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WVU Alumni Band 2026 European Tour

Jul 7, 2026 - Jul 21, 2026

\$4999 (double occupancy) per person

Trip Summary

July 7 - Tuesday

11:00 AM Meet in the CAC Lot
 12:00 PM Depart for Washington Dulles Airport (via Lone Pine Bus Lines)
 3:30 PM Arrive at Washington Dulles Airport (IAD)
 5:50 PM Flight to London - Heathrow (LHR - British Airways - Flight 0216)

July 8 - Wednesday

6:20 AM Flight Arrives at London Heathrow Airport
 6:30 AM Customs/Baggage Claim
 8:30 AM Meet Our London Guide/Depart for Central London
 9:30 AM Guided Motorcoach Tour of London/Lunch (OYO)
 1:00 PM Depart for the Hotel
 2:00 PM Hotel Arrival and Check-in
 3:00 PM Rehearsal 1 (River Bar Room)
 5:00 PM Freshen Up Time
 5:30 PM Depart for Cruise on the Thames
 6:30 PM "Welcome Dinner*" Cruise on the Thames (Millennium of London)
 10:30 PM Depart for Hotel

July 9 - Thursday

8:00 AM Breakfast* at the Hotel
 8:30 AM Rehearsal 2 (River Bar Room)
 11:30 AM Sandwich Bar Lunch* (River Bar Room)
 12:15 PM Rehearsal 3 (River Bar Room)
 1:30 PM Freshen Up Time
 2:30 PM Depart for Central London
 3:45 PM Tour Buckingham Palace
 5:45 PM Depart for London's West End
 6:15 PM Dinner in the West End (OYO)
 8:00 PM Moulin Rouge
 10:00 PM Depart for the Hotel

July 10 - Friday

7:30 AM Breakfast* at the Hotel
 8:30 AM Depart for Stonehenge
 9:30 AM Visit Stonehenge Visitor Centre/Stone Circle Experience
 11:45 AM Depart for Bath, England
 12:30 PM Lunch* in Bath (Green Park Brasserie)
 1:45 PM Depart for Central Bath and meet our Local Tour Guide
 2:00 PM Walking Tour of Bath, England
 4:00 PM Visit The Romans Baths
 5:00 PM Depart for the Hotel
 7:00 PM Dinner* in the Hotel Restaurant

July 11 - Saturday

7:15 AM	Breakfast at the Hotel*
8:00 AM	Depart for Central London
9:15 AM	Tour of the Houses of Parliament
11:00 AM	Lunch at the Southbank Centre Food Market (OYO)
12:00 PM	Depart for Windsor
1:30 PM	Arrive in Windsor/Park coach
1:30 PM	Arrive in Windsor/Walk to Windsor Castle
2:00 PM	Tour Windsor Castle/St. George's Chapel
4:15 PM	Depart for Reading, England
5:00 PM	Spot Check Rehearsal at University of Reading Great Hall
5:45 PM	Dinner* with the Woodley Concert Band (Great Hall)
7:00 PM	Concert 1 - Combined Concert with the Woodley Concert Band
9:00 PM	Depart for the Hotel

July 12 - Sunday

7:30 AM	Breakfast* at the Hotel
8:30 AM	Depart for Central London
9:30 AM	Free Time in London/Lunch (OYO)
12:00 PM	Concert Preparation - Regent's Park
12:30 PM	Concert 2 - Regent's Park Summer Concert Series
2:30 PM	Free Time in London/Dinner (OYO)
8:30 PM	Meet Motorcoach/Return to the Hotel

July 13 - Monday (Big Travel Day)

7:15 AM	Breakfast* at the Hotel
8:00 AM	Hotel Check-out
8:30 AM	Depart London for Paris, France
10:30 AM	Arrive in Folkestone, England/Channel Tunnel Check-in
11:00 AM	LeShuttle Under the English Channel
11:45 AM	Continue on to Paris from Calais, France
1:00 PM	Lunch* En-route to Paris
5:00 PM	Arrive in Paris, France/Open-Top Motorcoach Tour
7:30 PM	Ibis Paris Tour Eiffel Cambronne Hotel Check-in/Dinner

July 14 - Tuesday (Bastille Day)

	Breakfast* at the Hotel
	Morning Free Time
11:45 AM	Meet/Board for the Lunch Cruise (Dock behind Musee d'Orsay)
12:30 PM	Lunch* Cruise on the River Seine
2:15 PM	Afternoon Free Time in Paris
5:45 PM	Meet at The American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
7:00 PM	Concert 3: Bastille Day Concert - The American Cathedral
8:30 PM	Evening Free Time in Paris

July 15 - Wednesday

7:15 AM	Breakfast* at the Hotel
8:00 AM	Depart for Versailles
8:45 AM	Arrive at Versailles
9:00 AM	Tour the Palace of Versailles
12:30 PM	Lunch* at Versailles
1:45 PM	Depart for Central Paris
2:45 PM	Arrive at the hotel
3:00 PM	Additional Paris Free Time/Dinner (OYO)

