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EUROPEAN *Elegance*

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PRESENTS:

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European Elegance is a custom tour that presents blended cultural sightseeing with time at leisure to make the most of your experience. Group travel offers preferred pricing, professional guides, a skillfully orchestrated itinerary, a sense of well-being and shared enrichment with fellow travelers. Delight in the exquisite hotels, opportunities to view famous European icons and cuisine that will awaken your palate. Travelling to these destinations in Europe are on many people's wish lists. We hope to make your wishes come true!

VACATION INCLUDES:

- Local airport transfers to Chicago
- Round-trip international airfare from Chicago with in-flight meals
- Private deluxe motorcoach transportation
- One-way Eurostar Train from London to Calais, France
- 11 days:
 - 4 nights in London (St. Ermin's Hotel)
 - 2 nights in Caen, France (Novotel)
 - 3 nights in Paris (Concorde Opera Paris)
- 18 meals (9-B, 3-L & 6-D)
- All sightseeing & entrance fees per itinerary
- Gratuities for drivers, baggage handling, local step-on guides & tour director
- Professional local tour director
- First State Bank tour escort
- All air taxes (subject to change prior to final payment)



Eiffel
TOWER

ITINERARY

Day 1: Chicago - London, England

This morning, transfer by private coach to Chicago O'Hare International Airport for your Trans-Atlantic flight to London. During your flight, enjoy complimentary meals, snacks and beverages. Relax with in-flight entertainment.

Day 2: Arrive London

This morning, your flight arrives at London. Upon arrival, meet your local guide who travels with you throughout your vacation. After clearing customs, relax a bit as you enjoy an included lunch at one of the city's local establishments. Afterwards, visit Whittard's Tea Shop. The shop proprietor educates you on the "Art of English Tea" while demonstrating the proper way to brew tea. Later, arrive at your magnificent accommodation, the St. Ermin's Hotel, located in Central London. After some time to unpack and relax, enjoy an included "Welcome Dinner" served with local wine; what a delightful way to begin your amazing vacation! L, D

Day 3: London

After breakfast, board your private coach for an iconic sightseeing tour of this fascinating city featuring Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace with the traditional Changing of the Guards, Big Ben and many other "must sees" of London. Go inside St. Paul's Cathedral, where Prince Charles & Princess Diana were wed and the Tower of London where



Concorde
SQUARE

Arch of Triumph

STONEHENGE

Tower of
LONDON

the dazzling Crown Jewels gleam on display. Then take a city cruise along the famous River Thames followed by a ride on the London Eye Ferris Wheel for a breathtaking view of London. This evening is free to relax at your hotel, enjoy dinner on your own and explore London. **B**

Day 4: London - Bath - Stonehenge

After breakfast, get ready for an incredible day of touring England's countryside as you travel to the ancient city of Bath. Nourished by natural hot springs, Bath offers a unique experience with stunning architecture, splendid shopping and attractions. Enjoy an audio tour of what is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world during your tour of the museum and pump houses once used by the Romans. Later, continue to Amesbury, England, home to one of the greatest wonders of the world, Stonehenge. Stonehenge is Britain's greatest national icon, symbolizing mystery, power and endurance. Completed about 3,500 years ago, it stands as a timeless monument to the people who built it. Its original purpose is unclear, but some believe Stonehenge was a temple, a burial site, or maybe an astronomical observatory. This afternoon, return to London for some relaxation before enjoying a delicious dinner at one of London's local restaurants. **B, D**

Day 5: London at leisure

Breakfast is once again included at the hotel. Today you are free to relax and enjoy London and your hotel as you please. Check with your local tour guide about optional activities. Go on a London shopping spree at Harrod's or perhaps take an excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Stratford-upon-Avon is a small town that holds big history. The streets themselves possess a thousand delights with the chemistry of the ages mixed in with the needs of today. No matter how you choose to spend the day, something is sure to pique your interest in London. Enjoy the stunning St. Ermin's Hotel as you relax while soaking in the views. Dinner this evening is on your own, providing a genuine taste of regional local cuisine of your choosing. **B**

Day 6: London - Eurostar Train through Chunnel - Calais, France - Rouen - Caen

This morning, enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel before departing for the local train station to board the Eurostar Train to France. Experience a high-speed train ride through the Chunnel as you travel under the English Channel to Calais, France. From Calais, take a private coach through the French countryside as you make your way to Rouen for an included lunch. Afterwards, travel 82 miles to Caen, France for a two-night stay at the Caen Novotel Hotel. Caen is known for its historical buildings constructed during the

reign of William the Conqueror. Heavy fighting took place in and around Caen during the Battle of Normandy in 1944 which destroyed much of the town. After checking in, join your fellow travelers for an included dinner at the hotel.

