

## Uniropa Inc.

"Quality Cultural Excursions Since 1962"

## **DISCOVERING FRANCE 2015**

January 16, 2014

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Please review this proposal and get back to us at your earliest convenience. Make note, we need to hear from you as soon as possible in order to continue holding your guaranteed space. Keep in mind, transportation (air/bus/rail) costs fluctuate on a daily basis and may alter the final cost of the program - until on deposit.

DATE OF TRAVEL:

June 12 - 19, 2015 (Friday - Friday)

**MODE OF TRAVEL:** 

Open-Jaw Airfare: Cleveland - Paris / Nice - Cleveland

(Not Included in Costing - TBA in July 2014)

NIGHTS OF:

Loire Valley: June 13, 2015

1 Night / 2 Days - Downtown / centrally located 3 or 4 star hotel property

Paris: June 14 & 15, 2015

2 Nights / 3 Days - Downtown / centrally located 3 or 4 star hotel property

**Avignon**: June 16, 2015

1 Night / 2 Days - Downtown / centrally located 3 or 4 star hotel property

Nice: June 17 & 18, 2015

2 Nights / 3 Days - Downtown / centrally located 3 or 4 star hotel property

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PROGRAM COST:

15 - 19 Paying Participants + 1 Chaperones Complimentary: \$3,095 per person

20 - 24 Paying Participants + 2 Chaperones Complimentary: \$2,895 per person

25 - 29 Paying Participants + 2 Chaperones Complimentary: \$2,695 per person

30 - 35 Paying Participants + 3 Chaperones Complimentary: \$2,625 per person

Costing subject to change until air is on deposit

COST INCLUDES:

ALL Applicable Government Taxes & ALL Applicable Hotel Taxes

#### PROGRAM INCLUDES (No hidden fees / extras / surcharges):

- ALL Transportation & Transfers
- 24/7 Full Time Tour Director
- Orientation Walking Tour of Each City
- Full Breakfasts & 3 Course Dinners Daily
- · Metro Passes in Each Large City Centre
- Lodging at Centrally Located/Downtown Hotels
- ALL Sightseeing and Activities w/ Entrance Fees
- Expert Local Guides
- Museums & Activities as Outlined on Itinerary

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- International Airfare (IBA in July 2014 when airlines release schedules/rates for June 2015)
- Lunches or beverages with meals
- · Gratuity to the guide and bus driver
- · Any additional airline fees imposed by the airline at the airport or at time of ticketing
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance (Mandatory for European Programs)

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#### ACCOMMODATION:

Students and chaperones are accommodated in double rooms.

Paying adults (parents or colleagues) are welcome to join the group at the same rate as paying students. If a single room is requested, a single room supplement applies.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$ 500.00 per person non-refundable deposit due April 2, 2014

(Subject To Your Approval)

\$ 1,000 per person 2<sup>nd</sup> payment due on June 4, 2014

\$ 1,000 per person 3<sup>rd</sup> payment due on November 12, 2014

Balance per person due on March 4, 2015

\* Plus Mandatory Comprehensive Travel Insurance \*

Kristen, we value your business and will do our utmost to make sure your 2015 Europe program is a complete success and a very memorable experience for your students!

If you have any questions/concerns/comments we are here to address them!

A la prochaine,

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President

Jason Zelman

**VP** Operations

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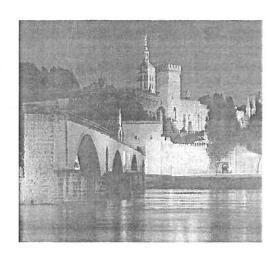
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# NORTON HIGH SCHOOL

# Discovering France:

June 12 - 19, 2015







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.



FRIDAY

JUNE 12, 2015

DAY 1

PM

Group to meet at Cleveland airport and check in at airline ticket counter (TBA)

PM

Depart Cleveland for overnight fight to Paris, France

SATURDAY

JUNE 13, 2015

DAY 2

AM

Arrive Paris - Collect luggage and Meet your tour director

AM

Board private coach for sightseeing & transfer to hotel

#### Touring Outside of Paris:

- Experience the Palace of Versailles, a palace commissioned by Lou XIV around Louis XIII's hunting lodge. In addition to viewing the spectacular gardens, our visit includes the ornate state departments, 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.
- Seize the Chateau!!! Experience the French Revolution through role play. Using audio
  guides you will find yourself in the shoes of the monarchy, clergy, nobility, bourgeoisie,
  or peasantry to explore the issues underlying the French Revolution.
- After touring we will continue to the *Loire Valley*, which will be our base for the next evening. While here, the group will enjoy breakfast and dinner at the hotel.

The Loire Valley, the "Garden of France" and "Cradle of the French Language" is a cultural landscape of great beauty, containing historic towns and villages, great architectural monuments, and lands that have been cultivated and shaped over the centuries. This is an enchanted place filled with vineyards, flowers, and rolling hills, and dotted with more than a thousand chateaux. It is the gentle pace of life, however, that charms visitors most.

SUNDAY

JUNE 14, 2015

DAY 3

AM

Breakfast at your hotel

#### Touring in Loire Valley:

 Visit the fabulous Chateau Chenonceau. The Chateau was given by Henri II, son of Francois I, to his lover Diane de Poitiers. After the king's death, his wife Catherine de Medici evicted Diane, replanted the gardens, and hosted lavish parties as a snub to her competitor.



