

# MUSEUMS OF PARIS

## March 23 – 31, 2019

**4 hours graduate level credit from Colorado School of Mines**

**Cost: \$4500 - Includes airfare, lodging, ground transportation, museum passes and tours. Tuition cost for 4 hours is \$175**

**Day 1 –March 23, 2019 - Saturday**-Leave US - arrive at Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris next morning-

**Day 2 –March 24, 2019 - Sunday**– Shuttle will take us to our hotel. Check in, meet in lobby area, discuss plans and expectations of the day – Take **Rue Cler Walk** - have lunch in Rue Cler. Walk to the Eiffel Tower and take Batobus on River Seine for orientation of central Paris. Disembark at Notre Dame – Tour **Notre Dame** - walk to the **Deportation Memorial** behind Notre Dame- Return by Batobus to Eiffle Tower- Return to the Rue Cler area for dinner at the hotel, and early bedtime.

**Day 3 -- March 25, 2019 – Monday** - Take metro to the Arc de Triomphe – discuss history of Napoleon and the French Revolution as we go. Saunter down the Champ-Elysees. Stop for lunch – take the metro to Place de la Concorde. Take in the Orangerie – Board the Batobus for a night cruise on the Seine.

**Day 4 –March 26, 2019 - Tuesday**–Walk to the river. Take Batobus to Notre Dame stop – walk to and tour Sainte-Chapelle. Visit the Conciergerie (gloomy prison, famous as the last stop for 2,780 victims of the guillotine, including France’s last queen, Marie-Antoinette). Lunch – Walk or take the Batobus to Orsay museum – Tour Musee d’Orsay- Dinner at a street café. Return to the Rue Cler area by metro or walk to hotel.

**Day 5 -- March 27, 2019 – Wednesday** --Take Bus #69 – sightseeing tour starting **at** the Eiffel Tower and ending at Pere Lachaise Cemetery containing graves of greats such as Frederic Chopin, Oscar Wilde, Gertrude Stein and Jim Morrison. Take the metro to Opera Garnier -Late afternoon go to the Louvre – open late until 9:45.

**Day 6 –March 28, 2019 - Thursday** - AN EARLY DAY — Catch the RER C train to Versailles at Champ de Mars RER stop. Spend the day touring Versailles. Back to Paris late afternoon. Quai Branly Museum is open until 9:15 pm.

**Day 7 –March 29, 2019 - Friday**— meet in lobby at 9 AM Walk to **Rodin Museum** (opens at 9:30) & tour - Walk to **Napoleon’s Tomb** and **Les Invalides** (opens at 10) and tour.– Lunch at a sidewalk cafe-Take the metro to the **Pompidou Center** (One of the three major museums in Paris)(hours 11am – 9 pm. If time permits, walk to Picasso Museum– Dinner at a street café or near the hotel. Return to the Rue Cler area.

**Day 8 –March 30, 2019 – Saturday** -Last day in Paris – Last day of the museum pass – Meet in lobby at 8 AM- Take Metro to **Sacre-Coeur**. You are now in the Montmartre area –

take the **Montmartre Walk** from Sacre-Coeur to the Moulin Rouge. This walk includes several small museums of the great Artists of the world and several of their homes. See your packet for walk and museum directions. – Several options for the afternoon - Take metro to Ile St. Louis, have dinner, cross bridge to the Left Bank and walk along the Seine River. Take metro back to hotel.

Other sites not yet covered – a visit to the **Catacombs** –closed on Monday (underground tunnels lined with bones from Paris’s cemeteries), the **Paris Sewer Tour**, or **Mike’s Fat Tire Bike Tour** of Paris leaving from under the Eiffel Tower. Visit the **Delacroix Museum** or **St. Germain-des-Pres** and **St. Sulpice Church** or the **Cluny Museum** (National Museum of the Middle Ages).

Tour **La Madeleine Church** – Museums left (not covered by museum pass) are the **Carnavalet Museum** (free), **Jacquemart-Andre Museum** (lavish 19<sup>th</sup> century French home), **Musee Misique** (museum of music), **Petit Palais** (free), **Grand Palais**, **Jewish Art and History Museum**, and/or **La Defense and La Grande Arche**.

Evening Options – Pariscope, a weekly magazine (.40 euros- comes out on Wednesday) has listings of current happenings in Paris with location, time, and price. Both opera houses performances are scheduled here. Some concerts are free. This magazine also includes outdoor theater, flea markets, sound and light shows.

Many churches regularly host concerts – St. Sulpice, St. Germain-des-Pres, St Madeleine, St. Eustache, St Julien-le-Pauvre and Sainte-Chapelle. These are all listed in the Pariscope magazine under Concerts Classiques – These are both free and with fee.

Opera Garnier hosts opera and ballet performances. Some museums are open late on different evening, offering the opportunity for more relaxed, less-crowded visits. Louvre (Wed and Fri), Orsay (Thu) and Pompidou (Wed-Mon)

Night Walks – Go for a walk to best appreciate the City of Light. It is safe to walk at night in Paris. Go in a group, avoid poorly lit areas and stick to the main thoroughfares. Break for ice cream, pause at a café; and enjoy the sidewalk entertainers as you join the post-dinner Parisian parade. Some suggested walks are: Champs-Elysees and the Arc de Triomphe, Ile St. Louis and Notre-Dame, Trocadero and Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, Place Vendome and Place de l’Opera.

**Day 9** — take shuttle to Charles De Gaulle Airport -arrive home late evening.