

SENECA VALLEY HS PARIS-MADRID-BARCELONA 10 day/ SPRING 2009 \$ 2 499.00



Day-1. **BWI-DULLES-PARIS:** Overnight flight to Europe.

Day-2. **PARIS:** Arrive in Paris and transfer to your hotel. After a short break, start with a guided city tour to see some of the main Parisian monuments: the **Eiffel Tower**, **Place de la Concorde**, adorned with sumptuous fountains, statuary and the 3300 year old Obelisk from the Temple of Luxor, **Notre Dame Cathedral**, **Champs Elysees**, the world's most famous avenue, **Arc de Triomphe**, commissioned in 1806 by Napoleon in honor of the French military victories, **Les Invalides**, and **La Defense**.

Day-3. **PARIS:** Visit the **Louvre**, one of the most famous museums in the world with a large collection of sculptures and paintings, including a smiling **Mona Lisa** by **Leonardo da Vinci**, the **Venus de Milo**, and the **Winged Victory of Samothrace**. Later, join your Tour Director on a walking tour to **Basilica Sacre Coeur** and then have fun exploring **Montmartre**, the artistic part of Paris with numerous artists, souvenir shops, and crepe outlets. See Paris at night from the river Seine as you go on a **Bateaux Mouches** cruise.

Day-4. **PARIS - LOIRE VALLEY - PARIS:** Start your trip to the **Loire Valley** known as

the **Valley of the Castles**. First visit the **Chateau Chambord**, the biggest castle in the valley. Go on to **Ambois**. Visit **Clos Luce** where **Leonardo da Vinci** lived toward the end of his life and painted the famous **Mona Lisa**. Visit the **Ambois Castle** where King **Francis I** lived. He was the one who invited **Leonardo** to France. Then proceed to the **Chenonceau Castle**, Late return to Paris.

Day-5. **PARIS-VERSAILLES-NIGHT TRAIN:** Go to Versailles by local transportation to visit the lavish palace of **Louis XIV**, the "**Sun King**." This former small hunting lodge is today one of the most beautiful palaces in the world. Visit the **Royal Apartments**, **Hall of Mirrors**, and the **Royal Bedrooms**. Walk in the gardens and see the **Grand and Petit Trianon**. Transfer to the train station for a night train to Barcelona.

Day-6. **BARCELONA:** City tour of Barcelona. See this historical capital of Catalonia with some of its landmarks: **Gothic Quarter**, the former fortified Roman village with numerous Gothic monuments, the **Cathedral**, dating from the 14th and 15th centuries, the wonderful **Church of the Sacred Family** and the **Columbus lookout**, a 50 meter iron column supporting the statue of the discoverer of America. Continue to **Sitges** for the overnight.

Day-7. **SITGES:** Free day in **Sitges**. Enjoy the beach and the shops or go back to Barcelona by local transportation.

Day-8. **BARCELONA-MADRID:** Transfer to train station for a ride to Madrid. Start with a guided city tour. See/Visit: **Retiro Park**, **Puerta del Sol**, Gateway to the Sun, kilometer zero from which all of Spain's road distances are measured, the **Opera**, **Plaza Mayor**, **Plaza de la Villa**, the **Basilica de San Miguel**, **Capilla del Obispo**, the only Gothic temple in Madrid and **Palacio Real**. Then visit **Prado Museum**, housing masterpieces by **Velasquez**, **Goya**, **Murillo**, and **Ribera** as well as works by Flemish and Italian artists.

Day-9. **MADRID- AVILA-SEGOVIA:** Travel

to **Avila** in the Madrilen countryside, a great town surrounded by walls and towers. It was also the home of **Saint Theresa**. Before entering the city, stop at **Quatro Postes**, a viewpoint that allows visitors to see how the city is encompassed by its wall. Continue on to **Segovia**. Stop and visit this city, which was the center of the old kingdom of **Castile**. View its impressive **Alcazar** as well as the 2000 years old **Roman Aqueduct**, which is 30 meters high and over 900 meters long.

Day-10. **DEPARTURE:** Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

FEATURES:

Round trip airfare
7 nights in hotels
1 night sleeper train
1 day train
7 buffet breakfasts
7 dinners
Guided city tours of Paris, Madrid and Barcelona
5 walking tours
Entrances to: Guided Louvre Museum, Versailles with earphones, Eiffel Tower, Gaudy Village, Guided Palacio Real, Guided Prado Museum, Guided Avila Castle and Bateaux Mouches
All transfers

Mariden tour director
NO MEMBERSHIP FEE AND NO WEEKEND SURCHARGE

Price: \$ 2 499.00

per person in triple accomm..

PRICE IS BASED ON

1:6 TEACHER/STUDENT RATIO,

WITH 30 PAID PARTICIPANTS

AND YOUR OWN BUS + TOUR DIRECTOR

Price valid until June 1 2008

Payment Policy:

Down payment: \$500.00 before June 01 2008

Second payment: \$600.00 July 15th 2008

Third payment: \$800.00 Sept. 15th 2008

Fourth payment: \$599+ adult surcharge if applicable- November 15th 2008

Airfare taxes: Approx. \$350* January 15th 2009

INSURANCE - OPTIONAL (which includes cancellation, baggage, trip interruption and full medical insurance) will be added to your first payment.

Price for students \$165.0 /Adults according to age

If your group or any individuals from your group do not accept this insurance, participants (or legal guardians) must sign the waiver in the application packet.

NOT INCLUDED IN BASE PRICE:

Airport taxes, fuel surcharge (approx. \$350.00 per person)

MARIDEN does not provide for: Gratuities, Lunches, Drinks, Local transportation

ADULT SURCHARGE:

in triple accomm: \$30.00 per person/night

in double accomm: \$50.00 per person/night

in single accomm: \$90.00 per person/night

AIRPORT TAX may be subject to change due to changes in oil prices and will be presented to you as it is sent to us by the airline. Program price may be subject to change due to changes in airfare prices and exchange rates.

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