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Jim Gold International Folk Tours

FRANCE!

France and the French Countryside!

July 16-29, 2027

Guided by Valeria Presti

Brittany, Normandy, Loire Valley

Paris, Rouen, Le Havre, Bayeux,

D-day Landing Beaches,

Mont St. Michel,

St Malo, Quimper, Carnac, Nantes,

Angers, Blois, Chambord, Orleans,

Chartres,

Palace of Versailles.

- ★ Cornouailles Fest Noz Folk Festival (near Quimper)!
- ★ Visit historic cities, capitals, and folkloric villages!
- ★ Meet Breton, and local folk dancers!
- ★ International folk dancing!
- ★ Price includes hotels, private bus, guide, sightseeing, two meals a day, festival, all dance lessons

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Day 1: July 16: Friday: Departure on airlines of your choice.

Day 2: July 17: Saturday: Paris

Arrive in Paris! Make your own way to our hotel. Welcome dinner. Sightseeing tour of

Paris including the Champs-Elysees, Rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honore, Left Bank (Rive Gauche): and the Latin Quarter. See the Mona Lisa at the world famous Louvre museum, Arc de Triumph, Place de la Concorde, and the Cathedral of Notre-Dame. We'll take a late afternoon **romantic boat cruise on the River Seine**. Evening we'll wander

through the narrow lanes of Bohemian Montmartre. **After dinner enjoy a**



private folk dancing show with music and clothes from Normandy. Dinner and accommodation in Paris at the Quality Suites Bercy Hotel.

Day 3: July 18: Sunday: Paris – Rouen – Etretat – Le Havre Depart for Normandy. Visit **Giverny** to see Monet's house and garden, then drive to ancient city of **Rouen**, home of William the Conqueror before he invaded England and where Joan of Arc was executed in 1431. Visit resort of **Etretat** and admire the famous cliffs painted by the impressionist painters. **After dinner enjoy a private folk dancing show. A local group will show you traditional dances, music, and clothing from the Normandy Region** Accommodation in Le Havre at the Mercure Bassin du Commerce Hotel. .

Day 4: July 19: Monday: Le Havre - Honfleur – Deauville – Bayeux

Cross the Seine to picturesque fishing village of **Honfleur**. Continue to the resort of **Deauville and Bayeux** to see the famous **Bayeux Tapestry** with story of William the Conqueror and his battle with English King Harold at Battle of Hastings in 1066. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Novotel Bayeux.



Day 5: July 20: Tuesday: Deauville–Bayeux–D-Day Landing Beaches–Mont St.



Michel : discover the **d-day landing beaches**. On D-Day, June 6th 1944, the Allied troops landed along the coast of Normandy. Today, the Normandy coast is peaceful with lovely beaches seaside towns farming landscapes, memories of D-Day are everywhere. See the **American cemetery, Omaha Beach** and the **Pointe du Hoc**. In the afternoon, **we'll visit Mont St Michel**, built during the Middle Ages and one of the Wonders of the Western World. **After dinner enjoy a private folk dancing show; a local group will show you traditional dances, music and clothing from Brittany.** Dinner and overnight in St. Malo at the Hotel Chateaubriand.

Day 6 : July 21: Wednesday: Mont St Michel – St Malo – Quimper



Stroll quaint narrow streets, walk the ramparts, and get acquainted with the personalities of **St Malo**. Drive through **Finistere**. Arrive in Quimper, historical capital of Cornwall and cultural heart of Brittany. See Saint Corentin's cathedral. 16th century houses, and the quays along the River Odet. Next three days: Dinner and overnight in Quimper, Hotel Mercure Centre Gare.



Day 7 : July 22: Thursday: Pont Aven, Concarneau, Cornouailles Folk Festival!

Drive to **Southern Finistère, Pont Aven**, and **Concarneau**, nestled in a charming bay. In the afternoon, return to **Quimper for the awesome Cornouailles Festival! Traditional music, dances, and costumes of Brittany.**

Day 8 : July 23: Friday: Quimper

The Cornouailles Festival continues: Join the dances, admire traditional clothes, listen to local music. The festival ends with a grand parade!



Day 9 : July 24: Saturday: Quimper - Carnac – Morbihan Gulf – Nantes

Drive to **Carnac**. See the greatest megalithic sites in the world! Nearly 3000 standing stones (menhirs) erected by men 5000 years ago: A must! Cruise in the beautiful **Morbihan Gulf**.



Afternoon, visit medieval town of town of **Vannes.**: ancient walls enclose numerous half-timbered houses and narrow streets. Drive to Nantes (home of Edict of Nantes) Afternoon walk through the old quarters of Nantes. Dinner and overnight in Nantes, Quality Suites Nantes Beaujoire.

Day 10: July 25, Sunday: Loire Valley: Nantes–Angers–Azay-le-Rideau–Villandry–Tours

Tour **Angers**, capital of Anjou province. See the **castle of Angers** with its moat and soaring towers. Drive through the Loire Valley to chateau **Azay-le-Rideau**, one of the earliest Renaissance chateaux, and then on to **Chateau of Villandry**, last of the great Loire valley castles. Built during the Renaissance, its fame comes from the Spanish-inspired interiors and **magnificent gardens**. Continue to **Tours** where we'll explore the **Place Plumereau**. Next two days: Dinner and overnight in Ibis Style Tours Nord Hotel.

Day 11: July 26, Monday: Visit Loire Chateaux: Chenonceau, Amboise and wine :

Visit the jewel of Renaissance architecture, the **Chateau de Chenonceau** built in 1513, though its history dates back to 11th century. See its Renaissance furniture and art masterpieces, such as Rubens and Le Tintoret before heading to **Amboise**. Visit **Clos Luce**, Leonardo da Vinci residence, inhabited by the Renaissance Genius from 1516 until he died in 1519. End of the day **wine tasting** in the heart of the Loire Valley vineyard.



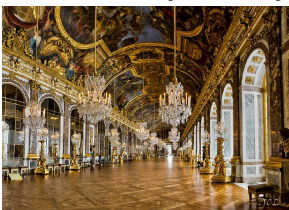
Day 12 : July 27, Tuesday: Blois, Chambord, Orleans

visit the **royal castle of Blois**, one of the most prestigious monuments in France. Then travel to the **Chambord** Loire chateau, with its towering facade and rich interior. Drive between the cornfields of the Beauce and the heaths and forests of the Sologne to arrive at **Orleans**, capital of the Loire Valley. **After dinner enjoy private folk dancing show. A local group will show you traditional dances, music and clothing from the Loire Valley.** Dinner and overnight in Orleans at the Novotel Orleans Charbonniere Hotel.



Day 13: July 28: Wednesday: Chartres–Versailles-Paris

Arrive in **Chartres** and explore the medieval streets of the Old City and visit the magnificent **Cathedral Notre-Dame**. From here, we'll drive to **Versailles** to meet with Louis XIV. With its ornately decorated rooms, chandeliers, marble, bronze and large paintings, Versailles remains the finest jewel of the French Crown. **Farewell dinner and overnight in Paris** at the Ibis Tour Eiffel Hotel.



Day 14: July 29, Thursday: Paris. After breakfast, depart for airport for return flight home

Land Only: \$5995
(Private tour price: \$7995)

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