

PSSS 1011:

International Studies in France



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PSSS 1011: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN FRANCE

DAY 1

Depart from home city.

DAY 2: BIENVENUE

Arrive in **PARIS**, the historically dynamic and artistically romantic capital of France. Your Course Leader will familiarize you with the area around your hotel and share practical information about Paris such as banking, mail services, phone, personal security, and healthcare.

Discover the historic center of the city where medieval buildings coexist with the hip crowds of the **LATIN QUARTER**, and **LA CONCIERGERIE**, a former royal palace and prison. Next, explore the **L'ÎLE DE LA CITÉ**, the island center of Paris throughout the Middle Ages. Walk through **NOTRE DAME**, a superb example of French gothic architecture built nearly 900 years ago, then visit the island's famous **FLOWER MARKET**.

❖ *Students in the Streets*

Times may have changed since the blood and battle of the French Revolution, but you can get a feel for a much more recent revolt against the

political and social climate. Take to the streets near **SORBONNE UNIVERSITY** while walking through the **LATIN QUARTER**. Students not only hear about the student protests and strikes of May 1968, but deconstruct propaganda posters and reflect on the revolution's impact worldwide, then and now.

Soak up the distinctive character and romance of Paris after dark as you glide along the **SEINE RIVER** on a regal night cruise.

❖ *From Eyesore to Emblem*

Head up to the second level of the **EIFFEL TOWER** for a magical view of Paris at night! Find it hard to believe that many Parisians originally fought the construction of this 'eyesore'? After mapping out the height of the tower in comparison to Paris' other not-nearly-as-tall buildings and reading the 1887 protest petition, students discuss and debate convention vs. invention in a city's architecture and identity.

Dinner

DAY 3: THE ART OF CUISINE

Breakfast

Dive into the village atmosphere of **MONTMARTRE**, a mecca for artists, writers, and poets.

❖ *Changing the Church's Image*

Stroll to the highest point in Paris, the **SACRÉ COEUR CHURCH**, which offers a spectacular view of the city. There, students compare and contrast the architectural styles of Notre Dame and the Sacré Coeur.

FRENCH COOKING LESSON & DINNER

Join a French chef or local students at a culinary school and prepare a traditional French dish.

Stop by a patisserie to sample French delicacies.

DAY 4: TIMELESS PARIS

Breakfast

❖ *Morning at the Market*

Join Parisians in a time-honored tradition and start your morning at a French market. Shop among locals while surrounded by aromatic cheeses, fresh vegetables, and high-energy merchants.

❖ *Sample Educational Insights*

Each day during your travel program, your Course Leader will facilitate activities that focus on global topics and are designed to ignite a desire for change and cultivate a hope for the future. The lessons provide students with the ability to understand other traditions, cultures, viewpoints, and environmental issues, and they prepare students to take an active role in our society. Sample educational insights are included in this itinerary to give an overview of the themes and subjects that will be discussed during your travel program.

Let I.M. Pei's Glass Pyramid be your guide as you head to the world's most visited museum — the **LOUVRE!** Its collection of over 380,000 objects includes Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* and Michelangelo's *The Dying Slave*.

❖ *Going Global*

Your Course Leader guides you down the **CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES** and gives you time to explore the famous street's shops and cafés. Afterwards, students discuss the ways the Champs-Élysées impacts France's economy.

Explore the **ARC DE TRIOMPHE**, a massive arch honoring all those who have fought for France.

End your walk at the **PLACE DE LA CONCORDE**, the site of the beheading of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI that now showcases a fountain and Egyptian obelisk.

Dinner

DAY 5: VERSAILLES

Breakfast

Leave Paris and drive west to the **PALACE OF VERSAILLES**. As the home of the Sun King, Louis

XIV, this palace housed as many as 20,000 people at a time. Tour the Queen's and King's bedrooms, the Hall of Mirrors, and extensive gardens.

Finish your day with a guided walking tour of **LE MARAIS**, an old, charming district full of private mansions, fashionable boutiques, and restaurants.

Dinner

DAY 6: DAY OF DISCOVERY

Breakfast

Optional Excursion: Drive northwest to the beaches of **NORMANDY**, home to a pinnacle chapter in history as the location for the 1944 Allied invasion of Europe. Your tour will take you to **OMAHA BEACH**, the **U.S. CEMETERY AT COLLEVILLE**, and the **LANDINGS MUSEUM AT ARROMANCHES**.

-or-

Customize your day to meet your needs and interests with free time on your own in Paris.

Dinner

DAY 7: DAY OF DISCOVERY

Breakfast

Optional Excursion: Leave Paris and step into the picturesque village of **GIVERNY**, inspiration to artist Claude Monet. Tour Monet's home and gardens, then relax on the banks of the Seine alongside Giverny's quintessential blooming flowers, lily pads, and Japanese bridge.

-or-

Customize your day to meet your needs and interests with free time on your own in Paris.

Dinner

DAY 8: AU REVOIR, PARIS

Breakfast

Enjoy free time before departing for the airport.

Depart for home.

**The itinerary may be modified and inclusions and airports substituted depending on your travel dates, arrival and departure times, national holidays, hours of operation, and events beyond WorldStrides' control. Prices may vary depending on departure city and duration of program.*



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