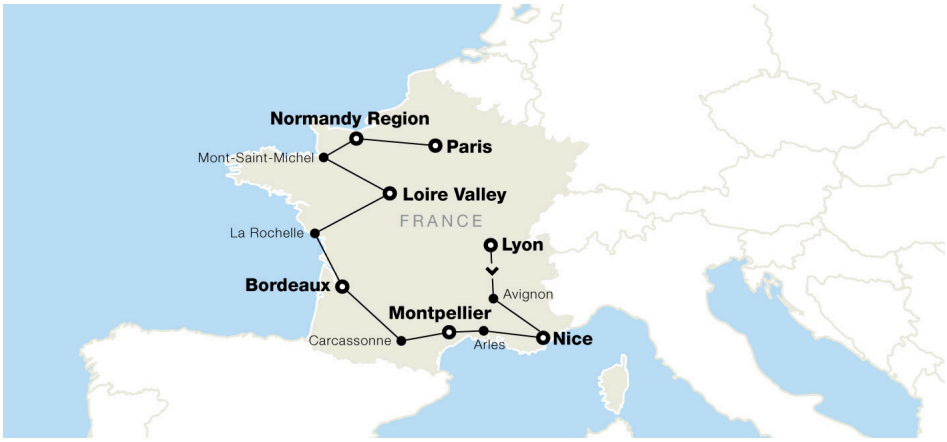
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Grand Tour of France

15 days | 17 days with Paris extension

Travel from the culinary capital of Lyon to the iconic city of Paris, and through the plethora of charming medieval villages and coastal Riviera towns in-between. This grand tour is your chance to eat, drink, and sightsee your way through this dynamic country.



Your tour package includes

13 nights in handpicked hotels
13 breakfasts
5 dinners with beer or wine
10 guided sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière
Arles
Carcassone
Bordeaux
Château country
Mont-Saint-Michel
Eiffel Tower photo stop

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads, cobblestone streets, and sandy paths, with some hills.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Lyon today.

Lyon → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Lyon

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to France! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Lyon

Included meals: breakfast

A local guide introduces you to France's culinary capital on a tour through Lyon's UNESCO-recognized city center.

- Take in the Gothic and Renaissance architecture as you pass by the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière
- Step inside Lyon Cathedral and walk through centuries-old *traboules,* or underground passages

Enjoy a free afternoon in Lyon or add an excursion.

+ Medieval Village of Pérouges

Nice → 2 nights

Day 4: Nice via Avignon

Included meals: breakfast

Travel through the countryside toward the French Riviera, stopping to explore the historic Provençal city of Avignon en route to Nice.

- See the famous Pont Saint-Bénézet, the bridge that inspired the French folk tune "On the Bridge of Avignon"
- Pass by the magnificent Papal Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Stroll through the historic town center, which is surrounded by the city's original medieval walls

Spend a free evening in Nice or add an excursion.

+ Evening in Monaco

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Nice

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know Nice's many charms on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Drive along the Promenade des Anglais
- Discover the narrow streets of the Old Town
- Explore the Roman amphitheater
- Wander around the gardens of the Franciscan Monastery in Cimiez

Enjoy a free afternoon in Nice or add an excursion.

+ Medieval Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Montpellier → 1 night

Day 6: Montpellier via Arles

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Make your way through the Provençal landscapes that influenced the French master painters, stopping in Arles for a walking tour with your Tour Director in the lead.

- Stroll along beautiful boulevards and view the city's old hospital, where artist Van Gogh stayed
- Enter the Arles Arena, a two-story Roman amphitheater

Continue on to Montpellier and sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Bordeaux → 2 nights

Day 7: Bordeaux via Carcassonne

Included meals: breakfast

Today, stop in UNESCO-listed Carcassonne, a medieval fortified town. Here, your Tour Director introduces you to the town's unique history on an orientation tour. Afterward, enjoy free time to explore on your own before continuing on to Bordeaux.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Bordeaux

Included meals: breakfast

Meet your local guide for a panoramic tour of Bordeaux, the capital of the Aquitane region, which is well-known for its wine.

- Stop at the Place des Quinconces
- Drive along the Garonne River, stopping at Place de la Bourse
- Pass the lively hub of the Place de la Comédie and the Grand Théâtre
- Sample local sweets as you go

Enjoy a free afternoon in Bordeaux or add an excursion.

+ Bordeaux Dinner & Wine Tasting

Loire Valley → 2 nights

Day 9: The Loire Valley via La Rochelle

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Make your way to the Atlantic port city of La Rochelle, home to a charming harbor and medieval towers, and explore with your Tour Director in the lead. Later, arrive in the Loire Valley where you'll sit down for an included dinner with your group.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of the Loire Valley

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know château country on a sightseeing tour today. Step inside the extravagant Château de Chenonceau, where you'll discover how it got the nickname "Château des Femmes," and explore its surrounding gardens. Then, continue on to the town of Amboise for free time.

Enjoy a free evening in the Loire Valley or add an excursion.

+ Loire Valley Dinner & Wine Tasting

Normandy → 2 nights

Day 11: The Normandy Region via Mont-Saint-Michel

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel north to the historic Normandy coastline. Stop for several visits along the way, including a guided tour of Mont-Saint-Michel.

- Stop to see the medieval Château de Fougères
- Admire the striking, 8th-century island Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel
- See how the UNESCO-recognized site, perched high on a granite rock, is surrounded by water at high tide and quicksand at low tide

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 12: Free day in the Normandy Region
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in the Normandy region or add an excursion.
+ D-Day Beaches of Normandy

Paris → 2 nights

Day 13: Transfer to Paris
Included meals: breakfast
Travel to Paris and enjoy a free evening in France's capital city or add an excursion.
+ Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

Day 14: Sightseeing tour of Paris
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
A guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called *arrondissements*.

