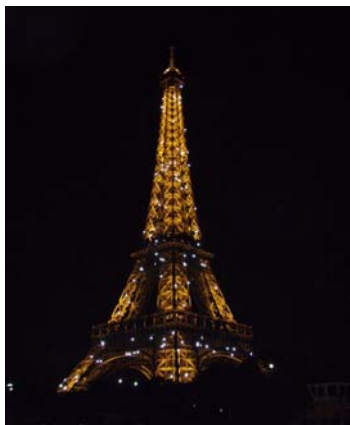


PARIS – PALACE OF VERSAILLES, MONET'S GARDEN OR CITY TOUR

Day tours from central Paris



While in Paris, let us show you it's famous sites the easy way... by bike! Guided cycling day tours take the hassle out of getting around. We offer fascinating day tours to two of the most sort-after destinations from Paris... The Palace of Versailles and Monet's Garden at Giverny both are seen to their advantage from the seat of a bike.

We provide 3-speed "cruiser" style bikes in a wide range of sizes - essentially a hybrid between a road and mountain bike. Our 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.

VERSAILLES BY BIKE

Distance: 17km
Duration: 8-hours (approximately)

The Chateau is located some 20 kilometers southwest of Paris, it was originally the royal hunting lodge. King Louis XIV moved his court officially to Versailles in 1682 and it became the seat of the French government and monarchy. The Château housed the royal family until 1789 when Revolutionaries forced them to return to Paris.

After meeting at our Paris office, we'll ride our bicycles to the nearest RER station for the quick train trip to Versailles. Once at Versailles, we'll first visit the village market to buy baguettes, cheese, ham, wine or whatever you desire for our picnic later in the Chateau's gardens. We will then spend most of our day riding through the tree-lined gardens and near the Grand Canal. The average Versailles tourist doesn't realize that they can only visit a small fraction of the gardens on foot. We'll see it all!

Cost: AU\$145 per person - includes the guide, a bicycle, transportation to and from Versailles, Chateau entrance and audio guide.

Departs: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday 9am 1 Mar - 31 Mar 2009
Daily except Monday 9am 1 Apr – 31 Oct 2009 (no tour on the *Tour de France* final day)
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday 9am 1 Nov – 30 Nov 2009

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

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MONET'S GARDENS BY BIKE

Duration: 7 Hours (approximately)
Distance: 10.6 KM

An excellent excursion outside of Paris to Claude Monet's breathtaking gardens in Normandy. His unique house, the quaint villages of Vernon & Giverny and a bicycle ride along the Seine are a welcome change from the hustle-bustle of Paris. We travel by rail through the beautiful wheat & sunflower fields of Normandy to the village of Vernon. There we'll collect our bikes, head to the market for picnic supplies and then to lunch along the river in a beautiful park. Finally we'll pedal down our private path to Monet's gardens where we'll spend the afternoon inside the most gorgeous landscape in Normandy.

Cost: AU\$145 per person includes a guide, a bicycle, transportation to and from Paris and entrance to Monet's house and gardens.

Departs: Wednesday & Saturday 10:45am & 11:45am 1 Apr – 15 May 2009
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:45am & Sa 11:45am 16 May – 30 Sep 2009
Wednesday & Saturday 10:45am & 11:45am 1 – 31 Oct 2009

Highlights: Monet's Gardens, the Japanese Bridge & water lilies, Monet's House & collection of Japanese art, Monet's grave at Giverny church, Picnic along the Seine & 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: 7-hours + 4-hours (approximately)
Distance: 10.6 km + 13km

Our **Day & Night Bike Tours** of Paris are perfect for both those new to the city and Parisian veterans with a fantastic orientation of the 'city of light' and an opportunity to see virtually all of the most visited sites. We stop for lunch during the day tour (price not included).

The separate **Night Tour** is simply beautiful – 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 Seine past all the most famous illuminated sites and bridges.

Departs: Jan 1 - Mar 31 – daily at 11.am
Apr 1 - Oct 31 - daily 11am *
Nov 1 - Dec 31 – daily at 11.am *

* No day tours during the final day of the Tour de France or Christmas Day

Cost: \$165 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

These are just a few of the many small group guided or self-guided inn-to-inn cycling tours we offer in Europe.

Other cycling holiday destinations include several areas of Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, England and Scotland, Hungary, in the Czech Republic, New Zealand & Australia. We also offer group guided Bike & Barge cruises in many destinations including France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Italy, the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia, the islands of Greece, the Lycian coast of Turkey, Vietnam or Canada.

Contact Outdoor Travel direct for more details and reservations

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