

# Paris



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# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Gain a unique look into the story of two cultures that converged in the early 20th century, and discover the indelible influence of the African-American community on the Parisian cultural scene.

## Inspiring Moments

- Gain insight into how the **African-American expatriate community** influenced Paris and learn about their valuable contributions.
- Discover the history of **Montmartre**, where African-American jazz musicians created their own Harlem in the 1920s.
- Tap your toes to the rhythms of smooth jazz during an evening at a **jazz club**.
- Delight in a **culinary tour** that showcases Paris' world-class cuisine and artisanal food shops.
- Witness honey-hued, ethereal landmarks while cruising on the **Seine**.
- Gaze at works of art illustrating **people of color through the ages** in the Louvre Museum.

*Above: Pont Alexandre III spanning the Seine |*

*Cover photos (clockwise): Eiffel Tower, jazz performers and the Louvre*





## Dear William & Mary Alumni and Friends,

Discover the reach of African-American culture in Paris on this enlightening seven-night journey. From jazz musicians and club owners to writers and scholars, many African-American expatriates felt welcome in Paris in the years following World War I. Learn about their valuable contributions while tracing rich history through legendary neighborhoods, including Montmartre and the Left Bank. During specially designed excursions, walk in the footsteps of African-American luminaries and gain a deeper appreciation of this influential community through enriching lectures. Plus, enjoy quintessential Parisian experiences: visiting a jazz club, savoring French cuisine, cruising the Seine and exploring the Louvre Museum.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

Sincerely,

Marilyn W. Midyette '75  
Executive Director

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## Day 1| In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France.✈

## Day 2 | Paris, France

Transfer🔄 to the Hotel Les Jardins du Marais.

**Discovery: Welcome to Paris!** Join your Travel Director for a relaxing stroll around your new neighborhood and learn how to navigate the Metro, Paris' transit system.

Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

## Day 3 | Paris

**Discovery: Paris' African-American History.**

Explore the city that welcomed Josephine Baker, Langston Hughes and other African-American luminaries. See the favorite haunts of Hughes, W.E.B. DuBois and James Baldwin along the Champs Élysées, and drive through the Latin Quarter, so named because this neighborhood was the intellectual hub of Paris for centuries. Stroll through the artsy neighborhood where entertainers and writers from the African-American expatriate community lived, including Henry Ossawa Tanner, Miles Davis and Bud Powell.



*Top: Montmartre | Above: American military band plays jazz for wounded soldiers outside their Paris hospital, 1918*

Discover the palate-pleasing cuisine of Paris during lunch at a Parisian restaurant.

**Free Time:** Create your own path through Paris during an afternoon at leisure. You may wish to stay in Le Marais, browse art galleries or stroll through the Place des Vosges, Paris' first square.



## ACTIVE TRAVEL for Cultural Explorers

This **active program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

### Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking distances of up to 3 miles
- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and trains
- ▶ navigating stairs to get in/out of Metro stations





Latin Quarter

## Day 4 | Paris

**AHI Connects: Paris Noir.** Watch a screening of “Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light,” a 2016 documentary that examines the relationship between African-American expatriates and Paris following World War I. A question-and-answer session with the filmmakers follows.

**Discovery: Montmartre and Jazz Walking Tour.** While exploring Montmartre, learn about the influence of the Harlem Renaissance and jazz on Paris. The soldiers of the U.S. Army’s 369th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed the Harlem Hellfighters, are credited with introducing jazz to Europe. In the aftermath of World War I, Parisians fell in love with the rich cultural scene created by these musicians and other African-American entertainers and club owners. While learning how African-American culture influenced European culture, see nightclubs owned by legends Bricktop and Eugene Bullard.

**Free Time:** Your afternoon is at leisure to visit historic landmarks, museums and other sites.

**Discovery: An Evening of Jazz.** Trace the evolution of French jazz during a tour of Saint-Germain-des-Pres and the Latin Quarter. Following the war, African-American jazz musicians graced Paris’ stages and played to adoring audiences at local clubs. Listen to stories about great musicians before wrapping up the evening at a jazz club where you will enjoy a delectable dinner and special concert.

