



Marvels Of Europe - Summer 2019

Paris , Leysin , Lungern , Axams

7 Days & 6 Nights



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Map



Climate & Weather Chart

Between October and March, days are normally warm and sunny while nights are much cooler, particularly in December and January. The pre-monsoon months of May and June are very warm (air-conditioned transport is recommended), while the rains usually arrive in July and continue to early September.

Paris	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max av temp (F)	7	8	12	14	19	23	25	25	21	15	10	7
Min av temp (F)	2	3	5	7	10	13	15	15	12	9	5	3
Av rain (mm)	51	41	48	52	53	50	52	53	48	62	51	58

Leysin	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max av temp (F)	5	7	11	15	20	23	25	24	20	15	9	6
Min av temp (F)	-2	-1	2	5	9	12	14	14	10	7	2	-1
Av rain (mm)	10	10	11	12	13	13	13	13	11	11	11	11



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Lungern	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max av temp (F)	5	7	11	15	20	23	25	24	20	15	9	6
Min av temp (F)	-2	-1	2	5	9	12	14	14	10	7	2	-1
Av rain (mm)	10	10	11	12	13	13	13	13	11	11	11	11

Axams	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max av temp (F)	0	6	11	15	21	23	25	25	20	14	6	0
Min av temp (F)	-5	-4	-1	2	8	12	14	14	8	5	0	-3
Av rain (mm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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Highlights of Marvels Of Europe - Summer 2019

- Explore Parc Asterix
- Visit the exclusive - Mt. Cox & Kings
- Enjoy visit to Glacier 3000
- Explore Swarovski Crystal Worlds

Cox & Kings Recommends

- Full day excursion to Jungfrau with Indian lunch and orientation tour of Interlaken (Seat in Coach)

Your Itinerary in Brief

Day	Description	Meals	Accommodation
MAIN JOURNEY			
Day 1 Paris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival transfer from airport to hotel in Paris. (Coach) 	Dinner	Hotel Campanile Roissy CDG Airport ★★★★★
Day 2 Paris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Parc Asterix. (Coach) • Visit the Eiffel Tower (2nd level). (Coach) • Guided city tour Of Paris. (Coach) 	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	Hotel Campanile Roissy CDG Airport ★★★★★
Day 3 Leysin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Mt. Cox & Kings. (Coach) 	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	Alpine Classic Hotel Leysin ★★★★★
Day 4 Lungern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Glacier 3000. (Coach) • Free time • Orientation Tour of Lucerne (Coach) • Transfer to hotel in Lungern. (Coach) 	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	Hotel Lowen ★★★★★
Day 5 Lungern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The day is at leisure. 	Breakfast, Dinner	Hotel Lowen ★★★★★
Day 6 Axams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief stop at Vaduz. (Coach) • Visit Swarovski Crystal World. (Coach) • Enjoy an orientation tour of Innsbruck. (Coach) • Transfer to hotel in Innsbruck. (Coach) 	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	TYROL HOTEL
Day 7 Axams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy an orientation tour of Munich. (Coach) • Departure transfer to airport in Munich. (Coach) 	Breakfast	-



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Price

Your Holiday Price Ex - Mumbai 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 178158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 78495)	₹ 132288.00 (EUR 645+INR 78495)	₹ 132288.00 (EUR 645+INR 78495)	₹ 117778.00 (EUR 495+INR 76495)	₹ 124450.00 (EUR 575+INR 76495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 168,158	₹ 122,288	₹ 122,288	₹ 107,778	₹ 114,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Delhi 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 181158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 81495)	₹ 135288.00 (EUR 645+INR 81495)	₹ 135288.00 (EUR 645+INR 81495)	₹ 120778.00 (EUR 495+INR 79495)	₹ 127450.00 (EUR 575+INR 79495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 171,158	₹ 125,288	₹ 125,288	₹ 110,778	₹ 117,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Kolkata 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 193158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 93495)	₹ 147288.00 (EUR 645+INR 93495)	₹ 147288.00 (EUR 645+INR 93495)	₹ 132778.00 (EUR 495+INR 91495)	₹ 139450.00 (EUR 575+INR 91495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 183,158	₹ 137,288	₹ 137,288	₹ 122,778	₹ 129,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Chennai 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019



