

The image shows the interior of a grand, ornate cathedral. The ceiling is a complex, vaulted structure with intricate carvings and several large, colorful frescoes. The walls are also highly decorated with carvings and smaller frescoes. Numerous large, ornate chandeliers hang from the ceiling, casting a warm glow. The floor is polished and reflects the light. In the foreground, several people are visible, some standing and some walking, providing a sense of scale to the vast space. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and artistic beauty.

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## Itinerary Highlights (7 nights / 9 days)



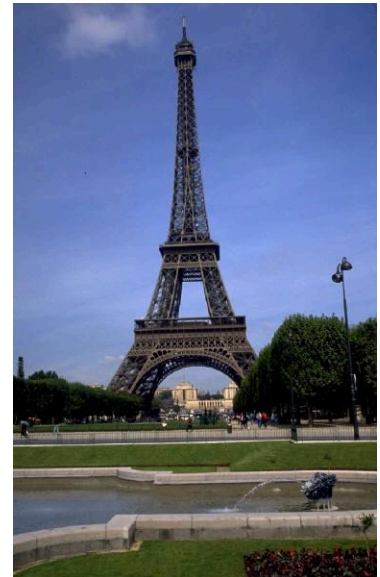
*They've all come to Paris. The Gauls, the Romans, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Pablo Picasso, Dwight Eisenhower, the Czar of Russia, Lenin, the Queen of England, Benjamin Franklin and George Gershwin. Some have even tried to capture the city. And now everyone wants to come to Paris -- millions of tourists each year, motivated by the desire to see the most beautiful city in the world. But Paris is more than a city. It is a place that breathes history and legend, a combination of the modern and the ancient.*

### **Paris**

Sightseeing of Paris includes Notre Dame, the Champs-Élysées, the Left Bank artists' quarter, Sacré Cœur, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, The Eiffel



Tower, Louvre Museum, exploring in groups and souvenir shopping. Tentative concert at the historic Le Madeleine Church.

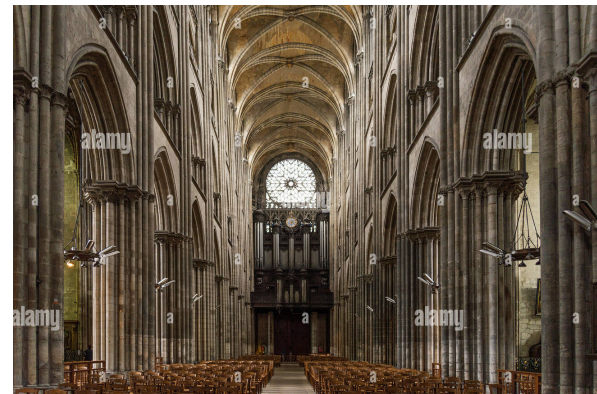


### **Versailles Palace (Pictured on the Handbook cover)**

One of the most extravagant buildings in the world. The playground of Louis XIV, Louis XV and Louis XVI. About 15,000,000 people visit the palace, park, or gardens of Versailles every year, making it one of the most popular tourist attractions in the world.

### **Rouen**

See this medieval city where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in 1431. Impromptu sing in the famous Rouen Cathedral. Walk to the Place du Vieux Marché and enjoy lunch.



### **Utah & Omaha Beaches | Bayeux**

World War II history comes alive at the Utah and Omaha Beaches as you

perform a brief memorial concert at the Normandy American War Cemetery. Visit the WWII War Museum. Return to Bayeux to see the Tapestry Museum or shop in the quaint Old Town. Tentative formal evening concert at the Bayeux Cathedral.



### **Bayeux | Mont St. Michel | Blois**

Visit Mont Saint Michele, the 11th century Romanesque Benedictine Abbey. The Abbey was a prison during the French Revolution and is now a UNESCO world heritage site. Possible impromptu sing in the Abbey.



### **Loire Valley | Blois**

Visit the Loire Valley, a region known for its chateaux and vineyards. See the fairytale Chateau de Chenonceau—Catherine de Medici's manor house with a possible impromptu sing. Continue to Chateau Chambord.



### **Chartres | Tours**

Chartres, the Acropolis of France. Visit the magnificent Gothic Cathedral, which was constructed in the Middle Ages with towers built in two architectural styles. Possible sing in the Cathedral.

*Tours was an important center of trade and administration under the Romans, but is presently most famous for its location in the heart of the Chateaux Country of France — also known as the "garden of France." Kings and courtiers and magnates built famous Renaissance chateaux such as Blois, Chambord, Chenonceau, Azay-le-Rideau and others in this gentle valley.*

