

PARIS: Fashion Tour

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart today on your flight to Paris.

Day 2: Arrive today in **Paris**. Meet your guide for an orientation city walking tour. Visit **Notre Dame Cathedral**, 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. Enjoy the evening in the Latin Quarter.

Day 3: Full day of fashion related activities learning from fashion professionals who are familiar with the fashion world and will provide you with knowledge and skills of the world of French Haute Couture. Enjoy a walking tour of the most important fashion areas of this glorious city followed by a **visit to a Parisian Fashion School** and visits to independent fashion designers. Later tonight after dinner you will ascend the **Eiffel Tower**.

Day 4: Today a 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. Then see Place de la Concorde, Place Vendome and Palais Royale. Walk the Champs Elysee, Ave de Montaigne, Rue du Faubourg, and Saint Honore, widely cited as the most fashionable streets in the world. See the **Arc de Triomphe**. Tonight a Seine Cruise.

Day 5: Paris is famous for two important opera houses, the **Opera Garnier and the Opera Bastille**. The Opera Bastille, determined to be the Place de la Bastille, along with the Opera Garnier offer world renowned opera performances. The Opera Garnier offers guided tours that include a visit to the public foyers, the main auditorium and the backstage areas. This afternoon enjoy your guided visit. Later visit the Musee de L'eventail or Fan Museum. The museum was established in 1993 and is the first museum in France dedicated to the fan. The museum is located within the Atelier Anne Hogue, a workshop for fan-making and restoration and contains an exhibition of fans from the eighteenth century to the present day, along with the tools, workbenches, and materials used in making fans, including pearl, ivory, shell, bone, and wood. This evening you can meander the **Champs Elysee** to see the lights at night or join the Parisians as they settle themselves in for an evening of music and culture.

Day 6: On Saturday, Sunday and Monday you can visit the **Flea Market** at Porte de Clignancourt also known as Les Puces de Saint Ouen or Les Puces (The Fleas). Paris's most famous flea market dates back over two centuries, when rag and bone men scoured through the garbage of Paris at night to find valuable junk to sell. Today it is a grouping of more than a dozen flea markets and is a complex of 2,500 to 3,000 open stalls and shops selling everything from antiques to junk, from new to vintage clothing. Afterwards, head to the Fragonard Musee du Parfum. The museum will introduce you to the rudiments of perfume history. The copper containers with spouts and tubes were used in the distillation of perfume oils, and the exquisite collection of perfume bottles from the 17th to the 20th century is impressive. Later this afternoon visit one of Paris's fascinating "nooks". The Canal Saint Martin Neighborhood is a hotspot for the fashion-conscious. Or perhaps Rue Montorgueil Neighborhood minutes from the Saint Eustache Cathedral and the Georges Pompidou Center. Les Halles was transformed into a major shopping area in the 20th century. Rue Montorgueil is one of Paris's oldest streets and is a vibrant cheery quarter bursting with food markets, pastry shops, bars, cafes, eateries and quirky contemporary boutiques and young cutting edge designers.



Day 7: Visit **Versailles**. See the Grand Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, King's and Queen's suites, and other sights. Return to Paris and see the famous cabaret, Moulin Rouge. Walk the Boulevard Clichy to Montmartre, one of the most picturesque and lively quarters of the city. Climb or take the funicular up to **Sacre Coeur**, a beautiful white basilica, magnetically towering from the highest point in Montmartre.

Day 8: Today is a day to explore other Parisian gems. Possible visits to **Musee D'orsay, the Catacombs or Les Invalids**. You may wish to return to the Ile de la Cite and visit Ste Chappelle and possibly the Conciergerie, all of which are located on the Ile de La Cite. Ste Chappelle was founded by King Louis IX who constructed it as a royal chapel and to house precious relics. The Conciergerie was built in the early 14th century and became the first prison of Paris. During the French Revolution nearly 3000 of the condemned, including Marie Antoinette, spent their last days here.. Today you can visit the Prisoners Gallery where cells have been reconstructed according to the time as well as a few mementos of the French Revolution. Paris's grands magasins (department stores) are famous for being worlds unto themselves. Galeries Lafayette and Printemps department stores dominate Boulevard Haussmann with real Belle Epoque grandeur, concentrating top designer collections for men and women, gourmet food shopping, home design, jewelry, and even hardware into a labyrinth of consumer delights. Shopping this afternoon and evening. This evening the stores are open late for your shopping enjoyment.

Day 9: Au revoir Paris. Alas all good things must come to an end and you must return home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare Paris
- Return airport transfers
- 7 night hotel accommodation with private facilities
- 7 Breakfast daily
- 3 dinners as shown
- Guided orientation walking tour upon arrival in Paris
- Entrances / Activities / Tours
 - o Entrance to Versailles with audio guide
 - o Guided visit of Louvre
 - o Visit to Musee Decoratif
 - o Visit to Perfume Museum
 - o Visit to Fan Museum
 - o Guided backstage visit to the Opera Garnier
 - o Full day guided fashion activities
 - o Seine River boat cruise
 - o Visit to top level of Eiffel Tower
- 7 day unlimited metro pass