B, L, D

Day 7: Caen

Following breakfast, get ready to relive the incredible history made by Allied Troops during World War II and the Invasion of Normandy. Special emphasis is given to this day by a local historian who reiterates the crucial moments of that monumental occasion in 1944. Other important tour highlights include the Memorial pour la Paix (Peace Museum) and the Museum of Normandy. Have lunch on your own in Colleville-sur-Mer before visiting the U.S. Military Cemetery near Omaha Beach. Included is a stop at the Canadian Cemetery of Bény-sur-Mer before returning to Caen. This is sure to be an unforgettable day, filled with emotion as you are reminded of the incredible sacrifice made by so many brave soldiers. **B, D**

Day 8: Caen - Chantilly - Giverny - Paris

This morning, enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing western France for Paris, the "City Of Love." En route to Paris, visit the elegant town of Chantilly. Chantilly is the horse-racing capital of France where some 3,000 thoroughbreds are trained in the surrounding forests and countryside. Enjoy an included local lunch and sample some of the region's most prominent wines. Continue on to the small town of Giverny; home to Monet's Gardens, an extremely popular place to visit. Take a walking tour through Claude Monet's house then go outside to see the beautiful gardens that inspired the artist's paintings. Experience Giverny's "special light" that influenced the work of Monet and other impressionists. Next, it's a short 45-mile drive to Paris. Once again, prepare for an amazing European experience as you check into the extraordinary Hotel Concorde Opera Paris, located in the heart of the city. At first glance, the façade amazes you with a type of chic always in style. Each room exudes an ambience of sophistication and prestige that is sure to impress the most distinguished traveler. Tonight, enjoy a lovely included dinner in the heart of Paris, sure to be a memorable welcome to this enchanting city. **B, L, D**

Day 9: Paris Sights

After a good night's sleep and a tasty breakfast, embark on a city tour with your local guide to discover what makes Paris a world-class city. As you pass through Paris, see the prominent landmarks and monuments including Concorde Square, marked by a giant Egyptian obelisk, the Louvre



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Museum, the River Seine and its bridges, the French Academy and Hotel de Ville (City Hall). A photo stop at the renowned Eiffel Tower is planned. Moving on, view more Parisian treasures: the Arc de Triomphe (Arch of Triumph), Champs-Élysées Boulevard, the Opera House, the Sacré Coeur Basilica, the Sorbonne and the Panthéon to name additional well-known icons. A visit to Notre Dame Cathedral is included with leisure time to walk and explore in the Latin Quarter. You will see local street musicians, mimes and artists along the way which lend old world charm to this city. A guided tour of Les Invalides, where Napoléon's tomb and military museum reside, is built into this ideal excursion. Following a day of sightseeing, the evening in Paris is yours to discover. Enjoy à la carte dining for a taste of authentic French cuisine. Behold the magic of Paris while you stroll on the city streets after dinner. **B**



Day 10: Paris at leisure

After breakfast, today is yours to explore Paris as you please. Your local tour manager can provide you with several optional activities. Visit the incredible wineries of Chateau Country or perhaps tour the breathtaking Palace of Versailles. You might just choose to enjoy the amenities of your splendid Parisian hotel. Tonight, enjoy fantastic dinner theater entertainment; a trip to Paris would be incomplete without experiencing a Parisian

Follies Dinner Show. Return to the hotel for your final overnight stay and prepare for your journey back to the USA. **B, D**

Day 11: Paris - Chicago

Following breakfast, transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport for your non-stop flight back to Chicago. After clearing U.S. Customs, a private coach awaits to transfer you home with many fond memories of this European Elegance vacation. **B**

TOUR FARE

\$5,799 per person based on double occupancy
\$6,779 per person based on single occupancy

Note: Fares are subject to change due to foreign currency fluctuation and unforeseen increases of airfare, taxes and/or fuel surcharges.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

Optional travel protection is available and is strongly recommended for this vacation. This valuable insurance will provide 100% Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption Protection, \$50,000 Medical Coverage, \$250,000 Medical Evacuation Coverage, plus much more. In order to cover all pre-existing conditions, the premium is due with deposit and is fully refundable until final payment date. **If you opt not to purchase this protection, you will need to sign a waiver at the time of deposit.** The premium is \$350 per person double occupancy or \$395 for single occupancy. Premiums are non-refundable after February 6, 2012.

PAYMENT POLICY

A \$750 per person deposit is due no later than November 18, 2011 to secure your reservation. First come, first served. Final payment is due no later than February 6, 2012. Please make checks payable to FSB Shannon and send to First State Bank Shannon, Attn: Desi Ozburn, P.O. Box 85, Shannon, IL 61078. PHONE: 815-864-2111

REFUND POLICY

100% of the tour cost will be refunded on all cancellations made prior to final payment date. Cancellations made after final payment date are subject to cancellation fees assessed by airlines, hotels, attractions and ground operators.

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