



Local vineyard, Burgundy



Fortified city, Carcassonne

French Impressions: From the Loire Valley to Lyon & Paris

France: Angers, Limousin, Sarlat, Carcassonne, Lyon, Paris

17 days starting from **\$7,145**

including international airfare from San Francisco or Los Angeles
Single Supplement: **FREE**

Departure Date: September 19, 2025

Return Date: October 5, 2025

Activity Level:

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Moderate

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Nantes, France
2-4	Angers
5	Limousin
6-8	Sarlat
9-11	Carcassonne
12-14	Lyon
15-16	Paris
17	Return to U.S.



OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Northern France: Fontainebleau, Bayeux & the Beaches of Normandy

PRE-TRIP: 6 nights from **\$2,495**

PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING

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ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart on your overnight flight to Nantes, France.

DAY 2 • Nantes • Angers

Arrive in Nantes and transfer overland to Angers, the gateway to the Loire Valley. Meet your Trip Experience Leader and fellow travelers, including those who took the optional *Northern France: Fontainebleau, Bayeux & the Beaches of Normandy* pre-trip extension.

DAY 3 • Angers

Enjoy a walking tour of Angers with a local guide. While we stroll, we'll learn about Angers's luminous past, first as the seat of the Plantagenet dynasty in the twelfth century and later as one of Europe's leading intellectual centers during the Renaissance. Gather this evening for a Welcome Dinner.

DAY 4 • Angers • Visit Château de Villandry • Boule de Fort demonstration

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Renaissance-era Château de Villandry and its formal gardens with a local guide. Later, enjoy a demonstration of Boule de Fort, a type of lawn bowling played in this region of France.

DAY 5 • Limousin • Oradour-sur-Glâne • Home-Hosted Dinner and overnight at a chambre d'hote

Depart for Limousin this morning, stopping along the way to visit the village of Oradour-sur-Glâne, which was destroyed and its inhabitants massacred during a Nazi onslaught in 1944. Then, we'll check into a family-owned *chambre d'hote*—the French equivalent of a bed and breakfast—where we will enjoy a **Home-Hosted Dinner**.

IT'S INCLUDED

- 15 nights accommodation
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- 30 meals—15 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 7 dinners including one Home-Hosted Dinner
- 22 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure



Saint George's Church and footbridge, Lyon

DAY 6 • Sarlat

Transfer overland to Sarlat. Make two stops en route: First, a visit to a Limoges porcelain workshop. Afterwards, continue on to Sarlat in the Dordogne, arriving in time for lunch.

DAY 7 • Sarlat • Optional Rocamadour tour

Enjoy a free morning in Sarlat. Or, join the optional tour to witness the hilltop village of Rocamadour. Built into the side of a cliff, Rocamadour is an important pilgrimage site.

DAY 8 • Sarlat • Lascaux caves visit • Commarque Castle • Visit a foie gras farm

Visit the caves of Lascaux this morning and discover its prehistoric cave paintings, then head to Commarque Castle. Late this afternoon, we'll visit a local *foie gras* farm.

DAY 9 • Carcassonne • Albi

Transfer overland to Carcassonne, stopping in the scenic Parc Naturel Regional Des Causse du Quercy, an area known for its wooded, verdant valleys and ancient caves, which feature prehistoric wall paintings. Later, enjoy a walking tour of Albi.



Montmartre, Paris

DAY 10 • Carcassonne • Château Comtal

Embark on a discovery walk with your Trip Experience Leader to explore Fanjeaux's winding cobblestone streets and stop to meet local artisans in their shops. Later, enjoy time at leisure in picturesque Carcassonne.

DAY 11 • Carcassonne • A Day in the Life of a French wine *domaine*

Journey to a local wine *domaine* to spend **A Day in the Life** of a local wine producer. Your visit to the boutique vineyard includes a special lunch typical of the harvest season. We'll also have the opportunity to create our own wine blend to take home.

DAY 12 • Train ride to Lyon

Transfer to Lyon today aboard a TGV, a high-speed train that can travel at speeds up to 200 miles per hour.

DAY 13 • Lyon • Local foods of Lyon tour

Delve into Lyon's culinary traditions today during a food tour and discover why the city is considered France's culinary capital. We'll even visit a traditional *bouchon* to meet with the owner and sample a variety of sweet and savory options, including local *saucisson* (sausage).

