



## PARIS to LYON from 769 €

Via Atlantic Coast, Basque Country, Carcassonne, Nîmes, Marseille, French Riviera, Chamonix, La Rochelle, Biarritz, Sete, Frejus, Nice, La Palu/Verdon, Grenoble, Chamonix, Lyon

### DEPARTURES from Paris

Drive about 3 000 km to visit the:

A really great value to go see so much, meet locals and experience ZE real France.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

Enjoy **La Rochelle**, **Médoc**, the Basque Country, Lacanau, **Biarritz**, Bay of Arcachon, **Hossegor**, Lourdes, **Toulouse** the pink city, **Carcassonne**, Fairy-tale medieval city, Canal du Midi, Sète, Arles & Vincent Van Gogh, **Camargue**, the wetland with its bull and white horses, **Marseille**, Fréjus, St Raphaël, **French Riviera**, **Nice**, Lubéron, , Cannes, Monaco, **Provence**, Gorges du Verdon, Napoleon's Road, Grenoble, **Chamonix**, Mont Blanc, Annecy, Lyon,

**22 days/21 nights:** in Hostel : **813 €** Code: PARLYONLRBTZ1

- June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup> 2010

1 in La Rochelle, 6 in Anglet/Biarritz, 2 in Carcassonne, 1 in Sète, 1 in Nîmes, 3 in Marseille, 1 in Fréjus, 2 in Nice, 1 in La Palud/Verdon, 1 in Grenoble, 1 in Chamonix, 1 in Lyon

**23 days/22 nights:** in Hostel : **869 €** Code: PARLYONLRBTZ2

- July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

1 in La Rochelle, 7 in Anglet/Biarritz, 2 in Carcassonne, 1 in Sète, 1 in Nîmes, 3 in Marseille, 1 in Fréjus, 2 in Nice, 1 in La Palud/Verdon, 1 in Grenoble, 1 in Chamonix, 1 in Lyon

**20 days/19 nights:** in Hostel : **769 €** Code: PARLYONLRBTZ3

- August 11<sup>th</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup> 2010

1 in La Rochelle, 4 in Anglet/Biarritz, 2 in Carcassonne, 1 in Sète, 1 in Nîmes, 3 in Marseille, 1 in Fréjus, 2 in Nice, 1 in La Palud/Verdon, 1 in Grenoble, 1 in Chamonix, 1 in Lyon

### From Paris to La Rochelle (depart at 9h am)

- Depart from Paris to go to La Rochelle via some stops along the way..
- We arrive in la Rochelle by the afternoon, check out the beautiful and dynamic harbour good food & great night life!
- 1 night in La Rochelle

### From La Rochelle to Biarritz : (depart 7h30)

- Start with a cruise from Royan across the river Garonne.
- Head down to the Medoc area with its famous vineyards for a free wine
- tasting. Check out the surf spot Lacanau or eat oysters in the Arcachon Bay..
- Walk up Pyla, the highest sand dune in Europe with the most amazing view of the forest & the ocean and the bay.
- There you will enjoy the beach, the local parties and the relaxing atmosphere in the beautiful surf centred Biarritz.



### **Either 4, 6 or 7 nights in Biarritz**

- Go visit Biarritz, Bayonne, Enjoy the Beach.
- Take an extra tour in the heart of Basque Country, ot to the Guggenheim museum in Bilbao.
- Experience Surfing in Europe's capital at the famous Côte des Basque in Biarritz
- Chill out on he beach.
- Enjoy all the animation this is really happening all summer long

### **From Biarritz to Carcassonne (depart 8h30)**

- First stop will be Lourdes
- We'll head then to Toulouse to the "Pink city", all the buildings are red pinkish. Enjoy the city until 5 pm
- Arrive in Carcassonne around 6h30 pm and check in the heart of the city for 2 nights

### **Free day in Carcassonne**

- Visit the Fairy-tale castle. You won't believe this medieval castle so well preserved
- You can rent a boat on the Canal du Midi for a little cruise

### **From Carcassonne to Sète**

- Leave around 9 am & we stop at one of the most beautiful village in France, "Minerve". We'll drive along the "Canal du Midi" to Narbonne, Roman cities by the Mediterranean sea.
- We head to the beach in Agde, in the afternoon and get to Sète by the evening
- You'll stay 1 night in Sète

### **From Sète to Nîmes /Arles**

- We'll make our first stop in Camargues, to admire the Bulls, the White Horses, the Flamingoes.
- Lunch in Les Saintes Maries de la Mer,
- We'll head then to Perrier Water plant for a visit (+ 3€)
- We'll stop in Arles for a visit of the town, with the famous Arena, and also Van Gogh past.
- We go then to Nîmes and check in for the night

### **From Nîmes to Marseille**

- Leave around 9 the hostel and 11 the town for you to visit the famous Nîmes city.. (You know your jeans DENIM, well it comes from here)
- We'll head to typical provence villages, St Rémy de Provence, Les Baux de Provence for lunch
- We'll take a side trip to Rousillon, Gordes in Luberon to walk along the Sentier des Ogres, (powdery sunset coloured orches) don't wear white
- Arrive in Marseille around 6h30 pm
- Stay 3 nights in Marseille