July 16 - Thursday

7:30 AM	Breakfast* at the Hotel
8:30 AM	Depart for Normandy, France
11:30 AM	Arrive in Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer, France
11:30 AM	Lunch at La Cremaillere in Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer (OYO)
12:30 PM	Memorial Museum of Omaha Beach
2:00 PM	Normandy American Cemetery
3:00 PM	Depart for Sainte-Mère-Église, France
3:45 PM	Airborne Museum
5:00 PM	Concert 4 - Church Yard of Église Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption
7:00 PM	Dinner OYO in Sainte-Mère-Église
8:45 PM	Depart for Rennes, France
10:30 PM	Mercure Rennes Centre Gare Hotel Check-in

July 17 - Friday

7:30 AM	Breakfast* at the Hotel
8:15 AM	Depart for Mont-Saint-Michel
9:30 AM	Meet Local Guides in Parking Area/Go to Mont-Saint-Michel (via shuttle)
9:45 AM	Tour Mont-Saint-Michel (with local guides)
10:45 AM	Tour the Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel
12:45 PM	Lunch (OYO)/Free Time in Mont-Saint-Michel
3:00 PM	Departure to the Parking Area (via shuttle)
3:30 PM	Depart for Rennes
4:45 PM	Free Time in Rennes/Dinner (OYO)

July 18 - Saturday

7:30 AM	Breakfast* at the Hotel
8:30 AM	Depart for La Rochelle, France
11:30 AM	Lunch and Free Time in La Rochelle
2:00 PM	Depart for Bordeaux, France
4:00 PM	Wine Tasting at Chateau Mauvinon (near Bordeaux)
5:30 PM	Depart for Bordeaux
6:30 PM	Ibis Bordeaux Centre Mériadeck Check-in
7:00 PM	Dinner (OYO) and Free Time in Bordeaux

July 19 - Sunday

7:15 AM Breakfast* at the Hotel
 8:30 AM Depart for Toulouse, France
 11:00 AM Free Time in Toulouse/Lunch (OYO)
 1:15 PM Depart for Carcassonne, France
 2:30 PM La Cité Médiévale Carcassonne
 6:00 PM Depart for Limoux, France
 7:00 PM Dinner* in Limoux
 8:30 PM Concert 5 - Place de la République - Limoux, France
 9:45 PM Depart for the Hotel
 11:00 PM Holiday Inn Toulouse–Blagnac Airport Check-in

July 20 - Monday

7:30 AM Breakfast* at the Hotel
 8:30 AM Depart for Andorra
 11:00 AM Mirador del Roc Quer Viewpoint - Scenic Overlook in Andorra
 11:30 AM Continue on to Andorra la Vella
 12:30 PM "Farewell Lunch*" at La Taverna Excalibur
 2:00 PM Free Time in Andorra la Vella
 5:00 PM Depart for Toulouse
 8:00 PM Dinner (OYO) in Toulouse
 10:00 PM Depart for the Hotel

July 21 - Tuesday

7:30 AM Breakfast* at the Hotel
 8:30 AM Transfer to the Toulouse–Blagnac Airport (TLS)
 11:25 AM Flight to London - Heathrow (LHR - British Airways - Flight 0367)
 12:30 PM Arrive at London - Heathrow Airport (LHR)
 2:30 PM Flight to Washington Dulles Airport (IAD - British Airways - Flight 0291)
 5:35 PM Arrive at Washington Dulles Airport (IAD)
 6:30 PM Depart for Morgantown (via WVU Motorcoach)
 10:00 PM Arrive at the CAC Parking After a GREAT Trip!

July 7 - Tuesday



11:00 AM -

Meet in the CAC Lot

The lot will be determined by WVU a few weeks prior to the trip. Eat lunch prior to arriving at the CAC.



DEPARTURE 12:00 PM -

Depart for Washington Dulles Airport (via Lone Pine Bus Lines)



ARRIVAL 3:30 PM -

Arrive at Washington Dulles Airport (IAD)

The bus will off-load luggage and equipment and we will proceed to the processing and security.



DEPARTURE 5:50 PM -

Flight to London - Heathrow (LHR - British Airways - Flight 0216)

Dinner and breakfast provided. It is imperative that we all try to sleep during the flight.



July 8 - Wednesday

**ARRIVAL 6:20 AM -****Flight Arrives at London Heathrow Airport**

Below is a Rick Steves video of highlights of London.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4p1rzw-7Jho&t=4s>

**6:30 AM -****Customs/Baggage Claim**

Be prepared for delays at Customs.

**8:30 AM -****Meet Our London Guide/Depart for Central London**

We will load baggage and equipment and meet our local London Guide Ann Thomas.

**9:30 AM - 3 hr 30 min -****Guided Motorcoach Tour of London/Lunch (OYO)**

This will be a 2 to 3-hour guided tour of Central London. Most of the tour will be on the bus, however, we will get off on occasion to take in the sites! Around 12:00pm, Ann will drop the group in a central area for Lunch (OYO).

**DEPARTURE 1:00 PM -****Depart for the Hotel****CHECK-IN 2:00 PM -****Hotel Arrival and Check-in**

The group will be staying at the Hilton Heathrow - Terminal 5.

Poyle Road, Colnbrook With Poyle, England

This is a beautiful and economical property with rehearsal space and soundproofing. The property is also closer to Windsor, Stonehenge and Bath.



