

Exclusive UCLA departure – August 28-September 11, 2027

# Essential France: Provence to Paris

**15 days from \$8,197 total price from Boston, New York**

**(\$7,595 air & land inclusive plus \$602 airline taxes and fees)**

*We explore regional gems and cosmopolitan cities alike in this essential – and alluring – discovery of La Belle France. As our small group travels from Provence to Lyon, Burgundy to Paris, we bask in the history and art, culture and cuisine that mark these cherished spots.*



We visit canal-laced Annecy, the “Venice of the Alps,” on Day 9.

## Physical Activity Level



**Moderate**

Refer to page 5 for more information.

## Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotels	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Marseille		
2-3	Aix-en-Provence	Renaissance Aix-en-Provence	Sup. First Class
4-6	Nîmes/Provence	Maison Albar L'Imperator	Sup. First Class
7-9	Lyon	Hotel Carlton Lyon	Sup. First Class
10-12	Dijon	Grand Hotel La Cloche	Sup. First Class
13-14	Paris	Hotel Edouard 7	Sup. First Class
15	Depart Paris for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Marseille, France

**Day 2: Arrive Marseille/Aix-en-Provence** We arrive in Marseille and transfer to Aix-en-Provence (“Aix”). This evening we meet our Odysseys Tour Director and fellow travelers at a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by a welcome dinner at our hotel. *D*

**Day 3: Aix-en-Provence** Today we discover this lovely “City of Fountains” on a walking tour, admiring Aix’s rich architectural heritage and the *Vieille Ville* (Old Town). After a guided visit to the Atelier Cézanne, where artist Paul Cézanne worked from 1902 to 1906, we have lunch at a local restaurant. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy Aix as we wish. *B,L*

**Day 4: Aix-en-Provence/Les Baux/Saint-Rémy-de-Provence/Nîmes** En route to Nîmes today, we first visit Les Baux, a gem of a medieval village perched atop a rock spur. Here we see the Carrières des Lumières immersive multimedia art and music exhibit set in a former stone quarry. Then we explore Les Baux itself, with its restored ancient houses, Renaissance-era façades, and ruined stone citadel. We continue on to Saint Rémy, where we enjoy lunch together before visiting the Romanesque jewel of St-Paul de Mausole, the monastery where artist Vincent Van

Gogh was confined after severing his ear. Late this afternoon we reach Nîmes, where we dine together tonight. *B,L,D*

**Day 5: Nîmes/Arles** Today we visit Arles, once part of Roman Gaul and then a clarion of Christianity. We encounter the city’s rich history on our walking tour, which includes a visit to the 1<sup>st</sup>-century Roman Amphitheater, a UNESCO site; and Place du Forum, setting for Van Gogh’s painting *Le Café de Nuit*. Then we have free time for lunch on our own before we return to Nîmes, with the remainder of the day free for independent exploration. *B*

**Day 6: Nîmes/Avignon** Highlights of this morning’s walking tour in this “most Roman city outside of Italy” include the 2,000-year-old Arena of Nîmes, still in use today; and the perfectly preserved Maison Carrée, inspiration for the church of La Madeleine in Paris, among other Roman monuments. Later we depart for Avignon, capital of Christendom in the Middle Ages. Here we tour the historic city center; view the remains of the Saint-Bénézet Bridge; and visit the *Palais des Papes* (Papal Palace), one of the world’s most important Gothic structures. Tonight: a small group highlight as we join a local chef for a Provençal cooking class followed by dinner. *B,D*

**Day 7: Nîmes/Pont du Gard/Lyon** Heading north this morning, we stop at Pont du Gard, the 1<sup>st</sup>-century Roman aqueduct whose three graceful tiers of arches span the Gardon River. Then we travel on to Lyon, France's third largest city set at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. We dine tonight at a local restaurant in this region famed for its gastronomy. *B,D*

**Day 8: Lyon** Today's tour begins at the beloved Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière, overlooking riverside Lyon from its hilltop perch. Next: the ruins of the Gallo-Roman theater, built in 15 BCE and still in use today. We then visit Vieux Lyon, the city's well-preserved Renaissance district, followed by a look at some of Lyon's jaw-dropping *trompe l'oeil* street art. The remainder of the day is at leisure before we dine tonight at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 9: Lyon/Annecy** We set out today for the French Alpine town of Annecy on the shores of its namesake lake. Streetside canals and the Thiou River run through the picturesque Old Town, which we discover on a walking tour along the narrow lanes flanked by pastel-colored houses. We visit the town's vibrant market then enjoy a cruise on Lake Annecy, fed by the pristine waters of the surrounding Alps. *B*



We travel Burgundy's wine route.

where we enjoy a walking tour. After lunch together, we tour the one-time home of scientist Louis Pasteur. Then we continue on to Dijon and our hotel. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

**Day 10: Lyon/Pérouges/Dole/Dijon** Our first stop today is in medieval hilltop Pérouges, another of France's most beautiful villages with its cobblestone streets and byways lined with half-timbered houses. Next, we visit untouristed Dole, boasting a well-preserved historic center and

“THERE IS NOTHING MORE ARTISTIC THAN TO LOVE PEOPLE.”