## Day 5 | Paris

**Discovery: Flavors of France.** Step into the world of French gastronomy during a walking tour, and delight in the flavors that define French cuisine. Sample cheeses, learn about truffles, sip full-bodied wine and taste foie gras. Cap off your delicious excursion with a sample of decadent candies and traditional biscuits.

**Discovery: The Louvre.** Join an expert guide in the renowned Louvre Museum to examine how people of color are depicted through centuries of masterpieces and why. During your tour, discuss the artistic and cultural significance of many

Harlem Hellfighters



Harlem Hellfighters returning to America

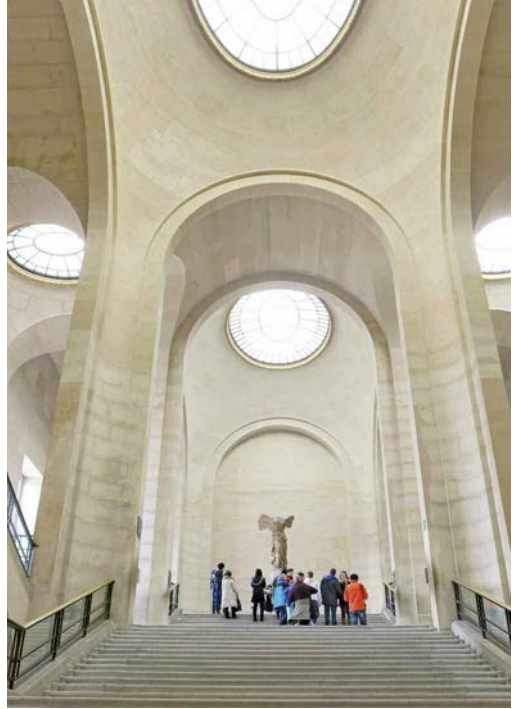




## Paris Discovers Jazz

After World War I, Parisians rebuilt their lives as jazz, a new sound introduced to France by African-American soldiers, filled the air. Lively and unique, jazz was the perfect soundtrack to a fresh start, both for French music fans and African-American troops. The 369th Infantry Regiment is credited with transforming Paris' cultural scene. The unit became famous for its bravery and its band, led by Lieutenant James Reese Europe and Sergeant Noble Sissle. Attached to the French army because U.S. forces were still segregated, the 369th Infantry was brave in battle. Nicknamed the "Harlem Hellfighters" by the Germans, the 369th and several individual soldiers were singled out for France's highest award for valor. Off the battlefield, the band boosted morale across France with music that would soon fill Parisian clubs. For two decades, Montmartre hosted the flourishing jazz community, which drew African-American musicians and club owners from the U.S. Several musicians left Paris during Germany's World War II occupation, but the city's love of jazz never wavered. Jazz surged again after the war with great African-American musicians leading the way, and the music still delights concertgoers today.

noteworthy works of art. Then browse the Louvre's compelling collections, galleries and hallowed halls at your own pace. There are over 35,000 objects on display in the Louvre!



Louvre Museum

### Day 6 | Paris

**Free Time:** Craft your own path through Paris today or join our Elective Excursion to Versailles.

**ELECTIVE | Versailles.** Travel to France's grandest palace, a baroque chateau that was once the kingdom's political capital and the seat of the royal court. Walk in the footsteps of kings, queens and courtiers while visiting the palace and impeccable, manicured gardens. Delight in ornate ceilings, rich tapestries and lavish galleries, and see the Hall of Mirrors, the room where the Treaty of Versailles was signed. Following your tour, explore the grounds at your own pace. Stroll a network of walkways, view the Neptune Fountain or simply relax amid the property's pretty, sprawling gardens.

