue des Beaux Arts and avenue Monte Carlo. Undoubtedly, it is a favourite shopping location with the well-heeled fashionistas and celebrities.

A table will be reserved for you at Le Louis XV. Chef Alain Ducasse's restaurant is committed to good taste and fantasy; authenticity and culinary sophistication have been sensitively maintained since its inauguration more than 25 years ago. In a sophisticated setting of light and gold, suggestive of Versailles Grand Siècle, all the hands on the clocks are stopped on 12 to indicate that within this Palace of Pleasure, time is of no significance. A dream come true for wine aficionados as the wine cellar is stocked with 400 000 bottles. A timeless enchantment.

Overnight: Hermitage

Meal Plan: B

Day 5

Departure

Your chauffeur will transfer you to Nice in your private vehicle for your onward private charter flight.