

French Rendez-vous - Globus® Tours in Paris

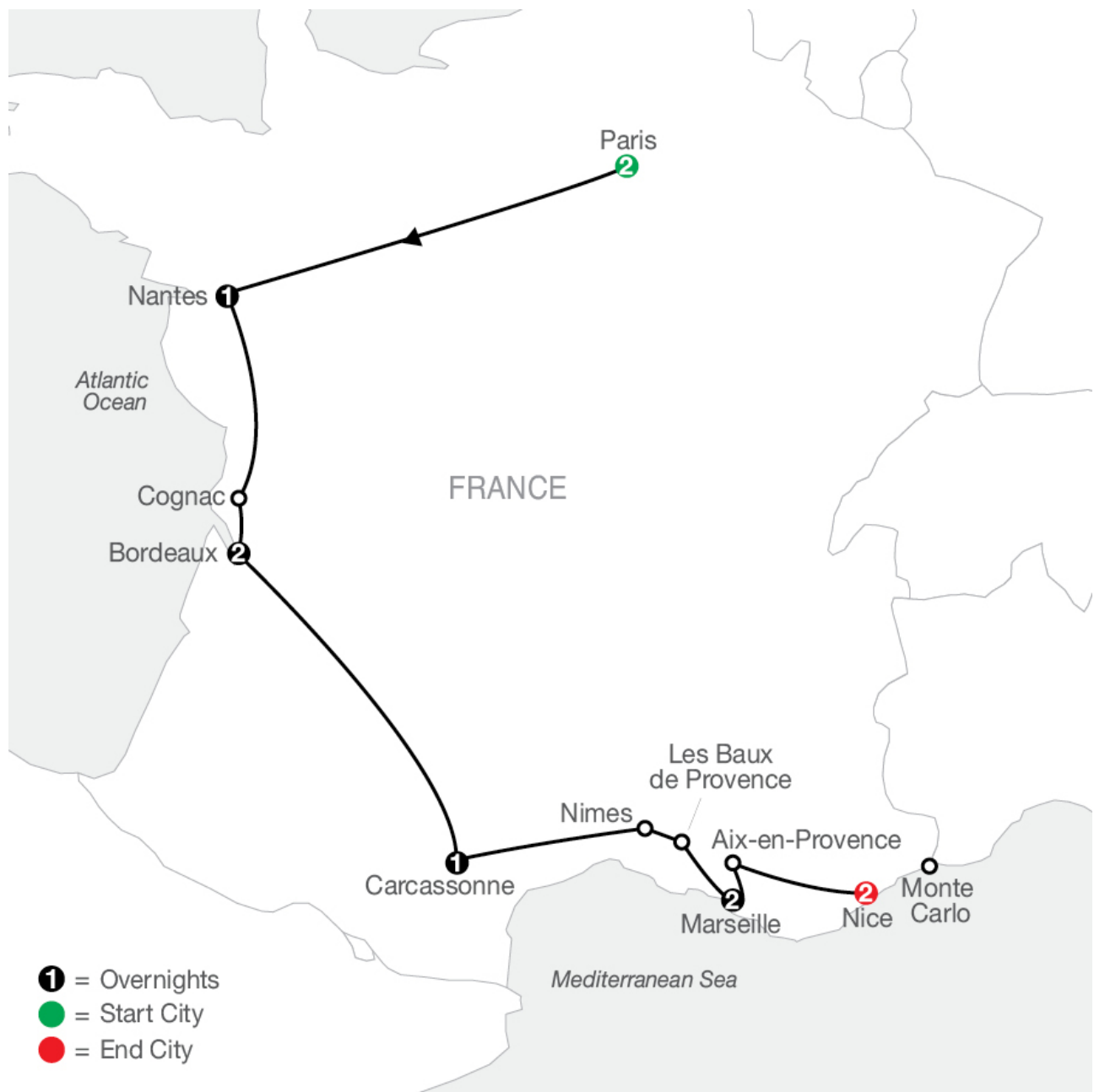
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Meet us for a rendez-vous to revel in the rues of Paris, the riverside where Jules Verne dreamed of deeper waters, and the royal chateau where cognac flows. Make a French connection from the City of Light to the dappled vineyards of Bordeaux. Break away from the ordinary with dreamy days in Marseilles, Aix-en-Provence, and the French Riviera in Nice. Try your luck at the tables in Monte Carlo and get the royal treatment in Monaco with 11 fantastic days in France. From cathedral halls to fortress walls; from Medieval treasures to Mediterranean pleasures, this vacation in France is a rendez-vous you won't want to miss.

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Notes:


For operational reasons, changes to the Paris program cannot be excluded.
 Please note that the Cognac tasting is only available to guests who are 18 years or over.

Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE Welcome to Paris! At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome drink.

Day 2

PARISJ'adore Paris PARIS Free time this morning followed by guided sightseeing that features some of the major landmarks. This evening, enjoy  a dinner cruise on the Seine with incredible sights of the city.

 Breakfast  Dinner

LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES What better way to complete your visit to Paris than with a dinner cruise along the Seine. Gaze at the City of Light from your ship, while indulging in French fare and wine. Bon Appetit!

Day 3

PARIS–NANTES Voyages Extraordinaires NANTES Guided walking tour includes sights of the Château des Ducs de Bretagne, Ile Feydeau, Place Royale and Passage Pommeraye.

