



28 Sept – 18 Oct 2016

From the beautiful, azure seas of the French Riviera to leafy vineyards, Roman fortified towns and vibrant, engaging Paris. Rodney's Grand Tour de France has it all! As we commemorate the 100 year anniversary of some of Australia's most significant battles in World War spend time in Frommelles, Ypres and Villers Bretonneux. Visit the landing beaches in Normandy and see Mont St. Michel. Wonder at the castles of the Loire Valley, sip wine in the famous vine-growing regions of Burgundy, stroll along the Côte d'Azur and see the can-can dancers kick their heels under the bright lights of Paris. You'll love exploring la bonne France with your host and as always the laughter and friendship that is the specialty of a Rodney Vincent tour.

INCLUSIONS

Return Economy Airfares ex MEL/SYD/BNE + Taxes
18 Nights 4* Accommodation
Cooked Breakfast Daily
16 x Dinners
Gratuities (Guide and Driver)
Battlefield sites at Frommelles
Last Post at Ypres
Villers Bretonneux
Mont St Michel
Landing beaches in Normandy
Biarritz
Shrine at Lourdes
Monaco
French Riviera
Roman fortified town of Carcassonne
Grasse – perfume capital of the world
Versailles
Paris



TERMS & CONDITIONS *Price is per person Twin Share fully inclusive. Single supplement applies. Credit card surcharges apply. Deposit of AUD\$800 per person is required to secure tour. Cruise (Super Saver) is subject to availability and price at time of booking and is subject to change at any time. Additional deposit is required to secure cruise and amount will be advised at time of booking. Tour requires a minimum number of passengers to depart. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fee, taxes or currency change. Prices current as at 15 June 2015. Go See Touring Pty Ltd T/A Go See Touring Member of Helloworld QLD ABN: 72122522276

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Day 1 - Wednesday 28 September 2016 (D) Depart Melbourne 11:00pm

Meet Rodney Vincent at Tullamarine Airport this evening. Passengers departing ex Sydney or Brisbane will meet in Abu Dhabi.

Day 2 - Thursday 29 September 2016 (D) Arrive Paris 1:30PM

Bonjour and welcome to Paris. You will meet by your local tour escort at Charles De Gaulle Airport and transferred to your hotel. The afternoon is at leisure and dinner tonight is at your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Best Western Mercedes Arc de Triomphe or similar

Day 3 - Friday 30 September 2016 (B, D) Paris - Lille

After breakfast this morning depart by coach for the city of Lille where you'll tour the city. Lille is a lovely old city with its famous old city district and strong Flemish influence. The Lillois have a well-deserved reputation for friendliness. Check into your hotel this afternoon and dinner tonight is at your hotel.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Bellevue - Lille or similar

Day 4 - Saturday 01 October 2016 (B, D) Frommelles/Ypres

This morning travel to the Australian battlefield sites at Frommelles. This was the site of the first major action involving Australian troops on the Western Front during World War I. Today you'll visit the 'Cobbers' memorial which was built on top of ruined German bunkers, and VC Corner cemetery, the only all-Australian war cemetery in France. This afternoon visit Memorial Museum Passendale which pays homage to the half million people who fell in battle on this site in 1917 and the military cemetery of Tyne Cot - the largest Commonwealth military cemetery in the world. On to the Belgian city of Ypres where later this evening you'll attend the moving 'Last Post' ceremony at Menin Gate. This traditional final salute to the fallen is played by the buglers in honour of the memory of the soldiers of the former British Empire and its allies, who died in the Ypres Salient during the First World War. A late dinner tonight before returning to your hotel in Lille.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Bellevue - Lille or similar

Day 5 - Sunday 02 October 2016 (B, D) Lille - Villers Bretonneux - Amiens - Caen

Today the coach will travel to the village of Villers Bretonneux, recaptured by Australian troops after a short German occupation in April 1918. On the outskirts of the village is Adelaide cemetery which was the original resting place of the Unknown Australian Soldier. A stop for lunch in Amiens with its rich history and occupied by both sides in both the First and Second World Wars. This afternoon visit some the landing beaches of Normandy during the Second World War - Ouistreham and Arromanches. Continuing on to Caen where you'll overnight tonight. Founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century Caen was 80% destroyed by the 1944 battle but today is a vibrant city brimming with exquisite art and fashion boutiques alongside superb markets selling fine wines and fresh produce.

