



# Travel for Credit: French Language Immersion in Paris & Nice

9 DAYS

## Included in the program fee:

- Round trip airfare
- Transfers to and from the airport and hotel and between destination cities (as per program itinerary)
- Overnight in hotels with private bathrooms
- Continental breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of an EF Tour Director

## Not included in the program fee:

- Customary gratuities for your tour director, local guide and driver
- Porterage
- Personal Insurance
- Beverages and lunches
- Public transportation to free time activities

**Overnight stays:** Nice (3); Paris (4).

**Sightseeing tours led by an expert:** Paris.

**Entrances included:** Florian Candy Factory; Market Challenge; Petanque with locals; National Sport Museum & Allianz Stadium tour; Sacré-Coeur Basilica; Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte; Etiquette class at Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte; exchange with locals; Louvre; Seine River Cruise; 2 language lessons.

*Please note that the following is a sample timed itinerary for this EF tour with approximate addresses, activity durations, and transfer times. Exact timing may vary based on available flights, hotel location, scheduled activity bookings, traffic, etc. Your EF Tour Director is available to the group 24/7 while on tour. EF works with Group Leaders to ensure that travellers have a safe and memorable experience while on tour.*

## **Day 1: Fly overnight to Nice!**

### **Day 2: Nice**

#### **Arrive in Nice meet your Tour Director at the airport**

Welcome to Nice, a beautiful gem on the French Riviera! You're greeted at the airport by your Language Immersion Program Director, who will be with you throughout your tour. Once you get settled into your hotel, check out the palm tree-lined promenades of this exclusive seaside village. Walk in the footsteps of the rich and famous as you stroll through the Vieille Ville, past white-washed villas and down the Promenade des Anglais.

#### **Walking tour of Nice**

Get to know Nice during your Tour Director-led walking tour. Together you might stroll through the Vieille Ville, past white-washed villas or see the famous Promenade des Anglais.

### **Day 3: Nice**

#### **Visit a Florian Candy Factory**

Learn about the history of fruit confit, or candied fruit. The fruit confit takes up to three months to make; you will understand its laborious process during a tour of the factory. Don't forget to take home some of these sweet - and pricey - treats!

#### **Participate in an interactive language lesson**

#### **Cours Saleya Market Challenge**

Ranked by France's National Council for the Culinary Arts as one of the country's special markets, the market at Cours Saleya is located near the coast in the Old Town quarter of Nice. This morning, you'll notice that the square is alive with delightful aromas, vivid colors, and the bustling noises you would expect of an outdoor market in France. In groups of four or five, you'll be handed a few euros and a list of traditional French food items. Your challenge is to barter and haggle your way through the market, stretching your money as far as you can to ensure you'll have enough for your whole list. Of course, you'll be able to keep the food that you buy to eat during a pique-nique lunch in the Parc du Château.

### **Day 4: Nice**

#### **Play Pétanque with locals**

Pétanque, a traditional French lawn-bowling game, originated in 1907 in Provence, a region of southern France. The name comes from the Occitan language word petanca meaning "feet anchored." This afternoon, side-by-side with French locals, you'll get to play a round of a pétanque to see if you can channel your inner French and land your boule right beside the cochonnet!

#### **Visit the National Sport Museum and Allianz Stadium**

Visit the museum dedicated to all things sports in France before visiting the stadium of Nice where OGC Nice plays.

#### **Supervised exploration time in Nice to shop or relax at the beach**

You may choose to relax at the beach or take a stroll down the Promenade des Anglais.

### **Day 5: Nice | Paris**

#### **Travel by train to Paris**

Board the TGV (train à grande vitesse, or "high speed train") to Paris.

#### **Arrive in Paris**

Welcome to Paris, the City of Light. You're greeted at the airport by your specially trained Language Immersion Program Director, who will be with you throughout your tour. Get acquainted with the city on a walking tour along the Seine. As you cross over the river, watch the bouquinistes selling old books and postcards, and catch glimpses of the Conciergerie and St. Chapelle from the Pont Neuf. Make your way to Notre Dame Cathedral and continue through the Latin Quarter, where the most famous university in Paris, the Sorbonne, was founded in 1253.

