



# College Study Tours

My Group Leader is :

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# CITY STAY: PARIS



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8 OR 11 DAYS

France • Extension to The Netherlands

## PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare, bus transfers, (train with extension)
- 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- Complete European breakfast
- 2 dinners
- Full-time EF Tour Director
- Select guides and entrances to special attractions as per itinerary

## OPTIONAL:

- Chartres and Loire Valley
- Paris Dinner



The Eiffel Tower is a global icon and is one of the most recognizable structures in the world.

*The City of Light awaits! Paris becomes your interactive classroom as you follow in the footsteps of Renoir, witness Victor Hugo's literary impact on Notre Dame or practice your French with the locals, while still having flexible time to incorporate academic goals. In the shadows of the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and grand Notre Dame Cathedral, group leaders' curriculum becomes the perfect pairing to the wonders of Paris.*

### Day 1 Flight

**Overnight flight to France** • Relax as you fly across the Atlantic.

### Day 2 Paris

**Arrival in Paris** • Touch down in Paris, City of Light. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

**Walking tour of the Latin Quarter** • Your walking tour of Paris centers around the Latin Quarter, an area dominated by the Sorbonne, Paris' most famous university which was founded in 1253. The quarter was named for its inhabitants' native tongue; Latin was the official language until 1793.

**Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral** • Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804. Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as "a vast symphony in stone."

However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

### Day 3 Paris

**Guided sightseeing of Paris** • Discover the city on the Seine, beginning with the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon graduated to lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo stop at the Eiffel



Number of overnight stays in parentheses.



Peruse street vendor's wares to add a touch of Paris to your home decor!

Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909. Pass the Opéra Garnier, where the famous Phantom of the Opera haunted his dear Christine, and marvel at Église de la Madeleine, designed as a temple of glory for Napoleon's army. Continue past the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to the Place Vendôme, a vast square surrounded by elegant 17th-century façades.

**Visit to the Louvre** • Built to defend the city in the 13th century, the Louvre today safeguards one of the world's greatest art collections. Enter the museum through world-renowned architect I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, constructed in 1989. Inside, discover priceless antiquities from Asia, Greece and Rome. You'll also see precious objects from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, as well as iconic European paintings such as the *Mona Lisa*.

#### Day 4 Versailles • Montmartre

**Guided visit to Versailles** • Visit Versailles, the elaborate palace of Louis XIV. Here the Sun King held court in the most lavish style imaginable. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants inhabited the annexes. Stroll through the elegantly landscaped gardens designed by André Le Nôtre, tour the State Apartments of the King himself, walk through the historic Hall of Mirrors and admire the ornate decor of the State Apartments of the Queen. (Please note: Because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons. In this case, your group will hear a presentation from your guide before entering the palace. Please also note that Versailles is closed on Mondays.)

**Walking tour of Montmartre** • Explore Montmartre, a hilltop community in northern Paris that was once called home by artists like Picasso, van Gogh, Degas, Renoir and

Toulouse-Laurtec. By the end of the 19th century, Montmartre and its sister city across the Seine, Montparnasse, were the main artistic centers of France. Learn more about the area's artists and the influence of their work during your walking tour.

#### Day 5 Paris

**Optional excursion to the Loire Valley** • Journey through the French countryside to the magnificent Loire Valley, Playground of the Kings. Our first stop is Chartres, home to Europe's grandest Gothic cathedral and the world's finest stained-glass windows. Then visit the spectacular Château de Chenonceau on the banks of the River Cher, an architecturally breathtaking estate with a romantic history. Finally, make a photostop at Chambord, the largest of all the Loire Valley châteaux. Here many of Molière's plays were performed for the first time.

**Free time in Paris\*** • World-class museums, shops and restaurants accentuate this sophisticated yet modern City of Light. Today, enjoy free time to start discovering the wonders of this city.

#### Days 6–7 Paris

**Free time in Paris\*** • From the 380,000 objects and 35,000 works of art at the Louvre to the high-class shops and restaurants lining chic Champs-Élysées, explore all that Paris has to offer with two days of ample free time. Your tour consultant and tour director will work with you to plan activities to best complement your group's interests and focus of study.