Accommodation: Mercure Centre Plaisance - Caen or similar

Day 6 - Monday 03 October 2016 (B, D) Caen - Mont St Michel - Nantes

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning before departing for Mont St Michel - an island commune of Normandy. The island has held strategic fortifications since ancient times and since the 8th century AD has been the seat of the monastery from which it draws its name. The site welcomes nearly 2 and half million visitors every year. You'll visit the medieval town, the parish church and the monastery today. After lunch today continue on to Nantes on the River Loire where dinner will be at your hotel tonight.

Accommodation: Mercure Centre Gare - Nantes or similar

Day 7 - Tuesday 04 October 2016 (B, D) Nantes - Cognac - Bordeaux

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning before a panoramic city tour of Nantes viewing the Cathedral St Pierre and Chateau des Ducs de Bretagne as you drive around. After lunch tour through the Cognac region and the medieval town which bears the name of the region with its narrow medieval cobbled streets and elegant Renaissance facades. It is here that the fabled nectar has been created since the 17th century and that the very air one breathes is permeated by the heavy scent of spirits evaporating from oak casks held in storage. Continuing through these very famous wine growing regions tonight you'll spend two nights in Bordeaux. This once sleepy city (literally nicknamed "Sleeping Beauty" in French) is now a thriving tourist destination and mecca for wine enthusiasts.

Accommodation: Mercure Centre Bordeaux or similar

Day 8 - Wednesday 05 October 2016 (B, D) Bayonne/Biarritz

Today visit Bayonne, the cultural capital of the Basque country and famous for its cured ham and the baïonnette (bayonet). This beautiful fortified city is rich in history, heritage and culture and you'll have a chance to see the remarkable Church St Esprit built in the 14th century. You'll then make your way to the nearby beach resort of Biarritz, one of Europe's most stylish cities. Once the holiday spot for the nobility it's now Europe's surfing capital.

Accommodation: Mercure Centre Bordeaux or similar

Day 9 - Thursday 06 October 2016 (B, D) Bordeaux - Lourdes - Carcassonne

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning and then the coach will depart for Lourdes. Nestled in a valley in the southwestern part of the Hautes-Pyrenees, and one of the most popular Catholic shrines in the world. Today visit the Rosary Basilica and the Grotto of Massabielle. This afternoon travel to Carcassonne - the Roman fortified town in the Languedoc-Roussillon region - where you'll stay overnight. The modern

city is built around two medieval cities, the original hill top Cité of Carcassonne on the north side of the river Aude, and the thirteenth century Bastide of Carcassonne on the South side of the River Aude. The older Cité is a spectacular walled town - the largest medieval town in Europe with its city walls intact.

Accommodation: Hotel Trois Couronnes - Carcassonne or similar February 2015 (B, D)

Day 10 - Friday 07 October 2016 (B, D) Carcassonne - Arles - Avignon

This morning visit the Medieval City and the Basilique St Nazaire. This afternoon continue on to Arles - great inspiration to the artist Van Gogh who produced over 200 paintings during his 14 month stay here between 1888 and 1889. Here you'll see the ancient Roman Coliseum in the centre of the Old Town and the Constantine II Obelisk - a remarkable monument built by the Romans in the IV century. Travelling on through the beautiful region of Provence to Avignon on the left bank of the Rhone River you'll have dinner and overnight here.

