

Adventure Awaits!



- View the City of Light from the top of the Eiffel Tower.
- See the Loire Valley's many important castles dating from the 15th to 17th centuries when the region was much loved by many of the French Kings and noblemen.
- Walk the beaches of Normandy to see where Allied soldiers fought for freedom.

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Take a look at the South Colonie
April 2019 trip to France -- the same tour
we'll be taking in 2021!

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International travel is a ***transformative*** experience. Visiting the places you've learned about in school and ***interacting with people from different cultures provides a whole new worldview***. You'll gain confidence and maturity as you converse in a different language, try different foods and actually experience the places you've read in books and seen in movies.



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Louvre



Château de Chambord



D-Day beaches



Mont-St-Michel Monastery



Why Explorica?



Proven experience

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- › Proven systems in place at all levels of operations
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Mrs. Smith - Program Leader - I've been teaching in South Colonie for over two decades! At different times of the year, I head outdoors after school as either Coach Smith to Lisha Kill Middle Schoolers or as Connie to my teammates on the Saratoga Stryders running team. I am adventurous, curious, love history and travel. You won't catch me sitting still too often. My love of international travel started back in college on a semester abroad in Ireland. From there, one of my first teaching jobs was in Paraguay, South America. Eventually, I settled into a teaching career in South Colonie but during 5 summer vacations, I headed to Poland with my daughter, teaching English and chaperoning Polish students on field trips around Eastern Europe - from the Baltic to the Tatra Mountains. I also worked with students in the Republic of Georgia, when I was assigned to a school for 2 weeks to train teachers through demonstration lessons. Most recently, I've chaperoned several 4 day trips to Canada with 7th and 8th grade French students. I am also well acquainted with the rigors of a tour as a participant. I've been a teacher scholar for several weeks in Korea, Japan and Germany. And finally, my own personal travel around the world is quite extensive. I **am thrilled to be your future group leader!**



My husband Scott will accompany us as a chaperone. Scott is a licensed social worker, employed at Lake George Jr.-Sr. HS. This is a picture from our honeymoon.

Also on board as chaperones are Madame Nagel and Madame Trabold!

All-inclusive tour



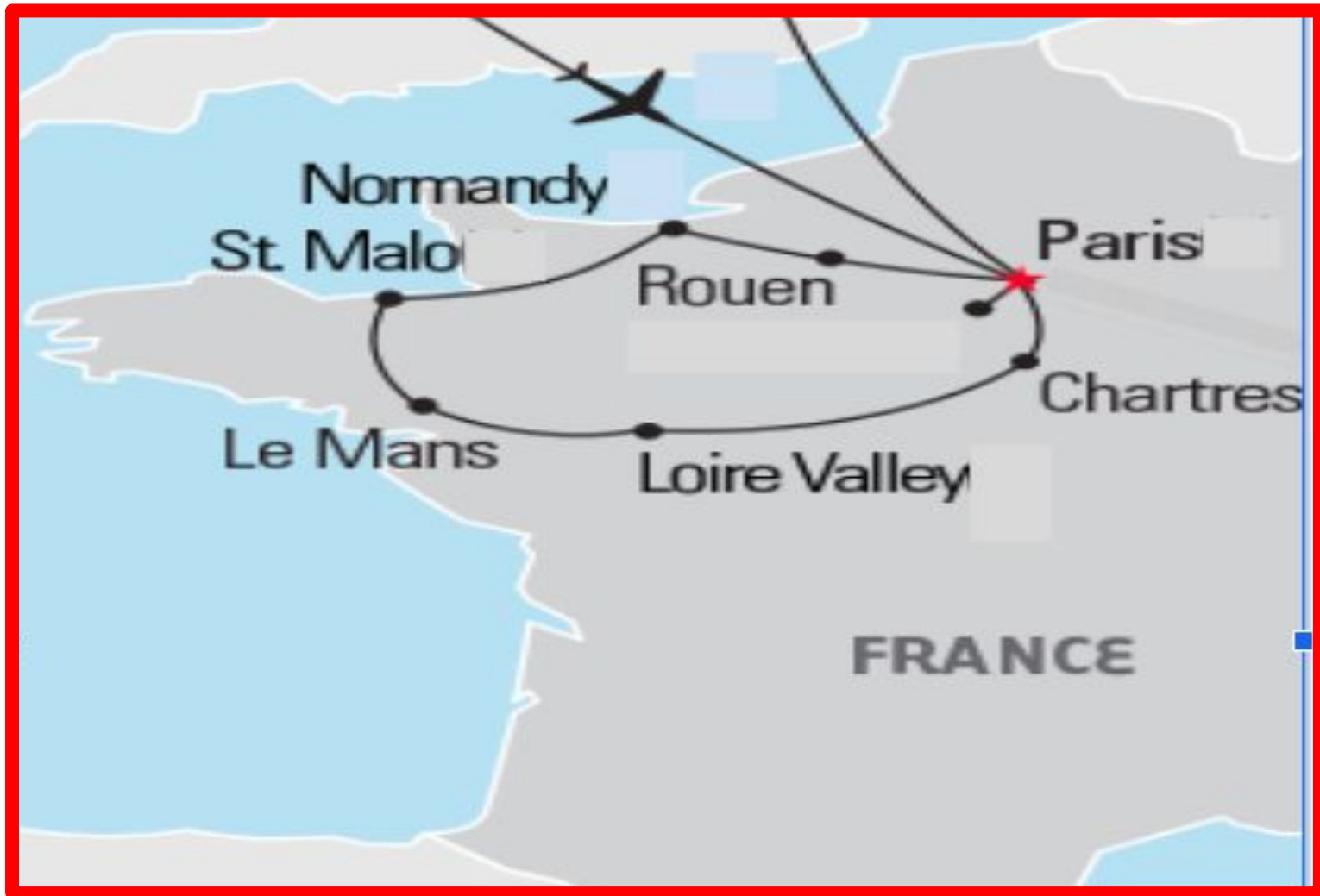
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- Passport and visa
- Tipping
- Snacks or beverages
- Lunch
- Souvenirs
- Free-time activities



