# **PARIS** 7 Days | Economical European Student Tour

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## **TOUR SNAPSHOT**

Discover the rich history, major landmarks, and unique neighbourhoods on this 7-day economical student tour of Paris. Experience life as a royal at the Palace of Versailles, see the tombstones of famous Parisians at the Pére Lachaise Cemetery and learn about the history behind the Haussmann renovation of Paris. Your students will soak in the majesty of this extraordinary city and will return home with a love of travel.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:



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Guided Tours of: Paris

**Site Visits:** Eiffel Tower, Sainte-Chapelle, Musée du Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Basilica Sacré Cœur, River Seine Cruise, Hôtel des Invalides



Local Tour Leader



Accommodations 3-star centrally located hotels



**Transportation** Flights, airport transfers, public transportation



**Meals** Breakfasts, dinners





# **WHY BRIGHTSPARK?**

## **PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST**

- **Guaranteed Flights and Hotels:** We confirm the booking of flights and hotels when you submit your deposit to avoid last minute hiccups.
- **Centrally Located Accommodations:** Save hours avoiding long commutes and maximize your time in destination with hotels within the city limits.
- **Private Tours:** Personalize your class trip to suit your needs and be assured that your students will never be joined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire:** You are not a tourist but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.

## **EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL**

Our local partnerships allow for personalized tours that are a hybrid of traditional and unconventional.

95% of teachers LOVE OUR TOURS 60+ YEARS OF TRAVEL EXPERIENCE



# WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

## 24/7 GLOBAL SUPPORT

No matter your destination or itinerary, our state-ofthe-art Operations Centre is designed to proactively protect you and your students during your educational trips around the globe. From the best insurance to advanced incident management software to 24/7 emergency assistance, we've got you covered.



"The city of lights certainly lives up to the hype! Paris is one of my favourite travel destinations because of its diverse offerings, architecture, and unique culture! From historical sites to modern day museums, Paris offers something for everyone."

Spencer Leidl, Tour Leader

### Day 1: Board your flight to Paris

#### Day 2: Paris

- Arrive at Charles de Gaulle International Airport and meet your Tour Leader.
- Enjoy living like a Parisian with a metro pass for Zones 1-3.
- Stroll along the River Seine as an introduction to Parisian life.
- Visit the **Eiffel Tower**, the most famous landmark in Paris, with the option to look down over the Parisian landscape from the third level.

#### Day 3: Paris

- Take a 3-hour guided tour of the City of Lights where you will see marvelous monuments including: the oldest standing bridge on the River Seine, the Pont-Neuf, the Île de la Cité, and the medieval cathedral Notre Dame.
- Make your way to the reverse pyramid at the **Carrousel du** Louvre on your free time.
- Enjoy a guided tour through the **Musée du Louvre** where you will see the iconic **Mona Lisa** by **Leonardo da Vinci** and other accomplished artists of the Renaissance and Reformation periods.
- Travel to Charles de Gaulle-Étoile to see the Arc de Triomphe and then stroll down the Champs Élysées where you will see such couture houses as Chanel and Yves St. Laurent.

#### Day 4: Paris

- Start the day with a guided tour of the Musée d'Orsay to see mainly French art from 1848-1915 from famed artists Claude Monet, Édouard Manet, Edgar Degas, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Paul Cézanne and Vincent Van Gogh.
- Explore the Latin Quarter with your Tour Leader.
- Visit **Sainte-Chapelle** and view the beautiful stained glass windows of this gothic church.
- Discover one of the world's largest military art and history museums in the world at the Army Museum. This selfguided tour will take you through collections of old weapons and armour, artillery models and a unique set of 19-century items related to Napoleon I.
- Stroll through the largest square in Paris, the **Place de la Concorde**. Dedicated to the reconciliation after the French Revolution, the square is now known for its fountains and obelisk which was donated by the King of Egypt.

Experience La Place des Vosges, one of the oldest planned squares in France and embodiment of the first European program of royal city planning.

#### Day 5: Versailles - Paris

- Start the day with an RER train journey to Versailles.
- Travel to the **Palace of Versailles**, a luxurious 17th century palace with grand gardens. Your audio guide will take you through the stunning **Grand Apartment**, the **Hall of Mirrors**, and the **King and Queen's suites**.
- Get lost in the stunning gardens of Versailles, which are landscaped in the French style, and date back to the reign of Louis XIV.
- Return to Paris.
- Make sure you have good walking shoes, next stop is the hilly Montmartre. Stoll through this charming neighbourhood to see the Sacré Cœur Basilica from the top of the hill, the Wall of Love and the Moulin Rouge.

#### Day 6: Paris

- Stroll through the **Pére Lachaise Cemetery** with your Tour Leader to see the tombstones of the famous people who have been buried here throughout the years.
- Still need a souvenir for your family? Head to the **Passage des Panoramas**, a busy shopping centre and covered walkway that was built in 1799.
- Admire **Haussmann's Paris** as your Tour Leader guides you through the Opera District. This renovation added air and open space to the boulevards and connected and unified the different parts of the city.
- It's time for shopping! Explore the **Grands Boulevards**, especially Boulevard Haussmann and its famous department stores, le Printemps and les Galeries Lafayette.
- All aboard! Savour the last bit of Paris as you listen to a commentary while cruising along the Seine on one of the famous Bateaux-Mouches.

Day 7: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

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