Accommodation: Hotel Novotel Centre - Avignon or similar

Day 11 - Saturday 08 October 2016 (B, D) Aix en Provence - Monaco - Nice

This morning you'll visit Grasse - the perfume capital of the world. The French perfume industry began in Grasse in the 16th century and the town is still surrounded by jasmine, centifolia roses, mimosa, orange blossom and violet fields. You'll tour the Fragonard Perfumery this morning. This afternoon continue on to the Principality of Monaco, famous for many things including its royal family and its Grand Prix. You'll see the Place du Casino and the famous circuit plus drive by the Prince of Monaco's Official Palace. Continue back down the coast to Nice where you'll be spending the next two nights on the fabulous Côte d'Azur - the French Riviera.

Accommodation: Hotel Le Grimaldi - Nice or similar

Day 12 - Sunday 09 October 2016 (B) Nice

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure in the amazing location. Enjoy a leisurely lunch or at one of Nice's famous cafés or set out to discover more about this fabulous city. Why not take a break on one of the sunlit café terraces and admire the famous Promenade des Anglais, gracefully following the curve of one of the most beautiful bays in the world - the "Baie des Anges" or Bay of Angels? Simply stroll the promenade or perhaps take a walking tour of the old town. Be sure to visit the Cours Saleya - one of the liveliest areas of Old-Nice where the flower, fruit and vegetable markets take place. Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Accommodation: Hotel Le Grimaldi - Nice or similar

Day 13 - Monday 10 October 2016 (B, D) Nice - Lyon

This morning after breakfast depart for the city Lyon - France's third largest city in the Rhône-Alpes region. Visit the Old Town and the Basilique Notre Dame de Fourviere - one of the most iconic buildings in the city. A lot of Lyon dates back to the 12th century and the city boasts the most Renaissance architecture in France. You'll spend the night in this fascinating old city.

Accommodation: Hotel Park & Suites Prestige Lyon Part-Dieu - Lyon or similar

Day 14 - Tuesday 11 October 2016 (B, D) Lyon - Beaune - Paris

En route to Paris today you'll visit Beune - the wine capital of Burgundy - situated in the heart of prestigious vineyards, like Pommard, Corton-Charlemagne and La Romanée-Conti. Stop for a wine-tasting today in the vineyards in this famous region.

Accommodation: Hotel Best Western Mercedes Arc de Triomphe - Paris or similar

Day 15 - Wednesday 12 October 2016 (B, D) Paris

Today you will tour the City of Light including a drive along the Champs Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe. View the Eiffel Tower, Cathedral of Notre Dame, Napoleon's Tomb, the Latin Quarter, and the lively Opera district. Tonight enjoy unparalleled views of Paris by night as you cruise down the Seine on your dinner cruise. Gaze out over famous city sights such as the Musée d'Orsay, Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde and the Louvre with the waves lapping softly at your boat and the lights of the evening drifting slowly past.

Accommodation: Hotel Best Western Mercedes Arc de Triomphe - Paris or similar

Day 16 - Thursday 13 October 2016 (B) Paris at Leisure

Today Paris is yours to enjoy at leisure. There is so much to do and see in Paris the possibilities are endless.

Accommodation: Hotel Best Western Mercedes Arc de Triomphe - Paris or similar

Day 17 - Friday 14 October 2016 (B, D) Versailles

Today visit the Chateau de Versailles some 20 kilometres southwest of the French capital. Today you'll do a half day tour of the palace and visit the Versailles gardens and water fountains. Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant in Versailles.

Accommodation: Hotel Best Western Mercedes Arc de Triomphe - Paris or similar

Day 18 - Saturday 15 October 2016 (B, D) At Leisure/Moulin Rouge

Your last day in Paris is at leisure so make sure you make the most of it. Tonight's dinner and what better way to say farewell to la bonne France?.. Bring on the dancing girls! The Moulin Rouge is the most popular cabaret in the world. It will mesmerise you with its music and dances while the sumptuous French food will tantalise your tastebuds.

Accommodation: Hotel Best Western Mercedes Arc de Triomphe - Paris or similar

Day 19 - Sunday 16 October 2016 (B) Depart Paris 3:25PM Day 20**Day 21 - Tuesday 18 October 2017 Arrive Melbourne 2:00PM**

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