



## PARIS to LYON

**Via Normandy, Atlantic Coast, Basque Country, Carcassonne, Nîmes, Marseille, French Riviera, Chamonix:**

Tour going to Paris – Cherbourg – Quiberon – La Rochelle – Biarritz – Carcassonne – Sete – Nîmes – Marseille – Frejus – Nice – La Palu/Verdon – Grenoble – Chamonix Lyon

**25 days/24 nights: in Hostel : 883 €**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>st</sup> 2010**

### 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 the beautiful Brittany, **Mont St Michel**, the **WWII D-DAY beaches**, The island of Brittany, **La Rochelle**, Brocéliande Forest, the Basque Country, Lacanau, **Biarritz**, Bay of Arcachon, **Hossegor**, Biarritz, **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,

1 in Cherbourg, 1 in Quiberon, 1 in La Rochelle, 7 in Biarritz, 2 in Carcassonne, 1 in sète, 1 in Nîmes, 3 in Marseille, 1 in Frejus, 2 in Nice, 1 in La Palu, 1 in Grenoble, 1 in Chamonix, 1 in Lyon

From Paris to Cherbourg (depart at 7h30)

- Depart from Paris to explore D-DAY landing sites in Normandy. Visit the, World War II Memorial in Caen "Let's not forget tomorrow", + (13€)
- then Omaha Beach, the American cemetery,
- The Pointe du Hoc, St Mère Eglise,
- We roll on to the fantastic unspoiled coastline of Nord Cotentin.
- 1 night in Cherbourg

From Cherbourg to Quiberon (depart at 7h30)

- Drive through the amazing landscape of le Cap de la Hague & stop for a coffee  
Spend time in the very famous Mont St Michel, a stunning marvel of France in Normandy.
- We head to Brittany to experience the Broceliande Forest and the mystical stories of King Arthur's legends, drink homemade beer out of a horn in a tavern. Continue down to the longest peninsula of Quiberon,
- 1 night in Quiberon.

From Quiberon to La Rochelle: (depart at 7h30)

- Wander around the mysterious Megaliths at Carnac. The biggest alignment in the world
- Continue down to Guerande, a fairy-tale looking medieval city & its salt marshes.
- Upon arriving in La Rochelle, 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.

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 realy 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 Carcarcassonne

- 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 Provinces, 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 Frejus

## From Frejus 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 Palu sur Verdon

- Leave Nice at 9h am
- And strat 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 Palu 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.. and 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

- 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

Cherbourg : 55, rue de l'Abbaye 50100 - Cherbourg – Octeville

<http://www.fuaj.org/Cherbourg-Octeville>

Quiberon : Penthièvre Route de Quiberon 56510 - Saint Pierre-Quiberon

<http://www.fuaj.org/Plouharnel-Entre-mers-et-mysteres>

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 : "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 : '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 AJ du 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 of the WWI peace Museum in Caen, but we can offer it to you with a great reduction : 13€ instead of 16,50 € when bought withus;

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,

ZE BUS adventure packages with Hostel accommodation are presented by ZE BUS and are operated and sold by FUAJ.

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