



Paris

Plus Versailles & Reims

June 11-19th, 2014

Calvin Christian High School

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Wednesday, June 11

- AirTahit flight nonstop from LAX to Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport leaves at 9:05 P.M.

Thursday, June 12

- Arrive Paris CDG at 5:05 P.M. having flown 5,654 miles
- Transfer to our hotel: The three star Europe Hotel Paris, 103 boulevard de Grenelle in the 15th arrondissement
- Dinner @ *La Gauloise*

Friday, June 13

- Buffet breakfast in hotel
- Notre-Dame Cathedral
- Climb the towers of Notre-Dame Cathedral (250 stairs)
- Conciergerie (ancient feudal prison where Marie Antoinette spent her last hours)
- Saint Chappell
- Louvre Museum
- Dinner @ *Café du Commerce*

Saturday, June 14

- Buffet breakfast in hotel
- **Day trip to Louis XIV's Versailles** Palace and Gardens by metro and bus (due to the rail strike)
- See the musical water show of Versailles' fountains
- Explore Marie Antoinette's hamlet, petit and grand trinons
- Some rent bikes and ride through the forest
- Ride the funicular up to Montmatre
- Shopping and explore Sacré-Cœur Basilica
- Dinner @ *Cine Citta* (Italian)
- Dessert at Tutti Sensi (for crepes and gelato)
- Trocadéro to view the 11 P.M. light show on the Eiffel Tower

Sunday, June 15

- Breakfast @ *Le Bouquet de Grenelle*
- Worship with the Scots Kirk (Church of Scotland)
- Tour Paris Opera House Garnier
- Cruise the River Seine with Bateaux Vedettes du Pont Neuf
- Dinner at *Restaurant Paul* in St. Germain-des-Prés
- Climb to the top of the Arc de Triomphe (280 stairs) for a night view of the City of Light
- Some return to the hotel; others shop and stroll along the Champs-Elysées

Monday, June 16

- Breakfast @ *Le Pierrot*
- Eiffel Tower. Some climb the 704 stairs; others take the elevator

- Group splits up: Some go to the Pantheon and the Museum of the Middle Ages others go shopping at Gallerie Lafayette
- Centre Pompidou Modern Art Museum
- Dinner @ *Dame Tartine* and dessert @ *Amorino* (for gelato) on Place Georges Pompidou
- 8 P.M. Concert at the Paris Opera House Bastille: The music of Bizet / Strauss / Revel conducted by Philippe Jordan

Tuesday, June 17

- Breakfast @ Financiere Astra
- Walk a mile in the Parisian Catacombs where the bones of 6 million people line the ancient underground tunnels
- Segway training and tour of Paris (3 hours). See Place de la Concorde, Tullerie Gardens, Ecole Militare, Eiffel Tower
- Dinner @ *Le Pot de Fer "Chez Robert"* near Place Monge in the Latin Quarter

Wednesday, June 18

- Breakfast @ Brioche Duree (Paris Gare L'Est) and La Mie Caline (Reims)
- **Day trip to Reims** (94 miles from Paris), the heart of the Champagne region, by *TGV* bullet train; top speed 200 mph
- Guided tour of the famous cathedral where the kings of France were crowned; climb to the top of the tower (249 steps)
- Lunch @ *Des Lys* Cafe
- Museum of the Surrender (site of the German surrender in World War II)
- Tour and tasting at Mumm Champagne House
- *TGV* back to Paris
- Dinner @ *Creperie Suzette*

Thursday, June 19

- Breakfast @ *Le Pierrot* (and two go to McDonalds)
- Orsay Museum- Renovated Beaux-Arts railway station and home to the best works of art by Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, van Gogh and the other Impressionists
- Les Invalides Museum -Napoleon's tomb, displays of knight's armor, World War exhibits
- Encounter labor union protest in front of Les Invalides
- Lunch @ *Pizzeria Grenelle*
- Air Tahiti Nui flight #7 nonstop back to California. Arrive into LAX at 10:10 P.M.