DAY 14 • Lyon • WWII Resistance walking tour

Delve into Lyon's role as capital of the French resistance during World War II on a walking tour of the many sites associated with the Resistance fighters. You'll learn about some of the key figures and heroes of the period and stroll through Lyon's *traboules*, the secret passageways used by Resistance fighters to escape the Gestapo.

DAY 15 • High-speed train to Paris • Seine River cruise

Travel to Paris via high-speed train. Upon arrival, take the Metro to Le Marais and set off on a walking tour of this historic district. Later, admire Paris from another vantage point during a guided river cruise tour along the Seine.

DAY 16 • Paris

Hop on the Metro to enjoy a discovery walk through one of your Trip Experience Leader's favorite districts in Paris. Afterwards, you'll have free time to explore this hidden gem on your own, and go beyond to discover Paris however you'd like.

DAY 17 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, take a train to Avignon to begin our *The Best of Provence: Avignon & Aix-en-Provence* post-trip extension.



Fontainebleau, France

Northern France: Fontainebleau, Bayeux & the Beaches of Normandy

6 nights pre-trip from **\$2,495** Only **\$416** per night

Single Supplement: **FREE**

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

You depart today on your overnight flight to Paris, France.

DAY 2 • Arrive in Paris, France • Overland to Fontainebleau

Arrive in Paris this morning and transfer to your hotel. As the capital of France, it is the heart of the nation's culture, art, fashion, and gastronomy. This afternoon, our small group will gather for an orientation walk around the vicinity of our hotel.

DAY 3 • Explore Fontainebleau

The day begins with a discovery walk of Fontainebleau, a visit to Château de Fontainebleau, a pristine, 1,500-room estate. Later, you may enjoy free time for independent discoveries, and a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant in Fontainebleau.

DAY 4 • Fontainebleau • Explore Barbizon • Art workshop

Discover Barbizon, Fontainebleau's artistic haven, founded by Théodore Rousseau and Charles-François Daubigny. Experience village hikes, engage with an artist, and unleash your creativity in a local workshop with painting or sculpting.

DAY 5 • Fontainebleau • Explore Giverny • Overland to Bayeux

Embark on our journey to Bayeux, pausing to discover Giverny, the village that captivated Claude Monet in 1883. Explore Monet's home, gardens, and preserved art collection, experiencing the Seine Valley's unique light.

DAY 6 • Explore Bayeux • Bayeux Tapestry

Discover elegant Bayeux, located near the English Channel, with a preserved historic center and architectural charm. In 1066, Norman forces, led by William the Conqueror, crossed the channel, reshaping English history.

DAY 7 • Bayeux • Normandy beaches

Embark on a full-day D-Day tour discovering the beaches of Normandy. Begin at the American Military Cemetery in Colleville sur Mer, honoring more than 9,500 fallen soldiers. Then, we'll explore WN62, a German stronghold, and stroll Omaha Beach.

IT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodations: 3 nights in Fontainebleau at a centrally-located hotel and 3 nights in Bayeux at the Hotel du Luxembourg or similar
- 12 meals—6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners
- 7 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers

DAY 8 • Bayeux • Overland to Angers • Begin main trip

Transfer overland to Angers, the gateway to the picturesque Loire Valley to begin our *French Impressions: From the Loire Valley to Lyon & Paris* adventure.

Learn more at www.oattravel.com/fra-normandy

Please note: This extension may not be available on all departures.



Bouchon, Lyon, France

2025 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

DEPARTURE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2025
RETURN: OCTOBER 5, 2025

Small Group Adventure only	\$5,795
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AIR ADD-ON

San Francisco or Los Angeles	\$1,350
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$500 Deposit per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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Months That You Pay in Full Prior to Your Final Payment Due Date (90 days prior to your departure date)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Good Buy Plan Savings Per Person:	Good Buy Savings Per Couple:
12 months or more	10% off	\$650	\$1,300
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8 months	6% off	\$390	\$780
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6 months	4% off	\$260	\$520
5 months	3% off	\$195	\$390
Make your final payment by check within 120 days	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

Good Buy Plan savings are calculated based on total reservation cost.

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