

# La Belle France -My dream destination

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When you think of wine, art and intelligent conversation, whether you know it or not, you're thinking of France. The French gave us the ideals of social justice, modern parliamentary democracy and a host of literary and film greats. Plus to boot they have a hugely interesting history interweaving castles and kings, courtiers and conquering, all against a backdrop of luscious meadows and mediaeval townships. I can't wait for the day I get to lie down in the Provençal sun and dream of Victor Hugo's Jean Valjean- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean\\_Valjean](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Valjean) - as he sets out on his long and treacherous journey to free himself from the Law. A land of high beauty, high ideals and great deeds, for me, France is definitely as near as it gets to paradise.