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GRAND TOUR OF THE VINEYARDS OF FRANCE – MAY 2014

PARIS – LOIRE – COGNAC – BORDEAUX – BURGUNDY – CHAMPAGNE

This Tour is Accompanied by Greg Bondar, Sydney Royal Wine Judge and Wine Journalist.



Day One: St Germain en Laye - Paris - St Germain en Laye

- Arrive in France.
- Your private coach and driver will take you to St Germain en Laye where you will stay in a traditional Parisian historic hotel.
- Spend the day at leisure, settling in, walking around the grounds.
- This evening there will be welcome drinks in the chateau garden.
- Head into Paris for a traditional French supper and panoramic tour of Paris by night.



Day Two: St Germain en Laye – Versailles – St Germain en Laye

- Morning: Visit to Versailles – explore the Palace of Versailles and its magnificent gardens and fountains with expert local guide.
- Lunch in Versailles (a charming elegant town), at a traditional French restaurant.
- Afternoon: Wine cellar visit in Versailles with private tasting.
- Evening: Buffet dinner at the hotel with local produce.



Day Three: Chartres – Loire Valley - Amboise/Tours

- Today head to the Loire valley. The Loire offers beautiful landscapes, magnificent chateaux, a lush green river valley and gorgeous countryside.
- En route to the Loire stop off for a visit to the Cathédrale de Chartres famous for its stained glass dating from medieval times. A local expert will explain the wonderful glass windows and the stories they tell.
- Afternoon: Continue the drive to the Loire with another stop at Château d'Amboise, an amazing Chateau and former home to the French Court under the famous King Francois I (Leonardo da Vinci lived here for years with the King as his patron).
- Enjoy a fantastic vineyard visit at Domaine Vigneau Chevreau - an organic producer located in the heart of Vouvray, a region famous for its crisp white wines.
- This evening stay in a Chateau hotel in the Amboise/Tours area in a characterful hotel





Day Four: Amboise/Tours - Chenonceau - Villandry - Amboise/Tours

- This morning enjoy a visit to Château de la Bourdaisière which houses the French National Collection of Tomatoes. Quirky but fun. The owner is hilarious and will meet the group!
- Head to Chenonceau to view the beautiful Chateau built across the River Cher. It was here that Catherine de Medici planted a beautiful garden. Then travel on to Villandry with its exceptional gardens of flowers, fruit and vegetables. All planted together.
- Stay for a second night in the Amboise/Tours area. Enjoy an interesting tasting of some local Loire wines followed by a delicious dinner with even more wines paired with each course.



Day Five: Chinon - Cognac - Bordeaux

- Head first to Chinon to visit the medieval castle which at times served as the residence of the Kings of France and England. Don't miss the chance to try the famed red Chinon wines.
- Enjoy a tasting at Domaine de la Noblaie and a delicious picnic by the vines. Proceed to Cognac for a tasting and a visit to a distillery.
- Finally head south to the Grand Hotel Bordeaux, a beautiful landmark property in the heart of Bordeaux.
- Enjoy the evening at leisure in this vibrant city.



Day Six: Bordeaux - St Emilion - Bordeaux

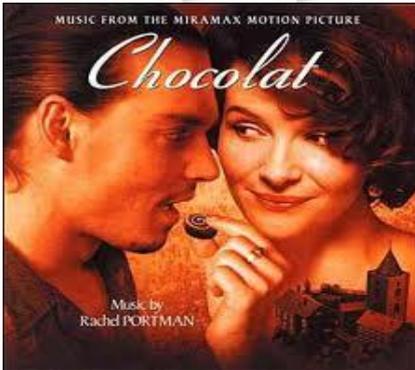
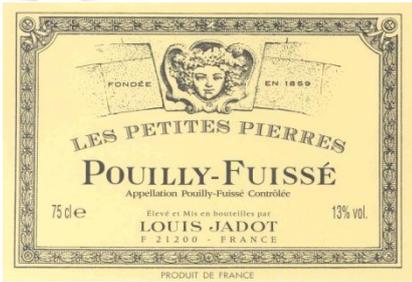
- Bordeaux is the city at the heart of this wonderful wine region so this morning, enjoy a walking tour of the city and free time for shopping.
- Travel to St Emilion for a wine tasting and light lunch. This is the chance to enjoy some really wonderful red wines.
- Afternoon: A special visit to one of the following exceptional 'premier cru' wine producers is included: Mouton Rothschild, Lafite Rothschild, Yquem and Haut Brion.
- We also include a visit to one of the certified 'organic' producers: Chateau Guiraud (Sauternes) or Pontet Canet (Pauillac) both of whom have been certified as organic in 2010 and 2011 respectively.