#### Day 8 Home

**Return home** • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

#### EXTENSION

##### Day 8 Amsterdam

**Extension to Amsterdam** • Alternately, choose to stay in Europe and journey to Amsterdam.

**Train transfer to Amsterdam** • Travel through irrigated Dutch landscapes as you make your way to Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands.

**Orientation tour of Amsterdam** • Your tour director introduces you to Amsterdam. The capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam is also an important commercial, historic, cultural and artistic center. Amsterdam was once home to Rembrandt, whose residence remains open to visitors today, and boasts friendly cafés and world-class museums, including the Van Gogh Museum and the Jewish History Museum. Step into a fairy tale as you marvel at this city of 1,200 bridges and 160 canals.

##### Day 9 Amsterdam

**Guided sightseeing of Amsterdam** • A local guide introduces you to Amsterdam's most famous sights on a walk through the city. Pass the Westerkerk (West Church), where the remains of Rembrandt and his son are buried. The church also held the wedding of Queen Beatrix in 1966. Continue to lively Dam Square, a dam around the Amstel River created in the 13th century to prevent the Zuiderzee Sea from flooding the city. Now this bustling tourist area boasts the impressive Koninklijk Paleis (Royal Palace), once the home of the Dutch Royal Family; the National Monument; and the Nieuwekerk (New Church), where members of the Dutch Royal Family are officially inaugurated. See the Begijnhof, a lovely 14th-century courtyard, built as a sanctuary for the Begijnhofites, a Catholic sisterhood. Walk across the lifting bridge to Waterlooplein. Marvel at the views of the Amstel River as you cross the Magere Brug

(Skinny Bridge). Although "magere" means skinny in Dutch and the bridge was quite thin when built, rumor says the bridge was actually named for the Magere sisters, living on opposite sides of the river, who built the bridge to make it easier to visit each other. Finally, you will see Rembrandtplein, a square packed with terrace cafés, diamond shops, nightclubs and hotels.

**Visit to the Anne Frank House** • Visit the Anne Frank House, where the young girl hid with her family from 1942 to 1944—and where she penned the poignant diary that has been translated into dozens of languages worldwide.

#### Day 10 Amsterdam

#### Day 11 Return home

**Return home** • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the **Booking Conditions**.

#### \*FREE TIME SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE:

- Louvre
- Orangerie
- Sainte Chapelle
- Fauchon
- Père Lachaise Cemetery
- Musée Marmottan
- Musée d'Orsay
- Maison de Victor Hugo
- Centre Pompidou
- Sorbonne University
- Boulevard St. Michel

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### Itinerary

- Day 1** Fly overnight to France
- Day 2** Paris
- Day 3** Paris
- Day 4** Paris
- Day 5** Paris
- Days 6-7** Paris
- Day 8** Depart for home
- Day 10** Amsterdam
- Day 11** Depart for home

### Overnights

Paris (6)

### Tour information

**Group Leader:** Lynn Hepfl  
**Tour Number:** 423858  
**Tour Name:** City Stay: Paris  
**Departure Date:** Tuesday, May 17, 2011  
**Return Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011  
**Number of Days:** 8  
**Departure Gateway:** Pittsburgh  
**Ratio:** 6

### Price quote

<b>Enrollment Fee</b>	\$95
<b>Program Fee *</b>	\$2,010
<b>Current Departure Fees**</b>	\$460
<b>Peace of Mind Program</b>	Free

	Monthly †	Total
<b>For Students</b>	\$214	\$2,565

### Tour items not included

<b>All-Inclusive Insurance Plan</b>	\$135
<b>Twin Room Supplement</b>	\$240

\* Program fee valid for all who enroll through Tuesday, August 31, 2010. All other fees subject to change.

\*\* These are the current departure fees as of today. They include taxes and surcharges levied by governments and airlines and are subject to change. These fees do not include any applicable baggage-handling fees imposed by the airline. Your departure fees are finalized 30-50 days prior to departure.

† Estimated monthly payment if a participant enrolls on Thursday, Apr 15, 2010.

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