

# TRAVEL WITH THE FIGGE TO PARIS



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If you have always dreamed of touring Paris or you feel it's time to make a return visit, don't miss this opportunity to experience this fascinating city with friends from the Figge. For members only (for membership information, see page 2), the 10-day adventure includes visits to some of the most renowned art collections in the world as well as excursions to palaces and châteaux. The itinerary is flexible by design so you may choose to participate in all activities listed in the itinerary or explore individual interests on your own. Optional evening activities will be announced at a later date.

Curator of Education Ann Marie Hayes-Hawkinson and Figge Trustee Wynne Schafer will host the trip.

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

*English-speaking guides will be provided for the museums and historic homes listed in this section.*

**Barbizon** • the village outside of Paris that attracted French landscape painters in the early 19th century

**Chartres Cathedral** • Gothic cathedral in Chartres, world renowned for its stained glass windows

**Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte** • this 17th-century chateau has some of the loveliest gardens in France

**Château de Fontainebleau** • Built by Francis I, and a favorite of many kings, this royal palace is located in a spectacular forest setting

**Giverny** • the inspiration behind Claude Monet's popular water lily paintings

**Malmaison** • a jewel-box of a home and the archetype of the Empire style

**Musée d'Orsay** • this repurposed train station is one of the most popular art museums in Paris

**Musée du Louvre** • originally a medieval fortress, it's now one of the most impressive art museums in the world

**Musée Marmottan Monet** • an elegant 19th-century mansion housing Renaissance tapestries, Napoleonic furniture, and Impressionist paintings

**Notre-Dame** • France's most famous cathedral

**Palais Garnier** • a magnificent theatre for opera, often described as an ornate wedding cake

**Sainte-Chapelle** • the private chapel of Louis IX with striking stained glass windows

**Versailles** • the royal residence, seat of government, and home to the French nobility during the reign of the Sun King, Louis XIV

**Half-day sightseeing tour** • Guided tour of many famous sites in Paris

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## OPTIONAL MUSEUM VISITS

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The Figge hosts will organize these visits; admission is extra.

**Musée de l'Orangerie** • beautifully renovated building that houses Monet's Water Lilies as well as numerous Impressionist paintings

**Musée Rodin** • museum and private garden featuring the collection sculptor Auguste Rodin left to the nation

## GETTING AROUND PARIS

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A motorcoach will transport Figge members to and from the museums and historic homes listed in the Trip Highlights section of this flyer. Additional touring will be done using the underground system, which is referred to as the Metro. Members may use taxis at their own expense. Please note that this trip requires considerable walking in Paris, and on excursions.

## TRIP FEES

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Double: \$3,800 per person; Single: \$4,700 per person

*This fare applies to the 25 passengers with deposits paid. Additional air tickets will be available at the current rate.*

The fee includes motorcoach transportation to and from Chicago, round-trip airfare from Chicago to Paris on American Airlines; ground transportation in Paris (airport to hotel), eight-night accommodations at Le Méridien L'Etoile (hot breakfast included), and taxes. The fee also covers transportation, admission, guided tours, and most gratuities for museums and sites listed in the Trip Highlights section. A farewell group dinner is also included.

### Additional Fees

Members are responsible for drinks, meals, special admission fees, and all other optional excursions and activities.

## RESERVATION, PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION

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A \$250 non-refundable deposit (per person) is due at time of booking. Final payment is due February 1.

Optional travel insurance is \$95 (per person); insurance must be purchased before final payment. Cancellation fees for non-covered reasons: 4-44 days \$350; less than 4 days, no refund. Please contact Joan McGee at The Travel Business for details.

## CONTACTS

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