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	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 185158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 124778.00 (EUR 495+INR 83495)	₹ 131450.00 (EUR 575+INR 83495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 175,158	₹ 129,288	₹ 129,288	₹ 114,778	₹ 121,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Bangalore 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 185158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 124778.00 (EUR 495+INR 83495)	₹ 131450.00 (EUR 575+INR 83495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 175,158	₹ 129,288	₹ 129,288	₹ 114,778	₹ 121,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Ahmedabad 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 185158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 124778.00 (EUR 495+INR 83495)	₹ 131450.00 (EUR 575+INR 83495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 175,158	₹ 129,288	₹ 129,288	₹ 114,778	₹ 121,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Hyderabad 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019



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	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 185158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 124778.00 (EUR 495+INR 83495)	₹ 131450.00 (EUR 575+INR 83495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 175,158	₹ 129,288	₹ 129,288	₹ 114,778	₹ 121,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Goa 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 185158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 124778.00 (EUR 495+INR 83495)	₹ 131450.00 (EUR 575+INR 83495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 175,158	₹ 129,288	₹ 129,288	₹ 114,778	₹ 121,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Kochi 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 188158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 88495)	₹ 142288.00 (EUR 645+INR 88495)	₹ 142288.00 (EUR 645+INR 88495)	₹ 127778.00 (EUR 495+INR 86495)	₹ 134450.00 (EUR 575+INR 86495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 178,158	₹ 132,288	₹ 132,288	₹ 117,778	₹ 124,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Jaipur 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 185158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 124778.00 (EUR 495+INR 83495)	₹ 131450.00 (EUR 575+INR 83495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 175,158	₹ 129,288	₹ 129,288	₹ 114,778	₹ 121,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Lucknow 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 185158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 124778.00 (EUR 495+INR 83495)	₹ 131450.00 (EUR 575+INR 83495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 175,158	₹ 129,288	₹ 129,288	₹ 114,778	₹ 121,450	₹ 39,999

Your Holiday Price Ex - Trivandrum 3 Star Standard - Valid from 01 Apr 2019 to 30 Sep 2019

	Twin	Single	Triple	Child with Bed	Child without Bed	Infant
STANDARD	₹ 185158.00 (EUR 1195+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 139288.00 (EUR 645+INR 85495)	₹ 124778.00 (EUR 495+INR 83495)	₹ 131450.00 (EUR 575+INR 83495)	₹ 39999.00 (INR 39999)
Discount Offer	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	-
Total in INR After Discount	₹ 175,158	₹ 129,288	₹ 129,288	₹ 114,778	₹ 121,450	₹ 39,999

** The Exchange rate will be as on the date of payment. Rate of exchange - 1 INR = 1.00 ₹.

**All the services quoted are subject to availability and prices are dynamic and may change. If a service is not available, an alternative will be presented with a revised price.

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- A part of your tour price will be taken in EUR from your LRS as per the RBI / GOI regulations.
- Child Without Bed - Child under 12 years of age, sharing parent's room, without a bed or cot.
- A deviation charge of INR 2500 per person, in addition to the applicable difference between the group airfare within the package holiday tour cost and the market airfare for the changed sector / date, will be applicable.
- Once an air ticket is issued, date change penalty & rerouting charges (as applicable) will be charged.
- For two adults and two children (both under 12 years) rooming together, the 1st child will have to pay "Child with Bed" price and the 2nd Child will pay "Child without Bed" price.
- Itinerary is subject to change or alteration before or during the tour without notice due to feasibility of operation.
- Due to space restrictions in the coach, you are permitted to carry only one main bag (preferably strolley) and one hand bag on your tour.
- There are no refunds for any services i.e. meals, sightseeing, etc not utilized on your tour.
- The tour manager and driver will do their best to get you as close to the monuments as possible, because in some cities coaches are restricted
- Additional supplements on account of fuel hikes as and when received would be applicable with immediate effect.
- The tour will be operated, subject to a minimum of 45 full paying adult passengers travelling together.
- In a room there can be maximum of 3 adults. As a 3rd person in a Triple Room, most hotels use roll away beds or 2 queen size beds and the room size will be the same as a Double Room.
- In the event that the group size is less than 45 adult passengers, you will be given an option of travelling on an FIT basis, by paying an additional FIT Supplement. The tour will be conducted on a Seat-in-Coach basis for a group strength of 2- 44, with the assistance of a local representative.
- Any damage caused to the hotel rooms / coach during your stay, shall be borne by the concerned passengers.
- The management reserves the right to claim any additional expenses incurred due to delay or changes in schedules of train, airplane, bus, ship or any other services.
- The rights to vary, amend, alter or withdraw any particular itinerary, departure or excursion rests entirely with the company. Due to demand of a particular airline the in / out points may change. Services however, will remain unchanged.
- Indian lunches, dinners and local meals are pre-set and a la carte would not be possible.
- Overseas travel insurance for the duration of the tour is included in the tour price. However, any passengers who wish to extend their stay will be required to pay additional charges.
- The company shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss of baggage, loss, injury, accident, death, breakdown or irregularity, which may occur in carrying out tour arrangements due to weather conditions, strikes, war, threat of war, quarantine or any other cause whatsoever and all such loss or expenses must be borne by the passengers.
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The tour price mentioned is applicable provided there are more than 45 adult passengers travelling on tour, else an FIT supplement may be applicable.