- Drive down the sycamore-lined Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe
- Pass Pont Neuf and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River
- See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house, and Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square
- Marvel at the iconic architecture of the Louvre and Hôtel des Invalides

Enjoy a free afternoon in Paris or add an excursion.
Then, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner this evening.
+ Versailles Palace & Gardens

Flight Home

Day 15: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue exploring Paris.

+ Paris extension

Paris is always a good idea, so extend your trip to keep exploring. Take a couple of days to museum-hop, stroll along the boulevards, brush up on your français, and let your expert Tour Director point you toward the crème de la crème.

Paris → 2 nights

Day 15: Free day in Paris
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a free day in Paris or add an excursion.
+ Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny

Day 16: Free day in Paris
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Paris. This evening, sip a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members. Afterward, enjoy more free time in the city or add an excursion.
+ Paris Home-Hosted Dinner

Flight Home

Day 17: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/FRC | 1-800-597-0350**

Day 3: Medieval Village of Pérouges
$69 (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)
Make your way to the charming village of Pérouges, a favorite among the French for its winding cobblestone streets and medieval architecture. Visit the central Tilleul Square for a panoramic view of the area and explore the Fortress Church of Sainte-Marie Madeleine. After taking in the scenery, stop at a local bakery to sample some of the region's sweetest specialties. Taste a galette—a round, flat tart filled with berries—and hypocras, a spiced wine flavored with honey, ginger, and cinnamon. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 4: Evening in Monaco
$139/$149* (6 hours, departs in the evening)
Spend an evening in Monaco, a tiny principality that's world-renowned for its luxuriousness. Ruled by the Grimaldis, Europe's oldest royal family, Monaco has retained its independence for more than 700 years. Your Tour Director introduces you to the Old Town, which is perched atop the Rock of Monaco. This 203-foot-tall monolith overlooks the Mediterranean Sea and is part of the Monaco-Ville quarter, the oldest of the country's four quarters. While here, you'll stop and view the outside of the Royal Palace. Next, head to the Monte Carlo Casino where you'll have plenty of free time inside the world-famous casino with an included drink. Please note: Travelers under the age of 18 are not permitted to enter the casino. Travelers must abide by dress code restrictions to enter the casino, and passports are required for entrance to the Casino.

Day 5: Medieval Saint-Paul-de-Vence
$99/$109* (5 hours, departs in the evening)
Make your way to Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a celebrity haven and one of the oldest villages on the French Riviera. Upon arrival, your Tour Director will introduce you to its rich medieval history and wonderful art scene on a guided tour. Pass Place du Jeu de Boules, Porte de Vence, Place de la Grande Fontaine, and the Collegiate Church before stopping at Maison Bremond 1830 to sample local culinary specialties. Please note: This excursion involves difficult walking on uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets with some hills and stairs. We recommend wearing a comfortable pair of walking shoes.

Day 8: Bordeaux Dinner & Wine Tasting
$149/$159* (7 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)
Head outside the city of Bordeaux to the countryside where some of France's best wines are produced. Tour the historic village of Saint-Émilion, known for its namesake monolithic church, unique underground monuments, and centuries-old vineyards. Visit a local winery for a tour of the cellar and to learn about the winemaking process. Then, sip your way through world-renowned varieties, including prestigious Grand Crus. After your tour and tasting, discuss your favorites over dinner at the vineyard.

Day 10: Loire Valley Dinner & Wine Tasting
$109/$119* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Cap off your day in the Loire Valley by taking in views of châteaux and greenery on your way to a local wine cellar. With its central location in the country, this area draws culinary influence from several parts of France, which you'll experience during a wine tasting and dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 12: D-Day Beaches of Normandy
$99/$109* (10 hours, departs in the morning)
Dive into World War II history alongside your Tour Director during this excursion to Normandy, where the Allied troops landed in June 1944. First, stop at the American Cemetery in Colleville—the burial place for more than 9,000 American soldiers who lost their lives during the battle of Normandy. Afterward, head to Omaha Beach to walk in the footsteps of the American soldiers who landed here and see the Omaha Beach Memorial. Then, stop at Pointe du Hoc to view the evocative granite monument erected by the French in honor of the American Second Ranger Battalion, who seized the German canons here before they could be used to fire on American troops landing on Omaha Beach. Stop in the seaside town of Arromaches to enjoy free time and pay a visit to Juno Beach and the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery if time permits. Please note: This excursion requires some walking on uneven terrain. The order of inclusions may vary based on departure and season.

Day 13: Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise
$129/$139* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Take in the nighttime allure of the City of Light on a special evening excursion. The event begins with dinner at a local restaurant. After you dine, board a boat cruise along the Seine. As you coast along the river and under Paris' bridges, you'll behold the illuminated monuments of the city glittering alongside the riverbanks. Please note: The dress code may vary depending on the restaurant for your dinner. Your Tour Director will advise you on what to wear, but shorts and sneakers are likely to be considered inappropriate attire.

Day 14: Versailles Palace & Gardens
$139 (5 hours, departure time varies)
The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion, you'll see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then, stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds. Please note: Versailles Palace is closed on Mondays. The optional excursion may be moved to a different day on tour to accommodate schedules. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 45 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 15: Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny
$109/$119* (6 hours, departs in the morning)
The village of Giverny was home to Claude Monet from 1883 until his death in 1926. On a visit to Monet's home and gardens, discover the subtle palette of colors that inspired his Water Lilies series and gave rise to a new way of seeing. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through October.

Day 16: Paris Home-Hosted Dinner
$95 (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Join a local at their home in Paris to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Parisian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about French culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms