

## PARIS – CITY TOURS, THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES OR MONET’S GARDEN

Daily half & full day tours from central Paris



There is no better way to see Paris, the city by day or by night and the famous sites, palaces or gardens than by bicycle. Guided cycling tours may it amazingly easy to get around – despite the traffic – using cycleways, shared footpaths, surprising park trails and quiet backroads. Getting around with a knowledgeable and experience tour guide will show you how bicycle friendly this city is and how tolerant other road users are to cyclist, especially groups of cyclists.

We offer full day tours to two of the most sort-after destinations near Paris; the magnificent Palace of Versailles and spectacular Monet’s Garden at Giverny. We also offer half-day cycle tours - starting from near the Eiffel Tower - and including areas such as the Louver, Notre Dam Cathedral and the banks of the Seine.

We provide 3-speed "cruiser" style bikes in a wide range of sizes - essentially a hybrid between a road and mountain bike. The bikes are new at the beginning of each season and are the pinnacles of city-biking comfort with cushy seats, fat tyres and handlebars that come up to meet you, it just doesn't get more relaxed.

### THE CHATEAU & VILLAGE OF VERSAILLES

**Duration:** @ 8-hours                      **Distance:** @ 17km

Located some 20-km southwest of Paris, this was originally the royal hunting lodge of King Louis XIV, The Sun King. He moved his court to Versailles in 1682 and it became the seat of the French government and the royal family until 1789 when Revolutionaries forced them to return to Paris.

Meeting in central Paris we ride to the nearby RER station for a quick train trip to the village of Versailles. Here we'll visit a very traditional market to buy baguettes, cheese, ham, wine or whatever you desire for our picnic later in the Chateau's gardens. We spend most of our day riding through the tree-lined gardens and beside the Grand Canal. The average visitor to Versailles can only visit a small fraction of these magnificent gardens, pastures and wood on foot. We have the chance to see it all before taking the train back to the city.

**Cost:** AU\$130 per person - includes the guide, a bicycle, transportation to and from Versailles, chateau entrance fee and audio guide.

**Departs:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday at 9am from 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012  
Daily except Monday 9am 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012  
(no departures on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> May or *Tour de France* final day on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012)  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday at 9am from 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012

**Highlights:** Chateau Gardens, the Grand Canal, Chateau and Hall of Mirrors - site of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919 that officially ended World War I, Grand and Petit Trianons, Versailles Open Market

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## MONET'S GARDENS BY BIKE

**Duration:** @ 8.5 Hours      **Distance:** @ 10.6km

Visit Claude Monet's breathtaking gardens in Normandy; visit his house, the quaint villages of Vernon and Giverny and including a bicycle ride along the Seine. We travel by rail through the beautiful wheat and sunflower fields of Normandy to the village of Vernon where we collect our bikes. At the market we buy a picnic for lunch in a park beside the river. In the afternoon we pedal down a private path to Monet's gardens where we have free time inside the most gorgeous garden landscape in France – including the famous waterlily ponds.

**Cost:** AU\$120 per person includes a guide, a bicycle, transportation to and from Paris and entrance fee to Monet's house and gardens.

**Departs:** Wednesday and Saturday at 10:00am from 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 & 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday at 10:00am from 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 10:00am from 1 June - 31 August 2012

**Highlights:** Monet's Gardens, the Japanese Bridge and water lilies, Monet's House and collection of Japanese art, Monet's grave at Giverny church, Picnic along the Seine and a leisurely 5km bike ride between the bluffs and the Seine River from Vernon to Giverny.

## PARIS GUIDED CITY CYCLING TOURS – BY DAY AND BY NIGHT

**Duration:** @ 4-hours      **Distance:** @ 10.6km + 13km

Our **Day Bike Tours** Paris are ideal for first time or regular visitors with a fantastic orientation of the 'city of light' and an opportunity to see virtually all of the most visited sites. And our guided will offer new facts and stories about Paris that you've never heard. Our tour will include a stop for lunch (price not included).

**Departs:** Daily at 11am and 3pm \* from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012

\* No day tours on final day of the *Tour de France* (22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012), *Bastille* or *Christmas Days*

**Cost:** AU\$50 per person

**Highlights:** Eiffel Tower, Napoléon's Tomb, Louvre Museum, Musée D'Orsay, Tuileries Gardens, Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, the Ecole Militaire, Rodin Museum, Les Invalides, Alexander III Bridge, Grand and Petit Palais, Place de la Concorde, UNESCO

The **Night Bike Tour** is a completely different route to the Day tour, so you can do both and see two alternate sides to Paris. With more riding and less information than on the Day Tour the city at night is fantastic and we include a one-hour cruise on the River Seine past the most famous illuminated sites and bridges.

**Departs:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday at 6pm from 15<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February & 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
Daily at 6pm from 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March and daily 7pm\*\* from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012

\*\* No night tours on 21<sup>st</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**Cost:** AU\$50 per person

**Highlights:** Notre Dame, Seine Cruise, Louvre Museum, Princess Diana's Flame, Academie Francaise, Berthillion Ice Cream (price not included), Ile de la Cite, Pont St Louis, Latin Quarter, Pont des Arts, Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe.

These are just some of the many small group guided or self-guided inn-to-inn cycling tours **Outdoor Travel** offer in Europe. Other destinations include several areas of Italy, Spain (including the Camino De Santiago route), most regions of France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, England, Scotland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, New Zealand and Australia. We offer group guided Bike & Barge cruises in many destinations in Europe, Croatia, Turkey or the Greek Islands, and also in Vietnam.

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