



**There is much to see and do in Paris and the surrounding areas from a client's Parisian apartment base. These range from more traditional tours, to more unique offerings. Below is a sample of more unique offerings A Season Away can arrange for clients in the Paris area, though it is meant only as an "idea book" of options.**

## Food and Wine

### Cheese and Wine Tasting in Paris (2 hours)

"Nobody can possibly manage to lead a country that has 365 different sorts of cheeses", Charles de Gaulle.

If you want to discover France and what makes the French so different, you might just as well start by learning about the French cheese culture. In Montmartre, sit around a magnificent oak table and taste cheeses from all over France.

### French Wine Tasting in Paris

Whether you are a wine novice or a wine lover, where better to become a connoisseur of French wines than Paris? You'll learn all about French wines in an exclusive wine cellar near the Louvre from a sommelier, with a choice of three specially designed wine tastings:



- One-hour simple introduction to wine tasting techniques with three selected French wines accompanied by bread & snacks.
- 1.5-hour cheese and wine lunch—a more in-depth tasting of five selected French wines, accompanied by a tray of French cheeses, charcuterie and bread.
- Two-hour master class - the ultimate wine tasting, with six selected French wines, Champagne and bread, plus information about food and wine pairings and more.

### Market Tour and Foie Gras Tasting (3.5 hours)

With an expert guide, enjoy a high-end tour in the lively Bastille neighborhood.

Your guide will introduce you to the area's most authentic shop keepers, followed by a wine and foie gras tasting! The foie gras, from Southwest France, will be served with chutneys, fruits and a variety of breads. The wines served will be Champagne, Muscat and white wine.

### Paris Chocolate and Pastry Food Tour (3 hours)

Combine your love of chocolate and cakes with your passion for Paris! This tour combines French gourmet specialties with an afternoon walking tour so you won't need to feel too guilty. Numbers are limited to a maximum of 8 people, ensuring you'll receive personalized attention. You will visit at least three pastry shops, a bakery and three chocolate shops.



### Paris Food Walking Tour: Gourmet French Food (3 hours)

There's no need to consider calories when you combine gourmet French food with a three-hour morning walking tour! You will walk through a number of Paris neighborhoods to visit a French bakery, pastry shop, French caterer, wine shop, cheese shop, fruit and vegetable shop and market. Your tour begins at a specialty cheese shop on Boulevard Saint-Germain on the Left Bank.

### Unique Chocolate Tour and Tasting (3 hours)

Paris is home to some of the world's best chocolate makers and sellers and each has gained notoriety for their special technique and flavor. During this delicious jaunt through Paris' upscale Left Bank area, you will learn what makes the finest French artisan chocolates distinctive. You will visit at least five chocolate shops. Stopping at a variety of these sweet confectioner's shops, we will compare and contrast the flavors, products, and the techniques used.

## Cooking Lessons

### Small-Group French Cooking Class in Paris (Length varies)

Meet a local chef and learn how to cook a three-course Parisian meal in a private apartment in the heart of Paris! Numbers for this cooking class are limited to a maximum of 8 people, ensuring you'll receive



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personalized attention from your knowledgeable French chef as you prepare a delightful lunch. You can also choose to take a guided tour of the local markets in Paris, a unique opportunity to meet local butchers, bakers, and farmers selling vegetables from their gardens. On the market tour you will learn how to find and select the highest-quality ingredients.

### Spend the morning in a typical French Boulangerie (Bakery) (3 hours)

A unique occasion: being initiated in the trade of the world famous French baker!

Learn the secrets of how crisp baguettes are made and get the inside "scoop" on making the perfect croissant by preparing your own dough! Even Parisians will envy the experience: spending a morning with a baker! You will leave with a baguette and a croissant you baked yourself.



### Pastry Class in Paris (3 hours)

You will prepare, from scratch, 6 pastries or desserts, using seasonal ingredients and fresh products. The chef will guide you through the recipes and will show you some of the great tips he's learned as a pastry chef in France, Italy and the USA.

Two person minimum and must be booked well in advance.

## Unique Offerings

### A Day with a Photographer or a Paparazzi

**Option 1:** Be guided by a professional photographer to the right Paris locations at the right time of the day! Our guide will help you discover and capture the unique and magical beauty of the city. If Photography is your passion, this activity is made for you!

