



Wonderful France

9 Days

2 Countries

12 Meals

from **US\$2795**

Per person,
twin share

Past Guest Rated

4.6/5 feefo



Bakery, France

See what happens on trip:

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Guest favourite: Meet Poppy Salinger

Wonderful France awaits as does the opportunity to indulge in a taste of true Provence at an exclusive *Be My Guest* experience with lively Poppy Salinger and her talented son, Chef Emmanuel. Your charismatic hosts will take you on a wonderful culinary journey featuring home-cooked Provençal fare at La Bastide Rose, a gorgeous French farmhouse and water mill, on the banks of the Sorgue River.

You'll learn about the property's history and how Poppy transformed this old mill after her late husband, and advisor to the Kennedy family, Pierre Salinger, retired from public life. You'll leave the farmhouse with a very special story to share after experiencing a real slice of rural life in France with this extraordinary family.

Wonderful France, day 7

Combine the glamorous French capital with centuries of history and glorious sunsets on the French Riviera. This favourite French tour package delivers it all in just nine days, from strolling the Pont du Gard to soaking up the sun-kissed charm of St. Tropez and Monaco in France's glorious south.

Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Paris and Arles with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Beaune, Lyon, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco and Avignon
- **Visit** Saint-Sulpice Church in Paris and Pont du Gard
- **View** the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, Place Bellecour and the Basilica of Notre Dame in Lyon, the Royal Palace and Cathedral in Monaco and the Palace of the Popes in Avignon
- **Scenic Cruise** to St. Tropez

Trip code: **FWOF**

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Wonderful France

Your itinerary



● Start Location

✈ Plane

🚢 Cruise

① Over night

● Visited Location

● End Location


🚆 Train

🚢 Ferry

Day 1

Bonjour France

Discover romance, sophistication and French joie de vivre in Paris – the launch pad to a memorable journey through the French countryside. Explore the grand boulevards and winding lanes of the 'City of Lights', before meeting your Travel Director and companions for a Welcome Reception. We take to the streets this evening to see some of the city's most iconic sights, including the Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe, standing in all its glorious splendour for you to admire.

 **Hotel** - Renaissance La Défense

 **Included Meals** - Welcome Reception

Day 2

Discover the Delights of Paris

Join a Local Specialist to explore the Latin Quarter, a vibrant student hotspot and home to the Sorbonne University. Visit the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice, then soak up the authentic atmosphere and local day-to-day life of the Parisians as you stroll through historic neighbourhoods. Spend your evening embracing the pageantry of Paris and perhaps experience a traditional Parisian Cabaret.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 3

Journey through Burgundy to Lyon

Travel through the picture-perfect Burgundy wine region and stop in its walled regional capital, Beaune – most famous for the colourful geometric-tiled Hôtel-Dieu. We continue to the gastronomic capital of Lyon, where we spend the night. Discover the historic treasures of its well-preserved Old Town or perhaps indulge in delicious Beaujolais flavours in a local bouchon – the choice is yours.


 **Hotel** - Charlemagne

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 4

Continue to Monaco and the French Riviera

Follow the Rhône Valley south, enjoying some free time in Aix-en-Provence for a delicious lunch and the sweet flavours of Calissons, then stop in the glamorous Principality of Monaco bound for the sun-kissed shores of the French Riviera. View the Palace, which has been the home of the Grimaldis since the 13th century, and the cathedral where Princess Grace and Prince Rainier were married. This evening, we enjoy a delicious Regional Dinner together in Monaco before arriving at our hotel, where we'll spend the next two nights.

 **Hotel** - Montaigne & Spa

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Regional Dinner

Day 5

The French Riviera Your Way

The sun-kissed shores of the French Riviera are yours to explore today. Consider relaxing on the beach with your fellow sun-worshippers or an Optional Experience could see you visit the hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a popular haunt for actors seeking a relaxing retreat. In your free time, you have the opportunity to


soak up the fresh sea air and perhaps indulge in a delicious Salade Niçoise.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 6

On to Sunny Saint-Tropez and Avignon

We arrive by boat in glitzy Saint-Tropez for a leisurely morning sojourn to soak up our fashionable surrounds. Continue on to the ancient city of Avignon, once the seat of the Papacy, where we will spend the next two nights. Our orientation of this extraordinary historic city includes views of the imposing Palace of the Popes and the famous ruined bridge straddling the Rhône, which inspired the famous French song, Sur le Pont d'Avignon.

