

## FRANCE ITINERARY

### Day 1 – **Board your overnight transatlantic flight.**

### Day 2 – **Arrive in Paris, France.**

Upon arrival claim your baggage and pass through customs where you will be greeted by your Tour Director. The day is free to rest or to start exploring the splendid French capital. At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions and leave the hotel for a **WELCOME DINNER** with wine at one of Paris' lively restaurants. After dinner you may wish to join an optional outing to get a first impression of the "City of Lights." (D)

### Day 3 – **Paris. Day at leisure. (for our non-singers!)**

While Tropical Harmony is having an all day rehearsal, our guests will spend today at leisure or the Tour Director will have plenty of suggestions of sites to see today. (B)

Note: Rehearsal room has been included.

### Day 4 – **Paris.**

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the Arc de Triomphe, Opera, Madeleine, Louvre, and Champs-Élysées. Visit magnificent NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, and for a panoramic view, take the elevator to the second floor of the IEFTEL TOWER. This afternoon, take a short journey from Paris with your local guide to the lavish 17<sup>th</sup>-century classical palace built by Sun King Louis XIV, with its magnificent STATE APARTMENTS, Hall of Mirrors, and the Royal Chapel. Time to stroll through parts of the elegant 250-acre GARDENS. (B)

### Day 5 – **Paris-Rouen-Caen.**

A pleasant morning drive takes you to Rouen. Time here for a leisurely stroll along the lovely cobbled Rue du Gros-Horloge leading from the cathedral to the square where Joan of Arc was burned in 1431. Then, continue to Caen and look forward to a visit to the fascinating MEMORIAL MUSEUM FOR PEACE with its great exhibits and audiovisual show about the Battle of Normandy. Continue to Caen for your overnight stay. (B-D)

### Day 6 – **Caen – Normandy Beaches – Mount St. Michel.**

Focus is on the scene of the Allied Forces' landing on D-Day, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944: Drive by Juno Beach, then stop at Gold Beach for a view of the Mulberry Harbor remains at Arromanches. Visit the AMERICAN CEMETERY and its visitor center at Omaha Beach. Continue to Sainte Mere Eglise, the first town to be liberated, with its evocative parachute memorial. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided visit of the famous ABBEY OF MONT ST. MICHEL, perched on a rocky isle in the Gulf of Saint Malo. Overnight on the coast near Mont St Michel. (B,D)

### Day 7 – **Mont St. Michel-Blois.**

Enjoy a scenic ride right across Brittany via Chateaubriant to Angers. Stop here for pictures of the impressive 13<sup>th</sup>-century castle. Then, continue your journey to Blois, where you will stay for the next two nights. (B,D)

### Day 8 – **Blois. Chateaux Country Excursion.**

A rich day of sightseeing. Visit the jewel of the French Renaissance, Chateau CHAMBORD, and the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Chateau of Catherine de Medici, lovely

CHENONCEAU. On to Amboise. Visit CLOS LUCE and marvel at an amazing collection of models of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions, painstakingly reconstructed from the drawings of the great renaissance genius. Tonight is your chance to sample French cuisine at one of the area's excellent bistros. (B)

**Day 9 – Bloise-Chartres-Paris**

This morning, visit Chartres with its superb 13<sup>th</sup> century gothic CATHEDRAL, a jewel of medieval architecture. Arrive in Paris in the afternoon. An optional excursion to the Louvre Museum is available as well as exciting possibilities for an unforgettable night out on the town. (B)

**Day 10 – Paris, Day at Leisure.**

Spend today at your leisure to get in any last-minute sightseeing or speak to your Tour Director about optionals that are available. Tonight, enjoy a FRENCH DINNER, at a Parisian restaurant as a great way to end your French vacation. (B,D)

Day 11 – Board Your flight for home. (B)