**Option 2:** Let the Paparazzi follow you as you walk through Paris and you will leave the city with amazing pictures of you and your group! A great activity for honeymooners, lovers or family reunions.

### Create Your Very Own Perfume! (1.5 hours)

This is your chance to create a perfume that actually expresses who you are, a perfume that resembles your personality. With the help of a professional perfume expert you will create a custom made perfume. The expert will study your olfactory profile, and test with you 15 different fragrance families. The end result: your own exclusive formula! The expert will keep your formula in their archives for future ordering!



### Da Vinci Code Tour

Discover the symbols in the novel *The Da Vinci Code* accompanied by your own private "symbolologist" historian guide. As in the film, start by discovering the Ritz Hotel. Next comes a visit to the Louvre Museum, without waiting in lines; see Leonardo's paintings, including the Mona Lisa, *The Madonna of the Rocks*, *Saint John the Baptist and Arcadian Shepherds*. In the Grand Gallery you will also see Caravaggio's paintings. Your guide will take you step by step through the story's actions in the Louvre. Then discover the Saint Sulpice church on your own where you will follow the footsteps of the murderous albino monk from *Opus Dei*. You will see the rose line that slices through the church and points to the key under the slender stone pyramid that will unlock the secret of the Grail!

### Paris Ghost and Mystery Walking Tour (2 hours)

Tour the dark side of Paris on a night-time Ghost and Mystery Walking Tour. Discover a side of Paris known only to a few on this nocturnal stroll through the city's ghostly and mysterious sites, including along winding lanes to explore the Catacombs, the Theater of the Vampires, the Knights Templar, the Marquis de Sade, flying machines, mummies in the Bastille, gargoyles, medieval alchemists, the Hunchback of Notre Dame, La Belle Époque and much more!



### Private Citroen "Deux Chevaux" Tour: Secret Paris (1.5 hours)

Allow yourself to be charmed by an authentic and intimate journey, through the heart of Paris, in the most enchanting of cars: your very own Citroen "Deux Chevaux" (two horses) 2CV. Discover the secret places in Paris including the Place Vendome, the Kiosque des Noctambules, the Place de la Fontaine Stravinsky, the Place du Marche Ste Catherine, the Hotel de Sully and the Hotel de Sens. You will be driven by a knowledgeable chauffeur.

### Dinner with a French Family

Would you like to have an authentic and intimate view of the real France, learn what the French are really like and experience a true French dinner? We invite you to partake in an evening with a Parisian family in their home.



### Paint the City Red! (5 Hours)

Enjoy a night out in Paris and combine dinner at the Eiffel Tower and a Seine River cruise with an exotic show at the Moulin Rouge. You'll enjoy dinner at the Eiffel Tower's Altitude 95 restaurant followed by a one-hour river cruise on the Seine. Complete your night at the home of the Cancon, the famous Moulin Rouge in bohemian Montmartre.



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### Shopping

#### Hire a Personal Shopper

Paris has such fantastic shopping, where do you begin? Hire a personal shopper based on your interests in clothing, accessories, home goods, antiques, jewelry and more. Head to local shops and ateliers or the outlet malls for high quality options.



Also, A Season Away has a special arrangement with the high-end Printemps department store with discounts on ALL purchases, even sale items, no VAT taxes on shipped items, complimentary personal shoppers and more!

#### Private visit of an Haute Couture Workshop

Paris is synonymous with the world of high fashion, breathtaking styles, sumptuous fabrics and fine workmanship. We invite you to visit this world and with our VIP pass you not only taste chilled champagne and caviar canapés, but visit the atelier of one of the best Parisian couturiers of our time.

### Traditional/Non-Traditional Touring

#### Paris One Day Tour (7.5 hours)

Want to see Paris in one day? To experience the best of Paris in a single day, take this Paris "walking tour." You'll travel by river shuttle and visit Paris' most famous riverside monuments on this comprehensive full-day tour, including guided visits to the Louvre Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral and lunch at the Eiffel Tower.



