

TRAVEL STYLE

Country Explorer



ENCHANTING FRANCE

NEW

9 days
1 country

Code: WENF

FROM **US\$2295** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Let yourself be seduced by the sophistication and elegance of a festive sojourn through France. Medieval châteaux, historic city centres and sumptuous French flavours of roasted chestnuts, fresh oysters and effervescent champagne are the order of the day as you travel from Paris to Burgundy, Strasbourg to Dijon.

THE ESSENTIALS

All taken care of



8 nights
Hotel accommodation



13 meals
8 hot buffet breakfasts
5 dinners (including Be My Guest) with local wine



On-trip transport
All transport shown
All transfers shown

THE REAL THING

Trafalgar highlights



Enjoy our hand-picked Trafalgar Insider Experiences. Here's a sample of what you can expect.

BE MY GUEST

Return to 17th century France and join a local family on their farm near the famous Château de Villandry for a traditional three-course Tourangelle dinner accompanied by local wines

AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION

Stay in a 18th century château containing antique furniture in the spectacular Loire region of France

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Paris, Loire Valley and Dijon

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure

THE ICONS

City tour in Paris and Dijon

Orientation of Reims and Strasbourg

Visit the oldest and largest French Christmas Market in Strasbourg ► the designer outlet shopping at La Vallée Village near Paris - home to 110 stores selling famous fashion and homeware brands

SIMPLY THE BEST

Take it from our real reviews from real guests, we've earned an average 4.6 satisfaction rating. See all at: trafalgar.com/reviews



FRANCE

YOUR HOLIDAY

1 Arrive Paris

Savour the good life in *la belle* France on this sophisticated sojourn that will see you visit charming towns, elegant country châteaux and one of Europe's oldest Christmas markets. This evening we kickstart our festive foray through France, joining our fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past the glittering icons of Paris, from the Champs Élysées to the Eiffel Tower. **(WR)** **Hotel: Novotel Tour Eiffel**

2 Paris Sightseeing ▶ Château de Beauvois (2 Nights)

Delve behind the grand boulevards of Paris, joining a **Local Specialist** on their discovery of the hidden squares and secret lanes of a Paris that few outsiders have had an opportunity to explore. Your short insider walk will culminate in a visit to one of the city's loveliest squares, where you'll encounter the authentic flavours of and day-to-day life in Paris. Stroll through charming historic neighbourhoods before ascending to the second level of the iconic Eiffel Tower for spectacular panoramic views of the city – the grand boulevards, manicured gardens and iconic Seine stretch as far as the eye can see. This afternoon, we leave Paris behind and journey to a magnificent chateau in the Loire Valley, our home for the next two nights. **(BB, DW)**
Hotel: Château de Beauvois

3 Châteaux Excursion

Tread in the footsteps of French nobility, admiring the beautiful châteaux of the Loire Valley. Join your **Local Specialist** for a visit to the exquisite Amboise Royal Château, where King François I once hosted Leonard da Vinci, whose tomb now lies in the Chapel of Saint-Hubert adjoining the chateau. Next stop is the fairy-tale Chenonceau Château which straddles the River Cher. Admire its beautiful Gothic and Renaissance architecture, reflected in the waters of the river, and exquisite masterpieces by Rubens and Tintoretto, before rambling through its magnificent landscaped gardens. This evening, we feed our soul and stomach during an unforgettable **Be My Guest** Experience with *bon amis*. **(BB, BG)**

4 Château de Beauvois ▶ Dijon

The lively city of Dijon and its imperial heritage take centre stage today as we explore the capital of Burgundy, whose historic centre has been recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a **Local Specialist** who'll regale you with fascinating insights into the lives of the dynamic Burgundian Dukes and their link to the House of Habsburg. Admire the city's well-preserved monuments and see the Gothic masterpiece that is the Church of Notre Dame and grand Ducal Palace, overlooked by the Philippe le Bon tower. The rest of the day is yours to explore this medieval city. Saunter down the splendid Rue des Forges for a journey back to medieval times or consider a visit to the superb Musée des Beaux-Arts. **(BB, DW)**
Hotel: Mercure Dijon Centre Clémenceau

