



## Dreaming of France and the Black Forest – 9 nights – 10 days

Day	Destination
1 night	Paris - Tours
1 night	Lourdes
1 night	Marseille
1 night	Lyon
1 night	Dijon
1 night	Strasbourg
1 night	Baden- Baden
1 night	Frankfurt
1 night	Paris

### Day 1: DAY 1: PARIS - TOURS

Welcome to Paris! We'll depart **PARIS** for the Loire Valley. We'll arrive in **TOURS**, the regional capital of the Loire, in the late afternoon. We recommend taking some time to explore the beautiful old town and enjoy a nice dinner.

### Day 2: DAY 2: TOURS - BORDEAUX - LOURDES

Today we'll journey to the south of **FRANCE** through vineyards, arriving in **BORDEAUX**, whose town

center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll have time for lunch and to explore.



(The elegant Place de la Bourse shines at dusk in Bordeaux, with its classical French architecture mirrored in the famous Water Mirror.)

We suggest visiting the Port of the Moon and the Cathedral of St. Andrew. We'll then continue towards the Pyrenees, reaching **LOURDES** in the late afternoon. Here, you can attend the candlelight procession (held from late March to the end of October) and visit various places of worship. Dinner will be included at the hotel for all our passengers.

### **Day 3: DAY 3: LOURDES - CARCASSONNE - NARBONA - MARSEILLE**

We'll travel through the south of France, stopping in **Carcassonne**, a city surrounded by some of the most beautiful walls in Europe. You'll have time to walk and explore.



(The UNESCO-listed Cité de Carcassonne is one of France's most iconic medieval fortified cities, renowned for its double walls, towers, and historic charm.)

After lunch, we'll continue to **Narbonne**, where you'll have free time to discover this historic Occitan city with its picturesque old town. In the late afternoon, we'll arrive in **Marseille**, France's second-largest city. We recommend a walk through its vibrant Vieux-Port (Old Port), bustling with life and dotted with charming small restaurants.

### **Day 4: DAY 4: MARSEILLE - ARLES - AVIGNON - LYON**

Villages, landscapes, history – today we'll see some of the most beautiful places in **Provence**. In **Arles**, a UNESCO World Heritage city, we'll explore its Roman and medieval legacy and be reminded of Van Gogh.



(The historic Arles Amphitheatre is a well-preserved Roman arena in the heart of Provence, showcasing France's rich ancient heritage.)

In **Les Baux**, we'll visit this small medieval village and include admission to **Carrières de Lumières**, an impressive underground show that combines art, image, and sound in its old quarries. We'll have time for lunch and a stroll in **Avignon**, home to the immense Palais des Papes. Our journey will continue to **Lyon**, where we'll walk through the World Heritage Site old town and take the **cable car** up to **Notre-Dame de Fourvière**, a huge basilica offering a great view over the city.

**Note:** If tickets for the Carrières de Lumières show are unavailable due to closure or high demand, we will instead transfer to the Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard.

## **Day 5: DAY 5: LYON - TOURNUS - SAVIGNY CASTLE - BEAUNE - DIJON**

We'll set off from **Lyon** and head to the **Burgundy** region. Our first stop will be **Tournus**, a quaint little town with an imposing stone gate and a large abbey. After that, we'll travel to **Beaune**, where we'll have time for lunch and to explore the wine capital of **Burgundy**. We recommend visiting the wine museum or the historic hospice.



(The 14th-century Château de Savigny-lès-Beaune is a picturesque castle in Burgundy, surrounded by vineyards and rich French heritage.)

Next, we'll visit the **Savigny Castle**, situated in the heart of this winemaking region. Built in the 15th century, the castle houses extraordinary museums featuring motorbikes, racing cars, planes, and helicopters. Our journey will continue to **Dijon**, the capital of **Burgundy**, known for its lively streets and numerous medieval and Renaissance buildings, including the standout **Palace of the Dukes**.

## **Day 6: DAY 6: DIJON - BESANÇON - COLMAR - RIQUEWIHR - STRASBOURG**

While still in the **Burgundy** region, we'll stop in **Besançon**, a city of Roman origin with a beautiful historic center and a 17th-century citadel that overlooks the town. We'll then continue our journey to **Alsace**, a French region that has been contested between France and Germany for centuries. Alsace retains its own German dialect, Alsatian, along with architecture and traditions

deeply rooted in Germanic culture. Our first stop in Alsace will be **Colmar**, a city with unique architecture, colorful half-timbered houses, and canals winding through the town. Colmar is also famous for its white wine and gastronomy.



(Traditional Alsatian homes and flower-lined canals in the picturesque Petite Venise district of Colmar, France.)

You'll have time for lunch and a leisurely walk. In the afternoon, we'll visit one of the most beautiful towns in Alsace: **Riquewihr**, a medieval town with cobblestone streets and colorful houses that look like they're straight out of a fairy tale—it even inspired scenes from *Beauty and the Beast*. We will also take the opportunity to visit an **old winery** and have a **tasting of local wine with a typical sweet**. We'll arrive in **Strasbourg** in the evening. We recommend taking a walk around the cathedral area and Petite France, both filled with charming spots and cozy restaurants.