#### Special Louvre Museum Walking Tour (2.5 hours)

Our guided Louvre walking presents various areas of the museum, such as the medieval fortress, the modern pyramid, the Egyptian department and the most reputed works such as the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci.

#### Paris Latin Quarter Walking Tour (2 hours)

Discover the Latin Quarter's hidden secrets on an afternoon stroll through the legendary Left Bank district. This Paris neighborhood contains more history and beautiful monuments than anywhere else in Paris, and the best way to see it all is on foot. Led by your local guide, you'll walk along the Latin Quarter's ancient streets and see Paris' three most beautiful churches: Notre Dame Cathedral, St. Chapelle and St. Etienne du Mont.

#### Seine River Cruise and Paris Canals Tour (2 hours, 30 minutes)

Cruise the waters of the River Seine before enjoying a unique view of old Paris from the canal Saint Martin. See many of the major attractions of Paris from the water including Notre Dame and The Louvre. This two and a half hour cruise on the River Seine and the canal Saint Martin gives a unique view of Paris. The Canal Saint Martin winds its way through a series of 19th-century locks and enchanting old areas of Paris until, 26 meters above the Seine, the canal reaches the Villette Basin.

#### Daytime bike tour of Paris (4 hours)

This afternoon bike tour of Paris is perfect for both those new to the city and those returning. For the beginners, this tour offers a great orientation and chance to see the main sights of the city. For the veterans, you will learn new facts and stories about Paris that you've never heard before. The ride is not the least bit strenuous, but rather relaxing, energizing and fun.



#### Daytime Paris Segway Tour (4 hours)

Imagine cruising effortlessly through the parks and sidewalks of Paris while receiving a great orientation, informative historical and current-day information, lots of unique and fascinating stories, great photo opportunities and superb personal service from your guide, all while riding on a Segway? The Segway is a self-balancing, personal transportation device that's designed to operate in any pedestrian environment. It's new, it's cool and loads of fun! The 4 hour tours are limited to 8 clients with 1 guide so you can count on a great, intimate experience. Must be 12 years old to participate.



#### Nighttime Segway Tour of Paris (4 hours)

Same as above, but at night with the shimmering lights of the city all around!

### Trips from Paris

#### Van Gogh and Monet Day Trip from Paris (10 hours)

Pay homage to Vincent van Gogh and Claude Monet on a full-day small group tour from Paris. You'll take a guided tour of Auvers sur Oise, the village where Vincent van Gogh spent his last 100 days and travel to Giverny to see Monet's house and gardens. (He lived here from 1883 until his death in 1926). You'll be picked up and dropped off at your Paris apartment by air-conditioned minivan. Maximum of only 8 passengers and ensures you'll receive individual attention from your expert tour guide.

#### An Evening at Vaux-le-Vicomte Palace including Dinner and Candelight Visit (7 hours)

This evening tour offers a memorable opportunity to visit an enchanting 17th century chateau, which inspired the building of the Palace of



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Versailles. Visit the Carriage Museum and then enjoy dinner in the beautiful grounds of the chateau. At sunset, visit the chateau and stroll around the beautiful gardens enjoying the classical music being played.

### Ballooning outside of Paris! (5 hours)

A hot air balloon flight, an unforgettable experience! Discover a new sensation, and enjoy magnificent landscapes. If the weather is mild, you will take off from the Castle of Maintenon, on the banks of the Eure River. At the end of your flight, enjoy a glass of Champagne and you will be given a flight certificate.



### Giverny and Monet (5 hours)

Visit the beautiful home and garden that inspired the master of Impressionism, Claude Monet, on a half-day tour from Paris. The tour takes in Monet's restored home, garden and workshop at Giverny, where the artist lived from 1883 to 1926. A particular highlight is the water-lily pond with its famous Japanese bridge which is featured in many of Monet's masterpieces.

### D-Day Tour: Normandy Battlefields and Landing Beaches (12 hours)

On this D-Day Tour of the Normandy Battlefields and Landing Beaches, you will visit the American Cemetery in Coleville, Arromanches and the beaches of Omaha and Juno. The American Cemetery in Coleville contains the graves of 9386 soldiers and makes for an emotional visit. A new visitor center was created in 2007 to commemorate the operations of June 6, 1944.



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