



RAINBOW EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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Proposed itinerary for-: France and Spain 13 Days/ 11 Nights

Day One-:

Saturday April 16, 2011

Leave from **Calgary** international airport at night for your flight via wide-bodied jet for **Paris**, France. Enjoy in-flight meals and services.

Day Two -:

Sunday April 17, 2011

You will arrive at the Charles de Gaulle airport where the **Rainbow Educational Tours Representative** in Paris will meet and have a half day guided sight seeing of Paris, which will take you around the major monuments of Paris. The **Tour Eiffel**, (get your cameras ready at the **Palais de Chaillot** photo stop), the **Arc de Triomphe**, the **Madeleine**, the sumptuous **Opera Garnier**, the **Ile de la Cite** with **Notre Dame** and is **Sainte Chapelle** and many other sights. Then you will be taken to your hotel by coach there will be time to check in at the hotel before your orientation. Dinner and continental Breakfast are included throughout the tour. You will have an orientation, which includes the famous **Parisian Metro** and the area where you are staying. The Metro in Paris consists of 19 lines, over 350 stations and transports over five million people each weekday: You will soon feel confident about traveling on the convenient Paris **Metro**. Dinner in a restaurant and then take an evening stroll in the **Place de La Concorde** for your first glimpse of the floodlit monuments of Paris, notably the **Arc de Triomphe** at the head of the long **Champs Elysees**, the fountains and obelisk of **Concorde**. As you gaze around the spacious place it is hard to imagine the guillotine set up here during the French Revolution and the many heads that rolled. You might wish to climb to the top of the Arc de Triomphe. Dinner and overnight Paris.

Day Three- :

Monday April 18, 2011

After breakfast you will travel by Metro to visit the **Tomb of Napoleon** at **Les Invalides**. Then, you have entrance included to the **Musée de l'Armée** which houses items from the middle ages through the Second World War; it is one of the world's richest army museums. One of the most interesting collections includes Napoleon's personal weapons, flag, sword, medals, uniform and his horse and dog are on display in the museum as well. You will continue to the **Louvre** where you will have a guided visit at of the **Palais du Louvre** where you will see Leonardo Da Vinci's **Mona Lisa**, the **Venus de Milo**, the **Raft of the Medusa** by Théodore Géricault, and several other famous works of art. Dinner will be in a local restaurant this evening on the Champs-Élysées. Then, head for the **Eiffel Tower** where you will take the elevator up (entrance included to the 3rd level) for an excellent view of the 'City of Lights' by night. Return to your hotel by metro for overnight.

Day Four-:

Tuesday April 19, 2011

Today you will have a Full Day excursion to Arras. Located just outside of this small town lies the twelve thousand tonne marble monument atop **Vimy Ridge** commemorating Canada's significant victory during World War I. Bilingual Canadian guides offer a haunting tour of the networks of tunnels and trenches that housed German and Canadian troops during the battle. At the museum students may learn more about the battle and the monument at Vimy. Later you will return to Paris for dinner and overnight at the hotel

Day Five-:

Wednesday April 20, 2011

This morning after breakfast your coach and guide will take you to the Palace of Versailles, the monumental chateau of **Louis XIV**, the '**Sun King**'. You will visit the Private Apartments of the King and Queen including the perfectly-restored boudoir of **Marie Antoinette** and the beautiful **Galerie des Glaces** also known as the **Hall of Mirrors**. Great state occasions were held in this room stretching 70 m (233 ft) along the west façade. Here in 1919 the **Treaty of Versailles** was ratified, ending World War I. Spend time exploring the vast beautiful gardens and fountains. (Entrance included). You will return to Paris you might want to shop in the **Grands Magasins** such as **Printemps** and **Galeries Lafayette**. Explore the **Latin Quarter** and pick up some interesting souvenirs on the '**Boul' 'Mich'**'. This afternoon is free to shop and explore Paris

Day Six-:

Thursday April 21, 2011

Today you will have a Full Day excursion to the Loire Valley to visit some of the many chateaux that dot the area. Most outstanding are **Chenonceau** and **Chambord**. **Chenonceau** straddles the **Cher River** like a bridge and is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The colossal palace of **Chambord** was mainly used as a hunting lodge for **Francis I**. Inside you can see the beautiful double-spiral staircase and on the terrace **365 chimneys** all elegantly decorated. You return to Paris for dinner and overnight

