

Paris

featuring the African American Experience

Inspiring Moments

- Discover how the African American expatriate community influenced Paris.
- ► Explore **Montmartre**, where African American jazz musicians created their own Harlem in the 1920s.
- ► Listen to the rhythms of live jazz during an unforgettable **evening at a jazz club.**
- ► Nibble treats and French specialties during a **gastronomic walking tour.**
- ► See Paris' most beautiful landmarks during a cruise on the Seine River.
- ➤ Join an expert guide in the premier Musée du quai Branly, dedicated to the ethnic art of Africa, Oceania, Asia and the Americas.
- Gain a new perspective of Paris as you discover the true soul and spirit of the city within its historic arrondissements.
- ► Experience Paris' Banks of the Seine, a **UNESCO World Heritage site.**

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking distances up to 3-5 miles
- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches, boats and trains
- navigating stairs to get in/out of Métro stations



A jazz club in Paris, 1960

Following World War I, many African American expatriates found acceptance and opportunities in Paris. During carefully curated excursions, trace the path of Black performers, literary greats and luminaries who were instrumental in shaping French culture. See famous Parisian hangouts, enjoy a jazz concert, cruise the Seine River and delight in delectable French cuisine. Return home with an understanding of the contributions and influences made by African American expatriates.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Paris, France.

Day 2 | Paris, France

Transfer **C** to the Hotel Les Jardins du Marais. **Discovery:** *Welcome to Paris!* Discover the area around your hotel and learn how to use the Métro. Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3 | Paris

Discovery: Paris' African American History.

During a city tour, uncover the Paris that welcomed Josephine Baker, Langston Hughes and other African American luminaries. See the favorite haunts of W.E.B. Du Bois, James Baldwin and others as you ride along the Champs-Élysées, drive through the Latin Quarter and encounter other districts. Along the way, gain insights into the connection between Black heritage and glorified landmarks throughout the city, such as the Palais Garnier, the Moulin Rouge, the Louvre and more. Savor French cuisine at a Parisian restaurant.

Free Time: Craft your own adventures in Paris.

Day 4 | Paris

Connects: *Paris Noir.* Watch a documentary that explores the relationship between Paris and African American expatriates in the time after World War I. A question-and-answer session with the filmmakers follows the screening.

Discovery: Montmartre and Jazz Walking Tour.

Explore Montmartre while learning about the influence of the Harlem Renaissance and jazz on Paris, and see clubs owned by jazz legends.

Free Time: An afternoon of leisure offers many opportunities to discover Paris' food and sites.

Discovery: *An Evening of Jazz.* Trace the evolution of French jazz during a tour of St-Germain-des-Prés and the Latin Quarter. Listen to stories of great musicians



and settle in at a jazz club to enjoy a delicious dinner, followed by a jazz concert.

Day 5 | Paris

Discovery: *Flavors of France.* Step into the celebrated world of French gastronomy during a walking tour. Taste several of Paris' artisan-made foods and discover the rich flavors that define French cuisine.

Discovery: *Musée du quai Branly.* Join an expert for a tour through one of Paris' premier cultural institutions. The museum features collections focused on non-European cultures with a variety of art, artifacts and objects from Oceania, Asia, Africa and the Americas.

Day 6 | Paris

Free Time: The day is yours to explore Paris! Pave a path through a city filled with historical landmarks, museums and parks. Perhaps take a walk down the iconic Champs-Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe, or visit the Eiffel Tower for epic city views.

Elective | Versailles. Uncover the splendor of France's grandest palace on an optional excursion to Versailles. During a guided tour, delight in the palace's ornate décor, painted ceilings, rich tapestries and luxurious galleries. Also, see the Hall of Mirrors, the lavishly decorated room where the Treaty of Versailles was signed.

Day 7 | Paris

Enrichment: *An African American Writer in Paris Today.* Award-winning writer Jake Lamar, a Bronx transplant in Paris, discusses his experiences in Paris. A Harvard University graduate and former writer for Time magazine, Lamar has written six novels, a play, a memoir and many short stories.

Discovery: *The Left Bank.* From the Place du Panthéon to La Sorbonne, follow a storied path through the Left Bank, passing landmarks steeped in artistic innovation and political debate. Learn about the rich history of the Négritude movement, which rose to prominence in the 1930s in the lecture halls of the Sorbonne, and see the Présence Africaine Bookshop



and the former home of Richard Wright, author of the groundbreaking "Native Son."

Free Time: Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. You may wish to wander the vast corridors of the Louvre or gaze at works by Monet, van Gogh and Renoir in the Musée d'Orsay, located in the old Gare d'Orsay railway station.

Day 8 | Paris

Discovery: *Paris by Boat.* Cruise the Seine River for a different perspective of glorious Paris. While gliding along this storied waterway, see Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, Île Saint-Louis and other renowned sights, and pass beneath the Pont Neuf, Paris' oldest stone bridge.

Free Time: Enjoy your final afternoon in Paris. Find souvenirs at one of the city's department stores or take up a bench at the Jardin du Luxembourg. Tonight, celebrate your time together at a Farewell Reception, followed by a Farewell Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer **C** to the airport in Paris for the return flight **C** to your gateway city.

Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **7 nights** in Paris, France, at the first-class Les Jardins du Marais.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Small group: Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- -Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- SAHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **()AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- **SElectives** to pursue your individual interests.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- -10-ticket Métro package for included excursions.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- -Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

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