Day Seven: Bordeaux - Angoulême - Limoges - Burgundy

- This morning travel to Burgundy, a long but interesting journey across central France (approx 6 hours drive).
- We will stop en route at Angouleme Castle and also in Limoges, famed for its porcelain and china production.
- Travel north of the Massif Central, one of France's most remote areas with stunning scenery.
- Late this afternoon we arrive in the Burgundy wine region of France. The thing about Burgundy is the incredible range of wines produced from the delicious Beaujolais reds of the Belleville – Ville





franche sur Saône area to the rich, hearty reds of the north.

- Stay tonight in Burgundy.

Day Eight: Burgundy

- Enjoy a full day in Burgundy with visits to Macon, Pouilly and Fuisse.
- The magical area around Macon on the banks of the River Rhone is famed for its high quality white wine production.
- We'd also like to include a visit to Domaine Leflaive - an organic producer of Puligny Montrachet. Domaine Leflaive is a family-run domaine, in the same family since 1717. We propose a visit and specialist Puligny tasting here.
- Stay in Burgundy this evening and enjoy a Michelin-starred dinner and private wine tasting.

Day Nine: Burgundy - Dijon - Flavigny – Epernay (Champagne)

- Begin your day with a drive along the Cote d'Or and visit Nuits St Georges and Gevrey Chambertin
- Head to Dijon with a stop in the town of Flavigny sur Ozerain where the film Chocolat was filmed.
- From there travel to Epernay and Ay in the heart of Champagne.
- Our favourite part of the Champagne District is the little town of Ay, scenically located just north of Epernay on the banks of the River Marne. Famous producers like Billecart Salmon and Laurent Perrier have their champagne houses here. We will organise a Champagne house visit and cellar tour. There will be a Champagne tasting and a magnificent dinner for the guests. We can tailor this visit to meet the exact tastes of your group.

Day Ten: Epernay (Champagne) – Bouzy - Epernay

- Slightly to the north is Reims - the commercial centre of the Champagne District. Reims is home to the Champagne Houses of Krug, Mumm and Taittinger.
- In the hills just south of Reims is the 'Montagnes de Reims' area - a hilly area of pretty villages and numerous vineyards. The village of Bouzy is located in these hills - this area produces a very good quality red wine - the famous 'Bouzy Rouge' - we'll arrange a brasserie style lunch in Bouzy including a tasting of these surprisingly nice reds!!

Day Eleven: Epernay -Paris

- Your trip comes to an end and you will head back to Paris for your journey home. There is the option to stay on in Paris for a couple of days if you wish.

This Grand Tour of the Vineyards of France includes the following:

- 11 days private luxury air conditioned modern coach with professional driver (49 seats)
- 10 nights' accommodation in traditional, well located first class hotels
- Buffet style breakfast each morning
- 4 lunches and 4 dinners are included in the programme
- Expert escort to accompany you throughout
- Specialist tour guides where necessary (chateaux, museums, palaces)
- Welcome drinks reception
- Traditional French supper
- Panoramic tour of Paris
- Visit to Palace of Versailles
- Lunch in Versailles at a traditional French restaurant.
- Wine cellar visit in Versailles with private tasting
- Buffet dinner at hotel in St Germain en Laye with local produce.
- Visit to Cathédrale de Chartres
- Visit to Château d'Amboise
- Vineyard visit to Domaine Vigneau Chevreau
- Visit to Château de la Bourdaisière
- Visit to Chenonceau Castle
- Visit to the Royal Fortress of Chinon
- Dinner with wine and wine tasting in Vouvray.
- A tasting at Domaine de la Noblaie with delicious picnic lunch
- Visit to Cognac for a tasting and a visit to a distillery
- Wine tasting and light lunch in St Emilion
- Special 'premier cru' visit in Bordeaux
- Visit to certified 'organic' producer / Bordeaux
- Michelin-starred dinner and private wine tasting in Burgundy.
- Champagne house visit and cellar tour.
- Brasserie style lunch in Bouzy including a tasting
- Porterage and service charges and taxes

The cost of this Grand Tour of the Great Vineyards of France is:

€5400 (Euros) per person based on two people sharing a classic double room.

