



## GEMS OF FRANCE

Day: 1

Location: ARRIVE PARIS

Description: Upon arrival at the Paris International Airport, we will be welcomed and check in to the hotel.

Day: 2

Location: PARIS

Description: Enjoy panoramic tour of Paris which includes visit to the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, the Champs-Elysees and Palace of Versailles to experience the unique expression of French art during the 17th and 18th century. This evening we will enjoy a Seine River cruise.

Day: 3

Location: PARIS

Description: Visit the Cathedral of Notre Dame, one of the most famous cathedral that is devoted to the Blessed Mother; and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart (Sacre Coeur). Visit the Shrine of Vincent de Paul and Rue de Bac, the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, where St. Catherine Laboure, a member of the Daughters of Charity, received her apparitions of Mary.

Day: 4

Location: LISIEUX

Description: Depart Paris to visit The Cathedral in Chartres, Later we will visit the town of Lisieux, home of St. Therese the Carmelite nun famously known as "The Little Flower". We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Therese and visit the site of the Lisieux family home, Les Buissonnets, the Carmelite Convent Chapel where St. Therese and her parents are buried.

Day: 5

Location: LE MONT SAINT MICHAEL

Description: We will visit the Le Mont Saint Michel, surrounded by a magnificent bay which gives you breathtaking views. The Le Mont St. Michele has been now home to monastic congregation which was built and consecrated by Aubert, Bishop of Avranches at the request of Michael the Archangel.

Day: 6

Location: NEVERS

Description: Depart for Nevers and continue through the scenic Loire Valley. St. Bernadette lived for 12 years as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Nevers. Visit St. Gildard Convent, the site where St. Bernadette's incorrupt body rests. While here, we will pray and reflect upon the life of the beloved Saint as well as celebrate Holy Mass.

Day: 7

Location: PARAY LE MONIAL - ARS

Description: Visit the Shrine of Margaret Mary Alacoque, a nun and mystic, who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Visit the Chapel of the Visitations and the Chapel of St. Claude and

enjoy an audio-visual presentation. Later we continue on to Ars, to visit the Shrine of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests.

Day: 8

Location: ANNECY

Description: Visit the Basilica of the Visitation to pray before the relics of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane Frances of Chantal. Then visit St. Maurice Church and Annecy Castle. Later, in the afternoon visit the Church of St. Francis de Sales, the burial place for both saints until the French Revolution.

Day: 9

Location: AVIGNON

Description: After breakfast, Enjoy the City Tour of Avignon -we will visit Palais des Papes, Pont d'Avignon and Panoramic Tour.

Day: 10

Location: LOURDES

Description: Drive to Lourdes. Upon our arrival at Lourdes, we will celebrate Holy Mass at the Rosary Basilica. Then proceed with a walking tour of Lourdes to visit the Upper & Lower Basilicas; the Grotto of Massabielle; Boly Mill, the birthplace of St. Bernadette; and Cachot, the home of St. Bernadette at the time of the apparitions. Later in the evening, we will join the procession of the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessing of the Sick. After dinner we will return to the Sanctuary for the Rosary and Candlelight Procession.

Day: 11

Location: LOURDES

Description: The morning is free for Adoration, Confession, and a time of private devotion, reciting the Rosary and bath in the miraculous spring. This evening we may again participate in the Candlelight Procession.

Day: 12

Location: DEPART FRANCE

Description: After breakfast, Check out and Then drive to Airport.