3:00 PM - 2 hr -

Rehearsal 1 (River Bar Room)

We will have an afternoon rehearsal following the hotel check-in.



5:00 PM -

Freshen Up Time



DEPARTURE 5:30 PM -

Depart for Cruise on the Thames



6:30 PM - 3 hr 30 min -

"Welcome Dinner*" Cruise on the Thames (Millennium of London)

The group is officially welcomed to Europe and London on a 3-hour dinner cruise on the River Thames.



DEPARTURE 10:30 PM -

Depart for Hotel

July 9 - Thursday



8:00 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included



8:30 AM - 3 hr -

Rehearsal 2 (River Bar Room)



11:30 AM -

Sandwich Bar Lunch* (River Bar Room)

Lunch will be served for all group participants in the rehearsal room. * denotes meal included.



12:15 PM - 1 hr 15 min -

Rehearsal 3 (River Bar Room)

Rehearsal will conclude with a brief wrap-up rehearsal.



1:30 PM - 1 hr -

Freshen Up Time



DEPARTURE 2:30 PM -

Depart for Central London



3:45 PM - 2 hr -

Tour Buckingham Palace

FYI: Due to a change in scheduling, we will not be able to view the "Changing of the Guard".



DEPARTURE 5:45 PM -

Depart for London's West End



6:15 PM - 1 hr 30 min -

Dinner in the West End (OYO)

Dinner on your own (OYO) at one of the West End's wonderful restaurants/pubs.



8:00 PM - 1 hr 45 min -

Moulin Rouge

Moulin Rouge is one of the best shows in London and aligns with our visit to Paris in a few days. You can actually visit the Moulin Rouge in Paris!





DEPARTURE 10:00 PM -
Depart for the Hotel

July 10 - Friday



7:30 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included



DEPARTURE 8:30 AM -

Depart for Stonehenge

Below is a Rick Steves video of highlights of Stonehenge.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNhpdkjy_Q



9:30 AM -

Visit Stonehenge Visitor Centre/Stone Circle Experience

The group will initially visit the Stonehenge Visitor Centre (VC). At approximately 10:15am, the group will visit the "Stone Circle" via shuttle from the VC.



DEPARTURE 11:45 AM -

Depart for Bath, England



12:30 PM -

Lunch* in Bath (Green Park Brasserie)

The group will have wonderful "Group Lunch" at the Green Park Brasserie in Bath. * denotes meal included

Menu

Tap water on tables (bar available for drinks payable on day by individuals)

Starter from:

- House Garlic Bread: Creamy Mozzarella, Garlic Butter, Parsley, Oregano
- Caesar Salad (Vegan): Lettuce, Caesar Dressing, Croutons

Main course from:

- Somerset Minute Steak, Garlic Butter, Seasoned Fries
- Linguine Puttanesca: San Marzano Tomato Sauce, Olives, Capers, Chilli, Garlic, Parmesan
- Margherita Pizza: Mozzarella, San Marzano Tomatoes, Parmesan, Basil (Vegan option available)

Dessert from:

- House Chocolate Brownie
- Local Ice Creams and Sorbets



DEPARTURE 1:45 PM -
Depart for Central Bath and meet our Local Tour Guide



2:00 PM - 2 hr -
Walking Tour of Bath, England

The group will get up close and personal with the historic city of Bath as we walk down ancient roads and learn of the history of this unique town.



4:00 PM - 1 hr -
Visit The Romans Baths

Constructed around 70 AD, the Roman Baths in Bath, Somerset were built as a grand Roman bathing and socialising complex. Today, it remains one of the best-preserved Roman remains in the world. Every single day, over 1,170,000 litres of natural hot spring water, reaching an impressive 46°C, still fills the ancient bathing site.

The Roman Baths is the site of extensive ruins and an interactive museum filled with many treasures and visual snippets that transport you back to Roman times and the lives of the Aquae Sulis people. Walk on ancient pavements as the Romans did 2,000 years ago, and explore chambers historically housing changing rooms and tepid plunge pools.



DEPARTURE 5:00 PM -
Depart for the Hotel



7:00 PM -
Dinner* in the Hotel Restaurant

Enjoy a wonderful Dinner prepared especially for our group. * denotes meal included

July 11 - Saturday



7:15 AM -
Breakfast at the Hotel*

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included



DEPARTURE 8:00 AM -
Depart for Central London



9:15 AM -
Tour of the Houses of Parliament

Explore the Palace of Westminster and step inside some of its most iconic spaces, including the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the oldest building in the Houses of Parliament - Westminster Hall. Follow in the footsteps of famous Prime Ministers and politicians as you take in the remarkable architecture and historic artworks of this extraordinary building. Uncover stories from the past and gain a deeper understanding of the role the UK Parliament plays today.



11:00 AM - 1 hr -
Lunch at the Southbank Centre Food Market (OYO)

Take your pick from more than 40 producers at the Southbank Centre Market. This food market is full of food stalls and independent traders selling tasty bites spanning worldwide cuisines. Lunch is on your own (OYO).