#### **Walking tour of Paris**

Join your Tour Director on a walking tour that will introduce you to Paris. Together, you might see the chic, boutique-filled Opéra district, city's largest square at the Place de la Concorde, and the geometric Tuileries gardens.

#### **See 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 window and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings. (Please note, due to a devastating fire in April 2019, the Notre Dame remains closed to all visitors for repairs).

#### **Enjoy a Steak Frites Dinner**

## Day 6: Paris

### Guided Sightseeing of Paris

Discover the city on the Seine during your panoramic bus tour. An expert local guide will accompany you as you drive through Paris' lively Latin Quarter. Nearby, see Notre-Dame Cathedral, standing tall at the center of the city. You will also drive down the elegant, tree-lined Champs-Élysées. Finally, be sure to snap a photo at the magnificent Eiffel Tower, an unmistakable and controversial symbol of Paris since its appearance at the 1889 World's Fair.

### Walking tour of Montmartre

Get to know Montmartre during your Tour Director-led walking tour. Together you might see breathtaking views of the City of Light, watch artists at work at the Place du Tertre, or gaze up at the Sacré-Coeur Basilica.

### Visit Sacré-Coeur

Visit the spectacular Sacré-Coeur, a Catholic basilica built atop the Montmartre hill. From here enjoy some of the most breathtaking views of the City of Light before heading to the cafés and shops that line the small and quaint streets. Relax at the Place du Tertre and watch talented artists at work or choose to have your own portrait done. Montmartre was once home to many struggling artists, including Picasso, Monet, and Renoir.

### Attend an evening theatre performance in French

## Day 7: Paris

### Visit Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte

Journey outside of Paris to visit the beautiful Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte. This magnificent estate was originally built in the 17th century and quickly became an inspiration for the creation of its royal neighbor, the Château de Versailles. Vaux-le-Vicomte is a private estate and was inhabited all the way up to its opening to the public in 1968. The château boasts of 80 acres of garden in addition to countless pieces of art that were collected by the Chateau's original creator, Nicolas Fouquet. During your guided visit of the Château, imagine what life was like in 17th century France as you explore the ornate rooms and luxurious gardens of the estate.

### Attend a French etiquette class at the Vaux-le-Vicomte

Admire the stunning chateaux and surrounding estate. The beauty of this château made King Louis XIV so jealous of its grandeur, that he had the owner, Nicolas Fouquet, thrown into prison. At Fouquet's time, entertaining was an art - seating plan, services, dress code - after your visit of the palace, you will participate in a French etiquette workshop.

## Day 8: Paris

### Participate in an interactive language lesson

#### Louvre

The Palais du Louvre, built to defend the city in the 13th century, now safeguards one of the world's greatest art collections. Enter the museum through world-renowned architect I.M. Pei's 1989 modernist glass pyramid. Inside, discover priceless antiquities from Egypt, Greece, Italy and Asia such as the statues of *Venus de Milo* and *Nike of Samothrace*, better known as *Winged Victory*. You'll also see some of the Louvre's most prized paintings by Renaissance and European masters, including Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the mysterious *Mona Lisa*. (Please note that due to limited group reservations, your group may visit another art museum when the Louvre is not available.)

#### Seine River Cruise

This afternoon, take a narrated river cruise along the Seine. As your boat glides from one graceful bridge to the next, sit back and gaze at the illuminated landmarks of Paris as they pan into view.

#### Crepes Dinner in Paris

This evening, enjoy a French specialty from the Brittany Region, crepes. Choose between savory fillings such as ham, egg, spinach and curry, or go straight for the sweet crepes and have yours filled with fruit and topped with powdered sugar.

## Day 9: Depart for Home

### Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

*The itinerary is subject to change.*

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