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PARIS 03 NIGHTS
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PARIS



Discovering the beauty of the monuments and bridges of Paris on the **River** Seine Cruise, Evening all set for the **Moulin Rouge show**, Feerie, with Can-Can dancing amongst the echoes of Toulouse-Lautrec

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First discover the Louvre Museum, then pass by the Island of the City and see the famous Cathedral of Notre Dame. We continue to the prestigious Sorbonne University and the Pantheon. St. Germains des Pres and the Orsay Museum will also be part of the itinerary. Of course this tour would not be complete without a ride down the Champs Elysees and up to the Arc de Triumph. The Eiffel Tower will be the next famous sight and the last part of this small journey will include the Invalids, Place de la Concorde, the Madeleine and the Opera. Followed by the VERSAILLES PALACE. (Mondays closed)

NICE

The <u>Promenade des Anglais</u> ("Promenade of the English") is a celebrated promenade along the Baie des Anges, a bay of the <u>Mediterranean</u>, in Nice. Before Nice was urbanized, the coastline at Nice was just bordered by a deserted stretch of beach covered with large pebbles. The first houses were located on higher ground well away from the sea. Starting in the second half of the 18th century, many wealthy English people took to spending the winter in Nice, enjoying the panorama along the coast. When a particularly harsh winter up north brought an influx of beggars to Nice, some of the rich Englishmen proposed a useful project for them: the construction of a walkway (chemin de promenade) along the sea.

The city of Nice, intrigued by the prospect of a pleasant promenade, greatly increased the scope of the work. The Promenade was first called the *Camin dei Anglès* (the English Way) by the Niçois in their native dialect <u>Nissart</u>. After the annexation of Nice by France in 1860 it was rechristened *La Promenade des Anglais*, replacing the former Nissart name with its French translation.

The Place Masséna is the main square of the city. Before the Paillon River was covered over, the Pont-Neuf was the only practicable way between the old town and the modern one. The square was thus divided into two parts (North and South) in 1824. With the demolition of the Masséna Casino in 1979, the Place Masséna became more spacious and less dense and is now bordered by red ochre buildings of Italian architecture. The recent rebuilding of the tramline gave the square back to the pedestrians, restoring its status as a real Mediterranean square. It is lined with palm trees and stone pines, instead of being the rectangular roundabout of sorts it had become over the years. Since its construction, the Place Masséna has always been the spot for great public events. It is used for concerts, and particularly during the summer festivals, the Corso carnavalesque (carnival parade) in February, the military procession of July 14th (Bastille Day) or other traditional celebrations and banquets.

The Place Masséna is a two-minute walk from the <u>Promenade des Anglais</u>, old town, town centre, and Albert I Garden (Jardin Albert Ier). It is also a large crossroads between several of the main streets of the city: avenue Jean Médecin, avenue Félix Faure, boulevard Jean Jaurès, avenue de Verdun and rue Gioffredo.



Full day tour to MONACO, MONTE CARLO AND EZE.

This full day tour will introduce you to the natural beauty of the Moyenne Corniche' as we travel to Monaco with stops to appreciate the views and admire places of interest along the way. We make a stop at the medieval village of Eze, perched high on a cliff above the Mediterranean Sea. Whilst there you will have the chance to visit a traditional perfume factory. After a wander around the village where every street is full of charm and history, our tour then takes us on to Monaco where you will have free time to see the Cathedral where Princess Grace is buried, the changing of the guard at noon and the Palace, then we take a drive along the Formula One race circuit. Of course no Monaco tour would be complete without a stroll around Monte-Carlo with its Casino, superb hotels and beautiful gardens. The journey back to Nice will be via the 'Basse Corniche' for more superb views.

VENICE

Tour to MURANO, BURANO AND TORCELLO

After sailing past the island of San Giorgio Maggiore, the Public Gardens, the tip of Sant'Elena and the famous Lido beach resort, the boat arrives in Murano, known throughout the world for its glass manufacturing industry. Here we stop for around 40 minutes to visit to one of the factories. The second stop is at the picturesque island of Burano, famous not only for its lace but also for the fishermen's houses painted in bright colours. The stop will last about 30 minutes. Then after a short cruise, we reach Torcello, the earliest centre of civilization in the estuary. Only the Cathedral with its magnificent mosaics and the church of Santa Fosca remain as testimony of its former glory. The stop will be for about 30 minutes then we return to St.Mark's Square.

SWITZERLAND Jungfraujoch



Glacier 3000



Excurssion to the **glacier 3000** with the alpine coaster ride included. If you want to experience true adrenaline, then you must take a ride on the world's highest bobsleigh track. It opened in the summer of 2007 and is the new attraction at Glacier 3000. You can cruise along at approx. 40 km/hour and with the brakes you determine how fast you want to go. The 1 km track offers lots of variety:

the ultimate highlight is the 520-degree loop followed by 10 curves,

6 waves, 3 jumps and 2 bridges. The track lies up to 6 m above the ground and gives guests the ultimate driving experience. The 2-minute downhill ride allows you to quietly race down the mountain. There are 30 sleds available.

Mt Titlis



Mt Pilatus



A trip to Mt. Titlis, the high valley of Engelberg in Central Switzerland boasts an action-packed summer and winter programme while also offering every opportunity for relaxation. The Titlis, Engelberg's 'house mountain', and its glacier park are accessible by revolving rotair cableway. At an altitude of 3020 metres above sea level visitors are treated to a fabulous view of the central Alps. The village is characterised by the imposing monastery and the collegiate church. There are still about 30 monks living and working here today. The Mountain of Angels as the founders of the Benedictine monastery called the place in 1120 is a popular excursion destination for people travelling from nearby Lucerne:

There is hardly another mountain in Switzerland surrounded by so many legends as Mount Pilatus. Especially the dragons, who lived here from time immemorial, are a subject of tales and sagas. Mount Pilatus encompasses also an extraordinary beautiful mountainscape, symbolic of the country's magnificent natural splendour. Steeped in legend and tradition, this towering expanse in Central Switzeland offers a magnificent alpine panorama and nature at most impressive. The best way to become acquainted with the dragon mountain is with the steepest railway of the world (ascent 48%), or the spectacular aerial tramway and modern soundless panoramic gondolas.