### **2 free days in Marseille**

- Enjoy the "Vieux Port", the Fish Soupe, admire the view of Fort St Nicolas
- Chill out on the beach near the hostel
- How about kayaking ? (extra) .. or hike with a guide to the Calanques (extra)
- So many things to do in one of the biggest city of France



### **From Marseille to Fréjus**

- Leave Marseille around 8h am to drive to the heart of Provence.
- We'll stop in Cassis for a swim, such a cute village..
- We'll follow the coastal drive and stop along the way for lunch to chill out in the deep blue Mediterranean sea
- We make sure (if you want) to get grocery shopping to have a great BBQ at the hostel in the evening.
- 1 night in Fréjus

### **From Fréjus to Nice**

- We'll be wandering along the coast such an awesome drive to Cannes,
- Free time in Cannes,
- Arrive in Nice by 6 pm
- 2 nights in Nice.

### **2 free days in Nice:**

- How about going to Monaco, (a few minutes train ride to go )
- visit Nice, Promenade des Anglais, Wander in the narrow winding street
- You can also take a cruise to the islands
- Relax, enjoy the night life, Have a great time

### **From Nice to La Palud sur Verdon**

- Leave Nice at 9h am
- And start driving on the famous Napoleon's road, which Napoleon followed.
- We'll stop for the day and night at the magnificent Gorges du Verdon, Europe's largest canyon.
- Spend your time rafting the rapids of Gorges du Verdon (extra)

### **From La Palud sur Verdon to Grenoble**

- We'll go around 10 am on the magnificent Napoleon's Road
- Enjoy the view, we stop for lunch by a lake
- Arrive to Grenoble by 18 h

### **From Grenoble to Chamonix**

- ZE BUS will go at round 9h am to visit Grenoble until 13h
- We'll arrive in Chamonix in the afternoon
- 1 night in Chamonix

### **From Chamonix to Lyon**

Free day in Chamonix

- Challenge yourself by taking the Europe highest cable car to the "Aiguille du Midi". (extra) Take a hike to one of the hundreds of trails around town
- Or just admire the Mont Blanc and the speechless scenery from any café in the cutest village.
- We'll leave Chamonix around 4 pm to get to Lyon at the beginning of the evening right on time for a great apéritif in town, and for our last evening together...

### **Lyon**

- Enjoy the city of Light..
- Go eat out at one of the many "Bouchon" which is a kind of restaurant typical from Lyon.

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## ACCOMMODATION:

### HOSTEL: in the HI FUAJ hostel

La Rochelle : FUAJ hostel Avenue des minimes 17 000 La Rochelle

<http://www.fuaj.org/La-Rochelle,197>

Biarritz ou Anglet : FUAJ hostel It depends of the availability

Anglet is located right next to Biarritz.. and the hostel is right near the beach

Anglet: 19 route des vignes Anglet

<http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-Auberges-de-Jeunesse-Anglet-020029.fr.htm>

Carcassonne : FUAJ hostel Rue du Vicomte Trencavel "Cite Medievale"

<http://www.fuaj.org/Carcassonne>

Sète: FUAJ hostel "Villa Salis" 1, rue du Général Revest

<http://www.fuaj.org/Sete>

Nîmes: FUAJ 257 Chemin de l'Aubergue de Jeunesse- Nîmes

<http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-N%C3%AEmes-020031.en.htm>

Marseille: FUAJ hostel Impasse du Dr Bonfils avenue J. Vidal 13008 – Marseille

<http://www.fuaj.org/Marseille-Bonneveine>

Fréjus: FUAJ hostel 627, Chemin du Counillier 83600 – Fréjus

<http://www.fuaj.org/Frejus-Saint-Raphael>

Nice : 3, rue Spitalieri Nice

<http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-Nice-Cam%C3%A9lias-020173.en.htm>

La Palud-sur-Verdon : FUAJ hostel 'L'immenses Botte de Paille' Route de la Maline

<http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-Auberges-de-Jeunesses-La-Palud-sur-Verdon-020105.en.htm?lswitch=Y>

Grenoble: FUAJ hostel 10, avenue du Grésivaudan 38130 - Echirolles

<http://www.fuaj.org/Grenoble-Agglomeration>

Chamonix: FUAJ hostel 127, Montée J. Balmat Les Pèlerins d'en Haut 74400 - Chamonix

Mont-Blanc <http://www.fuaj.org/Chamonix-Mont-Blanc>

Lyon: FUAJ hostel Vieux Lyon 41-45, montée du Chemin Neuf 69005

<http://www.fuaj.org/Lyon>

### What is included:

Transport, accommodation and breakfast,

Calvados & cider tasting, the visit the village of Mont St Michel

The tour to the WWII Normandy D-Day Beaches.

Ferry fee, Wine tasting in Medoc, the entrance to the park Pyla Sand Dune

The tour to Camargues, Minerves

Ze best drivers, the best time..



**What is not included:**

The entrance to Perrier Waterplant, the kayak, the rafting, (we have great discount)  
Personal expenses. Beer in Brocéliande forest; Extra insurance; meals; drinks. Oysters tasting. Perrier water plant visit. the optional excursions, Van Gogh tour in Arles, the cable car in Chamonix.

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