- If there are less than 45 adult passengers travelling on a group departure, all applicable transfers will be on Seat-in-Coach (SIC) basis.



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Inclusions / Exclusions / Notes

Your Journey Price Includes

- ✓ Cost of your round trip Economy Class airfare.
- ✓ Airport taxes and Government Sales tax on air tickets.
- ✓ Accommodation at the hotels mentioned or similar.
- ✓ Schengen visa charges.
- ✓ Services of Cox & Kings tour manager (provided there are over 20 adult passengers travelling on the tour) or local representative.
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Entrance fees, excursions, and sightseeing as specified in the itinerary.
- ✓ Surface transportation as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Tips to drivers and guides (EUR 3 per person per day).
- ✓ Cost of your insurance with Trawelltag valid for the duration of the tour with coverage upto the age of 70 years.

Your Journey Price Excludes

- ✓ Medical test and Premium cost of insurance with Trawelltag valid for passengers above 70 years of age.
- ✓ Cost of extension of validity or deviation of your air-ticket
- ✓ Airline and Hotel surcharges (if applicable) during high / festive season / trade fairs to be paid extra per person.
- ✓ Any increase in the airfare / taxes / routing charged by the airlines for tickets (presently calculated on 15 Dec 2018).
- ✓ Cost of US \$ 2,50,000 granted by the Reserve Bank of India under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme.
- ✓ Optional and Add-On tours unless mentioned otherwise.
- ✓ Porterage at hotels, apartment, airports and seaports, tips, laundry, wines, mineral water, telephone charges, all items of personal nature and also food and drinks not forming part of the touring group's menu.
- ✓ Anything not specifically mentioned under inclusions.
- ✓ Baggage handling fee charged by the operating airline for the excess check-in baggage.
- ✓ Any increase in rate of Euro (Presently calculated at 1 Euro = 84 INR, as on 15th Dec 2018) leading to an increase in tour cost coming into effect prior to departure. However, the rate prevailing on the given day of payment will apply.
- ✓ Goods and Services Tax of 5%.

Your Itinerary in Detail

'Marvels of Europe' combines all the famous places, with a charm and character of its own.

Fancy a break on the sparkling ski slopes of the Alps or a spot of shopping on the chic boulevards of Paris, the choice is vast. These treasures will captivate repeatedly. With its surrealist art and sublime Swiss mountains, palaces and Alpine views, this charming tour fuses diversity of landscapes and style in one go.