****Special Note:** Most vendors at the Southbank Centre Food Market accept Apple Pay, credit cards etc.



**DEPARTURE 12:00 PM -
Depart for Windsor**



**1:30 PM -
Arrive in Windsor/Park coach**



**1:30 PM -
Arrive in Windsor/Walk to Windsor Castle**

It is a 5-10 minute walk from the bus parking area to the castle admissions. There is a castle lift provided for those who do not want to walk. The group will meet at castle admissions for the tour.



**2:00 PM - 2 hr -
Tour Windsor Castle/St. George's Chapel**

Windsor Castle is a Royal residence in Windsor, in the English county of Berkshire, about 25 miles west of central London. It is strongly associated with the British royal family and embodies almost a millennium of architectural history.

Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century, it has since been the home of 40 monarchs.

St George's Chapel is located on the north side of the Lower Ward of Windsor Castle. Work on the present chapel began when Edward IV was king, in 1475.

The magnificent stone fan vaulting that you can see today was added by Henry VIII, shortly afterwards. In 1528 the chapel was finally completed, with the fan vault over the crossing. The chapel is the spiritual home of the Order of the Garter, one of the oldest and most important orders of chivalry in the world, founded by Edward III in 1348.



**DEPARTURE 4:15 PM -
Depart for Reading, England**



5:00 PM - 1 hr -

Spot Check Rehearsal at University of Reading Great Hall

As this will be the first concert, the group will spot check a few areas in selected music and get an acoustic feel for the hall.



5:45 PM - 45 min -

Dinner* with the Woodley Concert Band (Great Hall)

We will be eating a buffet with the Woodley Band. This buffet will be prepared by the university. Dinner will be a casual affair in the back of the hall as we meet the Woodley Band members.

Buffet Menu

Savoury:

- Roasted Red Pepper Houmous & Crudites (V, VG, H)
- Cold Smoked Chicken Thigh (H)
- Sweet Potato Falafel with Roasted Tomato & Chilli Salsa (V, VG, H)
- Classic Potato Salad (V, VG, H)
- Mediterranean Veg Salad (V, VG, H)
- Rosemary Focaccia (V, VG, H)
- Pesto Calabrese dip (V, H)

Desserts:

- Fresh Fruit (V, VG, H)
- Strawberry Bakewell Tart (V, H)

Drinks:

- Apple juice
- Orange juice
- Water

Allergen information

V=vegetarian

VG = vegan

H = halal

7:00 PM - 1 hr 45 min -



Concert 1 - Combined Concert with the Woodley Concert Band



DEPARTURE 9:00 PM -
Depart for the Hotel

July 12 - Sunday



7:30 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included



DEPARTURE 8:30 AM -

Depart for Central London



9:30 AM - 2 hr 30 min -

Free Time in London/Lunch (OYO)

Approximately 2.5 hours of free time before our second London area concert. Use the Regent's Park Underground Station adjacent to the park. This station is on the Bakerloo Line (Brown Line). Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey and the London Eye are all easily accessible via the Bakerloo Line.

Please plan on eating an earlier Lunch on your own (OYO) during this free time. In addition, please allow yourself enough time to return to Regent's Park to set up for the concert. Set-up begins at 12pm (noon).



12:00 PM - 30 min -

Concert Preparation - Regent's Park



12:30 PM - 1 hr 30 min -

Concert 2 - Regent's Park Summer Concert Series





2:30 PM - 6 hr -

Free Time in London/Dinner (OYO)

This is a 6-hour block of time to explore London on your own. Feel free to use the Regent's Park Underground Station, take a "black cab" or walk. Plan your "free time" itinerary (including any tickets needed) in advance.

Plan on eating Dinner on your own (OYO) during this time.

The group will meet the motorcoach back at Regent's Park at 8:30pm. Please plan ahead and allow yourself enough time to make it back to Regent's Park by 8:30pm.



DEPARTURE 8:30 PM -

Meet Motorcoach/Return to the Hotel

July 13 - Monday (Big Travel Day)



7:15 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included

The group will load the motorcoach immediately after breakfast.



CHECK-OUT 8:00 AM -

Hotel Check-out

We will begin loading the motorcoach at 8am. Jeff will collect room keys and officially check the group out of the hotel.



DEPARTURE 8:30 AM -

Depart London for Paris, France

Below are a few Rick Steves video of highlights of Paris.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXnW4pD0OrA>

<https://youtu.be/AT5g1a7cBRM?si=FoFu-uLnQsn857nY>



DEPARTURE 10:30 AM -

Arrive in Folkestone, England/Channel Tunnel Check-in



DEPARTURE 11:00 AM -

LeShuttle Under the English Channel

The group will remain on the motorcoach. The motorcoach will enter the Channel Tunnel via LeShuttle. LeShuttle is the train for autos and motorcoaches.



DEPARTURE 11:45 AM -

Continue on to Paris from Calais, France



1:00 PM -

Lunch* En-route to Paris

The motorcoach will stop Lunch at an "Auto Grill" en-route to Paris from Calais. Each group member can use their Jassby card. There will be \$20 per-loaded for lunch en-route.



