GO AHEAD TOURS



Paris & Rome

8 days | 11 days with Athens extension

For centuries, world-class artists and intellectuals have flocked to Paris and Rome, leaving behind lasting impressions. Now it's your turn to make your mark on each city, exploring the ins and outs of both with Parisian and Roman locals leading the way. And with plenty of time to yourself, you'll be free to discover your own niche within these two European hubs.



Your tour package includes

6 nights in handpicked hotels
6 breakfasts
2 dinners with beer or wine
2 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
1 on-tour flight

Included highlights

Arc de Triomphe
Eiffel Tower photo stop
Place de la Concorde
Colosseum
Roman Forum
Palatine Hill

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved sidewalks and cobblestone streets, with some uneven ground.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to Paris today.

Paris → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Paris
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Paris! Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Paris
Included meals: breakfast
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

Day 4: Free day in Paris
Included meals: breakfast
Spend the day exploring Paris at your leisure or add excursions.
+ Versailles Palace & Gardens
+ Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

Rome → 3 nights

Day 5: Flight to Rome
Included meals: breakfast
Travel to the airport for your flight to Rome, Italy. Enjoy a free evening in the city or add an excursion.
+ Pasta-Making Class & Dinner

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Rome
Included meals: breakfast
Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a guided tour of the Eternal City.

- Soak up over 2,000 years of history in Imperial Rome, viewing the Arch of Constantine and the Arch of Titus
- Enter the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater of the Roman Empire
- Stop at the ruins of the Forum, once the setting of parades, elections, and trials
- Pass by Palatine Hill to see Circus Maximus, the stadium where ancient Romans raced chariots, and the Baths of Caracalla

Enjoy a free afternoon in Rome or add an excursion.
+ Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

Day 7: Free day in Rome
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Enjoy a free day in Rome or add an excursion. Then, join your group at tonight's farewell dinner. Tonight, as you dine, you'll be treated to a multi-course traditional Italian meal with a live musical entertainment.
+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

Flight Home

Day 8: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit Athens.

+ Athens extension

All those ancient myths? Continue your trip to Athens, and you'll practically walk right into 'em. Fly to the Greek capital and discover the city's famous ancient ruins with your Tour Director and local guide.

Athens → 3 nights

Day 8: Flight to Athens
Included meals: breakfast
Board your flight to Athens, Greece. Enjoy free time in the city or add an excursion.
+ Athens Home-Hosted Dinner

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Athens
Included meals: breakfast
A local guide introduces you to the highlights of this bustling ancient capital, home to the world's first democracy.

- Pass by the Olympic Stadium, Syntagma Square, and the Arch of Hadrian
- View the sixth-century Temple of Zeus
- See the classically inspired Old Royal Palace, home of the Hellenic Parliament, and drive through the Plaka district
- Set off on a walking tour around the ancient Acropolis, site of the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike, and Erechtheion

Enjoy a free afternoon in Athens or add an excursion.
+ Cape Sounion

Day 10: Free day in Athens
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Athens or add an excursion. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ The Greek Islands: Aegina, Poros & Hydra

Flight Home

Day 11: 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.ca/PRE | 1-800-754-5066**

Day 4: Versailles Palace & Gardens
$199CAD (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.

Day 4: Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise
$175CAD/$185CAD* (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 5: Pasta-Making Class & Dinner
$175CAD/$185CAD* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
In this hands-on cooking class led by an experienced Italian chef, you'll learn to make pasta—perhaps pillowy ravioli or castellane, a ridged shell pasta that's rolled into a long, oval shape—using traditional techniques you can keep on practicing when you get back home. Then, sit down for dinner and enjoy the dishes you've prepared, along with wine.

Day 6: Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs
$125CAD/$135CAD* (4 hours, departure time varies)
Descend into Rome's ancient catacombs, where early Christians buried saints and popes alongside commoners. A local guide will lead you through the burial chambers before your visit to St. Paul's Basilica, one of the four most important basilicas of Rome. Originally founded by Constantine the Great, the Basilica also houses the tomb of St. Paul.
Please note: Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted within the Basilica. Also, this excursion involves extensive walking and may be challenging for claustrophobic travelers.

Day 7: Iconic Sights: Vatican City
$175CAD (3.5 hours, departure time varies)
This guided tour takes you inside Vatican City—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most sacred places in Christendom. This independent city-state within Rome serves as the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church and is home to the Pope. Upon arrival, turn on your pre-distributed headset and dive into the Vatican's rich history with your local guide. First, visit the Vatican Museums, which are more than 500 years old and house many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures. Next, step inside the Sistine Chapel, whose frescoed ceiling is arguably Michelangelo's greatest masterpiece. Finally, pay a visit to the enormous St. Peter's Basilica, the epicenter of the Roman Catholic faith. The artists who have contributed to its glory are some of the best Italy has ever known: Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Masterpieces await at every turn, from Bernini's magnificent bronze canopy to Michelangelo's Pietà.
Please note: Should this excursion fall on a Sunday, it'll be moved to another day of the tour. Backpacks aren't allowed in the Vatican, and shorts and sleeveless shirts are strictly prohibited. Due to closures of certain entrances and pathways, wait times may extend to several hours during busy travel months. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 70 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 8: Athens Home-Hosted Dinner
$109CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Join a local at their home in Athens to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Grecian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Greek 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.

Day 9: Cape Sounion
$89CAD/$99CAD* (4.5 hours, departure time varies)
Journey to the southern tip of the Attica Peninsula to take in the sights of the Poseidon Coast, including sandy beaches, natural and manmade harbors, and, of course, the Aegean Sea itself. High above the sparkling shoreline, the Temple of Poseidon dominates the landscape. Of the original structure, 16 elegant Doric pillars remain. Afterward, decide how you'd like to spend your free time. Take a moment to look out from the lofty cliffside vantage point, where you can see five Aegean islands on a clear day. You may also choose to enjoy a coffee, stop in the souvenir shop, or stroll through the area. Please note: This excursion involves some walking on uneven terrain.

Day 10: The Greek Islands: Aegina, Poros & Hydra
$225CAD (10 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)
Board a boat at Athens' Piraeus port for a day spent island hopping. Start your adventure on Aegina, where you'll have free time to explore its streets and markets. Enjoy an included lunch as you cruise to Poros for a brief visit before heading on to your last stop of this excursion. A popular destination for artists, Hydra boasts a spectacular waterfront. Take in the beauty of its port, visit the shops, or go for a swim (depending on the season) before cruising back to the mainland. 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.ca/terms