Normandy

St Malo

Rouen

Paris

Chartres

Le Mans

Loire Valley

FRANCE

Where we're going



Tour itinerary

Day 1 Start Tour

Day 2 Bonjour Paris

- › Meet your tour director and check into hotel
- › Paris city walk
Île de la Cité, Notre Dame Cathedral visit, Île St. Louis, Latin Quarter visit
- › Louvre visit
- › Dinner in Latin Quarter

Day 3 Paris Landmarks

- › Paris guided sightseeing tour
Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower, Champ de Mars, École Militaire, Les Invalides, Conciergerie, Tuileries Garden visit, Place Vendôme, Opera House



Where we're going



Day 4 Paris--Loire Valley

- › Travel to Loire Valley (via Chartres & Chambord)
- › Chartres Cathedral visit
- › Château de Chambord photo stop
- › Authentic French brasserie dinner

Day 5 Loire Valley Castles

- › Loire châteaux tour director-led sightseeing
Azay-le-Rideau visit, Château de Chenonceau visit
- › Troglodyte Village guided visit
- › Dinner in Troglodyte Village

Day 6 Loire Valley--St. Malo

- › Travel to St. Malo
- › St. Malo interactive sightseeing activity
Church of St. Vincent, Tomb of Jacques Cartier
- › Crêperie dinner



Where we're going



Day 7 St. Malo--Normandy

- › Travel to Normandy
- › Mont-St-Michel monastery visit
- › D-Day beaches

Day 8 Normandy--Paris

- › Travel to Paris via Rouen
- › Rouen tour director-led sightseeing
Rouen Cathedral visit, Old Clock
- › Seine River cruise

Day 9 End Tour



Why Explorica?



Safety above all else

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- › Daily tour updates
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DAY 4: JUNE 21, 2016

Buongiorno! Another great day in Italy.....we left Florence this morning and drove south to Assisi. Assisi is a beautiful medieval town up on mount Subasio. It is also the birthplace of St. Francis. In fact it is the second Roman Catholic pilgrimage site of Italy, after the Vatican. Father Julian took the group through the Basilica that was built from 1226, after the death of St Francis. At the end of the visit we got back on the bus and drove south to the Etruscan town of Orvieto. Set on top of a Tuff stone rock, it has its origins with the Etruscans around the 6th century B.C. The Etruscans were a population that occupied Italy, way before the Roman invasion. We took a funicular to the top, then walked through the medieval town, with its clock tower, and to the outstanding Duomo. We had free time to explore, and then went to a winery, for the visit of the cellar, wine tasting and the best dinner on earth. The setting was just incredible, as well as the atmosphere..... What a fantastic day in Italy!!!! And more to come..... Gian Flavia



Assisi



Accreditation



Academic credit

- › Complete assignments before, during and/or after your tour
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