

Mar 14 - Mar 22, 2019

Group Leader:

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Group ID:

259752

Depart From:

Louisville



what's included



Round-Trip Flights



Centrally Located Hotels

- ✓ Paris Tour with Guide
- ✓ Top of the Eiffel Tower
- ✓ Louvre
- ✓ Top of Arc de Triomphe
- ✓ Arromanches 360 Degree Theater



**Daily Breakfast and Dinner
(unless otherwise noted)**



24-Hour Tour Manager

- ✓ American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer
- ✓ Mont St. Michel
- ✓ Château de Chenonceau
- ✓ Fromagerie Visit and Cheese Tasting
- ✓ Château de Chambord
- ✓ Chartres Cathedral

OUR promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from “good enough” to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

cultural connections



HIGHLIGHTS waiting to happen

Fromagerie Visit and Cheese Tasting

Visit an authentic fromagerie to experience life in the French countryside, learn about cheese making and sample some of the famous local fromage.

“Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive.”

Matthew L. Participant



trip itinerary - 9 days

Mar 14, 2019: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Mar 15, 2019: Paris

Bienvenue à Paris! Meet your ACIS Tour Manager and get acquainted with this graceful city's cobblestoned streets, charming cafés and vibrant neighborhoods. Paris is called the "City of Light" for its role as a center of education during the Age of Enlightenment (it was also one of the first cities to adopt streetlights). Perhaps stroll through Montmartre to the white-domed Sacré Cœur or seek out a lesser known but equally interesting attraction such as the Musée Marmottan-Monet, housing the artist's Impression, Sunrise—the painting for which the Impressionist movement was named. This evening enjoy an ascent to the top of the Eiffel Tower! (D)

Mar 16, 2019: Paris

Your day begins with a guided sightseeing tour that takes you past some of the most famous attractions in Paris. Your expert local guide will show you the splendid Seine, Napoleon's final resting place at Les Invalides and the Gothic wonder of Notre Dame. We spend our afternoon exploring the Louvre and discover the many famous masterpieces that call it home. See the Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory and the Venus de Milo as you wander through the galleries. From its beginnings as a royal fortress to its current status as the world's most visited art museum, the Louvre has long been at the center of Parisian culture and home to a collection of 35,000 works of art from around the world. After dinner your tour manager will show you the dazzling shops, cafés and bustling sidewalks of the Champs-Élysées before you ascend to the top of the Arc de Triomphe. Enjoy the spectacular view of twelve of Paris' grand avenues which extend from the monument like spokes on a wheel to the Place de la Concorde and the Louvre. (B,D)

Mar 17, 2019: Normandy Area

Drive along the Seine to Rouen. Its soaring cathedral is among France's most beautiful. View the marketplace, site of Joan of Arc's martyrdom on May 30, 1431, and the streets of Rouen with half-timbered dwellings. Continue to your hotel in Normandy. (B,D)

Mar 18, 2019: St Malo

Today walk in the footsteps of history as you visit many of Normandy's important World War II sites. See what remains of the temporary Mulberry harbor constructed at Arromanches to help offload cargo during the invasion. Entrance to the Arromanches 360 Cinema is included. Next you can pay tribute to the heroic fallen at the American Cemetery and Memorial at Colleville-sur-Mer before descending from the bluff to walk along Omaha Beach, where American troops suffered some of the heaviest D-Day losses. Journey on to St. Malo, perched on seaside cliffs and still surrounded by ramparts built in defense from Corsair pirates. (B,D)

Mar 19, 2019: Loire Valley

This morning visit the lovely island monastery of Mont St. Michel.



This medieval abbey, once an important pilgrimage site, is surrounded by water at high tide. Then continue to the Loire Valley, your home for the next two nights. (B,D)

Mar 20, 2019: Loire Valley

First up today is Chenonceau, the château of six women, built over the River Cher in an exquisite Renaissance design. It features a moat, drawbridge, towers and turrets—and great stories about resistance to the Nazi army. We then move on to our lunch stop in the town of Amboise, where Leonardo da Vinci is buried. This afternoon, visit an authentic French fromagerie to experience life in the French countryside, learn about the cheese making process and taste some of the fromage for which the area is famous. (B,D)

Mar 21, 2019: Paris

This morning we'll visit impressive Chambord, the giant hunting lodge of François I that towers over its deer-filled park. Then continue to Chartres to view the famed Gothic Chartres Cathedral, its stained-glass windows and veil of the Virgin Mary, before traveling on to Paris for dinner. (B,D)

Mar 22, 2019: Departure

Depart for the USA.

Optional Extensions and Extra Nights:

Enhance your European experience with a two-night extension to London via Eurostar, including a city sightseeing tour with an expert local guide, entrance to the Tower of London and an Oyster Card to help you get around. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.



learning objectives

1. Students will examine the role monuments play in Paris' history as represented in such renowned and imposing examples as the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower.
2. Students will learn of many historical passages across the English Channel, from the Norman Conquest of England and the Hundred Years' War to the Normandy Landings of WWII.
3. Students will gain a sense of the interconnectedness of American and French history as they explore the American War Cemetery and Omaha Beach while learning about the strategy and tragedy of the D-Day invasions.

tour cost

Participant Fees

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| Program Fee | \$3522 |
| Early Registration Discount | \$-300 |
| Weekend Surcharge | \$40 |

Total Participant Fees² \$3262

² Valid through 07/01/18 with \$200 deposit.

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| Additional Fees (as applicable) | |
| Adult Surcharge | \$95 |
| Single Room Supplement | \$665 |
| Double Room Supplement | \$315 |
| Ultimate Protection Plan | \$270 |
| Comprehensive Protection Plan | \$225 |

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

education



81%

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



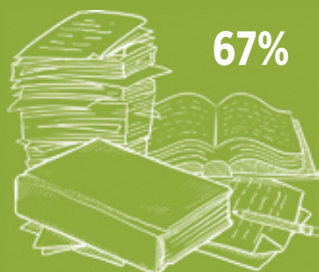
of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



57%

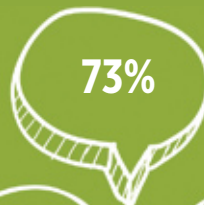
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language skills



67%

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



73%

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

personal development



94% felt more independent after their trip.

78% saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

92% noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



65%

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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