– VINCENT VAN GOGH

**Day 11: Dijon/Beaune/Route des Grands Crus** This morning we travel to Beaune, gateway to the Burgundy wine region. We take a leisurely walking tour of this walled town then visit the renowned Hôtel-Dieu Museum, part of the Hospices de Beaune complex. One of the finest surviving Renaissance buildings in France, the museum is home to the *Beaune Altarpiece* (often called *The Last Judgment*). We then embark on a tour highlight: the journey along the Route des Grands Crus, Burgundy's fabled trail through the vineyards and villages comprising one of France's most treasured wine regions. We have the opportunity to sample some area vintages as we stop at a local winery before we return to Dijon. We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

**Day 12: Dijon** Known for its rich history and culture – and of course, its wine and namesake mustard – Dijon boasts a prized architectural heritage ranging from Gothic to Art Deco, which we see on today's tour of the Burgundian capital. Following our tour, we're free to explore as we wish. Tonight, we visit a local restaurant for dinner together. *B,D*

**Day 13: Dijon/Chablis/Paris** En route to Paris today, we stop in Chablis, renowned for its signature dry white wines. We enjoy a walking tour of the medieval village and visit the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Collégiale Saint-Martin church. Then we have time on our own for lunch and to explore as we wish, maybe by visiting one of the wineries in the town center. Mid-afternoon we travel on to Paris, where an orientation tour takes us past many of the city's highlights. Dinner tonight is on our own in this city of fine cuisine. *B*

**Day 14: Paris** This morning we visit the Opéra Garnier, the opulent theater that stands as a symbol of the city (and as the setting for *The Phantom of the Opera*). If Opéra Garnier is not available, we'll tour the Musée Rodin, dedicated to the works of sculptor Auguste Rodin. Our afternoon is free for independent exploration; tonight we celebrate our Gallic sojourn over a farewell dinner. *B,D*

### Meet Your Faculty Lecturer

**Professor Muriel McClendon**  
Department of History



Muriel McClendon's research focuses on the social history of the Reformation in England and she has published on religion and politics in Norwich, England's second largest city in the period. She is currently engaged in a study about philanthropy and politics in Norwich in the Tudor period. McClendon also teaches the medieval and early modern section of the history department's western civilization sequence, and also offers courses on early modern British and Renaissance and Reformation history. In 2020-21, she won the University's Distinguished Teaching Award and the Eby Award for the Art of Teaching.



The 1<sup>st</sup>-century Pont du Gard aqueduct

**Day 15: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flight to the U.S. *B*

Tour Departs: August 28, 2027	
Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees	
Boston, New York	\$8,197
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$8,497
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	\$8,597
Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$8,697
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$7,195

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$602, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$2,195. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$4,695 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

### Post-Tour Extension

September 11-13, 2027

### Paris – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$595 total price

Single Supplement: \$495

*Enjoy this splendid city as you wish.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Hotel Edouard 7 (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next UCLA/Odysseys Unlimited tour (\$200 after 3 tours; \$300 after 10 tours)
- UCLA lecturer's participation is contingent on a minimum of 15 paying travelers



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THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

## Important Information About Your Tour General Terms and Conditions

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve a tour with Odysseys Unlimited. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal.

### Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2027, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; services of a UCLA Lecturer or Host with a minimum of 15 travelers; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

### Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional pre- and post-tour extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), and housekeeping staff are not included. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

### Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and entry requirements; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; medical equipment and related supplies such as distilled water, and personal care or dietary items; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package or when selecting alternate tour arrival and/or departure dates; and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

### Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$650 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 125 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full and/or where the Terms and Conditions have not been acknowledged by the final payment date. In these cases, standard penalties will apply. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

### Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges (exceptions not allowed):

*For all tours:*

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
125 days or more:	\$200
124-95 days:	25% of tour price
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package, including for no shows, late arrivals, cancellations after departure, issues with passports or visas, or early departure from a tour. If because of low participation Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

### Pre-Departure

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material includes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final

tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two to three weeks before departure.

### Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

### Changes to Your Reservation

A fee of \$50 per person will apply to all air-inclusive guests who have chosen an alternate arrival or departure date. Once inside the final payment date for your tour, additional hotel night(s) and/or transfer(s) that you may have added to your reservation are non-refundable.

From final payment date to 30 days before departure, an administrative fee of \$100 per person will apply to any changes you make to your reservation, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason or at any time, you will be charged the single supplement.

**No changes to your name(s) or departure date are allowed after final payment date. Traveler substitutions are considered reservation cancellation and are subject to cancellations charges. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.**

### Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)), as well as for our travel partners: **for international tours – your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender.** In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

### Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all of our international tours. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; otherwise, we recommend that your passport have at least three

blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. **You are solely responsible for obtaining all required passports, visas, documents, and immunizations, and costs thereof for entry into each destination.** Issuance of travel documentation is at the discretion of individual countries. Failure to secure or denial of proper travel documents may prevent travel or entry, with no refunds provided. If you need to obtain a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3 Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

### Minors

When traveling with a minor, the parent(s) or guardian(s) are fully responsible for the minor's supervision and safety. Travelers should carry a letter of authorization from both parents permitting emergency medical treatment. Each minor must share accommodations with an adult, and some countries require special documentation for minors traveling without both parents. Odysseys Unlimited is not responsible for disruptions due to incomplete or incorrect paperwork.

### Merchants

Some tours may include the opportunity to visit local shops and merchants. Odysseys Unlimited is not responsible for any individual purchases made while on tour.

### Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but you should be in relatively good health to participate in activities as outlined in the Physical Activity Levels for each tour. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance if you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs or motorized scooters.

We ask that all guests review our guidelines for health on tour, which can be found on our website: [www.odysseys-unlimited.com/travel-health](http://www.odysseys-unlimited.com/travel-health).

We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, the UCLA Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any additional costs nor the unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination. Additionally, depending on the location, dietary

requests may not be easily accommodated: therefore, we cannot guarantee that all dietary requests can be met. Also, please note that where requests can be accommodated, choices may be limited.

You acknowledge, understand, and accept that during a tour, you or other guests may be exposed to communicable or foodborne illnesses. You further recognize that the risk of such exposure is inherent in activities involving interaction or shared facilities, and is beyond the control of the Company or its suppliers and cannot be completely eliminated.

Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses and motorcoaches.

### Air Transportation

Your tour package includes round-trip economy airfare from designated departure cities. Airfares from other U.S. cities are available upon request. Airline upgrades at additional cost may be available on request; these apply to the round-trip trans-Atlantic or trans-Pacific flights only and do not apply to domestic or internal flights. Scheduling may differ for upgraded travel and may require additional connections.

**Flight schedules are subject to change at any time. If arranging your own flights, we recommend waiting until final payment is due and avoiding non-refundable or high-penalty fares.** Odysseys Unlimited Inc. and the UCLA Alumni Association are not liable for any loss due to tour cancellations, changes in gateways, travel dates, or airline schedule changes.

If a flight schedule requires an overnight, that cost is your responsibility. **Airline seat assignments are usually done at check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.**

We reserve the right to select air carriers and routing. When planning our tours, we contract with those airlines that we feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer more direct service, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates that enable us to offer you the best possible travel value.

By using our air services, you acknowledge that Odysseys Unlimited acts solely as your agent in arranging air transportation with independent carriers. We are not responsible for accidents, delays, cancellations, missed connections, schedule or name changes, or any related losses. If you miss a flight, you must work directly

with the airline to continue your travel; no refunds or reimbursements will be provided for missed trip portions.

Airline loyalty program mileage credits are issued at the discretion of the airline(s) and may not be available for the flights on your tour. If you prefer to make your own airline reservations, ask about the “land only” pricing.

### Responsibility

The liability of the UCLA Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. It serves only as an agent for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The UCLA Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within its control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.

### Binding Arbitration

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions, to the Responsibility Clause, to the brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be resolved solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Massachusetts, in accordance with the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration substantive Massachusetts law will apply. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

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Once this request is received by UCLA Alumni Travel, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. Final payment is due 125 days prior to departure. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**  
**One Newton Place**  
**275 Washington Street, Suite 300**  
**Newton, MA 02458**

If you have any questions, please call UCLA Alumni Travel at 310-206-0613 or e-mail [travel@alumni.ucla.edu](mailto:travel@alumni.ucla.edu).

Tour Name _____
Departure Date _____
Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up <input type="checkbox"/>

I/we would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$650 per person.)

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (for Machu Picchu to the Galapagos only)

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