ARRIVAL 5:00 PM -

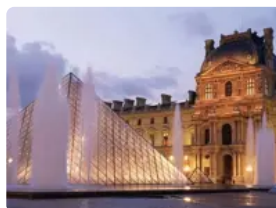
Arrive in Paris, France/Open-Top Motorcoach Tour

The group will do one of 2 things upon arrival in Paris. This is based on the amount of travel time (traffic etc.) needed to get to Paris from London.

Plan A: Arrive at the Ibis Paris Tour Eiffel Cambronne Hotel - check-in and then meet our "open-top" motorcoach for a 2-hour tour of Paris.

Plan B: Arrive in Paris at a central location. Meet our "open-top" motorcoach for a 2-hour tour of Paris. Following the tour, the motorcoach will drop us off at our hotel (Ibis Paris Tour Eiffel Cambronne Hotel)

****Please note that we will be changing buses for this tour. This is due to the amount of driving time from London to Paris and the driver's hours. We will be using the "Big Bus" Tour motorcoach. The coach has an open top that will only accommodate 50 people seated. Due to this, we will need to rotate occasionally to allow the entire group to experience the open top.**



CHECK-IN 7:30 PM -

Ibis Paris Tour Eiffel Cambronne Hotel Check-in/Dinner

Our second hotel is the Ibis Paris Tour Eiffel Cambronne Hotel. The hotel is in the 15th arrondissement.

2 Rue Cambronne, 75015 Paris, France

Hotel check-in followed by Dinner on your own (OYO). **Times may vary!**



July 14 - Tuesday (Bastille Day)



Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included



Morning Free Time

Today is Bastille Day! This is the equivalent of the 4th of July in France. Paris will be a little crazy today. Therefore, the only organized activity will be a lunch cruise on the River Seine. The remainder of the day is free time on your own.

FYI: The Bastille Parade begins at **10:00am** down the Avenue de Champs-Élysées from the Arc de Triomphe to Place de la Concorde. As we all love a parade, this is a "must see".

FYI: The massive fireworks display at the Eiffel Tower typically starts around **11pm**, following a free concert on the Champ de Mars, with the show lasting about 30 minutes.

Here are a few videos about Bastille Day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fxheSSozW0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oa9FlaXmLNc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKsyMjl3F24>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujbeKvasLkg&t=6s>



11:45 AM -

Meet/Board for the Lunch Cruise (Dock behind Musee d'Orsay)

Our Lunch Cruise on the River Seine departs from the dock behind the Musee d'Orsay. If the museum is on your "must see" list, you might think about visiting before lunch. This way, you are near the meeting location prior to the lunch cruise.

Musee d'Orsay

1 Esplanade Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, 75007 Paris, France (formerly 1 Rue de la Légion d'Honneur)



**12:30 PM - 1 hr 30 min -
Lunch* Cruise on the River Seine**



**2:15 PM -
Afternoon Free Time in Paris**



**5:45 PM -
Meet at The American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity**

We will meet at the Cathedral at 5:45pm to set up etc.

The Cathedral is just off Avenue des Champs-Élysées in the 8th arrondissement.

The American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity - 23 avenue George V Paris, France



**7:00 PM -
Concert 3: Bastille Day Concert - The American Cathedral**

The American Cathedral is located on the prestigious Avenue George V, just off the Champs Elysées, in the heart of Paris. With over 150 concerts hosted since 2018, Cathedral is a major venue on the Paris concert scene. Formally known as the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, the American Cathedral is one of the oldest English-speaking churches in Paris.

The origins of the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, an English-speaking Episcopal church in Paris, date back to the 1830s when American Episcopalians began to meet together for services in the garden pavilion of the Hotel Matignon, now the official residence of the French prime minister,



**8:30 PM -
Evening Free Time in Paris**

FYI: The Fireworks show near the Eiffel Tower begins around 11pm.

Top Public Viewing Spots (Arrive Early):

- **Champ de Mars:** The main, most iconic spot at the base of the Eiffel Tower, offering a massive, festive, but extremely crowded experience.

- **Trocadéro Gardens/Plaza:** Directly across the river, it provides the most stunning, unobstructed views of the show.
- **Montmartre (Sacré-Cœur Basilica):** Offers a panoramic, elevated view of the entire city and the fireworks, away from the immediate chaos.
- **Seine Riverbanks:** The quays along the river (especially downstream from Bir-Hakeim bridge) offer fantastic views.
- **Parc de Belleville:** Another excellent, high-altitude spot for viewing with fewer people than central locations.



July 15 - Wednesday



7:15 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included



DEPARTURE 8:00 AM -

Depart for Versailles

Below is a Rick Steves video of highlights of Versailles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=194CDIsFpQA>



ARRIVAL 8:45 AM -

Arrive at Versailles



9:00 AM - 3 hr 30 min -

Tour the Palace of Versailles



12:30 PM - 1 hr -

Lunch* at Versailles

There are several restaurant options at Versailles. Each group member can use their Jassby card. There will be **\$40** per-loaded for lunch at Versailles.

DEPARTURE 1:45 PM -



Depart for Central Paris



ARRIVAL 2:45 PM -

Arrive at the hotel

Upon arrival back at the hotel, the group will have time to freshen up before having additional time to explore the "City of Light" (La Ville-Lumière).



