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DAY 1 VENICE, ITALY

Your bespoke Elysian Travel journey starts today as you set off and discover the romance of the rails as you journey from Venice to Paris on the iconic Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train. One of the most luxurious travel experiences in the world.

Today you will board the VSOE train at Venice Santa Lucia station. Enjoy a three-course lunch in one of the beautifully restored restaurant cars.

Spend the afternoon relaxing in the comfort of your cabin gazing at the beautiful passing scenery. A selection of pastries are served in your cabin.

A leisurely four-course dinner is served, prepared on board by our skilled French chefs. After dinner you may want to visit the Bar Car before you retire to your cabin.

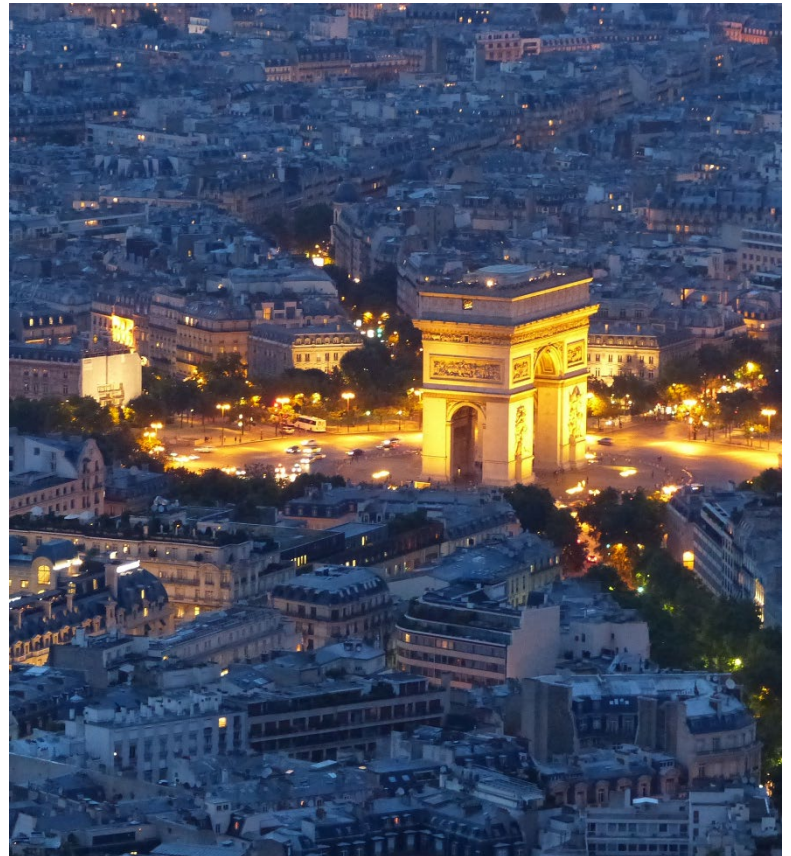


DAY 2 VENICE TO PARIS

Paris requires no introduction yet always extends a warm welcome to travellers from around the globe.

Upon arrival, you are met by a representative and transferred to your hotel where you are assisted with check-in. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. From haute cuisine to high fashion, architecture to art, Paris is in a class all its own. Located in north-central France and boasting a population of about 2.2 million, Paris is a world capital of culture, literary criticism and that certain *je ne sais quoi*. The Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame Cathedral are but a few of its classic sights. A stroll along the storied Seine River or through the bohemian neighborhoods surrounding Montmartre is a virtual rite of passage for many devoted travellers, especially those looking to retrace the footsteps of painters like Degas, Toulouse-Lautrec and Monet or writers like Hemingway, Nin and Fitzgerald. Superb restaurants and museums - including the incomparable Louvre - are here as well, and a short drive outside the city takes you to the gleaming, opulent Palace of Versailles. Begun by Louis XIII and built out to its full glory by the Sun King, Louis XIV, Versailles shines as brightly today as it did in the time of *The Three Musketeers*. An unrivaled mecca for artists, poets, expats and lovers of life, Paris requires no introduction yet always extends a warm welcome to travellers from around the globe.

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DAY 3 PARIS

Fittingly known as the 'City of Light', Paris boasts some of the most iconic landmarks and museums in the world. Get your bearings today with a morning orientation tour, and drive past the city's most striking sights such as the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs Elysées. Your tour culminates with a visit to, what is considered, the historic and spiritual heart of Paris, the romantic Ile de la Cité. Here you have the opportunity to explore the stunning Notre Dame Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece that has become one of the most recognisable places of worship in the world.

After lunch at leisure, continue your sightseeing with a visit to the sprawling Louvre palace. Arguably, the world's greatest museum, it houses a mesmerising collection spanning from remotest antiquity to the mid-19th century. Discover some of the most famous exhibits such as the exquisite Venus de Milo and Da Vinci's incomparable Mona Lisa. The contemporary main entrance to the museum, a glass pyramid designed by architect I M Pei, caused much controversy when first built, but now is emblematic of the museum and much-admired. All touring is private with luxury vehicle, driver and guide.

Your touring ends as you are returned to your hotel.

