

# PARIS in the Spring

May 11 - 20, 2009

> 8 days + 2 travel

> Please call for price + air

## Our "QUICKIE" tour for the independent traveler:

What a wonderful way to discover Paris! Each day is yours to do as you wish. Go with Patty as she visits favorite haunts and "must see" places. Break away whenever you want and "do your own thing". You will have museum and metro passes. Pick and choose. Patty is always there to help.

Here's some typical days with what we plan to accomplish in **bold** and underlined plus some extra surprises. Other options given to you before the tour and in Paris. Here's our basic plan:

**MAY 11** Leave for Paris from the States.

**MAY 12** Arrive in Paris - transfer to hotel. Gather for an "intro" to plans for our visit, then easy meal nearby to further discuss ideas. Perhaps a short walk to introduce our area and help with the jet lag. During the week, Patty will suggest a plan for the day and perhaps an intriguing or charming restaurant for dinner. Join her for the day, part of it or just join her and others for dinner or make your own discoveries.

**MAY 13** First this morning, a Metro lesson using your **5 day METRO PASS**. Then using our **MUSEUM PASS**, we'll have a full day on the Ile de la Cité beginning at **Hotel de Ville**, on to flower market, then **Notre Dame Cathedral**, the **Deportation Museum**, then displays of historical Paris at underground **Roman ruins**. Visit **Sainte-Chapelle** with glowing blue stained glass windows (Vivaldi concert one evening? - we'll check the concert schedule), notorious **Conciergerie** and ending with boat trip on the Seine. Now what shall we do?

Energy left? Continue to the **Left Bank** and famous **Wm. Shakespeare bookstore** with dinner in Greek restaurant. What a day! All week Patty will find fun, French and interesting restaurants for you to try for dinner. (Remember, you can join the group, go off on your own and pick and choose your day's delights).

**MAY 14** Start with a visit to the nearby fun local **market** filled with bright vegetables, flowers, cheese, meats - everything! Then off to an often missed historical site, the **Palais Royale**, then on to the **Louvre**, filled with treasures. Spend an hour or entire day. Meet Patty later to see some other nearby sights including visit to famous **W.H. Smith Bookstore** filled with large collection of books in English. Walk to Opera, the Madeleine, Place Vendome, etc. Go on your own to visit fabulous shops, another museum or two or just walk enjoying the sights.

**MAY 15** Time to see the impressionists to Musee d'Orsay filled with the world's largest collection of art from 1848 to 1904! Well displayed, take all the time you want in very pleasant setting. Afternoon might be a good time to ride "hop on, hop off" **sightseeing bus** for a upper level look at the city .sit on top for great pictures!

**MAY 16** Patty has a favorite Saturday **flea market** filled with treasures and a great haunt of the Parisians. Close by is **Montparnasse** with one of the best and highest views of Paris worth a visit. Free time then meet for pre-dinner get-together.

**MAY 17** The market is open today, Sunday, so a quick stop before we catch the **train** to Versailles, a palace that has everything. **Guided tour** through most famous rooms including brilliant Hall of Mirrors. Visit extraordinary gardens. Stay on or go back with group for good look at the **Eiffel Tower**. Perhaps this is the time to go to the top. Evening always gives a chance to see the "City of Light" at night. Patty will reserve tables at our favorite, small restaurant an experience.

**MAY 18** Today, a favorite walk...first to nearby **Place des Vosge**, oldest and very pretty square in Paris (**Victor Hugo's** home). See children & nannies, have an exquisite cup of hot chocolate and head toward **Forum des Halles**. Interesting shops and buildings including a visit to fascinating **Musee Carnavalet** (city of Paris museum), Picasso Museum is nearby. On to George **Pompidou Centre** with a great place for a crepe lunch nearby. Visit **Saint-Eustache Church**, built to rival Notre Dame ( memories of Liszt, Berlioz) then on to unique kitchen shop. Continue exploring.

**MAY 19** A "totally free" day or if you like going with Patty, follow her as she investigates more wonderful places. Still many museums to visit, shopping to do, Invalides, Bois de Boulogne, Cluny Musie, La Defense, the cemeteries, etc. Or how about Monet's gardens at Giverny? No time to do it all, but we've accomplished a great deal in a relaxed fashion and feel very comfortable in Paris.

**MAY 20** Time to return home or perhaps you would like to stay on. Our wonderful travel agent, Pam, will help you with your flight arrangements. Perhaps you would like to visit Chartres for a couple of days or ? Patty has some additional ideas should you like to discuss them with her if you would like to stay on.

**By now, you have decided that you will return again to Paris...charming and welcoming.**

## INCLUDED:

- Hotel in Paris in central location for 8 nights with breakfasts
- Group transfer to airport on departure
- Metro and Museum Passes for 5 days
- Walking tour in Paris
- Train to Versailles

- ITN magazine subscription
- Basic insurance package (minimum 10 clients)
- Pre & post tour pot luck dinners in Seattle
- Escorted by Patty Price with daily itinerary, hand-outs

>> **SEE OUR LIST OF PLACES WE PLAN TO VISIT DURING OUR TIME IN PARIS** <<

**Not included:**

- Air
- Passport costs
- Tips
- Beverages
- Lunches and dinners
- Entrances not covered by Museum Pass
- Excess luggage charges

**DEPOSIT: \$250 asap to hold your place**  
**BALANCE DUE: April 11, 2009**

**OUR PRICING with consideration for the "independent" traveler:**

This tour is priced for the above items and as such, enables you to choose where you will spend your money for lunches, dinners, admittances, etc. This keeps you in charge of your expenses. It also allows you the freedom to plan your own day if you wish. Patty will have a daily plan, she'll love you to join her for all the day, part of it, dinner, etc. YOU choose.

There are so many wonderful, French style, cozy restaurants and cafes you will truly enjoy going on your own or with all or some of the group to an especially recommended place. This will not only save you money, but allow you to eat in the style you wish with more fun in a country like France. Now, let's briefly discuss the rise and fall of the dollar. When we set the price, we will be ready to adjust up or down depending on exchange of dollar when we have to make our overseas payment. We'll keep you informed.

> ***The perfect trip!*** Deal with one country, one language, - so much easier to deal with this new culture. Time to relax and go as leisurely as you wish or really "dig in" doing things in depth. You can shop till you drop, paint, photograph, read, walk, study, explore endlessly .....and really get to know Paris. You'll love it!

> ***Can't be gone this long?***

On any of our tours, we can usually adjust the amount of time you are with us, so be sure to talk to Patty about your time frame.

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***You'll love this city***  
***And our tour!!***