## Day 7: DAY 7: STRASBOURG - FREIBURG IM BREISGAU - TRIBERG - GENGENBACH - BADEN-BADEN

We'll start our day in **Strasbourg**, the capital of Alsace and home to the European Parliament. The city's historic center is a true gem, with its charming medieval streets, a stunning Gothic cathedral, and picturesque canals lined with flowers. We'll include a **boat trip through the canals** of Petite France to fully appreciate this beautiful area.



(Visitors enjoying a canal boat tour through the historic Petite France district in Strasbourg, France.)

Afterward, we'll cross into **Germany**, passing through the scenic mountain landscapes and towns of the **Black Forest**. In **Freiburg**, you'll have time for lunch and a walk through this lively university city, known for its medieval center and impressive cathedral. We'll then continue through the Black Forest to **Triberg**, one of the most picturesque towns in the region, famous for its cuckoo clocks. We'll include admission to the **Triberg Waterfalls**, Germany's highest waterfalls, which we'll reach via a lovely walking path. Next, we'll make a quick stop so you can take some pictures of **Gengenbach**, a charming town with a beautiful central square, before heading to **Baden-Baden** for the night. This spa town, once a favorite retreat for European nobility and the upper bourgeoisie, still exudes an air of elegance with its casinos, architecture, and parks.

## Day 8: DAY 8: BADEN-BADEN - SPEYER - HEIDELBERG - FRANKFURT

A stop in **BADEN-BADEN** to stroll through its parks before departing for Rhineland-Palatinate.

**SPEYER**, on the banks of the Rhine, is home to a magnificent Romanesque cathedral that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will be able to visit it and walk through the old town, where the Alte Münze tower stands out.



(The historic Heidelberg Castle rising above the city and the Neckar Valley in Germany.)

We then continue our route to **HEIDELBERG**, where we will take the **funicular (ticket included)** up to its **impressive castle (access to the castle's exterior grounds, the wine cellars, and the pharmacy museum included)**, offering wonderful views over the city. Afterward, you'll have time for lunch and to stroll through the old town and its Marktplatz.

By late afternoon, we will arrive in **FRANKFURT**, a major financial hub with modern skyscrapers, an old town, beautiful views of the Rhine River, and a vibrant nightlife. You'll have free time to walk around and dine in the Römerberg Square area before heading to the hotel.

## Day 9: DAY 9: FRANKFURT - LUXEMBOURG - REIMS - PARIS

We'll journey to **France**, beginning with a visit to the **Grand Duchy of Luxembourg**, a small country where both German (Luxembourgish dialect) and French are spoken. We'll arrive in **Luxembourg**, a cosmopolitan city that seamlessly blends its rich history with the modernity of being a financial hub and a key location for European institutions. Some of its highlights include the old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as well as the city's fortifications, the **Grand Ducal Palace**, and the Notre-Dame Cathedral.



(The Grand Ducal Palace, a historic landmark in Luxembourg City and the official residence of the Grand Duke of Luxembourg.)

After lunch, we'll continue our journey into **France**. In the heart of the Champagne-producing region,

we'll stop in **Reims**, where you can marvel at its stunning Gothic cathedral, the historic site of numerous French royal coronations. We'll arrive in **Paris** by the end of the day.

## Day 10: DAY 10: PARIS

After breakfast, our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories.

## Highlights

Experience the charm of France and beyond on this **10-day** journey through Paris, Bordeaux, Marseille, Lyon, Strasbourg, and Frankfurt. Discover scenic vineyards, medieval towns, and cultural landmarks—from the Loire Valley and Lourdes to Provence and Alsace—while also exploring the Black Forest, Heidelberg, Luxembourg, and Reims—offering a perfect blend of history, nature, and European charm.

**Price in INR (EUR 1,693) (RoE: 1 EUR = 112.1 INR)**

STARTING FROM INR 1,88,629 PER PERSON ON TWIN BASIS

## Departure Dates

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Monday all year

### Months

~~Apr.~~26

~~May~~186

~~Jun.~~26 29

~~Jul.~~26

~~Aug.~~226

~~Sep.~~216

~~Oct.26~~

~~Nov.26~~

~~Jan.27~~

## Tour Includes

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with an English-speaking guide, basic travel insurance, a hotel, and a breakfast buffet.
- **Boat:** Petite France in Strasbourg
- **Experiences:** Winery tour and tasting of wine and local pastry in Riquewihr, Frankfurter sausage tasting with sauerkraut and beer in Frankfurt
- **Ticket admission:** Carrières de Lumières show, Savigny Medieval Castle, Triberg Falls, Heidelberg castle including pharmacy and wine cellar
- **Funicular:** Lyon, Heidelberg
- **1 Dinner Included in:** Lourdes

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