

FRANCE: D-DAY, SAINTS, & CATHEDRALS



PEREGRINO

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Essential Facts

\$ 3,950 per person in a shared room if paid by check or cash

\$ 4,150 per person in a shared room if paid by credit card

\$850 supplement for a single room

Deadline to register: June 30, 2024

Final payment due date: August 1, 2024

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Day 1: Friday:

Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport in the evening on a direct flight to Paris. Bus transport to O'Hare may be organized for those interested.

Day 2: Saturday:

Arrive at Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport in the late morning. After going through customs and immigration meet the coach bus and drive straight to the town of Lisieux, about two hours from Paris. In Lisieux Fr. Case, your chaplain, will celebrate Mass in the Basilica dedicated to St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, commonly known as the Little Flower. The group will also visit the home of the Martin family, where St. Thérèse and her sisters were raised by their holy parents, who are also canonized saints. In the late afternoon depart for the hotel in Bayeux. The first day of the trip will conclude with a group meal in Bayeux.

Day 3: Sunday:

Breakfast at the hotel. Almost 10,000 white marble crosses glow in memory of the soldiers who died at Omaha Beach during the massive Allied landing on June 6, 1944. This was the eye of the hurricane where the end of WWII began. Sunday Mass will be celebrated this morning in memory of these soldiers in the haunting cemetery which crowns the beach. After Mass the bus will take the group to other D-Day sites: Pointe du Hoc, the German cemetery, and finally Utah

Beach and its comprehensive museum. Lunch along the way as a group. After a full day of touring D-Day sites return to the hotel in Bayeux. Dinner on your own.

Day 4: Monday:

Breakfast at the hotel. Mass in the morning and then travel to nearby Caen to visit the Memorial de Caen – a powerful museum dedicated to the battle for Normandy, the history of 20th century violence, and the search for reconciliation. The movies and displays at this museum place WWII, D-Day, and the suffering of the people of Normandy in their historical context. Lunch on your own. After lunch take the coach about an hour and a half to Mont Saint Michel to see the incredible island city with its high steeple pointing towards heaven. After wandering and shopping in charming Mont Saint Michel return to Bayeux. Dinner on your own.

Day 5: Tuesday:

Breakfast at the hotel. Before departing Bayeux, visit the museum dedicated to the Bayeux tapestry, a world-famous work from the 11th century chronicling the Norman invasion of England in 1066. Then depart for Paris, going directly to Montmartre and its crown jewel, the Basilica of Sacré-Cœur, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass in the Basilica. Lunch on your own. Then transport by bus to a 4-star hotel in the heart of Paris. In the evening a walking tour to the Cathedral of Notre Dame and to Saint Germain des Prés, familiarizing everyone with the neighborhood around the hotel. Dinner on your own.

Day 6: Wednesday:

Breakfast at the hotel. Walk to the mother house of the Daughters of Charity. Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Here the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Catherine Labouré in 1830, entrusting to her the image of Mary with the outstretched arms so well known in the Miraculous Medal. The bodies of St. Catherine and St. Louise de Marillac rest in this chapel. After Mass learn more about the Miraculous Medal. Then a visit to the nearby Church of Saint Vincent DePaul, where the great saint is buried, and to the Missionary Seminary of Paris. This seminary trained French missionaries for foreign service to the Church, including many who went to North America. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon a guided visit to the vast and world-famous Louvre museum. In the evening a boat tour on the river Seine to view Paris in the same way that many people approached it through the centuries. Dinner on your own.

Day 7: Thursday:

Breakfast at the hotel. Take the coach bus to the immense palace and gardens of Versailles outside of Paris. After touring Versailles travel to the town of Chartres to visit its famous and stunning cathedral. Mass in the Cathedral. Lunch together in or near Chartres. In the late afternoon return to Paris. Dinner on your own.

Day 8: Friday:

Breakfast at the hotel followed by Mass at Saint Germain des Prés. After Mass go to the d'Orsay Museum, a wonderful art museum in a renovated train station not far from the Louvre. Lunch on

your own. The afternoon is free to shop, to wander, and to explore Paris before you say “au revoir.” A farewell group dinner will take place near the hotel in the evening.

Day 9: Saturday:

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart the hotel by 9 a.m. for Charles De Gaulle airport for the approximately noon flight direct to Chicago, arriving at O’Hare at approximately 3:00 p.m.

This itinerary is planned in advance, and circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator may require that some changes be made in the actual daily schedule; such as changing days of sightseeing, substituting some site that may be closed for another that is open, or changing an event. Mass times and locations may be adjusted depending on Church availability.

Questions and Answers

How much does the trip cost? The cost is \$3,950 U.S. dollars per person if paid by check or cash. This price presupposes double occupancy, i.e., sharing a room. A single room supplement will increase the cost of the trip by \$850. A triple room may consist of a double room with a pull-out bed. The cost for someone rooming in a triple will be the same as the cost for someone in a double. Single rooms are limited and should be requested as soon as possible to registering.

What does the cost include? Round trip direct flights Chicago - Paris, including all airline taxes and fuel surcharges, bus transfer to and from airport to hotels, coach bus throughout the trip per itinerary, all hotel costs, museum entrance fees, audio headsets, guides, tips, six breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners.

