



Pop the cork for a sparkling encounter with Paris, travel to the most charming villages; journey through the romantic Loire Valley to a healthy helping of Bordeaux and to Carcassonne with its enchanting city walls. Marvel at Avignon's famous bridge and meander along Pont du Gard. Soak up the sun-kissed charm of Nice and glamour of Monaco. Your final fling is in Milan, the world's fashion and design capital!

20 days from \$10,990\* pp twin share





28 meals

**DEPARTING** 

24th AUGUST, 2018

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# UNBEATABLE FEATURES:

- Economy class return airfares with Singapore Airlines. Opportunity to upgrade to Premium Economy and Business Class (limited seats).
- Singapore stopover for one night, including half day sightseeing.
- 16 day Trafalgar custom-made itinerary travelling through France and into Northern Italy staying in hand-picked 4 star hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities.
- "Be My Guest" (BMG) highlight meals in the Loire Valley including wine-tasting at a picturesque 17th century chateau and in a converted historical mill on the banks of the River Sorgue.
- Buffet breakfast daily (16).
- Lunch in Paris and Aix en Provence.
- Three course dinners (10) in local restaurants and hotels including a welcome and farewell dinner.
- Services of an expert Trafalgar Travel Director in France and Italy.
- Local Specialist in Paris, Giverny, St Malo, Carcassonne, Arles, Milan.
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats.
- Group Airport transfers in Singapore, Paris and Milan.
- Tips and gratuities to the Travel Director and Driver in France and Italy.
- All hotel service charges, local taxes, baggage handling in hotels (one bag only) and hotel tips (excluding Singapore).
- Wallet containing comprehensive travel documents.
- Group photo.





Sightseeing stops

## Day 1 – Friday 24 August AUCKLAND – SINGAPORE

Meet at Singapore Airlines Check-in at Auckland International Airport where we are introduced to Chelsea Winter before boarding our Singapore Airlines flight to Singapore. On arrival in Singapore, you are met by an awaiting coach and transferred to your hotel.

## Day 2 – Saturday 25 August IN SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half day city tour. Explore the history, culture and lifestyles of Singapore and enjoy a ride on the Singapore Flyer, a giant observation wheel which gives you panoramic views of Singapore's skyline. At leisure this afternoon you may like to walk to Orchard Road and take in some shopping or visit the timeless and elegant Raffles Hotel and indulge in a Singapore Sling in the Long Bar! Later this evening we transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to Paris. BB

#### Day 3 – Sunday 26 August SINGAPORE – PARIS

Welcome to Paris, capital of France and the City of Light. After arrival at your hotel - the ideal spot for your exploration of this magnificent city, you can relax or take a stroll in the local neighbourhood. Tonight, attend a Welcome Reception and dinner in the heart of the city.

## Day 4 – Monday 27 August PARIS

This morning after a leisurely start, your Travel Director takes you on a tour of this mesmerising city for views of the Champs Elysées, Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde. Your Local Specialist reveals not just where, but how real Parisians live and shop, showing you the enchanting hidden squares and secret passages of one of Paris' oldest historical neighbourhoods. This short insider walk finishes at one of the loveliest squares, little known to outsiders, but a real favourite of the locals. Later visit the second level of the Eiffel Tower for breath-taking views across the city. This evening enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in the Latin Quarter. BB D

# Day 5 – Tuesday 28 August PARIS

Today's exploration of French culture takes on another dimension as you meet a real Parisian chef for a French cuisine experience including a light lunch. During your Cultural Insight learn some culinary secrets and get to savour your creation. The rest of the day is then yours to enjoy as you wish. Perhaps take a relaxing stroll along the River Seine or enjoy some shopping at Printemps - one of the biggest department stores in the city. Your Travel Director will be there to give you advice. This evening you may wish to consider an Optional Experience to attend a performance at the world-famous Moulin Rouge. BB L

#### Day 6 – Wednesday 29 August PARIS – GIVERNY – ST MALO

We set off from Paris to Giverny, to visit the beautiful gardens, including impressionist painter Claude Monet's house and garden. From here we continue westbound to Brittany to the port city St Malo – arguably one of the most charming places in France. BB D

#### Day 7 – Thursday 30 August ST MALO

With a local specialist we take a walking tour through the maze of streets of Intra Muros, the walled city, to the cathedral, the burial site of several celebrated voyagers. Then enjoy time at leisure walking through the cobbled streets. BB

#### Day 8 – Friday 31 August ST MALO – LOIRE VALLEY (TOURS)

Meander through the scenic countryside, stopping for a memorable Be My Guest experience including wine-tasting and a light meal at a picturesque 17th century chateau set within beautiful gardens. We journey to Tours for our overnight stay. BB BMG

## Day 9 – Saturday 01 September LOIRE VALLEY – BORDEAUX

Visit Chenonceau, straddling the River Cher. One of the most remarkable castles ever built, Chenonceau features stunning landscaped gardens and priceless collections of Renaissance furniture, tapestries and art. Later arrive in the classical town of Bordeaux. Built on the River Garonne, this is the world's major wine industry capital. See the sights including the magnificent Esplanade de Quinconces during your orientation. BBD