3:00 PM -

Additional Paris Free Time/Dinner (OYO)

FYI: This would be a good time to visit The Louvre (OYO). The Louvre is open until 6pm. Plan for larger crowds!

FYI: This evening is also a good time to visit the Eiffel Tower (if you have not already done so). AAD was unable to get government clearance to lead a group tour of the Eiffel Tower (very challenging). Due to this situation, please visit on your own. The Eiffel Tower closes at 12:45am (with the last entrance at 11:45pm) during normal days of the week. Plan for larger crowds!

Dinner at a great restaurant/cafe (OYO)!



July 16 - Thursday



7:30 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included

The group will load the motorcoach immediately after breakfast.



DEPARTURE 8:30 AM -

Depart for Normandy, France

You may not be as familiar as some with the D-Day landings on Omaha Beach. If you are interested in watching a few clips from the movie "The Longest Day" (1962) about the landings during the D-Day invasion, click the links below.

Also included are a few clips of the landing scene from "Saving Private Ryan" (1998). These clips are considerably more graphic.

"The Longest Day"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFzdleJarI0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpWYxVM80Mw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHLP05Vbvwg>

"Saving Private Ryan"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_cSWBo4cA

<https://youtu.be/jTQVwKDLxWI?si=dAVV514ruqN7iz1m>



ARRIVAL 11:30 AM -

Arrive in Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer, France

We will meet our local Normandy tour guides in Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer.



11:30 AM -

Lunch at La Cremaillere in Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer (OYO)



12:30 PM - 1 hr -

Memorial Museum of Omaha Beach



2:00 PM - 1 hr -

Normandy American Cemetery



DEPARTURE 3:00 PM -

Depart for Sainte-Mère-Église, France

If you are interested in watching a clip from the movie "The Longest Day" (1962) about the airborne drop on Sainte-Mère-Église during the D-Day invasion, click the link below.

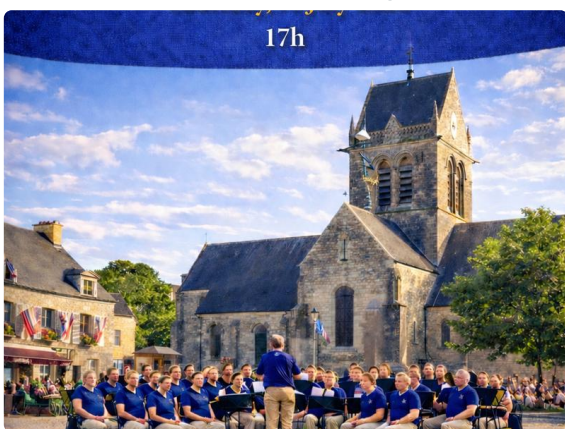
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFS_o4A-nY



3:45 PM - 1 hr -
Airborne Museum



5:00 PM - 1 hr 30 min -
Concert 4 - Church Yard of Église Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption



7:00 PM -
Dinner OYO in Sainte-Mère-Église

There are a few cafes/restaurants that open after 5pm, however, most open at 7pm

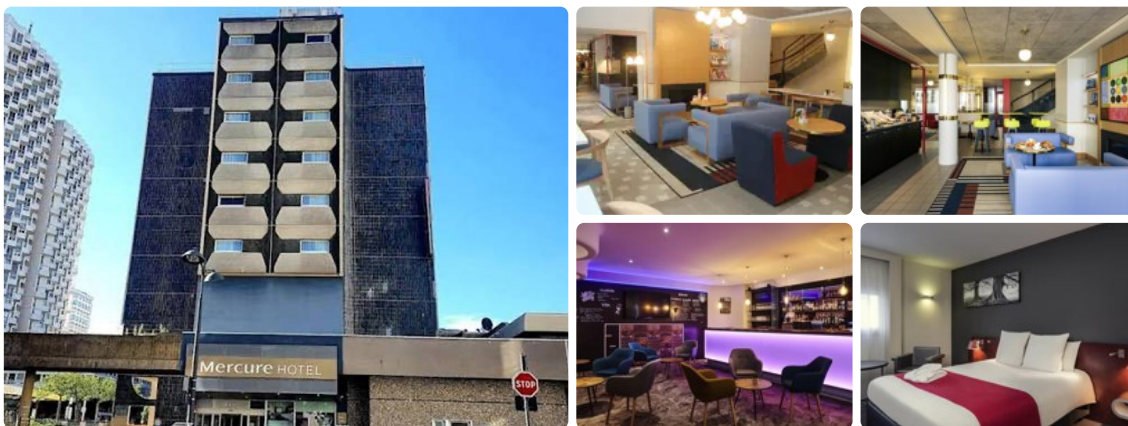


DEPARTURE 8:45 PM -
Depart for Rennes, France



CHECK-IN 10:30 PM -
Mercure Rennes Centre Gare Hotel Check-in
Our third hotel is the Mercure Rennes Centre Gare Hotel.

Rue du Capitaine Maignan, 35000 Rennes, France



July 17 - Friday



7:30 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included



DEPARTURE 8:15 AM -

Depart for Mont-Saint-Michel

Below is a Rick Steves video of highlights of Mont-Saint-Michel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_PhFkGI9_-Y



9:30 AM -

Meet Local Guides in Parking Area/Go to Mont-Saint-Michel (via shuttle)

We will take the shuttle from the motorcoach parking area to Mont-Saint-Michel.