 Breakfast

239 mi / 385 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

LEGENDARY LIVES Situated on the Loire river, the once busy port of Nantes influenced the young Jules Verne, who was born and raised there, to become attracted to the sea and travel. His books about voyage and exploration are translated all over the world, and has led him to often be regarded as the “Father of sci-fi”. In Nantes he is said to be one of the inspirations for “Les Machines de l’Ile” project that includes a “Marine Worlds Carousel” and a 12 meter high, mechanical “Great Elephant” that walks around the exhibition area carrying passengers.

Day 4

NANTES–COGNAC–BORDEAUX Local Spirit COGNAC  Guided visit of the Chateau

Royale du Cognac and cognac tasting.

BORDEAUX Free-time this evening.

 Breakfast

242 mi / 390 km

LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES The Dutch started to distill French wines into brandy in the 16th century as a means of preserving their much-treasured purchases for the journey back home. During your visit of the Chateau Royale discover the history of its inhabitants and the origins of Cognac. Then raise your glass to discover why it is worth all the effort.

Day 5

BORDEAUXBeyond the vineyards **BORDEAUX** Guided walking tour to discover historic neighbourhoods such as Quinconces and Saint Pierre. Stop at a local patisserie to try a traditional canele pastry.

 Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CULTURAL GEM The name Bordeaux means “water’s edge” and originates from the city’s position on the banks of the River Garonne. This location has helped to bring it fame and fortune through time, assisting the favourable climate and quality vines to produce around 960 million bottles of wine a year. However, it is not just a global capital of wine, Bordeaux is also known as a City of Art and History. In France only Paris has more protected buildings. George-Eugène Haussmann used Bordeaux as an example to follow when Emperor Napoleon III asked him to transform Paris into a modern city.

Day 6

BORDEAUX–CARCASSONNE Medieval Battle Sites **CARCASSONNE** Take an orientation walk by the ancient battlements and enjoy free time to explore this delightful medieval town.

 Breakfast  Dinner

211 mi / 340 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORIC SPOT Visit the ancient city of Carcassonne and see its pre-Roman settlement complete with medieval castle and dramatic defensive walls, called the finest remains of medieval fortifications in Europe by the UNESCO World Heritage Convention. Stunning!

Day 7

CARCASSONNE–NIMES–LE BAUX DE PROVENCE–MARSEILLE Roman Influences
NIMES Enjoy an orientation walk to admire the Roman Amphitheater and the Maison Carrée, an ancient Roman Temple.
LE BAUX DE PROVENCE Olive Oil mill visit with olive oil tasting.
MARSEILLES Free time this evening.

 Breakfast

217 mi / 350 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

LOCAL TASTES One of the Mediterranean’s most appreciated and treasured products, olive oil, often referred to as “green gold”, dates back thousands of years to ancient civilisations such as the Romans. The olive oil produced at the mill in Le Baux de Provence has a real local taste, being produced solely from the olives harvested in the surrounding area.

Day 8

MARSEILLES Musical Marches MARSEILLE Guided sightseeing features a walk in the city’s oldest district – Le Panier, with a visit to the Cathedral La Major, the old port and a scenic drive along the panoramic waterfront road. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in the old port area.

 Breakfast  Lunch

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ICONIC FOOTSTEPS This bustling seaport city is a melting pot of cultures. Founded by the Greeks around 600 BC, and continuously inhabited since then, it is the oldest city in France. The city’s population actively supported the French Revolution, and when 500 volunteers marched on Paris to defend the Revolutionary Government, the song they sung en-route became known as “La Marseillaise,” it was later adopted as the French National Anthem.

Day 9

MARSEILLE–AIX-EN-PROVENCE–NICE Beautiful Boulevards AIX-EN-PROVENCE
Orientation walk of the city features the elegant Cours Mirabeau and free time to explore further.
NICE Evening at leisure.

 Breakfast

149 mi / 240 km

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE Take advantage of an optional excursion to the Principality of Monaco. Wine and dine in Monte Carlo the glamorous millionaires' playground. See the Royal Palace and Cathedral as you discover the Old Town. Try your luck at the famous Grand Casino or sit in a local café and watch the world go by.

Day 10

NICE La belle NICE Follow your local guide for a walking tour through the old town, characterised by narrow cobbled streets, charming squares, and Baroque churches. Free time in the afternoon. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

 Breakfast  Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PICTURE PERFECT One of Nice's most iconic symbols is "Le Chaise Bleu," the blue chairs that are dotted along the Promenade des Anglais, one of France's most famous boulevards. They provide inspiration for local artists, a source of relaxation for the locals and taking a photo sat on one is considered "a must do" for visitors - so take a seat and admire the stunning views of the bay.

Day 11

NICE Safe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

Tour Director

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MARIE CLAIRE PAILHERY

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

" As a native of Lyon, the "food capital of France", I have always enjoyed sharing my country's rich traditions, history, art, wine and food, as well as the French attitudes and perspectives. The part of the job I like the most is breaking the stereotypes, making each day fresh, efficient and meaningful, and at the end of the tour, having tour members say "French people have been so nice to us, we had a great time or we will be back!""



Accommodations

PARIS

AC HOTEL PARIS PORTE MAILLOT

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

NANTES

OCEANIA HOTEL DE FRANCE

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

BORDEAUX

MERCURE BORDEAUX CHATEAU CHARTRONS

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

CARCASSONNE

HOTEL DU ROI & SPA

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

MARSEILLE

NH COLLECTION MARSEILLE

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

NICE

APOLLINAIRE

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

Optional Excursions

Contact your Travel Consultant for more information.

Price Ranges

\$ (\$50 USD and under)

\$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD)

\$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD)

\$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

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