

**Jun 11 - Jun 20, 2018**

**Group Leader:**

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**Group ID:**

70384

**Depart From:**

Detroit



## what's included



**Round-Trip Flights**



**Centrally Located Hotels**

- ✓ Two Paris Métro Round-Trip Tickets
- ✓ Paris Tour with Guide
- ✓ Guinguette Dine and Dance
- ✓ Paris Dinner Voucher
- ✓ Versailles Château and Gardens
- ✓ Versailles by Bike
- ✓ Châteaux de Chenonceau et Chambord



**Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)**



**24-Hour Tour Manager**

- ✓ Mont St. Michel
- ✓ Arromanches 360 Degree Theater
- ✓ American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer
- ✓ Louvre
- ✓ Eiffel Tower Top Floor
- ✓ Pétanque Lesson
- ✓ Sketch Paris Neighborhood Tour
- ✓ Place du Tertre Dinner

## our promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from "good enough" to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

## cultural connections



**HIGHLIGHTS** waiting to happen

### Versailles by Bike

Pedal along the Grand Canal and around Versailles' expansive grounds by bike.

### Guinguette Dine and Dance

Delight in music, dancing and lunch with French locals at a guinguette, a traditional riverside café and dance venue.

### Pétanque Lesson in Paris

Join a pétanque expert for a lesson in this classic French pastime.

### Sketch Paris Neighborhood Tour

Discover a corner of Paris like the artists it inspires, sketching its sights and buildings with expert instruction as you learn their history.



# trip itinerary - 10 days

## Jun 11, 2018: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

## Jun 12, 2018: Paris

Bienvenue à Paris! Meet your ACIS Tour Manager and get acquainted with this graceful city's cobblestoned streets, charming cafés and vibrant neighborhoods. Paris is called the "City of Light" for its role as a center of education during the Age of Enlightenment (it was also one of the first cities to adopt streetlights). Perhaps stroll through Montmartre to the white-domed Sacré Cœur or seek out a lesser known but equally interesting attraction such as the Musée Marmottan-Monet, housing the artist's Impression, Sunrise—the painting for which the Impressionist movement was named. (D)

## Jun 13, 2018: Paris

Morning sightseeing with an expert local guide shows you the city's most impressive monuments, from the magnificent Arc de Triomphe at the top of the Champs-Élysées to Napoleon's final resting place at Les Invalides to the Gothic façade of Notre Dame. Then journey just outside of Paris to visit a traditional Guinguette on the River Marne. Guinguettes are a treasured French establishment dating from the early 1900s when workers were first given a day off on Sunday. Enjoy an authentic French lunch at one of these riverside restaurants and join the locals on the dance floor as you pick up the steps to the popular Valse Musette. Back in Paris this evening we provide a restaurant voucher and insider suggestions so you can dine with the locals at a neighborhood bistro. Tonight you may choose to attend our optional night at the French theater—a unique cultural experience alongside the locals made accessible with English surtitles (translations shown above the stage). (B,L,D)

## Jun 14, 2018: Loire Valley

This morning, travel to Versailles to visit the intricate gardens and stunning palaces of the Sun King, Louis the XIV. Your visit includes the Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed, and the breathtaking surroundings. Don't worry if you don't have time to cover every room of his vast palace. The best stuff is in the gardens and grounds: all 1,976-acre gardens, 200,000 trees, 50 fountains and 620 jets of water worth. After wandering about the exquisite and intensely manicured gardens on two feet, hop on two wheels and explore the palace's surroundings beyond the gardens on a Versailles by bike tour. Then continue on to the Loire Valley. (B,D)

## Jun 15, 2018: Loire Valley

Experience the beauty of the Loire Valley today. Visit Chenonceau, the château of six women, built over the Cher River in an exquisite Renaissance design. It features a moat, drawbridge, towers and turrets—and great stories about resistance to the Nazi army. Then marvel at the mighty Chambord, the sprawling creation commissioned by François I, towering over its deer-filled park. Finally see the château of



Amboise, perched on a bluff above the Loire as you spend some free time exploring the town where Leonardo da Vinci is buried. (B,D)