 **Hotel** - Mercure Pont d'Avignon

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 7

Explore Ancient History in Pont du Gard and Arles


We visit the impressive Pont du Gard aqueduct before continuing to Arles, to admire the Romanesque Cathedral and Roman amphitheatre, once the site of bloody battles and exhilarating chariot races. Tread in the footsteps of Vincent van Gogh with your Local Specialist, exploring the heritage of a city that was once an important Phoenician trading port. Tonight, you'll enjoy feasting on delicious Provençal flavours as we Connect With Locals and join the widow of Pierre Salinger for a Be My Guest dinner and unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to her converted historic mill on the banks of the Sorgue. Feast on regional specialities such as red snapper, mignon of pork, soufflé with a good glass of Coteaux d'Aix red or rose wine on the side. You'll leave with a deep appreciation of life in Provence as you explore the old home with its many artefacts, family photographs and works of art, knowing that your visit helps to preserve the memories of her famous husband for generations to come.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Be My Guest

Day 8

Travel By High-Speed Train to Paris

The picture-perfect French countryside is our constant companion as we take the high-speed TGV train through the heart of France, past Auxerre and the sprawling vineyards of Burgundy, back to Paris where you have the rest of the afternoon to explore the city on your own terms. This evening we celebrate an unforgettable sojourn through France at a Farewell Dinner with our Travel Director and newfound friends.

 **Hotel** - Evergreen Laurel

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 9

Au Revoir Paris

This morning after breakfast, it's time to bid Paris a fond au revoir as our fascinating journey through France comes to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

French Culinary Discovery

Today we'll explore the Montorgueil neighborhood on a foodie walking tour with our knowledgeable guide. We'll sample some of the city's finest bread, charcuterie, cheese and pastries; meeting local vendors and artisans along the way. n.b. There is a minimum of 10 guests and a maximum of 20 for this optional.

Adult Price: **€73.00***

*** The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.**

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Giverny House And Gardens Of Claude Monet

Step into the enchanting world of Giverny – Claude Monet's carefully-crafted paradise. The gardens and home of the Impressionist Master were the inspirations behind some of his most renowned paintings. The famous Japanese bridge, the magnificent waterlilies, his charming pink house – it's all there waiting for you to discover.

Adult Price: **€49.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

Local Beaujolais Gourmet Dinner And Old Town Discovery

Strolling through the maze of hidden courtyards, cobbled streets and hidden traboules with our Local Specialist, we'll step back in time to discover Lyon's secrets. The World Heritage city was formerly home to ancient Gauls, powerful Romans, Gothic Cathedral builders & wealthy Renaissance Silk Merchants. We'll finish the evening with a mouthwatering three-course French feast, paired with local wine.

Adult Price: **€69.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

St Paul de Vence and Nice

A lovely drive into the Esteral Heights bring us to the quaint walled hilltown of St Paul de Vence. Our walk through the village's winding streets with a Local Specialist reveals elegant fountains, vine-covered ramparts and interesting galleries. Then, because no visit to the Riviera is complete without it, we continue to glorious Nice to enjoy the city, its old town and

colourful provençale markets.

Adult Price: **€43.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

Treasures of Provence

The prestigious name, the famous curved bottles and the connection to the papacy all mean that Château-Neuf-du-Pape is a wine region unlike any other. We'll visit the vineyards and cellars at a favourite French Chateau Estate. Later, there'll be plenty of wine to sample while we enjoy a traditional Provençal-style dinner!

Adult Price: **€72.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

Montmartre Village And Artists' Square

Many people go to Paris, but only a few are lucky enough to experience what it's really all about. Join us for a stroll with our Local Specialist through Montmartre – an artists' village once home to Picasso and Toulouse Lautrec, tucked away from the modern city. The paint will still be wet on the canvasses, as we watch apprentices work before our eyes in the famous Artist's Square. Mingle, barter, and stand in awe of Sacré Coeur Basilica in this historic, bohemian neighbourhood.

Adult Price: **€37.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

Seine Cruise and Paris Illuminations

To truly see Paris in all its glory, you need to see it from the Seine. Enjoy a cruise along this famous river and take in unmatched views of the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower. Afterwards, we'll drive through the City of Lights to see some of the fascinating sights this beautiful city has to offer. In summer, this trip may take place before sunset.

Adult Price: **€38.00***

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