€1100 (Euros) single room supplement (double room for single occupancy).

Extend your stay with two nights in Paris (this can be done before or after the tour):

- 2 nights at boutique hotel (close to Champs Elysees)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Arrival transfer with car and driver from airport to Central Paris
- Panoramic Tour of Paris on arrival
- Half day of driver and car service to tour Paris
- Champagne cruise on the River Seine
- Departure transfer to station/airport as required

The cost is:

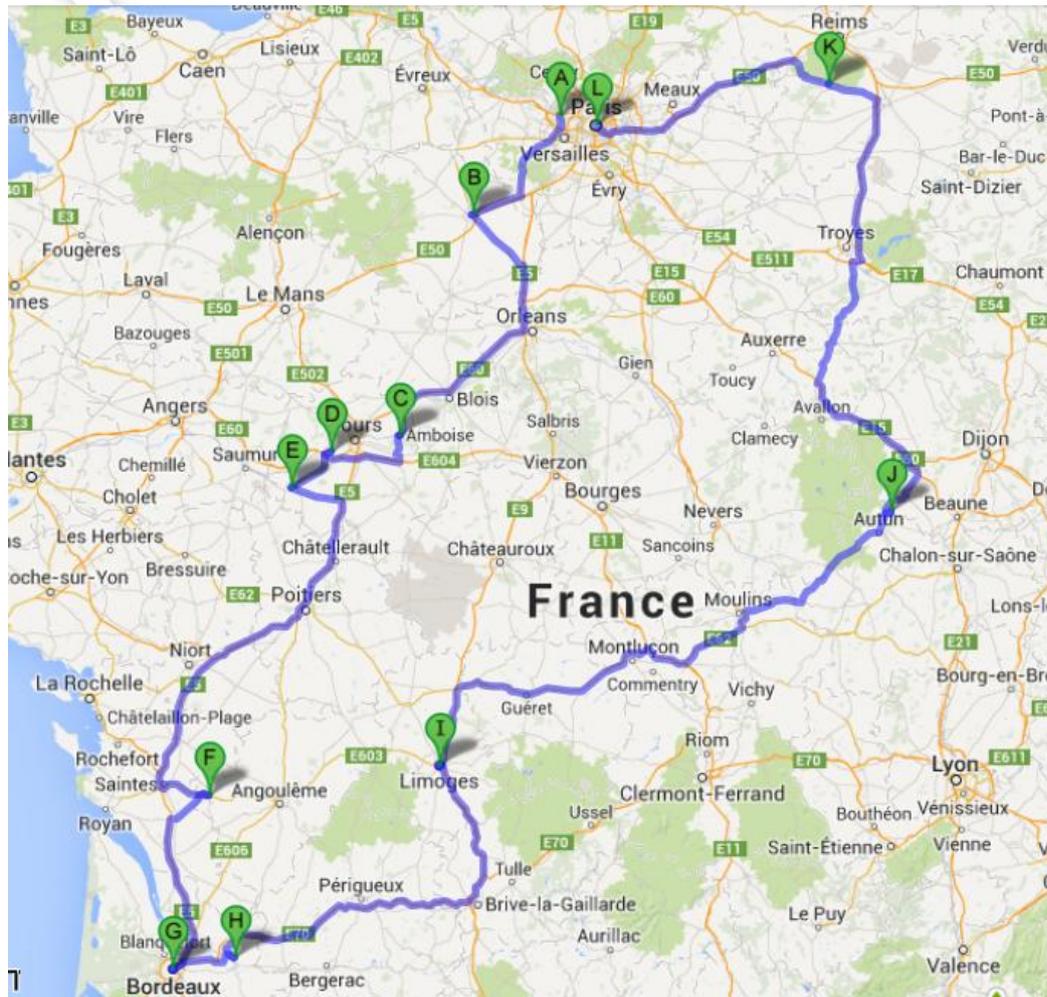
€1200 per person based on 2 people sharing a double room.