5 Dijon ▶ Strasbourg (2 Nights)

The smell of roasted chestnuts on a chilly day makes our visit to the capital of Christmas even more special. We visit Strasbourg's *Christkindelsmärik* today, one of the oldest Christmas markets in Europe and certainly one of the best, with 300 wooden chalets spread out over 11 sites. Browse the beautifully decorated Christmas stalls heaving with handmade decorations, local delicacies and Alsatian fare, then pay a visit to the giant Christmas tree on

Place Kléber, waiting for night to fall to witness it towering over the square in all its illuminated glory. **(BB)** **Hotel: Le Boma**

6 Strasbourg Christmas Markets

See Strasbourg's sights from the water this morning as you board your included river cruise that will take you past some of the important buildings of the European Union institutions such as the Council of Europe and the European Parliament. See the colourful half-timbered houses of Petite France that line the river banks and travel through one of the lock systems on the river. Spend the rest of the day exploring this beautiful medieval city, including its UNESCO World Heritage historic city centre. **(BB)**

7 Strasbourg ▶ Reims ▶ Paris (2 Nights)

We journey back north to Paris today via the ancient Roman city of Reims. Pop the cork on France's capital of champagne and uncover the imperial heritage of a city that for over a century crowned France's kings. After a brief orientation, set off to explore the ornate Gothic architecture of the 14th century Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims or join an optional experience to sample the fruity flavours of the region's fine champagnes. We continue to Paris where we spend the next two nights seduced by the glitz and glamour of the City of Light. Kick-start your love affair with Paris and consider joining an optional experience to one of the city's famous cabaret shows to sample Montmartre's nightlife. **(BB)** **Hotel: Novotel Tour Eiffel**

8 Paris Free Day or La Vallée Shopping Outlet Village Excursion

Spend a full day exploring Paris on your terms. Stroll along the Seine, popping in to a patisserie for a tasty treat and some people watching, or get your art fix at the Louvre, Pompidou Centre and even Le Marais. Alternatively travel to the outskirts of Paris to La Vallée Shopping Outlet Village and engage in some retail therapy at one of the best outlet shopping villages in Europe with over 110 designer shops to choose from. This evening, we revel in the city's intoxicating spirit of bonhomie as we dine in one of the city's fine brasseries to toast to new friendships. **(BB, FD)**

9 Depart Paris

For now, it's time to bid a festive farewell to France at the end of a memorable trip. Transfers are available to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Paris	End Paris	Twin Share	Start Paris	End Paris	Twin Share
WE 28 NOV	TH 06 DEC	2295	TH 13 DEC	FR 21 DEC	2350
FR 30 NOV	SA 08 DEC	2350	SA 15 DEC	SU 23 DEC	2350

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Single Supplement (add to price above): **US\$740** p.p.

 Multiple trip discount: SAVE up to US\$59	 Young traveller discount: SAVE US\$230
 Triple room discount: SAVE US\$10 p.p.	 Past guests: Access to VIP benefits

+ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Airport transfers: On arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport transfers will operate at 8am, 11am and 2pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport at 8am and 11.30am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver US\$88 per person.

WiFi: See page 74 for details.

Book early for great savings - see pages 12-13. Extra nights' accommodation page 76.

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Visit travalgar.com for availability, up-to-date itineraries and Optional Experiences.

AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION

Château de Beauvois, Loire Valley, France

Step back in time with a two night stay at a gorgeous chateau once frequented by Louis XIII. The regal 16th and 17th century building has a number of wings, a manicured flowered terrace, a Renaissance Tower and a landscaped box-hedge garden, all surrounded by ancient woodland.



 Insider Experience **BB** Buffet Breakfast
WR Welcome Reception **FB** Full Breakfast
 Free time **L** Lunch

RM Regional Meal **DW** Dinner with Wine
BG Be My Guest Dining **FD** Farewell Dinner
D Dinner