

What's the difference between a grand palais in Paris and a breathtaking château in the French countryside? It's a careful distinction made by the French language, one of the many nuances that become clear when you traverse the country's rich culture and history—from the galleries of the (Palais du) Louvre to the awe-inspiring châteaux at Amboise and Chenonceau deep in the Loire Valley.

#### YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



Full-time Tour Director



**Sightseeing:** 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (4 with extension); 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director; 1 walking tour *(2 with extension)* 



**Entrances:** Louvre; Versailles; Chartres Cathedral; Château de Chambord; Châteaux of Amboise and Chenonceau; Mont St. Michel; St. Vincent Cathedral; Caen Memorial; *with extension: Tower of London* 



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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday** 

– MELISSA, TRAVELER





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#### What you'll experience on your tour

#### Day 1: Fly overnight to France

#### Day 2: Paris

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Paris, the City of Light.
- Take a walking tour of Paris: Île de la Cité.
- Catch a glimpse of Notre-Dame Cathedral.

#### Day 3: Paris

- During your expertly guided tour of Paris you'll get a taste of Parisian style as you ride down the Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower.
- Travel to Versailles and take an expertly guided tour of Versailles: State Apartments; Hall of Mirrors; Gardens.

#### Day 4: Loire Valley

- Travel to the French countryside and explore the magnificent Loire Valley, sometimes called the "playground of Kings."
- Visit Chartres Cathedral.
- Visit the Château de Chambord.

#### Day 5: Loire Valley

- Visit the spectacular Château de Chenonceau, a breathtaking architectural marvel extending across the River Cher, supported by submerged pillars that form a pattern of arches on the water's surface.
- At the majestic gardens of Amboise, a Renaissance-style château in the Loire Valley, you'll take in the same sweeping vistas once enjoyed by Louis XI, Louis XII, and Leonardo da Vinci, who all made homes here.
- Visit and dine at the Troglodyte Dwellings.
   These maze-like subterranean grottos were created by thousands of years of geological evolution, and are used today as chapels, bakeries, and wine cellars.

#### Day 6: St. Malo

- Travel to Brittany.
- Visit Mont St. Michel, an awe-inspiring island topped by a medieval castle.
- Take a tour of St. Malo.
- Visit St. Vincent Cathedral.

#### Day 7: Normandy

- Travel to Normandy. Here, on June 6, 1944 (the date now known as D-Day), Allied troops landed on the beaches, launching the campaign that eventually liberated mainland Europe from the Nazis.
- On your visit to the D-Day beaches of Normandy, you'll witness remnants of the floating roadways and piers built to create an instant port at Arromanches. Visit the Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument commemorating the special forces who scaled a 100-foot cliff to seize German artillery. See the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial established—out of necessity—just two days after the invasion.
- Pay tribute to WWII troops at the Caen Mémorial, one of Europe's top history museums. Exhibits and films document the events that led up to the war and the Normandy invasion.

#### Day 8: Normandy Region | Paris

- Travel via Versailles to Paris
- Visit the Louvre, home to masterpieces that range from I.M. Pei's iconic glass pyramid to Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa.
- Enjoy a Seine River cruise.

#### Day 9: Depart for home

#### **9** 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 9: Paris | London

- Travel by Eurostar train to London.
- Take a walking tour of London: the Strand;
   Trafalgar Square; Leicester Square;
   Covent Garden.

#### Day 10: London

- Visit the Tower of London.
- Take an expertly guided tour of London.

#### Day 11: Depart for home



I've been waiting for this moment all my life #breathtaking #eftours

- MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Instagram

I went on a trip to France from EF Tours with my fellow High Schoolers from around the U.S. and it was the trip of a lifetime. There were so many moments I'll remember forever.

- MARIELLE, TRAVELER



Via Facebook

## TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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-CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER



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