### Day 7 | Paris

**Enrichment: An African-American Writer in Paris Today.** Award-winning writer Jake Lamar, a Bronx transplant in Paris, discusses his experiences in Paris, where he has lived for several years. A former writer for *Time* magazine, Lamar has written six novels, a play, a memoir and many short stories, essays and articles.



Optional excursion to Versailles





Cruising the Seine River

**Discovery: The Left Bank.** The African-American community, along with other communities of the African diaspora, flourished on the Left Bank. See where the *Revue du Monde Noir*, a groundbreaking magazine, was published, and learn about intellectuals, such as Anna Cooper and Carter G. Woodson. Born into slavery in 1858, Cooper earned a doctorate from the Sorbonne, and Woodson, who studied at the Sorbonne in the early 1900s, was a pioneer in the field of Black studies. Then delve deeper into the bebop style of jazz and the musicians who flocked to Paris to play their music. Plus, see where famous musicians, such as Miles Davis and Bud Powell, lived and performed.

**Free Time:** Indulge in fine art collections and rich relics at Paris' illustrious museums or unwind in the lush Luxembourg Gardens.



## Day 8 | Paris

**Discovery: Paris by Boat.** Glide along the storied Seine River on a special cruise, passing beloved Parisian sites. Witness the Notre-Dame Cathedral, Louvre Museum and Île St. Louis, and sail beneath Pont Neuf, Paris' famed bridge.

**Free Time:** Enjoy your last afternoon at leisure in Paris. Seek souvenirs, visit boutiques and stores, or relish a final espresso and croissant. Celebrate your enchanting adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

## Day 9 | In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer ➡ to the airport for the return flight ✈ to your gateway city.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and ➡ transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🕒 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.



Free time to explore



## ACCOMMODATIONS



**LES JARDINS DU MARAIS** | PARIS



Located in the trendy Marais district between Place des Vosges and Opéra Bastille, the elegant Les Jardins du Marais offers an ideal base for discovering Paris' museums, neighborhoods and landmarks. This remarkable haven, spread across seven historic buildings, features 263 rooms and an expansive interior courtyard, the perfect environment to relax on a lounge chair, listen to music or browse a visiting art exhibit. After a day of sightseeing, enjoy the inviting setting of the courtyard garden filled with Mediterranean vegetation, palm trees and blooming flowers, or toast to your day's adventures in the bar and lounge. For a pleasurable experience, indulge in the hotel's sauna facilities or chic spa, which offers massages, facials and body treatments. When evening arrives, settle in your cozy room decorated in Art Deco style with plush carpeting, luxury finishes and modern conveniences. Wi-Fi is complimentary.





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Trip #:8B-25818W

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Please contact **757-221-1165** or AHI Travel at **800-323-7373** with questions regarding this trip or to make a reservation.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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**I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:**

### Land Program and AHI FlexAir

☐ I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Paris, France, to depart from:

Departure City

### Land Program

☐ I/we will arrange our own air and ground transfers.

### Single Accommodations

☐ I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$995 (limited availability).

☐ I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **April 27, 2020** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

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PROGRAM DATES

**Air Program dates:** July 11-19, 2020

**Land Program dates:** July 12-19, 2020

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$3,845	\$250	\$3,595

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

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The Louvre on the banks of the Seine

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Paris, Banks of the Seine

Landmarks along the city’s famous river



Pont Neuf, Paris’ oldest bridge



## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

(with baggage handling)


- **7 nights** in Paris, France, at the first-class Hotel Les Jardins du Marais.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.



### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Uncover the city that welcomed African-American luminaries during a tour.
  - Trace the influence of the Harlem Renaissance and jazz in Montmartre.
  - Delight in a lively concert at a jazz club.
  - Sample French flavors on a walking tour.
  - Explore the Louvre with a local expert.
  - Discover Paris' storied Left Bank.
  - Sail along the beautiful Seine River.
-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- **10-ticket Metro package** for included excursions.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
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### AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

#### *Before you go:*

- **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
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- **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

#### *Once you arrive:*

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- **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



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*Aerial view of magnificent Paris*

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