9:45 AM - 1 hr -

Tour Mont-Saint-Michel (with local guides)

Mont-Saint-Michel is one of Europe's most unforgettable sights. Set in a mesmerising bay shared by Normandy and Brittany, the mount draws the eye from a great distance. A magical island topped by a gravity-defying abbey, the Mont-Saint-Michel and its Bay count among France's most stunning sights. For centuries one of Europe's major pilgrimage destinations, this holy island is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



10:45 AM - 2 hr -

Tour the Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel

Founded at the request of Archangel Michael by the Bishop of Avranches, Aubert, the first sanctuary was consecrated on 16 October 709. It was to become the heart of a great Benedictine abbey, renowned in the Middle Ages for its treasury and rich library.

Having become a prison during the French Revolution, the abbey has been magnificently restored from the end of the 19th century onwards. Our tour allows you to discover all the spaces dedicated to daily life (refectory, cloister, scriptorium), religious life (abbey church, chapels, crypts) and the reception of pilgrims (chapelaincy, guest room).



12:45 PM - 1 hr 15 min -

Lunch (OYO)/Free Time in Mont-Saint-Michel

Make the most of your free time in the afternoon to explore the local culture, catch more stunning vistas of the sea and check out countless shops. Lunch will be on your own (OYO).



DEPARTURE 3:00 PM -

Departure to the Parking Area (via shuttle)

We will take the shuttle from Mont-Saint-Michel to the motorcoach parking area.



DEPARTURE 3:30 PM -

Depart for Rennes

Below is a Animation Tube video of highlights of Rennes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2RV9pwAWiQ>



4:45 PM -

Free Time in Rennes/Dinner (OYO)

Enjoy free time in Rennes with its easy-going atmosphere. Along its cobbled streets you'll love its lively café terraces and friendly restaurants. Rennes is most known for its Art Deco and Colombage (half-timbered medieval houses) architecture.



July 18 - Saturday



7:30 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included

The group will load the motorcoach immediately after breakfast.



DEPARTURE 8:30 AM -

Depart for La Rochelle, France

Below is a Exploring Europe video of highlights of La Rochelle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7r6lrHzBFoI>



11:30 AM -

Lunch and Free Time in La Rochelle

La Rochelle offers a charming mix of historic sights, bustling markets, and seaside relaxation, perfect for filling free time with walks around the Vieux Port and its iconic towers Saint-Nicolas, de la Chaine and de la Lanterne.

Lunch is on your own (OYO) in one of the many seaside cafes.



DEPARTURE 2:00 PM -

Depart for Bordeaux, France



4:00 PM - 1 hr 30 min -

Wine Tasting at Chateau Mauvinon (near Bordeaux)

In the afternoon, we will visit Château Mauvinon, a family-run vineyard committed to organic and biodynamic farming.

Explore the vineyard from the vines to the cellars and the rooftop terrace for birdwatching. Discover the realities of winegrowing, sulfite-free vinification, commitments to quality and the environment, and finish with a tasting of two of the estate's wines.



DEPARTURE 5:30 PM -

Depart for Bordeaux

Below is a Storyblocks/Travel Partner video of highlights of Bordeaux.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zj2FGkNqImQ>



CHECK-IN 6:30 PM -

Ibis Bordeaux Centre Mériadeck Check-in

Our fourth hotel is the Ibis Bordeaux Centre Mériadeck.

35 Cours Du Marechal Juin, Bordeaux, 33000, France



7:00 PM -

Dinner (OYO) and Free Time in Bordeaux

For an evening in Bordeaux, stroll along the scenic Garonne riverfront to see the iconic Place de la Bourse and its Water Mirror, explore the charming, historic streets of the old city (like the Saint-Pierre district), enjoy dinner at a bistro in the trendy Chartrons neighborhood or find a cozy bar for more wine "tasting". Make the evening a time for a classic Bordeaux experience.



July 19 - Sunday



7:15 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included

The group will load the motorcoach immediately after breakfast.



DEPARTURE 8:30 AM -

Depart for Toulouse, France

Below is a Travel and Discovery video of highlights of Toulouse.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCZdpmwMjZw>



11:00 AM -

Free Time in Toulouse/Lunch (OYO)

Toulouse is the capital of Haute-Garonne département, Occitanie région, southern France. It is situated at the junction of the Canal Latéral à la Garonne and the Canal de Midi where the Garonne River curves northwest from the Pyrenean foothills.



DEPARTURE 1:15 PM -

Depart for Carcassonne, France

Below is a Travel and Discovery video of highlights of Carcassonne.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQIAXAybUC4>



2:30 PM - 3 hr 30 min -

La Cité Médiévale Carcassonne

Carcassonne is a French fortified city in the department of Aude region of Occitania. Carcassonne is a UNESCO World Heritage site in southern France, and is a premier medieval fortified city with over 2,000 years of history. Originally a Celtic settlement, it became a strategic Roman garrison around 100 BC. Following Visigothic, Saracen, and Frankish rule, it grew into a powerful stronghold under the Trencavel family in the 12th century

Featuring over 50 towers, two sets of walls, and centuries of history — Carcassonne is no ordinary castle. It's the largest walled city in Western Europe and one of the most striking historic sites in France.