## Jun 16, 2018: St Malo

Depart this morning for the Normandy coast for a visit to the lovely island monastery of Mont St. Michel. This medieval abbey, once an important pilgrimage site, is surrounded by water at high tide. Continue to St. Malo in time for dinner. Your St. Malo hotel is tucked within the old city walls. An evening walk will wind around the quaint streets of this walled city. (B,D)

## Jun 17, 2018: Rouen

Today walk in the footsteps of history as you visit many of Normandy's important World War II sites. See what is remaining of the temporary Mulberry harbor constructed at Arromanches to help offload cargo during the invasion. Entrance to the Arromanches 360 Cinema is included. Next pay tribute at the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer before descending from the bluff to walk along Omaha Beach. Continue to Rouen, known for its magnificent cathedral and historical connection to Joan of Arc. (B,D)

## Jun 18, 2018: Paris

This morning explore Rouen on a walk through this historical city. View the marketplace, site of Joan of Arc's martyrdom on May 30, 1431, and the streets of Rouen with their 700 timbered houses. Then journey back Paris where you will explore the Louvre with a local guide and discover the many famous masterpieces that call it home. See the Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory and the Venus de Milo as you are led through the galleries. From its beginnings as a royal fortress to its current status as the world's most visited art museum, the Louvre has long been at the center of Parisian culture and home to a collection of 35,000 works of art from around the world. Later, cap off another exceptional day with the stunning view from the very top of the Eiffel Tower. (B,D)

## Jun 19, 2018: Paris

This morning local experts will teach you how to play the

traditional French game of pétanque before you enjoy a final afternoon to shop for souvenirs or perhaps discover the vibrant intellectual and cultural atmosphere of the Latin Quarter. Then visit eclectic Montmartre for a Sketch Paris drawing lesson and walking tour. As you explore this artistic haven—once the haunt of luminaries like Ernest Hemingway, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dalí and Claude Monet—a local artist explains the area’s history and instructs you in various techniques to sketch its streets and buildings. In the evening you will be served an authentic French dinner on the Place du Tertre—a square at the heart of Montmartre. (B,D)

**Jun 20, 2018: Departure**

Depart for the USA. (B)

*This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.*



## learning objectives

1. Students will explore the intricacies of French culinary tradition as it relates to the various French agricultural regions and customs by partaking in a series of culinary experiences.
2. Students will discover the evolution of French architectural styles by examining a contrast of edifices from simple dwellings to the Loire Valley’s châteaux to the majesty of Versailles and subsequently assess the economic disparity that led to the French Revolution.
3. Students will gain a sense of the interconnectedness of American and French history as they explore the American War Cemetery and Omaha Beach while learning about the strategy and tragedy of the D-Day invasions.

## tour cost

**Participant Fees**

Program Fee	\$4606
Early Registration Discount	-\$100

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Total Participant Fees <sup>2</sup>	\$4506
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<sup>2</sup> Valid through 07/01/17 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$760
Double Room Supplement	\$360
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$300
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$250
French Theater Performance with Surtitles	\$75

## notes from acis

Tipping: \$4/day per person for bus driver and \$6/day per person for tour manager

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

## education



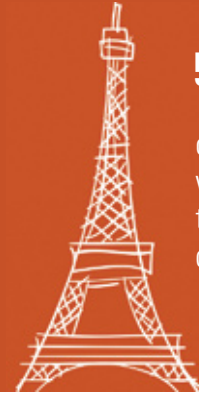
**81%**

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



**37%**

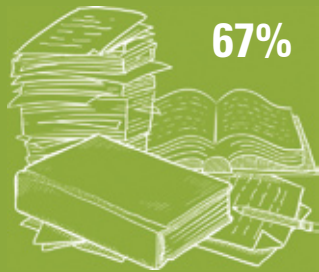
of travelers ,who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



**57%**

of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

## language skills



**67%**

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



**73%**

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.



## personal development



**94%** felt more independent after their trip.

**78%** saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

**92%** noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



**65%**

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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