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DAY 4 PARIS

Enjoy a private shopping experience with an experienced stylist as your guide. Your guide will arrange a day of visits to boutiques and private auctions in high-end areas such as Rue Saint-Honoré, the Marais, Avenue Montaigne or Saint-Germain, where you may access VIP customer areas for fittings and be among the first customers to browse exclusive new collections. You'll also have the opportunity, with certain houses and brands, to order customizable pieces that are entirely unique. Whether you're a fan of Givenchy, Dior, Balenciaga and Chanel, or more cutting-edge designers such as Vivienne Westwood, Jean Paul Gaultier and Pascal Millet, your style expert will be something like a personal shopper, working closely with you to build the new wardrobe you're dreaming of.

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DAY 5 PARIS

Enjoy a day of leisure at your hotel today.

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DAY 6 PARIS TO PROVENCE

Meet in Paris and transfer to the rail station for the TGV high-speed train to Provence. Join 'Napoléon' at Tain l'Hermitage for a welcome reception before a gourmet dinner on board.

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DAY 7 PROVENCE

Admire the beauty of the Rhône Valley this morning as 'Napoléon' cruises to Viviers. Disembark at mid-afternoon for a guided walk around the charming medieval town, returning to the barge to enjoy a traditional game of pétanque.

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DAY 8 PROVENCE

Take a scenic drive to Grignan, a typical Provençal village known for its wild roses and 12th-century château. After time to explore the cobbled streets, enjoy lunch ashore at a local restaurant. Return to the barge by way of a truffle farm to sample this world-renowned delicacy. Back on board the barge, cruise through the dramatic Boliène lock to Saint-Etienne-des-Sorts.

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DAY 9 PROVENCE

In Châteauneuf-du-Pape today, enjoy a private tasting of the region's famous wine. After a lunchtime cruise to Avignon, disembark to visit the spectacular Roman aqueduct at Pont du Gard.

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DAY 10 PROVENCE

Disembark this morning to explore Avignon. Visit the magnificent Palais des Papes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was a papal residence in the 14th century. Back on board the barge, cruise to Arles and visit the nearby village of Les Baux-de-Provence.

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DAY 11 PROVENCE

Explore Arles today, the home of Van Gogh from 1888 to 1889. After a lunchtime cruise back to Avignon, disembark to explore Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, where the artist spent a year in a local asylum and painted some of his greatest works. A gala farewell dinner awaits back on board to celebrate the cruise week.

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DAY 12 PROVENCE TO SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

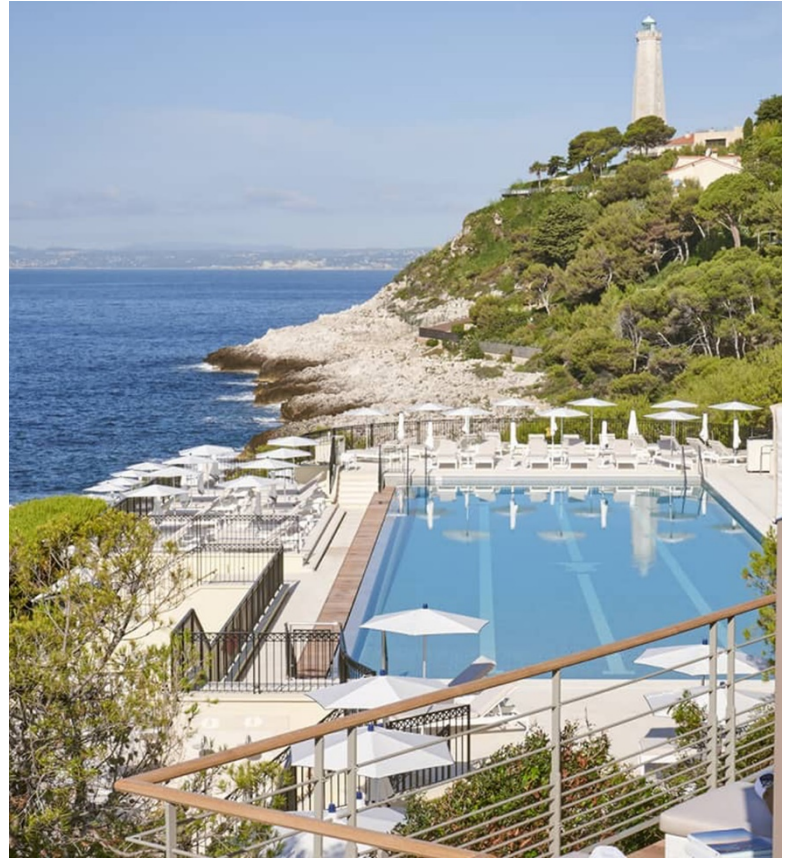
Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Avignon's TGV station for transfer to the French Riviera.

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DAY 13 SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

Day at leisure to enjoy your surroundings.

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DAY 14 SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

Your days here will be customized to your interests. From private yachting to a day trip to Monte Carlo, there is so much to do and see in the French Riviera.

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DAY 15 SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

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DAY 16 RETURN HOME

Today your Elysian Travel journey ends with VIP transfers for your return home.



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