- Tour the Chateau Chambord, the largest and most recognizable of the Loire chateau. Our visit to this 400 room "hunting lodge" includes Leoardo da Vinci's Double Helix Staircase and a tour of the elaborately decorated roof.
- After touring the Loire Valley we will continue to *Paris*, which will be our base for the next 2 evenings. While here, the group will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

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

The cost of public transport is included for all group sightseeing in Paris. Escorted by your coordinator, the group will experience the city in the same manner as the local people.

#### Evening Touring in Paris:

• Experience the perfect introduction to the beauty of Paris on a *Seine River Cruise*. The group will pass under many graceful bridges and view important landmarks on both banks along the Seine.

PM

Enjoy dinner in a local restaurant in the Latin Quarter, a section of the citythat dates back to Roman times. It is generally associated with artists, intellectuals, and political unrest.

#### MONDAY

JUNE 15, 2015

DAY 4

AM

Breakfast at your hotel

#### Touring in Paris:

- 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 thorough fare, the Champs Élysées, which offers a beautiful look at Parisian life and architecture.
- Tour the renowned Louve Museum with a local specialist guide. The group will see Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, the imposing Coronation of Napoleon, and many of the finest paintings and sculptures from western civilization.
- 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.

#### **Evening Touring in Paris:**

Visit Sacré-Coeur Basilica, a huge white church that dominates the Parisian skyline. Construction
of the church began in 1875 and ended in 1914, just before WWI. Inside, admire the stained
glass and some of the world's largest mosaics.

PM

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

#### TUESDAY

JUNE 16, 2015

DAY 5

AM

Breakfast at your hotel

#### Touring in Paris:

- 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.
- Visit the Musee Dorsay, which is housed in a former railway station. It features mainly French
  art from 1848-1915 and is best known for its impressionist masterpeices by Monet, Degas,
  Renoir, and Cezanne.

PM

Board private coach for the train station / Travel by TGV from Paris to Avignon. Upon arrival in Avignon, the group will have a private coach for touring the next 3 days.

#### Touring in Avignon:

 Upon arrival we will continue to our Avignon area hotel, which will be our base for the next evening. While here, the group will enjoy breakfast and dinner at the hotel.

Avignon is an ancient city and one of the most fascinating towns in southern France. It has a rich and tumultuous history, with its most famous period being the Great Schism, when it became one of the two seats of the papacy.



### WEDNESDAY JUNE 17, 2015

DAY 6

8:00 AM

Breakfast at your hotel

#### Touring in Avignon:

- Visit the spectacular Palais des Papes, a series of buildings that offer a glimpse into the grand life
  under the seven popes who built a miniature Vatican in Avignon during their rule in the 14th
  century.
- After touring Avignon, the group will continue to Nice, the base for the next 2 nights, where breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel. En-route the group will explore Aix-en-Provence.

Aix was founded by the Romans in 103 BC and despite frequent tribal attacks, the city prospered and became the capital of Provence in the 12th century. Known as a center for art and learning, the town reached its peak in the 15th century. It retains its beauty and importance to this day. The most famous resident of Aix was Paul Cezanne.

#### Touring in Aix:

- Stroll along the *Cours Mirabeau*, a particularly stately looking thoroughfare with lovely shops, sidewalk cafes, and richly embellished sandstone mansions from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. During the walk, we will view 1860 landmark fountain in *La Place de la Libération*.
- Painters Provence!!! Use the paintings of artists such as Cezanne, Van Gogh, and Monet as
  inspiration to explore what qualities of Sothern France first attracted so many artists. Consider
  how well these various artists have conveyed these characteristics.

#### THURSDAY

JUNE 18, 2015

DAY 7

8:00 AM

Breakfast at your hotel

Nice is the largest resort on the Mediterranean coast and the fifth largest city in France. Its temperate climate has attracted visitors from the Greeks and Romans to Queen Victoria. As the capital of the Côte d'Azur, Nice also has plenty to offer in culture, museums, and atmospheric streets.



#### Touring in Nice:

• Explore and shop in Nice's Vielle Ville, the Old Town, which begins at the foot of "The Rock" and stretches out from La Place Massena. Sheltered by Sienna-tiled roofs, many of the Italianate facades suggest 17th century Genoese palaces. The old town is a maze of narrow streets, many of them teeming with local life, many of which are reserved exclusively for pedestrians. While in the old quarter, it is traditional to buy a pissaladiere (onian pizza) from one of the local vendors.

The tiny country of Monaco is the world's oldest monarchy and the most densely populated sovereign country in the world. It began as a Greek settlement, before the Romans took it. The Grimaldis took power in 1297 and have reigned ever since. Visitors primarily come to enjoy the Mediterranean atmosphere and the casinos, for which the principality has become famous.

#### Touring in Monaco:

- Spend time in Monaco Cathedral, a Neo-Romanesque church containing a number of early
  paintings of the Nice School, including the St. Nicholas altarpiece by Louis Bréa. American
  actress and beloved Monacan princess Grace Kelley is buried here.
- Take a tour of the Palais du Prince, home of Monaco's royal family. Our visit will include the Throne Room and the State Apartments, decorated with fine furniture and portraits by European Masters (Palace visit is subject to absence of the Prince).

#### FRIDAY

AM

### JUNE 19, 2015

DAY 8

AM Check out of your hotel and prepare to depart.

Arrive at the airport and check in at ticket counter. Time to say goodbye to your coordinator!

AM Depart Nice

PM Arrive Cleveland – Collect luggage & transfer home

## **BON VOYAGE !!!**