#### Day 10 – Sunday 02 September BORDEAUX: DORDOGNE EXCURSION

Enjoy a scenic drive through beautiful country-side and picturesque scenery in the Dordogne region, best known for the enchanting medieval 'Bastide' villages. Drive to the renowned wine village of St Emillion, possibly one of the most famous towns with ties to wine production. Back in Bordeaux, we visit La Cite du Vin, a unique cultural facility where wine comes to life through an immersive, sensorial approach, all set within an evocative architectural design. Here we taste some local wines. BB D

#### Day 11 – Monday 03 September BORDEAUX – CARCASSONNE

Arrive in Carcassonne, a walled city and UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the double ring of ramparts featuring 52 towers during your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. BB

## Day 12 – Tuesday 04 September CARCASSONNE – AVIGNON

Visit Pont du Gard aqueduct with an inhouse guide. Enjoy a walk along the top of the impressive aqueduct which dates back to Roman times. Later arrive in Avignon where your orientation includes views of the imposing Palace of the Popes and the ruined bridge straddling the River Rhône. This bridge inspired

the famous French song 'Sur le Pont d'Avignon'.

#### Day 13 – Wednesday 05 September AVIGNON

Arrive at St. Rémy de Provence where you have time to explore the food markets and mix with the local people shopping for fresh produce. At Les Baux de Provence one of the most beautiful villages in France, admire the stunning views over Arles and the Camargue. Tonight, enjoy a delicious Be My Guest meal in a converted historic mill on the banks of the River Sorgue.

## Day 14 – Thursday 06 September AVIGNON

Enjoy time to sightsee this medieval town independently. Then a short drive brings you to Arles where you see the Roman Amphitheatre and Romanesque cathedral during your walking tour with your Local Specialist. **BB** 

## Day 15 – Friday 07 September AVIGNON –NICE

Meandering through the French countryside, we enjoy free time in Aix en Provence for a delicious lunch. Later arrive in the seaside retreat of Nice where an orientation tour will introduce us to this coastal city which has been a favourite among aristocrats for centuries. BB L

## Day 16 – Saturday 08 September NICE: MONACO EXCURSION

This morning enjoy an excursion through splendid seaside scenery, before visiting Monaco and Monte Carlo to see the exquisite casino built by Charles Garnier in the 19th century. This afternoon relax on the sun-kissed shores of the Côte d'Azur. Retreat to the beach with your fellow sun-worshippers, relax at a café overlooking the Bay of Angels or take a stroll along the Promenade. BBD

#### Day 17 – Sunday 09 September NICE – MILAN

Travelling along the spectacular coastline of the South of France, we cross the border into Italy and continue via Genoa to Milan. On arrival embrace the glamour during your walking tour of the city with a Local Specialist. We view the city's most magnificent sites including the Gothic Cathedral, glass domed Galleria and La Scala Opera House. Later enjoy a farewell dinner, Italian style! BBD

#### Day 18 – Monday 10 September DEPART MILAN

After breakfast we make our way to the airport for our homebound flight to Singapore on Singapore Airlines. **BB** 

# Day 19 – Tuesday 11 September SINGAPORE - AUCKLAND

Arrive in Singapore for a transit visit before continuing onto Auckland.

Day 20 – Wednesday 12 September ARRIVE AUCKLAND

Buffet Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

**BMG** Be My Guest Dinner

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28 meals 16 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 10 dinners



On-trip transport All transport shown



Terms and conditions

**Trip costs:** The costs are based on specially negotiated airfares on which special conditions apply and on twin share accommodation. There are a limited number of singles available at a supplement cost. Room Share is available on request (conditions apply).

Single Supplement: \$1,905 (total trip price: \$12,895)

Reservations and payment: On receipt of a \$1000 non-refundable deposit per person, Trafalgar will confirm your land reservation. Final payment must be received 60 days prior to departure from New Zealand. If payment is not received by the due date, Trafalgar reserves the right to cancel the reservation and apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

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Before you join the trip: Travel documents and instructions for joining your trip will be sent to you approximately 3 weeks before your trip commences provided full payment has been received. Please read the documents and trip literature which are sent to you, in an attractive passport wallet, before departure—they contain a wealth of advice and essential information to make your holiday as enjoyable as possible.

Changes to trip itineraries: Trafalgar constantly

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No. of days before trip departure	Cancellation charges as a percentage of total price
Over 60 days	\$1000 per person
60-22	25%
21-8	30%
<i>7</i> -1	50%
Day of departure	100%

Cancellation fees shown above are additional to any fees levied by your Travel Agent. In the event you have to withdraw from a trip after it has begun for reasons such as illness, be sure to obtain a medical certificate in support of any insurance claim. We regret that

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**Optional return dates:** The international airfare on which this trip is based allows individual passengers to return independently on a space available basis. There is a fee of \$125 per person for this and also a separate costing may apply.

Passports and visas: A current passport endorsed as valid for all countries to be visited is essential. All passengers must hold a machine-readable passport and applicable visas. Foreign passport holders must be in possession of a New Zealand Re-entry Permit, if applicable. Please note that passport and visa requirements are not the responsibility of the Tour Operator.

#### Your trip cost does not include:

- NZ domestic flights
- Passport and visa charges
- Meals other than those specified on day by day itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. beverages, laundry, phone calls etc
- Optional excursions
- Travel insurance
- Some gratuities on the trip (at the discretion of the individual traveller)
- Accommodation prior to departure from Auckland
- Single rooms unless the facility has been reserved and paid for at the time of booking

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