



tour of northern france

About the tour

This is a sample tour geared towards high school age students learning French. The itinerary begins in the French capital and moves north into the Somme, continues through Normandy and the Loire Valley, before finishing in Paris with a night at Opéra Garnier. The aim is to expose students to various facets of the French culture, from language and history to gastronomy and art. As former teachers ourselves, we appreciate that you have your own itinerary ideas and we look forward to hearing them!

Tour inclusions

- **Return economy flights and taxes**
- **Accommodation**
- **All transfers**
- **Breakfasts and dinners**
- **Guided sightseeing**
- **School group insurance**
- **24-hour assistance during tour**

Tour Information

A representative of etm travel will meet your group at the airport and assist you with check-in. If individual students or teachers would like to extend their stay or organise different flight arrangements, we are happy to help.

Accommodation is in clean, safe, centrally-located youth hostels and 2* hotels accustomed to dealing with school groups.

Complimentary

We offer the following:

- **A Lonely Planet French phrase book for each student**
- **A Lonely Planet French guide book for the tour leader**
- **Hosting of two information/documentation evenings at your school, if required**
- **Assistance at Melbourne airport upon departure**

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itinerary overview - tour of northern france

Day 1

Depart Australia for Paris.

Day 2 Paris

Meet a local representative upon arrival at Paris airport and travel by private coach to your accommodation. Spend a free afternoon familiarising yourself with the French capital.

First night in Paris (D)

Day 3 Paris

This morning, participate in your first French language class. Enjoy a guided tour of the Louvre Museum in the afternoon.

Second night in Paris (B,D)

Day 4 Paris

This morning, participate in your second French language class. Explore Montmartre and the Sacré Coeur Basilica in the afternoon.

Third night in Paris (B,D)

Day 5 Versailles

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Versailles. Visit the 'Grands Appartements' and the palace's gardens. Return to Paris in the late afternoon.

Fourth night in Paris (B,D)

Day 6 Paris

This morning, participate in your third French language class. In the late afternoon, enjoy a cruise along the Seine ending at the Eiffel Tower for sunset.

Fifth night in Paris (B,D)

Day 7 Paris

This morning, participate in your fourth French language class. This afternoon, walk along the Seine past the bouquinistes to Notre Dame. Enjoy a French cuisine cooking class followed by a self-cooked dinner this evening.

Sixth night in Paris (B,D)

Day 8 Somme Battlefields

After breakfast, depart Paris for your tour of the Somme Battlefields, including Villers-Bretonneux, Le Hamel, Pozières, Thiépval and Beaumont-Hamel. Travel to Amiens for dinner.

Overnight in Amiens (B,D)

Day 9 Amiens Giverny

This morning, visit Amiens. See the town's famous cathedral, the largest in all of France. After lunch, travel to Giverny and visit Monet's house and gardens. Continue on to Caen for dinner.

Overnight in Caen (B,D)

Day 10 Caen, D-Day beaches, Bayeux

Visit Caen's war memorial before departing for your tour of the D-Day beaches. After lunch, stop at a caramel factory for dessert. Continue on to Bayeux and visit the famous Tapestry of Queen Mathilde.

Overnight in Bayeux (B,D)

Day 11 Mont St Michel, St Malo

After breakfast, travel to Mont St Michel and enjoy a guided tour of the abbey followed by free time in the village. This afternoon, enjoy afternoon tea in a local crêperie in St Malo. Visit the fortified town.

Overnight in St Malo (B,D)

Day 12 Chartres, Tours

This morning, travel to the Loire Valley. En route, visit the famous cathedral of Chartres. After lunch, continue on to Tours. Explore the town as a group.

First night in Tours (B,D)

Day 13 Chambord, Chenonceau

Enjoy a full-day excursion to the most famous Renaissance châteaux in the Loire Valley. Return to Tours in the early evening.

Second night in Tours (B,D)

Day 14 Cheverny, Paris

This morning, visit Cheverny's château, which houses a permanent exhibition on Tintin. In the afternoon, travel to Paris. After dinner, see a show at Opéra Garnier.

Overnight in Paris (B,D)

Day 15 Flights

After breakfast, transfer by private coach to the airport for your flights home. (B)

Day 16

Arrive home to Australia.