Day Seven-:

Friday April 22, 2011

This morning you will have a HD excursion to **FONTAINEBLEAU** to visit the Palace and grounds. The Chateau of Fontainebleau dates back to the 12th century. The famous 'Mona Lisa' was purchased by the King of France, Francois I, to hang on the walls of Fontainebleau. The palace was also inhabited by Henri II and Napoleon. Take some bread to feed the huge carp in the lake. Return to Paris for lunch on your own after lunch you will climb the steps up to **Montmartre** where the white **Basilica of Sacre-Coeur** places of perpetual pilgrimage that gleams high above Paris. Visit the Basilica and then go round the corner to the nearby **Place du Tertre** where *artists* have set up their easels, and perhaps have your portrait sketched you will have your dinner at **Montmartre**. Enjoy your evening in Paris with a scenic cruise down the **River Seine** on one of the Bateaux Parisiens. Return to the hotel.

Day Eight-:

Saturday April 23, 2011

Today is your last day in Paris and there is so much that have not done yet some suggestions are Pierre Lachaise cemetery, the Catacombs, Dorsey Museum, Chaillot Quarter, the Sewer Tour, Montparnasse, Luxembourg Quarter, St. Germain-des-Pres, Tuileries Quarter, Ile de la

Cite and St. Louis, the Pantheon, Sainte Chapelle, and of course you may wish to go to the Pompidou Centre. You will have dinner before boarding the overnight train to Madrid.

Day Nine-:

Sunday April 24, 2011

You will be met by your Madrid guide and then a half day Artistic city tour with an English speaking local guide and visit of the Royal Palace and the Prado Museum with entrance included. Then you will go to your hotel check in and then you will be given an orientation of the city by your escort. Dinner and overnight Madrid.

Day Ten-:

Monday April 25, 2011

You will have a full day tour to **Avila** and **Segovia** with an English speaking guide. In Avila you will see the **11 century "Walls"** and visit the **Gothic Cathedral and Saint Theresa's church**. In **Segovia** you will see the **Roman Aqueduct** and visit the **Gothic Cathedral** and the **Alcazar Palace/Fortress**. Dinner and accommodations at Hotel.

Day Eleven-:

Tuesday April 26, 2011

Today you will have a full day tour to **Escorial & Valley of the Fallen** and **Segovia**. Your tour includes the **Royal Monastery of El Escorial**, declared a World Heritage Site and the **Valley of the Fallen**, an imposing monument built as a memorial for those who died during the Spanish Civil War. You will return to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

Day Twelve-:

Wednesday April 27, 2011

Buffet Breakfast and then you will have a half day tour to **Toledo** and visit the **Cathedral, the church of Santo Tome and El Greco Museum**. You will return to Madrid and then there will be some free time for some shopping. You will have dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner you will go to a **Flamenco show and overnight Madrid**.

Day Thirteen-:

Thursday April 28, 2011

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home to Canada.

Included in the Cost of the Tour:

- Airfare Calgary/ Paris / Madrid/Calgary via scheduled airlines such as Air Canada or Lufthansa
- All transportation as stated in the day-to-day itinerary
- Continental Breakfast and dinners daily
- 10 nights Tourist Class Accommodation in Triple bedded rooms
- Services of the RAINBOW escort for entire tour
- 1 overnight train in couchettes
- Entrances and guided sightseeing tours as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- Services of the RAINBOW educational consultant before departure
- Comprehensive Insurance: Excess Medical, Trip Cancellation and Baggage
- Airport Tax (\$365.00)**
- Entrance to the third level of the Eiffel Tower
- Entrance to Versailles
- Entrance to the Louvre
- Entrance to Chambord and Chenonceau castles
- Entrance to the Royal Place
- Entrance to the Cathedral in Avila
- Entrance to the Cathedral and Alcazar in Segovia
- Entrance to El Escorial and Valley of the Fallen
- Entrance to Cathedral Toledo and Santo Tome Church
- Flamenco Show

Not Included:

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Passport and Visa Fees (if necessary)
- Extra Beverages with meals
- Optional tours, excursions and activities
- Single supplements for any single hotel room accommodation required
- Any New Fuel surcharges imposed by airlines or any new taxes by airlines**
- This costing was done at the rate of 1.35 to the Euro any shift up or down of more than .05 will reflect in a price change!**

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