Day 1 Arrive Paris

Arrival transfer from airport to hotel in Paris. (Coach)

 **Overnight** at Hotel Campanile Roissy CDG Airport Paris.

 **Dinner**



Day 2 Paris

Explore Parc Asterix. (Coach)

Visit the Eiffel Tower (2nd level). (Coach)

Guided city tour Of Paris. (Coach)


 **Overnight** at Hotel Campanile Roissy CDG Airport Paris.

 **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



Day 3 Paris - Leysin

Explore Mt. Cox & Kings. (Coach)

 **Overnight** at Alpine Classic Hotel Leysin Leysin.

 **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



Day 4 Leysin - Lungern

Visit Glacier 3000. (Coach)

Orientation Tour of Lucerne (Coach)


Transfer to hotel in Lungern. (Coach)

 **Overnight** at Hotel Lowen Lungern.

 **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



Day 5 Lungern

 **Overnight** at Hotel Lowen Lungern.

 **Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 6 Lungern - Innsbruck

Brief stop at Vaduz. (Coach)

Visit Swarovski Crystal World. (Coach)

Enjoy an orientation tour of Innsbruck. (Coach)

Transfer to hotel in Innsbruck. (Coach)

 **Overnight** at TYROL HOTEL Axams.

 **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**




Day 7

Homeward Bound

Enjoy an orientation tour of Munich. (Coach)

Departure transfer to airport in Munich. (Coach)

 Breakfast



Hotel Information - Main Journey

Paris

Hotel Campanile Roissy CDG Airport ★★★★★

Zone D'Activites Du Parc De Roissy Allee Des Vergers, Roissy En France 95700, France,










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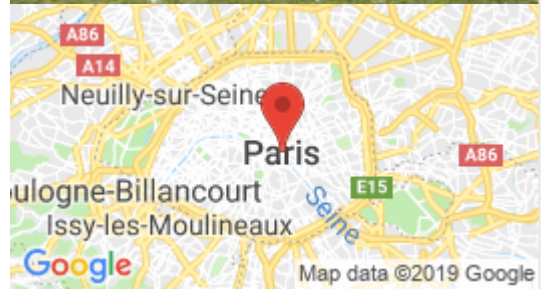
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Campanile Hotel Roissy-en-France Ideally located in the heart of a region rich in cultural heritage, Campanile Roissy Hotel Paris has everything you need for an enjoyable business or pleasure trip. Situated just on the outskirts of the Charles De Gaulle Airport, the Campanile Roissy Hotel is an ideal place to stay, only 5 minutes from the Exhibition Hall at Villepinte, and 10 minutes from Le Bourget and Asterix Park. The hotel has 268 spacious, well-lit guestrooms that are well-furnished and equipped with modern amenities.

Facilities:

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|--|---|
|  Air Conditioned |  Parking |
|  WiFi |  Forex |
|  Restaurant |  Travel Desk |
|  Bar |  Business Centre |
| |  Wheel Chair |



Leysin

Alpine Classic Hotel Leysin ★★★★★

Route de la Cite 4, Case postale 221., Leysin 1854, Switzerland,

Tel.: 41 - 24 - 4930606

Email : info@classic-hotel.ch

Website : www.classic-hotel.ch

The Alpine Classic Hotel is situated in Leysin, a mountain village. It is a modern 4-star hotel with 68 rooms in the center of the resort, just a few minutes walk from stores, sports facilities and ski lifts. Freddie Mercury Statue, Leysin Ski Resort and Chateau de Chillon are just a few of the attractions to be found in the region. Other attractions in the region include Marmots Paradise and Les Diablerets Ski Resort.

Facilities:

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Air Conditioned | Parking |
| Room Service | Forex |
| WiFi | Business Centre |
| Restaurant | Wheel Chair |
| Bar | |



Lungern

Hotel Lowen ★★★★★

Bruenigstrasse 72, Lungern 6078, Lungern 6078, Switzerland,

Tel.: 41-41-6781151

Email : tulsigroupag@gmail.com

Website : www.hotellowen.ch

This Heritage 3-star Hotel Lowen is located in Lungern since 1875 overlooking the beautiful lake and offers rooms with a balcony and lake view, the restaurant serving local specialties in lovely winter garden. Local dishes served at the restaurant include local Swiss cuisine, Italian pizza/pasta, Chinese and Indian cuisine. Hotel also specialize in vegan & Jain food. Free Wi-Fi is available in rooms & around the lobby area. One of hotel's restaurants is on the top floor overlooking the lake. LCD TV with satellite channels. En suite bathroom is standard in every room. Lungern train station is 800 metres away from the hotel, to and from which the hotel offers a shuttle service upon request. The distance to Lucerne is around 30 km, Interlaken is 28 km, while Zurich is around 70 km away. Free car parking is available on site of the Hotel Loewen upon request.