What does the cost *not* include? Any incidental costs in hotels such as mini bar or room service. Also not covered: meals not specified in the itinerary, taxi fares, any museum visits not on the itinerary, items of a personal nature, laundry, personal gratuities beyond those given by the tour operator, and the carrying of luggage from the airport baggage claim area to the bus, and to and from the bus to the hotels.

When is payment due? A deposit of 1,000 per person is due by ? to reserve a place. Final payment is due by ?. Please make checks payable to “Peregrino Ltd.” and send checks, or money orders, to PO Box 1242, 1000 e. Oakton St., Des Plaines, IL 60017. Any registrations on or after ? must be paid in full.

Is there a registration form? There is no registration form. You will be officially registered for the trip on the day your check is deposited or online payment made. To register for the trip send an e-mail to travel@myperegrintour.com with the name, address, phone, and e-mail for each pilgrim who would like to go. Please indicate the parents or legal guardians of minor travelers. When your payment is deposited you will be notified by e-mail.

Can I pay with a credit card? Peregrino does not have the ability to directly process a credit card payment over the phone. A pilgrim can, however, pay for the trip on our website using a credit card on our website or via a Paypal link on our website.

What is the cancellation policy? All cancellations must be made in writing by the same person(s) who registered for the trip. The following penalties are applicable if you cancel:

From date of reservation until ? \$1,000 is non-refundable, but transferable for the same tour and dates, per person.

As of ? 100% of the tour price is non-refundable and non-transferable per person.

What about travel insurance? Peregrino does not offer travel insurance. But for the protection of our pilgrims we recommend they purchase travel insurance. Travel insurance information is readily available online. Recommendations can be sent to pilgrims once they have made a deposit for the trip. Every pilgrim must either provide Peregrino Tours Ltd. proof of the purchase of insurance or sign an online waiver declining the purchase of insurance protection.

Why would I want travel insurance? Insurance is a good idea for those who have an unpredictable medical condition and for those who have a family member whose ill health, or even death, may preclude going on the pilgrimage. Travel insurance must normally be purchased shortly after registering for the trip. It cannot be purchased close to the date of departure.

Is there any chance the trip would be cancelled? In the unlikely event that the trip is cancelled due to a lack of sufficient numbers, the entire cost of the trip will be reimbursed. An extraordinary event such as an airline strike, weather event, act of God (e.g. an earthquake) or international incident will not necessarily cause the trip to be cancelled. Trip insurance would provide total protection against such unlikely eventualities.

I'd like to go, but I don't have a roommate to share the cost. What can I do? You can either pay the single occupancy supplement or be willing to be assigned a roommate if one is available. Availability will depend, of course, on the number of solo travelers of the same sex, but we will keep track if roommates are needed. If no roommate is available, or if a solo traveler refuses to room with an available roommate, the single supplement must be paid.

Can I reserve a place even though I have not paid in full? You can reserve your place on the trip with a deposit of \$1,000 due by ?

Do I need a passport? Yes, you will need a passport to travel to France. Passports are required for everyone, even children and infants. The expiration date of the passport must be beyond six months after the date of re-entry into the U.S. A copy of that passport needs to be sent to Peregrino Tours Ltd. at PO Box 1242, 1000 E. Oakton St. Des Plaines, IL, 60017. You can also scan the passport and send it to our email. All documentary or digital traces of the copy of the passport will be destroyed at the conclusion of the tour. Please consult the official website of the U.S. State Department for further passport information.

Do I need a visa? U.S. citizens do not need a visa to enter France for fewer than 90 days.

Can I use airline miles or points? Peregrino prefers that all pilgrims fly together both to and from their destination and that they arrive at, and leave from, their hotel together. Our experience is that solo travelers require special transport and communication needs, miss meals and tours, and otherwise complicate matters such that they compromise the quality of the trip for

themselves and others. For these same reasons, solo travelers are less likely to be satisfied with their trip. Provided there is space on the tour experienced travelers desiring to use points will be responded to individually.

Where can I exchange dollars for Eurodollars? Talk to your local bank to see if they offer that service. Otherwise you can change money at O'Hare airport or in France. ATM machines in France also accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards and dispense Eurodollars at the exchange rate of the day. Almost all American banks charge a fixed fee for foreign ATM withdrawals and/or a percentage of the amount withdrawn. To use a credit card at an ATM in France will require a PIN. ATM's in France will normally not accept debit cards from regional banks.

Will there be a pre-trip meeting? If the group so desires, there can be a non-mandatory pre-trip meeting with the date and time to be determined.

What about travelers with special needs? Any pilgrim with special needs or dietary restrictions must inform Peregrino at the time of registration. There will be considerable walking on the tour so being physically able to stand for long periods and to walk long distances is presumed upon registering. A physically capable companion must accompany travelers who need assistance. Coach buses are not equipped with ramps, so all travelers must be able to mount steps into a bus. European buildings are also less handicap accessible than American buildings.

Can anyone go on the trip? Although this will be a Catholic focused pilgrimage, non-Catholics are welcome to come. Minors are welcome provided they travel with family. In order to ensure a rewarding, positive, and faith filled experience for all pilgrims, Peregrino reserves the right to reject any guest, either before or during the trip, whose comportment contradicts or is otherwise harmful to the interests of the group.

What if I have more questions? Most questions about this pilgrimage can be answered through this information sheet, by e-mailing travel@myperegrinotour.com or by visiting MyPeregrinoTour.com. Or call us at 305-488-1473.