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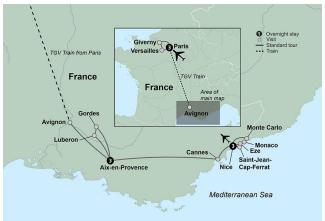
# French Impressions

**March 19 – 29, 2020** 



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# **Culinary Inclusions**

- Savor French cuisine and enjoy spectacular views while dining at the Eiffel Tower.
- An expert guide leads a wine and olive oil tour in Aix-en-Provence.
- Partake in a cooking demonstration of fine French cuisine at a local restaurant.

### AAA Member Choice Vacations® Experiences

- Whisk through the French countryside aboard the high-speed TGV Train.
- Tour the atelier (workshop) of the famous painter, Paul Cézanne.
- Stroll through the hillside village of Gordes.

#### Must-See Inclusions

- Embark on a walking tour of the historic walled city of Avignon.
- Come to know the history of the Cannes Film
   Festival as a local expert guides you along the red carpet.
- Tour the glamorous Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and the lush gardens that surround it.

**Highlights:** Paris, Eiffel Tower Dinner, Choice on Tour, Versailles, Giverny, TGV Train, Avignon, Palace of the Popes, Aix-en-Provence, Cézanne's Workshop, Gordes, Wine & Olive Oil Tour, Cannes, Nice, Monaco, Oceanographic Museum, Monte Carlo, Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild

Day 1: Thursday, March 19, 2020 Overnight Flight Journey through the best of France as you explore lively Paris, romantic Provence and delightful Nice.

Day 2: Friday, March 20, 2020
Paris, France - Tour Begins Your
tour opens in Paris, the "City of
Light." Tonight, sample delicious
French cuisine and witness
breathtaking views during dinner at
the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner,
get a different perspective of the

**city during a Seine River cruise.** As you glide along, admire Paris' glittering skyline. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, March 21, 2020
Paris Come to know Paris your way.
It's your choice! Take a splendid panoramic coach tour featuring the breathtaking architecture of the Arc de Triumph, Place de la Concord, Place Vendome, the Champs-Elysees and the Notre Dame Cathedral -OR- enter the world of Impressionism with a visit to the Musée D'Orsay with its





magnificent French Impressionist art collection. Live out your own Parisian adventure during a free afternoon. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the world-renowned Louvre, home to the iconic *Mona Lisa*. This evening, an optional dinner and show at Paris' oldest cabaret, the Paradis Latin, is offered. (*B*)

Day 4: Sunday, March 22, 2020 Paris - Versailles - Giverny - Paris Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles, one of the world's most magnificent royal palaces and finest, most complete examples of 17th century architecture. Your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Discover its immeasurable opulence and see its treasures including the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens, some of the most famous in the world. which took over 40 years to complete. This afternoon Claude Monet's famous painting "Waterlilies" comes to life with a visit to the artist's lovely home and enchanting gardens in the

village of Giverny. The remainder of the evening is at leisure for you to explore Paris' many hidden treasures on your own. (B)

**Day 5: Monday, March 23, 2020** Paris - TGV Train - Avignon - Aixen-Provence Climb aboard the high speed TGV Train and "fly" through the beautiful French countryside on your way to Provence. Arrive in Avignon for a delightful tour of this historic walled city. Avignon, often called the "City of Popes," acted as a center of European religion for 70 years when the Popes moved there in 1309. A visit to the Palace of the Popes brings this history to life. Continue to Aix-en-Provence, a lovely town once frequented by Hemingway and the inspiration to many artists. This evening, enjoy fine French dining at your hotel's elegant restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Aix-en-Provence This morning a local expert takes you on a tour of Aix-en-Provence. This charming city is full of lively streets, squares and fountains. Walk in the steps of Cézanne when you visit his atelier (workshop) and



enter the artist's most private space. Continue to Mont Sainte-Victoire and see the natural surroundings which are portrayed in the painter's works. Explore the 18th century jewel of Aixen-Provence with a visit to the Hôtel de Caumont Art Center. Delve into the intimate atmosphere of a private mansion as you view its works of art and exhibits. The evening is yours to continue to discover the city's many secrets. (B)

Day 7: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 Aix-en-Provence - Luberon -Gordes - Aix-en-Provence Visit the Musee du Calisson, a confectionery factory where you will discover the unique taste of a calisson. This delicacy-a mix of almonds, candied melon, orange blossom fragrance and marzipan-is a local specialty. Delve into the Provençal landscape during a visit to the picturesque region of Luberon, known for its beautiful lavender fields.\* Take time in the hilltop village of Gordes to explore its charms. Visit the Lavender Museum and learn about this precious plant, its unique distillation process and its uses throughout history. You are in for a treat this evening when you stop at a

**local vineyard and tour their wine cellar and olive oil mill.** Complete your day with a cooking demonstration and a sumptuous Provençal meal paired with local wines. (*B*, *D*)

Day 8: Thursday, March 26, 2020
Aix-en-Provence - Cannes - Nice
Journey to Cannes to rub shoulders
with Europe's elite. A local expert
joins you on a walking tour of Cannes
where you will learn about the
fascinating history of the city and the
Lérins Islands located offshore. Walk
in the footsteps of celebrities when
you see the Film Festival Palace and
the famous red carpet featured during
the Cannes Film Festival. Then it's off
to Nice, the renowned playground of
the rich and famous. (B)

Day 9: Friday, March 27, 2020 Nice - Eze - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice Explore the charming hillside village of Eze. Learn the secrets of perfume making, from extraction to distillation, while visiting a famous parfumerie. Your journey then takes you to witness the splendor of Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of

Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. Complete your trip to Monaco with a visit to the fascinating Oceanographic Museum. (B)

Day 10: Saturday, March 28, 2020
Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Nice
This morning you'll feel like a local as
you stroll through the colorful and
fragrant flower market in Nice.
Continue to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and
visit the luxurious apartments of the
Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Explore
the lush gardens with magnificent
views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your
visit to the villa is complete with a
light lunch served in the charming tea
room. The remainder of your day is
free to discover Nice's Place Massena

and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Partake in world-class shopping, sample the many French delicacies found in the south of France, or simply relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere along the Riviera. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a quaint restaurant. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Sunday, March 29, 2020 Nice - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today, leaving you with many wonderful memories. (*B*)

#### Itinerary at a glance

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 4 Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

Days 5 – 7 Grand Hotel Roi Rene, Aix-En-Provence

Days 8 – 10 Splendid Hotel & Spa, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Experience It! Dinner at the Eiffel Tower

It's like a scene from a movie: the lights of Paris glitter beneath you as you dine inside one of the world's most iconic landmarks – the Eiffel Tower. Proudly rising up on the Champ de Mars in Paris, the historic Eiffel Tower is actually the tallest structure in Paris (and the most visited paid monument in the world). Soak in the exclusive experience as you sample savory French cuisine from the world's gastronomical capital. 58 Eiffel, your restaurant for this unforgettable meal, boasts a contemporary setting that provides a wonderful contrast to the history of the building it resides in. The iron lattice tower was erected in 1889 as the entrance arch for the 1889 World's Fair and was listed as the tallest manmade structure in the world for more than forty years. Stand inside history, relish some fine French cuisine...and take in the most incredible views in the "City of Light." This is a truly unique dining experience sure to be a highlight of your tour.

#### Please Note:

IDENTIFICATION

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Days of features are interchangeable.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*The lavender fields in Provence are typically in bloom during the summer months of June - August. Blooms are not guaranteed on any departure.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly

longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.

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