Facilities:

- 📶 WiFi
- 🅅 Parking
- 🏋️ Gym
- 🍴 Banquet
- 🍴 Restaurant
- 🏠 Travel Desk
- 🍸 Bar
- 🏠 Health Club



Axams

TYROL HOTEL

, Mumbai (Bombay) , India,

Tel.: -

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Facilities:





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Departure Dates

	Fast Selling	Offers	Sold out	Holidays	Guaranteed Departures											
Jun 2019	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	<u>28</u>	29	30		
Jul 2019	<u>1</u>	2	<u>3</u>	4	<u>5</u>	6	7	8	9	10	11	<u>12</u>	13	14	<u>15</u>	16
	17	18	<u>19</u>	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	<u>29</u>	30	31	
Sep 2019	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<u>9</u>	10	11	12	13	14	15	<u>16</u>
	17	18	19	20	21	22	<u>23</u>	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
Aug 2019	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>	6	7	8	9	10	11	<u>12</u>	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	<u>26</u>	27	28	29	30	31	

What You Should Know Before You Go

Introduction

Your first visit to France certainly won't be your last to say the least.- prepare yourself for a long love affair. Be it the romance of Paris that sweeps you off your feet or the relaxed life of Provence, France is an ideal place for lovers, and will surely leave you spellbound in its wake.

France, after all, is the fabled land of good food and wine, of royal chateaux and perfectly restored farmhouses, of landmarks known the world over and hidden landscapes rarely heard of. Savor art and romance in the midst of this captivating capital upon the River Seine. Reminisce about glorious pasts at Versailles. Travel south to catch a glimpse of the Roman civilization and the sparkling blue Med; indulge your fantasies in balmy Nice and St-Tropez. Ski atop the Alps. Sense the subtle infusion of language, music and mythology in Brittany brought in by 5th-century Celtic invaders.

France is the largest country in Western Europe. Sitting at the western end of the continental landmass the country has a long Atlantic coastline while The Mediterranean Sea warms the shorter South Coast. The English Channel (known as La Manche to the French) lies towards the north.

France is bordered on the south by Spain and on the east by Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. The tiny enclave of Monaco is on the Mediterranean coast while the state of Andorra is located high in the Pyrenees squeezed between Spain and the French border.

Facts You Need To Know About France

- The name "France" comes from "Frank", a Germanic tribe that invaded the Western Roman Empire during the 6th century.
- France is home to the world famous sparkling wine known as 'Champagne'.
- The headquarters of the Interpol are located in the French city of Lyon.
- The official residence of the French President is called 'The Elysee Palace'.
- The actual height of the Eiffel Tower is 984 feet. But it grows by 6 inches during summer.
- Famous French inventions include the following: Braille, bikini, digital calculator, hot air balloon, scuba equipments, stethoscope, parachute, sewing machine and the guillotine.
- One can find more than 500 varieties of cheese in France.
- French people kiss on the cheek to greet each other between family and friends, a custom observed among men as well. The number of kisses varies according to the region, from 1 (e.g. at the tip of Brittany) to 4 (e.g. Paris and most of the North) and occasionally up to 5 in Corsica.
- There are about 40,000 chateaux (castles, manors, palaces) in France. Bordeaux alone has over 9,000 different chateaux.
- More tourists visit France each year than any other country in the world, with 67 million annual tourist arrivals (more than the country's population).

NATIONAL CARRIER OF FRANCE (AIRLINE)

The National Carrier of France is Air France.

TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INDIA AND FRANCE

Paris is... 4 hrs 30 minutes behind India in Winter (Oct - Mar). 3 hrs 30 minutes behind India in Summer (Apr - Sept). During Summer daylight saving time is observed and clocks are advanced by 1 hour.