DEPARTURE 6:00 PM -

Depart for Limoux, France



7:00 PM - 1 hr -

Dinner* in Limoux

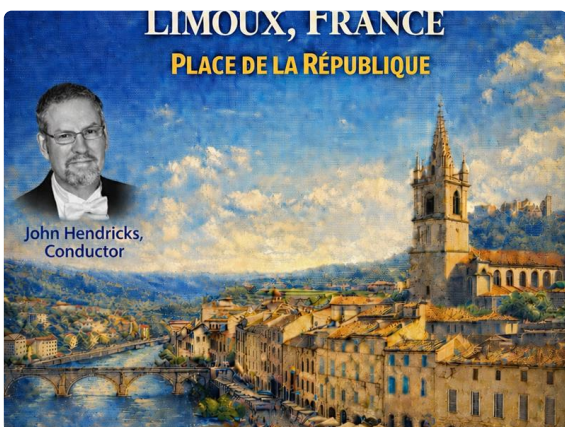
This Dinner* will be provided by the town in honor of our performance!



8:30 PM -

Concert 5 - Place de la République - Limoux, France

Limoux host a Carnival celebration, in Place de la République, each year for three months on the weekends between January and Mardi Gras. This is the oldest Carnival celebration in the world with the original celebration occurring over 400 years ago.



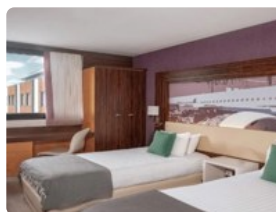
DEPARTURE 9:45 PM -
Depart for the Hotel



CHECK-IN 11:00 PM -
Holiday Inn Toulouse–Blagnac Airport Check-in

Our final hotel is the Holiday Inn Toulouse Airport

Place De La Revolution Blagnac, 31700 France



July 20 - Monday



7:30 AM -
Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included



DEPARTURE 8:30 AM -
Depart for Andorra

The excursion to Andorra is very exciting, however, there are a few things to think about and remember today!

The Pyrenees Mountains are the 3rd highest mountain range in Europe. These mountains separate France and Spain. Andorra is completely in the Pyrenees Mountains.

FYI: The trip from Toulouse to Andorra can be anywhere from 2.5-4 hours long. This is due to traffic, road conditions in the Pyrenees Mountains and border control between France and Andorra.

FYI: The road through the Pyrenees Mountains is of high quality but very curvy! If you are the least bit susceptible to motion/car sickness, please plan according with Dramamine etc.

Below is a Rick Steves video of highlights of Andorra.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B10DiNXmFQM>

For those of you who are completely unfamiliar with Andorra, below is a Andorra Travel Guide video of highlights and history of Andorra.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw1D1iXbkhU>



11:00 AM -

Mirador del Roc Quer Viewpoint - Scenic Overlook in Andorra

Below is a The Lady Travels video of highlights of Mirador del Roc Quer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDpMqTeLNS4>



DEPARTURE 11:30 AM -

Continue on to Andorra la Vella



12:30 PM -

"Farewell Lunch*" at La Taverna Excalibur

The group will have wonderful "Group Lunch" at the Medieval themed La Taverna Excalibur in Andorra la Vella. * denotes meal included

Menu

Sharing Starter from:

- Patatas bravas
- Iberian cured meats platter
- Roasted meat croquettes
- Cold appetizer mix

Main course from:

- Butifarra sausage with vegetables or french fries
- Roasted chicken with vegetables or french fries

Dessert from:

- Scoop of ice cream (choice of flavor)

Drinks from (1 per person):

- Heineken (35cl)
- Soft drink
- Water
- Glass of house wine



2:00 PM -

Free Time in Andorra la Vella

Below is a Best Travel video of highlights of Andorra la Vella.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaYUz_BaP6A



DEPARTURE 5:00 PM -

Depart for Toulouse



8:00 PM -

Dinner (OYO) in Toulouse



DEPARTURE 10:00 PM -

Depart for the Hotel

July 21 - Tuesday



7:30 AM -

Breakfast* at the Hotel

Eat breakfast on your own in the hotel "Breakfast Area". * denotes meal included

The group will load the motorcoach immediately after breakfast.



DEPARTURE 8:30 AM -

Transfer to the Toulouse–Blagnac Airport (TLS)

The bus will off-load luggage and equipment and we will proceed to the processing and security.



**DEPARTURE 11:25 AM -
Flight to London - Heathrow (LHR - British Airways - Flight 0367)**



**ARRIVAL 12:30 PM -
Arrive at London - Heathrow Airport (LHR)**



**DEPARTURE 2:30 PM -
Flight to Washington Dulles Airport (IAD - British Airways - Flight 0291)**



**ARRIVAL 5:35 PM -
Arrive at Washington Dulles Airport (IAD)**



**DEPARTURE 6:30 PM -
Depart for Morgantown (via WVU Motorcoach)**



**ARRIVAL 10:00 PM -
Arrive at the CAC Parking After a GREAT Trip!**