

COUNTRY HERITAGE TOURS

QUILT TOURS

JOURNEY *through* FRANCE

PARIS | BORDEAUX | NORMANDY
POUR L'AMOUR DU FIL PATCHWORK FESTIVAL

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY



Mont Saint-Michel Normandy, France



APRIL 12 – 22, 2024

HAND-SELECTED HOTELS

PARIS: Novotel Paris Les Halles
CAEN: Mercure Caen Central
NANTES: Mercure Nantes Central
BORDEAUX: Mercure Bordeaux Chateau Chartrons

AIRFARE & TRANSFERS

Round-trip international airfare from Chicago (ORD); Group transfer upon arrival and for departure

9 NIGHTS

Hotel accommodations, including baggage handling

14 MEALS

American breakfast ☺ daily, 1 lunch ☺, 4 dinners ☺

TOP-RATED HIGHLIGHTS

- Kick-off Welcome Dinner
- Paris Panoramic City Tour
- Montmartre Fabric Shopping
- Palace of Versailles Tour
- Gardens of Versailles
- Monet's Garden
- Normandy City Tour
- D-Day Landing Beaches
- Pour L'Amour Patchwork Festival
- Musée du Textile
- Bordeaux City Tour
- Customary Farewell Dinner



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DAY 1 OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Embark on a captivating journey through the picturesque landscapes and lively allure of France.

DAY 2 ARRIVE IN PARIS

Unwind and nestle in your cozy hotel located in the **heart of Paris**, a city rich with inspirational patterns and textures. Tonight, you'll meet your Tour Manager and travel companions and savor the culinary delights of France at your **Welcome Dinner**. 🍷

DAY 3 PARIS

After indulging in a French breakfast, let our **private guide** illuminate the gems of "The City of Lights" on a **panoramic city tour**. Behold iconic landmarks like the **Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Élysées, Place de la Concorde**, and the captivating **Place Vendôme**. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure as Paris — a living, breathing patchwork of history and art — unravels its wonders before you. 🍷



Alexandre III Bridge, Paris

DAY 4 PARIS

Your day unfolds with a visit to the stunning **Palace and Gardens of Versailles**, where grandeur and meticulous designs await your curious eyes. This afternoon, dive into the ambiance of **Montmartre**, with its romantic streets reflecting centuries-old creativity. As you explore, you may stumble upon boutiques bursting with fabrics, notions, and wearables, perfect for your next quilting project. The evening beckons you to experience Paris in all its glamour, perhaps visiting the **Eiffel Tower**, or the famous Moulin Rouge with your evening at leisure. 🍷

DAY 5 PARIS - CAEN

Depart this morning for **Giverny**, the enchanting home of French Impressionist painter **Claude Monet**, a space brimming with colors that could inspire a thousand quilts. Later, travel to **Caen**, located in the **Normandy region**, famous for its intricate lacework. Tonight, enjoy a **delightful dinner**, sharing stories and laughter with fellow travelers. 🍷

DAY 6 CAEN - NORMANDY

Immerse yourself in history as you **tour the sites of the D-Day landings**, poignant places that remind us of the tapestry of human courage and sacrifice. Pay homage at **Omaha Beach Visitor Centre, Utah Beach Museum, and the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer**. After a day filled with profound moments, your afternoon at leisure can be spent recharging at a charming waterside restaurant, reflecting on the indelible impressions left by the day. 🍷

DAY 7 NORMANDY - NANTES

After a tranquil morning, venture from Normandy to **Nantes**, pausing en route to savor lunch, a time to share quilt ideas sparked by your travels so far. Once settled into your hotel, get ready for a rustic **French dinner** at a local restaurant. With a big day at the quilt show tomorrow, retire early for a restful night, perhaps sketching out your new quilt design ideas. 🍷



Place du Palais le soir à Bordeaux

DAY 8 NANTES

After a delightful breakfast, enjoy a full day at the **Pour l'Amour du Fil quilt show**, a heaven for quilters. Lose yourself in a world of textile arts, workshops, and more, soaking up inspiration from every corner. It's not just a show, it's an unforgettable experience! 🍷

DAY 9 NANTES - BORDEAUX

After breakfast, journey to **Bordeaux**, France's renowned art and wine city, ready to absorb its flavors, textures, and colors into your quilting palette. En route, visit the **Musée du textile** in Cholet, marveling at the incredible craft of generations past. Once in Bordeaux, get settled into your plush hotel, your home for the rest of the tour. 🍷

DAY 10 BORDEAUX

Greet the day with a delicious French breakfast before embarking on a **city tour led by a local guide**, unraveling the artistic fabric of this vibrant city. After, explore the city at your leisure, seeking out unique souvenirs and treasures. In the evening, raise a toast to your new friends and memorable journey at our **Farewell Dinner**, stitching together your shared experiences into a patchwork of precious memories. 🍷

DAY 11 BORDEAUX - TOUR ENDS

Reflect on the magical journey over breakfast before setting off to the airport and bidding adieu to the memories and inspirational tapestry of the past days. 🍷



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