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Highlights

- Fashion Design Tour
- Meet a Parisian Fashion Designer
- Tuscan Cooking Class
- Full day Culinary Tour in Tuscany
- Paris City Walking Tour
- Ascend the Eiffel Tower
- Versailles Tour
- Guided visit of Louvre
- Florence City Walking Tour
- Visit San Gimignano
- Venice City Walking Tour
- ... and more!

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France & Italy: Leaders in Fashion and Cuisine

Sample Tour only ... We customize to the group!

Day 1: Depart today on your flight to Paris.

Day 2: Arrive today in Paris. Meet your guide for a city orientation walking tour. Later, your guide will leave you in the Latin Quarter. At one time only Latin was spoken here! Today it is brimming with cafes, restaurants, little bookstores, and tourist shops.

Day 3: Depart for your guided visit to the Louvre and the Musee des Arts Decoratifs, housing 35,000 fashion accessories and pieces of fabric illustrating the evolution of clothing. After, walk towards the Champs Elysee and the Arc de Triomphe. See Ave de Montaigne and Rue du Faubourg, Saint Honore, widely cited as the most fashionable streets in the world. Tonight enjoy a relaxing Seine cruise.

Day 4: Today is a full day of fashion related activities learning from fashion professionals familiar with the fashion world who will provide you with knowledge of the world of French Haute Couture. Enjoy a guided walking tour followed by visits to independent fashion designers. Tonight, ascend the Eiffel Tower.

Day 5: Visit Versailles. See the Grand Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, King's and Queen's suites, and other sights. Return to Paris for your visit to the Opera Garnier or the Musee de L'Eventail (Fan museum) or the Fragonard Musee de Parfum (Perfume Museum). Tonight shop Galeries Lafayette and Printemps.

Day 6: Travel to Florence Italy. The Renaissance began in Florence and the city has more sights to visit within one square kilometer than any other city in Europe. Meet guide for a guided orientation walking tour. See the gorgeous Duomo, the Bell Tower, Pont Vecchio, the medieval district, and a central bustling food market. Here you can buy anything from fresh fruit and vegetables to gourmet goods, fresh fish, meat and cheeses. Have a chance to sample a lot of the wonderful produce and your guide will also explain some of the traditional Tuscan dishes. The remainder of the afternoon is free to shop in San Lorenzo Market or visit the Santa Croce area where Galileo, Michelangelo and Dante have their monuments.

Day 7: Enjoy a Tuscan cooking class. This cooking class will teach the basics of Italian food preparation. Your chef will lead you through the creative process and everyone will actively participate. The remainder of day free to explore on your own.

Day 8: Visit The Uffizi Gallery. This afternoon transfer to Pisa for a look at the architectural project gone terribly wrong, the Leaning Tower.

Day 9: Full day tour visiting the beautiful countryside of Tuscany. Stop in San Gimignano, a spectacular medieval city. Then you will visit a working organic farm. Taste salumi products such as salame, prosciutto, capocollo and guancia. See rare breed animals, organic artisan meat production and the typical salumi (saltcured meats) that they create. Stop at a farm where they raise goats for cheese with tasting and explanation of the production process! Also stop at a villa built in the 17th century and tour the gardens, the ancient cellars and the oil press. You will also have an olive oil tasting.

Day 10: Morning in Florence. Travel to Venice later in the afternoon. The unique nature of Venice has amazed people since the very beginning of its existence. A city rising in the middle of a lagoon with water flowing between streets, intruding in front of houses and shops, seemed as strange a thousand years ago as it seems today.

Day 11: Full day in Venice. Meet guide for a guided orientation walking tour. At the conclusion of your tour, your time is your own to lose yourself in the ambiance of this glorious city. See the Clock Tower, Piazza San Marco, the Grand Canal and the graceful Rialto Bridge. Perhaps you would like to arrange a ride on an authentic Venetian gondola, or feed the pigeons in St Mark's Square. For the energetic members of your group, you may wish to climb the Campanile or Bell Tower in the Square.

Day 12: Today, you bid Arrivederci to Italy. Your coach will pick you up for your airport transfer. You depart Rome and arrive home in Vancouver the same day.