

*Your invitation to join us on a
Knight Templar Pilgrimage to France
May 6-17, 2014*

12 DAY PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 10 night-accommodations at the following hotels or similar
- 1 night Hotel Belloy Saint Germain Paris
- 1 night Hotel Mercure Brive-La-Gaillarde
- 2 nights Hotel Mercure Millau
- 2 nights Hotel Le Donjon Carcassonne
- 1 night Hotel Holiday Inn Dijon
- 3 nights Hotel Belloy Saint Germain Paris
- 10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners
- Sightseeing per detailed itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach (7 days)
- Services of English-speaking escort/guide per itinerary (7 days)
- Local guides as required
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Portorage of one piece per person on arrival and departure at each hotel (not at the airport)



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DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

May 6, 2014 Depart JFK in NY for your International flight R/t to Paris, France.

Optional add on air fare may be added at an additional cost from other gateways to join your group in JFK for your international flight. Call for details.

May 07, 2014 Upon arrival at CDG airport, the group will be transferred by private coach to Paris. For your first day in Paris, enjoy a panoramic tour of Paris with guide - you will see : Champs-Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower (photo stop), Jardins du Trocadéro, Montmartre, Notre Dame Cathedral, and more! Check in in the afternoon at your hotel located in the heart of Saint Germain des Prés, in the Latin Quarter of Paris.

Overnight: Hotel Belloy Saint Germain
Meals: No meal included

May 08, 2014 Meet your guide and driver and start your 2-hour ride by private bus to the discovery of the Knight Templar First stop - COMMANDERIE D'ARVILLE. A 2-hour guided tour will be dedicated to explore the site, founded by the Templars in the early 12th century. The Commanderie remains, regarding the importance of the present buildings, a unique monument and one of the best preserved in France. After the visit, you will be driven to Brives la Gaillarde (4 ½ hour to 5 hours ride)

Overnight: Hotel Mercure Brive-La-Gaillarde

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (3-course meal without drinks)

May 09, 2014 Morning tour of the medieval town of Sarlat. This town is well known for its medieval heritage, in the heart of a beautiful region and a landscape full of superb feudal castles. The old town has a Templar cemetery around the cathedral, where you can see a number of tombs marked with the distinctive cross. There is also a curious tower in the form of an arch known as the "lantern of the dead". In the afternoon, you will be driven to Millau. (3 ½ hour drive) Visit the House of Causse - glove manufacturer of Millau, founded in 1892 and supplier of Chanel, Vuitton, Hermès. - Optional - if times allow

Overnight: Hotel Mercure Millau

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

May 10, 2014 Visit of the Larzac plateau, where the Knights Templar took possession in the 12th century thanks to the gifting of land to the order and from which the revenue served to maintain the Knights in the Holy Land.

10.00am - arrive at Sainte-Eulalie de Cernon, and visit the commanderie of Sainte Eulalie (1h30)
2.00pm - visit La Cavalerie (1 hour)
4.00pm - visit La Couvertoirade (1 hour)

Free time in la Couvertoirade to visit the traditional shops

Overnight: Hotel Mercure Millau

Meals: Breakfast

May 11, 2014 2nd day of your discovery of the Larzac:

On the way, you will have the occasion to view the world record tallest bridge, Viaduc de Millau, culminating at 343 metres (higher than the Eiffel tower) and 2460 metres long. (15 min stop)

10.45am - Saint Jean d'Alcas
12.30pm - lunch inside the Fort
2.00pm - Le Viala du Pas deaux

After the visit, you will be driven to the fortified town of Carcassonne

Overnight: Hotel Best Western Le Donjon Carcassonne
Meals: Breakfast, lunch

May 12, 2014 Today visit the cathar sites of Montségur and Foix in the Ariège Pyrenees. Chateau de Montségur: Situated at an altitude of 1,207 meters, Montségur castle is built on a natural site. The guided visit will allow you to hear all about the dramatic history of Montségur, conjuring up the lives of the Cathars on this mountain, the episodes of the siege until their horrendous end, burnt at the stake in 1244. The Foix Castle houses the collections of the Ariège Département Museum, where you can discover a range of themes as varied as the County's history, war in the Middle Ages and prisons in the 19th century. Before returning to your hotel, visit the church and village of Rennes-le-Chateau - known internationally for being at the center of various conspiracy theories, and for being the location of an alleged buried treasure discovered by its 19th-century priest Bérenger Saunière.

Overnight: Hotel Best Western Le Donjon Carcassonne
Meals: Breakfast

May 13, 2014 Drive to the Burgundy wine-growing region where you will visit the Commanderie of Bure-Les-Templiers. You can still see the "square courtyard", and the church "treasure" with a tombstone. Explore the village of Voulaines-les-Templiers which keeps alive the memory of another important commandery.

Overnight: Hotel Holiday Inn Dijon
Meals: Breakfast

May 14, 2014 On the way to Paris, you will first make a stop in Troyes to visit its cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. The site was originally occupied by an oratory in the 4th century, then a cathedral was built in the 9th century, and immediately destroyed by the Normans (or Vikings). A Romanesque style building was constructed in around 940, and was the seat of the Council of Troyes. This Council confirmed the important role played by the Order of the Knights Templar in about 1129 and its application of the Saint Benedict rule. The building was destroyed yet again 160 years later. A gothic cathedral was finally built in around 1200, but building continued up to the 17th century and was never fully completed! In the afternoon, stopping before returning to Paris we visit the Hugh de Paynes Museum in Paynes and Commandry of Aivalleur, in Bar-sur-Seine

Overnight: Hotel Belloy Saint Germain
Meals: Breakfast

May 15, 2014 Full day at leisure
Overnight: Hotel Belloy Saint Germain
Meals: Breakfast

May 16, 2014 Full day at leisure. Farewell dinner in Paris and lot of memories to share!

Overnight: Hotel Belloy Saint Germain
Meals: Breakfast, dinner (3-course meal without drinks)

May 17, 2014 Transfer to CDG Airport
Meals: Breakfast

Cancellation: Once a partial or full payment has been made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellation terms will be applied based on the date that the written cancellation is received and based on the following dates prior to departure.

PRELIMINARY RATES

From 20 to 24 passengers = **\$4,075**
per person dbl. Includes R/T AIR

Allowance from JFK-Paris - Based On 2014 Estimated Group Air Cost of \$1,126 pp. Exact group air rate to be advise by late July 2013. Optional add on air cost to be advised from other US cities to connect with your group in JFK on request. Single occupancy room surcharge + \$1,400 additional. Guest paying by check and not a credit card may also reduce the above special group rates by an additional 5%

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Payment Schedule/Terms and conditions
Air and land deposit: \$600 per person
due at time of registration,
or before Jan 24, 2014

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60 to 31 days or less prior to departure: 75% of land/cruise services & 100% of air cost

30 days or less prior to departure / no-show: 100% of all services

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