Currency

- The official currency of France is Euro (EUR).
- Notes: EUR5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500.
- Coins: EUR1, 2 and 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents.
- The currency of France is Euros (EUR). 1 EUR = 65 INR (Rate is indicative).
- Credit cards: All major credit cards are widely accepted.
- All major currencies can be exchanged at major branches of banks. Watch out for "CreditMutuel" or "CreditAgricole" which have longer opening hours.
- ATMs (guichetsautomatiques) are available throughout France in all towns and cities and can be found outside banks and post offices. Access to machines is more limited outside urban centers. A four digit PIN is used for most European ATMs.
- Paris has many automatic teller machines that can be used to withdraw cash 24 hours a day. During weekends, however, machines can run out of money quickly. Bureaux de Change is widespread in tourist areas.
- Banking hours in Paris are usually from 10:00 am to 17: 00 pm, Monday through Friday. Throughout the rest of France, banks are usually open from 10:00 am to 13:00 pm, and 15:00 pm to 17:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Banks often close earlier the day before a public holiday.

Tippling And Services Charges (GST)

Service is usually included in your restaurant or bar bill and represents 15% of the bill. If you are particularly satisfied with the service, then an extra tip of 10% of the bill amount is customary. It is the norm to tip porters EUR 1.50 per bag, chambermaids EUR 1.50 per day and taxi drivers 10% of the fare. It is also customary to tip tour guides and bus drivers EUR 1.50 - 3, depending on the service received.

Language

French is the sole official language and is by far the most widely spoken. There are 75 languages in France that are officially recognized. 24 of these languages are European, while the rest of the languages are influenced by the South American, South Asian and Caribbean regions. The policy of France ensures that the citizens of the country communicate in French.

Communication

- The international access code of France is +33.
- Area code for Paris is 1 / Nice and Marseilles is 4 and Bordeaux is 5.
- Area codes are preceded by 0 when dialing within the country.
- Internet access is widely available in Internet cafes in all major cities and towns. In addition public access is often available in libraries and larger hotels in major cities.
- There are 117 daily newspapers in France with a wide circulation. Popular daily newspapers include Le Monde, Liberation, France-Soir and Le Figaro. International newspapers and magazines are widely available in larger towns and cities.

Electricity

Electricity in France runs on a 220-volt, 50-hertz AC current. France uses a Type E plug (round pin and receptacle with a male grounding pin) .

French Cuisine

French cuisine is considered to be amongst the world's best and can easily become one of the main reasons to visit the country. What is typically known as French cooking is haute cuisine, a collection of rich and complex traditional dishes using lots of meat. A heavy emphasis is put on the sauces used in each dish and much of the preparation time is spent on this one element. French diners are also the most adventurous in the world, hence the evolution of dishes involving ingredients such as frog's legs or snails. But even the simplest dish is always presented in the best possible style.

Food And Eating Guide

- It is impossible to do justice to the range of dishes France has to offer in one short section. Menus vary greatly from region to region and one restaurant to another as chefs are always creating new recipes or improving existing ones.
- If the sole reason for your visit is food there is only one destination and that is Lyon, France's gastronomic capital. It has more restaurants and top chefs per square meter than anywhere else in the world.
- But even amidst all of Lyon's culinary magnificence, vegetarians can have a hard time. Although you will surely find some kind of meat alternative in a few restaurants.
- If you do decide to visit a French restaurant as a vegetarian, make sure you are clear about your order to ensure there is no meat at all in the dish. The French often overlook small quantities of meat, particularly ham in salads, and consider such dishes "vegetarian".
- The French typically eat only a simple breakfast ("petit déjeuner") which consists of coffee or tea and bread or breakfast pastries (croissants). Lunch ("déjeuner") and dinner ("dîner") are the main meals of the day. Formal four course meals consist of a starter course ("entrée"), a salad, a main course ("plat principal"), and finally a cheese or dessert course. While French cuisine is often associated with rich desserts, in most homes dessert consists of only fruit or yogurt.
- One of the most popular French snacks is the Croque Monsieur, basically ham and cheese on toast, but somehow it seems a lot different from a toasted sandwich anywhere else in the world.
- Most French restaurants have set menus, where you have a choice of two or three dishes per course. Often these come with wine and coffee and are far cheaper than ordering a la carte. Many restaurants will have a range of set menus covering different prices and a number of courses.
- Some well known specialties include: Foie Gras, Escargots (snails) made in white wine and garlic butter sauce, Boeuf Bourguignon (rich beef stew cooked in a red wine sauce with mushrooms and onions), Bouillabaisse: A thick fish stew from Provence, Omelette etc.
- A French cheese-board is very much an element of any meal. Most French cheeses (and there are well over 250 distinct varieties) are full of fat and soft in texture.
- Brie and Camembert are the two most famous kinds of cheese. Roquefort, a soft, salty and veined cheese made from ewe's milk is also considered to be excellent.
- Tarte Tatin - Caramelised apples covered with puff pastry, often served with a light cream or vanilla ice-cream is a famous dessert in France.
- Fondue: Originating from the Alps, Fondue Savoyarde is a mix of tasty cheese melted in a large pot with white wine and eaten by dipping pieces of bread in it. An alternative for the meat fans is Fondue Bourguignonne, which contain pieces of meat (usually beef) dipped in boiling oil in a pot and eaten with various sauces, pickles and vegetables.
- The legal drinking age in France is 18 years.
- If there is one thing that tastes better than French food, it is French wine. The fact that everyone from newlyweds to Formula One racing drivers, choose to celebrate with Champagne, is a mark of the extraordinary skills and reputation of French wine makers.
- Many regions produce their own wine and much of it is excellent and inexpensive. The red Bordeaux wines come second to Champagne, but you should also try the crisp Loire whites and the heady reds of the South and Burgundy.
- The French also enjoy a beer, with light lagers being the order of the day. Beer is often served in small bottles rather than on draught. Alsace is the most famous brewing region.