€1700 per person based on 1 person in a double room.

Notes:

1. All entrance fees included as listed in itinerary.
2. All services subject to availability at time of booking.
3. GT reserves the right to substitute any of the above services with similar services if necessary.

MAP OF GRAND TOUR OF THE VINEYARDS OF FRANCE



- A = Saint-Germain-en-Laye
- B = Chartres
- C = Amboise
- D = Villandry
- E = Chinon
- F = Cognac
- G = Bordeaux
- H = Saint-Émilion
- I = Limoges
- J = Burgundy,
- K = Epernay (Champagne)
- L = Paris



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND HOW TO BOOK

If you have further questions about 'The Grand Tour of the Vineyards of France', please contact:

- **E-mail:** katie@grand-tourist.com or janet@grand-tourist.com
 - **Call:** 00 44 1829 751038 Grand Tourist Office
 - **Australia:** In Australia you can call Greg Bondar's team on:
Office: (02) 9546 4757 or **Mobile (cell):** 0411 854 115
Email: info@thealternativepalate.com.au
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The cost of the trip:

- **Land price:** AUD \$7900 / Euros €5400 per person
 - **Air price:** AUD \$2000 / Euros €1600 per person (approx)
 - **Single room supplement:** AUD \$1606 / Euros €1100 per person
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How to book and payment methods:

- Fill in the booking form with your full details, sign and return to us
 - Send a deposit payment of 50% of the land price to secure your place
 - The balance payment is due in March 2014
 - Pay by credit card, debit card or bank transfer
 - Once the deposit is received by us we will issue a confirmation document and invoice
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Our bank details are:

- Grand Tourist Ltd, Coutts & Co, 440 Strand, London WC2R 0QS, UK
- IBAN: GB36COUT18009110460608 / BIC: COUTGB22

Your financial protection:

- Grand Tourist is bonded through the CAA - ATOL License No. 10224.
- We are also bonded through ABTOT (UK) No. 5145
- This means that you are financially secure when you book with us.

Notes:

- We are happy to book flights for you from Australia-Paris.
- Air fare is estimated at AUS \$ 2000--pp / return economy fare with Emirates.
- The exact air fare cost will be confirmed at time of booking.
- We will need minimum numbers to operate this trip.
- We reserve the right to postpone or cancel the trip if these are not reached.
- Above prices based on exchange rate of Euro 1.00/AUD 1.46

Details correct at time of print: 22-10-13

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Thank you for booking your travel services with Grand Tourist Ltd. Registered in England Nbr: 5455911. Your contract is with Grand Tourist Ltd, Willington Mill, Weetwood, Cheshire CW6 ONQ, UK and is subject to the following conditions:

1. BOOKING PROCEDURE

- (a) When you make your booking with us, each person traveling accepts the terms of these Booking Conditions.
- (b) A deposit of 50% of the total cost of the trip or € 2000 per person, whichever is the greater, is required at the time of booking. Deposit requirements may vary depending on disbursements to be made on your behalf. If your booking is made within 12 weeks of departure, full payment is due immediately.
- (c) Payment may be made by bank transfer to our account at Coutts & Co.: Account Name: Grand Tourist Ltd.; Account Number: 10460608; Sort code: 18-00-91. IBAN GB36COUT18009110460608
- (d) Your booking is considered definite and a contract will exist between you and Grand Tourist Ltd only when your deposit has been received by us and a letter of confirmation sent to you.
- (e) Full payment must be made no later than 8 weeks (56 days) prior to travel. If full payment is not received by this date, we reserve the right to cancel your services and retain your deposit.
- (f) We reserve the right to change the published prices of our holidays; any such changes will be advised to you before you make your booking.

2. SURCHARGES

- (a) We reserve the right to increase the price of your holiday to allow for variations in costs or exchange rates. We will absorb any such increase that amounts to less than 10% of the price of your holiday.
- (b) In the unlikely event that such an increase amounts to more than 10% of the price of your holiday, then you will be entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund.

