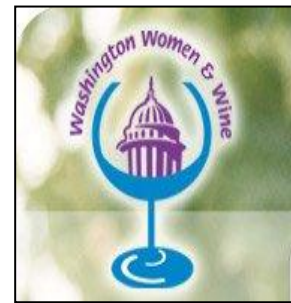


FRENCH ESCAPADE 2

OCTOBER 19 – OCTOBER 28, 2012



Friday, October 19 – Departure USA

Saturday, October 20

Welcome to France! Arrive Bordeaux. Transfer to Hotel Mercure Bordeaux. At leisure to relax until Welcome drink followed by Welcome Dinner with wine.

Sunday, October 21

Guided city tour with local guide, followed by time at leisure. Visit of vineyards and wine tastings. Dinner at leisure.

Monday, October 22

Today enjoy a scenic drive through the Bordeaux area followed by visit of vineyards and wine tastings. This evening join your Travel Director for a highlight dinner with wine.

Tuesday, October 23

After breakfast, we drive to one of the few medieval walled Cities in Europe – Carcassonne – and check into the Hotel by the city walls. After check-in enjoy a walking tour with a local guide followed by free time for lunch and exploring/shopping. Late afternoon it's a short drive to Vinecole Domaine Gayda run by Mathew Stubbs, who brought his wines to the Washington Women and Wine. Here, in the Heart of the Languedoc-Roussillon region, Mathew has arranged wine tasting and Dinner.

Wednesday, October 24

Having enjoyed the buffet breakfast, it's off to Arles on the banks of the great river Rhone for a guided City Tour. Amongst the many sights is the Café de Nuit depicted in Van Gogh's famous painting; we will see, also, the Roman Arena. There is time to explore before driving on to Aix-en-Provence. Our orientation tour of the city most associated with Paul Cezanne will show the main sights. Tonight we have dinner with wine

Thursday, October 25

After breakfast, a picturesque drive into the Mountains to Grasse and a visit of the Fragonard Perfumery. We continue to the medieval hilltop town of St Paul de Vence with its art galleries and handicraft shops. Time to relax and enjoy lunch. Before leaving for Nice, we will visit a local vineyard to enjoy their wines. This evening we are in Nice, the Capital of the Riviera!

Friday, October 26

This morning it's time to relax, shop, stroll along the Promenade, and visit the old Town. In the afternoon we enjoy a scenic drive to Monaco, visit the old town and the Cathedral, see the Palace of the Grimaldis, then down to Monte Carlo to Drive the Grand Prix Circuit and perhaps to try and break the Bank!

Saturday, October 27

Our last day on the Riviera is the day to visit Cannes. You will see the many hotel-palaces, the palm-lined Boulevard de la Croisette and the Film Festival Center.

In the afternoon, we return to Nice in time to relax/repack before our *Farewell Dinner with wine in a local restaurant.*

Sunday, October 28 – After breakfast transfer to the airport for return to The USA.