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Visas

- Tourists, Persons on a working holiday, Persons transiting, Persons visiting family or friends, or Persons visiting on business or any event require a Schengen Visa. This has to be applied and procured before departure.
- For more details please check www.vfs-france.co.in

Transport And Getting Around

METRO AND RER: Paris has an excellent underground system, namely the Metro, supplemented by the RER stations in the centre, for which you can use a Metro ticket. The Metro operates between 05h30 and 01h15, the RER between 05h00 and midnight. Trains are very frequent. Metro stops tend to be close together, meaning that every attraction is only a short walk from one station or another. The most sensible way to buy tickets for a short stay is by investing in a carnet of ten tickets for EUR 14.90 while per person costs EUR .40. Each ticket entitles you to one journey on any public transport in the city. On the Metro network you can change lines as often as you like on a single journey without using a new ticket.

TAXI : Taxis can be taken from the taxi ranks - indicated by a square sign with Taxi in white on a blue background or hail one on the street, provided it is available which is indicated by the lit Taxi sign on the roof. The cost for a (flagfall) is € 4.0. Within the city limits, it costs € 1.07 per km for travel between 10:00 am and 17:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. At night (17:00 pm to 10:00 am), on Sunday from 19:00 am to midnight and in the inner suburbs the rate is €1.29 per km approximately.

Culture & Customs

- It is a common belief that the French tend to remain in France for their holidays. Apart from France's many attractions, the local people are ardent Francophiles, passionate about the language, the excellence of their food and of a way of life that pursues pleasure and culture. The most enduring cultural institution is the pub, very often the focal point of rural communities.
- You are expected to say 'bonjour' or 'bonsoir' (good morning and good evening) with the honorific title Monsieur or Madame when entering a shop and 'au revoir' (good-bye) when leaving.
- Shaking hands (for men) and kissing on both cheeks (for women) is normal when saying hello and good-bye.
- Don't delay things here. Outside of the cities the French tend to eat and go to bed earlier than their Spanish and Italian counterparts. In smaller towns restaurants will often stop serving by 21h30.
- Try speaking the local lingo. The French like to hear people attempting to speak French, and love correcting the pronunciation of foreigners who can't get their tongue around the subtle nuances of the French accent.
- The French literally behead champagne bottles at weddings. A specially made saber is used to behead the bottle. This tradition is said to have originated during Napoleonic times when champagne bottles were beheaded to celebrate victory.

TRAVEL TIPS

A coffee or cafe au lait is only consumed at breakfast, not at dinner time. Almost every village and town has a weekly morning market brimming with fruit, vegetables and other regional produce, and there is no finer opportunity than this to mingle with the locals. Take your own shopping bag or basket. If it is your first time to France and you arrive in Paris, take a bus tour so you can have a better idea about the city. It will also help you decide what you really want to see.

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