3. CANCELLATION BY YOU

- (a) You may cancel your holiday at any time. Cancellation must be communicated to us in writing and will take effect the day such notification is received by us. We strongly recommend that guests take out travel insurance.
- (b) We reserve the right to apply cancellation charges as follows:

Days Before Departure	Cancellation Charge
56 days or more	Deposit only
55-45 days	75% of holiday cost
44-25 days	85% of holiday cost
Less than 25 days	100% of holiday cost

4. INSURANCE & HEALTH

- (a) You are required to arrange your own travel insurance and to provide us with details of this insurance, including your insurer's emergency contact number.

5. AMENDMENTS BY YOU

- (a) If you wish to make any changes to your confirmed holiday arrangements, please notify us in writing at least 10 weeks prior to departure and we will do our best to accommodate these changes.
- (b) We may apply an amendment fee of € 200-- per person for any such changes.

6. AMENDMENT OR CANCELLATION BY US

- (a) Occasionally we may need to amend your land arrangements, substitute hotels or alter the order of the services you experience on your travels. Any such changes will be notified to you as early as possible.
- (b) If we are required to make any significant changes to your holiday arrangements and you are not happy with these changes then you will be entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund.
- (c) Clause 6(b) will not apply if the change or cancellation is a result of war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, technical or maintenance problems with transport, or other circumstances which amount to force majeure.

7. YOUR FINANCIAL PROTECTION

- (a) When you book an ATOL protected air holiday package from Grand Tourist Ltd you will receive a Confirmation Invoice from us confirming your arrangements and your protection under our Air Travel License Nbr. 10224.

- (b) When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get further information, what this means to you and who to contact if things go wrong.
- (c) "We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer).
- (d) If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme."
- (e) In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. For further information visit www.atol.org.uk

You may choose to book your own flights directly - in which case these flights are your responsibility and are not covered by the Grand Tourist Ltd ATOL license. Your airline is directly responsible for your airline tickets and any delay or liability associated with your flights. Please Note - Not all holiday or travel services offered and sold by us will be protected by the ATOL scheme. Please ask us to confirm what protection may apply to your booking.

8. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU

- (a) We accept responsibility for ensuring your holiday is supplied as described and that the services we provide are to a reasonable standard. In the unlikely event that you experience a problem during your holiday, please inform us immediately and we will do our best to put things right.
- (b) If, despite our best efforts and having followed the above procedure for reporting and resolving your complaint, you feel that it has not been satisfactorily settled, we recommend that it is referred for arbitration under the ABTOT Travel Industry Arbitration Service. An Independent Arbitrator will review the documents relating to any complaint and deliver a binding decision to bring the matter to a close. Details of this scheme are available from The Travel Industry Arbitration Service, administered by Dispute Settlement Services Ltd at Old Exchange House, Marford Road, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AY or from ABTOT, Tower 42, Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1HG. This scheme cannot however decide in cases where the sums claimed exceed £1,500 per person or £7,500 per booking form, or for claims which are solely or mainly in respect of physical injury or illness or the consequence thereof.
- (c) As a member of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), an Association approved by the Department of Trade and Industry, Grand Tourist Limited has provided a Bond to meet the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. This Bond provides security for and is restricted to monies paid by its UK customers and for their repatriation to the UK in the event of Grand Tourist Limited's insolvency.
- (d) No liability can be accepted by us where the contract is affected by 'force majeure'. In the context of these terms and conditions, 'force majeure' is any event that we could not, even with due care, foresee or avoid. These events include but are not limited to war, threat of war, riot, civil commotion or strife, hostilities, industrial dispute, natural disaster, fire, acts of God, terrorist activity, nuclear disaster, adverse weather, government action, technical problems with transportation or other events outside our control.

9. PASSPORTS, VISAS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- (a) EC passport holders are free to travel throughout the EC without visas, please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your date of entry.
- (b) For non-EC passport holders please enquire with the Consulate or Embassy of the country you are visiting.

10. THE CONTRACT

- (a) Your contract with us is made based on the terms of these Booking Conditions which are governed by English law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. 25-10-2013

