

Educational Program Designed For
Shepherd University – 112975C



“Literary Paris”

10 March 2012 - 17 March 2012

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1	DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, DC
DAY 2	ARRIVE PARIS (6 NIGHTS)
DAY 3	PARIS (<i>LITERARY PARIS</i>)
DAY 4	PARIS (<i>THE RISE AND FALL OF NAPOLEON</i>)
DAY 5	DAY TRIP TO ILLIERS-COMBRAY AND VERSAILLES
DAY 6	PARIS
DAY 7	PARIS (<i>PARIS OF THE IMPRESSIONISTS</i>)
DAY 8	DEPARTURE FROM PARIS

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France is an enchanting country that evokes elegance, opulence, and richness. But the country is so much more than luxurious castles, fashionable cities, and delicious food and wine. France has an incredible history spanning thousands of years, history that can be found in every crevice of its countryside. Each region is unique, and amid the beauty of the mountains, coastline, and cities there are charming small towns filled with friendly people who embrace the true meaning of *joie de vivre*.

Educational Tour or Visit = 

Recreational Activity = 

Cultural Experience = 

DAY 1

Friday, 09 March 2012

Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Washington DC to Paris.

DAY 2

Saturday, 10 March 2012

Our 24-hour Casterbridge Tour Manager/Guide will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

Our private coach will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel in Paris.

For the next 6 evenings we will enjoy the convenience of our centrally-located Paris hotel, where daily breakfast will be included.



Paris is one of the most iconic cities in the world, filled with culture and history, monuments and museums. Known as the City of Light, Paris is a million things to a million people. No writer has ever been able to truly capture Paris in words, and only the experience of being there can begin to express the grandness and magic of this incredible city.



In Paris, the cost of public transport is included for all group sightseeing. Escorted by our guide, we will be able to experience the city in the same manner as the local people.



Experience the perfect introduction to the beauty of Paris on a **Seine River Cruise**. We will pass under many graceful bridges and view important landmarks on both banks during our trip.



Visit the modern **Pompidou Center**. This colorful combination of steel, glass, pipes and tubes houses the *National Museum of Modern Art*.



This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.

DAY 3

Sunday, 11 March 2012



Embark on a **Walking Tour of “Writers of Montparnasse,”** visiting the haunts of Ernest Hemingway, Scott Fitzgerald, Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein, and Jean Rhys; while hearing stories of their lives in old Paris.



Explore the **Marais Quarter**, whose history stretches back to the beginning of the city. The Marais features magnificent shops and cafes, and is a perfect place to take in the Parisian lifestyle. While here, we will be get a view of the **La Place des Vosges**, the oldest square in Paris.



Visit **Notre-Dame Cathedral**. Work began in 1163 on a spot that had been a holy shrine since Roman times. Over the centuries, the cathedral has been the scene of some of France's most momentous occasions, including the coronation of Napoleon.



Tonight we will ascend to the **Montmartre** area of Paris, where we will have dinner in a local restaurant. This area was made famous in the late 19th century as an artists' haunt. We will also spend time in the **Place du Tertre**, a square known for its local artwork.

DAY 4

Monday, 12 March 2012



Ascend the **Arc de Triomphe**, a massive triumphal arch commissioned by Napoleon. Today, it is a symbol of Paris and is home to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Stroll through the **Jardin des Tuileries**, the Neo-Classical gardens outside of the entrance to the Louvre. Continue through **La Place de la Concorde** to Paris's most spectacular thoroughfare, the **Champs Élysées**, which offers a beautiful look at Parisian life and architecture.



Tour the renowned **Louvre Museum** with a local specialist guide. We will see Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*, the imposing *Coronation of Napoleon*, and many of the finest paintings and sculptures from western civilization.



Explore the 19th-century covered arcades of the 2nd arrondissement. In addition to exploring these early versions of the modern-day mall, we will read excerpts from Walter Benjamin's *The Arcades Project*. The remainder of our day will be free to explore.



Tonight we will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant in the **Latin Quarter**, a section of the city that dates back to the Roman times; it is generally associated with artists, intellectuals, and political unrest. We conclude our day with a walk around the Sorbonne, Paris' oldest university.

DAY 5

Tuesday, 13 March 2012

A private coach and driver will accompany us today on our trip outside the city.




Explore **Illiers-Combray**, a unique town in France that is part real and part fictional. Here, in an old three story gray house that became the inspiration for the House of Aunt Leonie, Marcel Proust spent childhood holidays from the age of 6 through 9 with his aunt and uncle. We will visit the house and museum before taking a walking tour around the town.





Experience **Versailles**, a palace commissioned by Louis XIV around Louis XIII's hunting lodge. In addition to viewing the spectacular **Gardens**, our visit includes the ornate **State Apartments**, highlighted by the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Versailles set the standard for royal opulence in the 17th century; this over indulgence set the stage for outrage and the ensuing French Revolution 100 years later.




This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.

 Walk along paths strolled by famous poets such as Baudelaire, Verlaine, Rimbaud, and Mallarme. We begin at the Hotel de Voltaire, where Baudelaire wrote *Les Fleurs du Mal*. A plaque on the building commemorates the famous work and its author. We continue to Les Deux Magots, the well-known literary cafe frequented by Verlaine, Mallarme, and Rimbaud. Those that choose may continue this afternoon to the Hotel Pimodan, where Baudelaire met Paul Verlaine, and where the infamous Club de Hashichins held its meetings.

 Explore **Cimetiere Pere Lachaise** where many of the greatest artists, musicians, and authors of France and the world are buried (including Colette, Bernardin de St.Pierre, Moliere, La Fontaine, Wilde, Bernhardt, Proust, Balzac).

 Browse in **Shakespeare & Co.** Paris's most famous English book store. It was once a meeting place for expatriate writers such as Pound, Joyce, Miller and Stein in the twenties and thirties.

 This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.




 Enjoy a **Tour of l'Opéra National de Paris (Opéra Garnier)**, home of the famous Paris Opera Company.





Paris is one of the most important centers of fashion in the world. We will visit the elegant stores of **Au Printemps** and **Galeries Lafayette** for a first-hand look at the latest trends in fashion.



 Visit the **Musée D'Orsay**, which is housed in a former railway station. It features mainly French art from 1848-1915, and is best known for its impressionist masterpieces by Monet, Degas, Renoir, and Cezanne.



 Ascend to the top of Paris' most recognizable landmark, the **Eiffel Tower**, built for the Universal Exhibition of 1889. The wrought-iron tower was not meant to be permanent, and the first permit was only for 20 years. But by that time, it had proved to be a valuable communication device for radio. It is now France's global icon and has hosted over 200 million visitors.

 This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.

Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our guide accompanies us to the airport on our final day.