Washington & Lee Traveller Presents:
Six-Day Getaway to PARIS
With a Post-Extension to BRUSSELS
Travel Dates: August 23-29, 2019
7 days, 5 nights accommodation, airfare, included sightseeing, and various meals from Washington Dulles (IAD)

It's time to become reacquainted with the "City of Love" and enjoy a romantic, educational trip to Paris. Experience the French capital's best attractions on a full-day guided tour of the city. The trip is ideal for travelers short on time to be immersed in the culture and architecture whether cruising along the River Seine or walking through the streets of the newer Marais or timeless Montmartre.

Then join an optional trip to two of Belgium's most beautiful cities, Brussels and Bruges, to discover their historical and cultural highlights. Learn the secrets of chocolate making and sample truffles, pralines, mussels, and Belgian beer.

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Day 1: August 23, 2019 – Depart the USA: Depart the USA for your overnight flight to France.

Day 2: August 24, 2019 – Arrive in Paris: Welcome to Paris! Please proceed to baggage claim and clear customs before meeting your tour manager who will be with you throughout your journey. On the way to your hotel, enjoy a panoramic introduction to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysées, Opera, Madeleine, Trocadero, and Place de la Concorde. Continue to the hotel to drop off luggage. Enjoy free time for lunch followed by an optional orientation tour around the hotel until the rooms are ready. Then there is more free time in the afternoon before the welcome cocktail hour and dinner with drinks at the hotel or nearby. Overnight in Paris. (D)

Day 3: August 25, 2019 – Full-Day Louvre Museum, River Seine Lunch Cruise, and Montmartre Walking Tour: After breakfast and the first lecture, begin a full-day Paris city tour with a short train ride up to Montmartre which once was home to several impressionist painters, including Renoir, Monet, Van Gogh, and Cézanne. Pass by the Moulin Rouge, a setting that inspired Lautrec’s distinctive style of painting. Conclude the morning at the Basílique du Sacré-Coeur for a spectacular view of Paris. Ride the train down Montmartre hill and board the coach waiting for you at the bottom. Later, at the base of the Eiffel Tower, board the boat for a lunch cruise on the River Seine. Following an aperitif, enjoy a tasty lunch while listening to commentaries about the sites along the river. After lunch enjoy a tour of the highlights of the Louvre, including the iconic Venus de Milo. The Coronation of Napoleon. Leonardo’s famously enigmatic Mona Lisa, sculptures by Michelangelo, and paintings by Raphael, Rubens, and Rembrandt. After the visit, return to the hotel for an evening on your own. Overnight in Paris. (B, L)

Day 4: August 26, 2019 – Optional Giverny Half-Day Trip: After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a free day or an optional half-day trip to Giverny to see Monet’s house, now a museum, and the gardens that provided him with years of inspiration. Wander through his lush gardens, stopping by the famous water lily pond and the delicate arch of the Japanese bridge that Monet painted so frequently. Return to the hotel. Lunch and afternoon are on your own. Overnight in Paris. (B)

Day 5: August 27, 2019 – Full-Day Tour of the Musée d’Orsay and the Marais: After breakfast and a lecture in the hotel, enjoy a guided tour of the Musée d’Orsay, located in the beautiful Beaux Arts building which was formerly the Gare d’Orsay railway station. It is now home to more than 4,000 19th-century artworks by Van Gogh, Monet, Rodin, Manet, Renoir, Cézanne, Gauguin, and others. After the museum visit, proceed to the Places Des Vosges, one of the oldest squares in Paris and a highlight of the Marais district. Once home to French writer Victor Hugo, the Place des Vosges is considered one of the most beautiful squares in Paris. The Marais was the site of the first Jewish settlement in Paris and remains the center of the Jewish community today. The cobblestone Rue des Rosiers is home to Jewish bakeries, bookshops, and kosher food stores which reveal much about the Jewish experience in Paris. The Marais has many excellent choices for lunch (on your own) followed by a walking tour of the district with your guide and some free time. Return to the hotel and overnight in Paris. (B)

Day 6: August 28, 2019 – Optional Half-Day Trip to Château de Malmaison: After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a day at leisure or do the optional half-day trip to Château de Malmaison, the country house that was the home of Napoleon I and his first wife, Joséphine de Beauharnais, during the early 1800s. It is seven miles just outside Paris. Tour the château with your guide to learn about the life of France’s first emperor and empress and how they used the estate as the headquarters of the French government until 1802. Explore the outdoor gardens and the restored rooms of the estate to see original furniture and artwork. Learn about Joséphine’s collection of exotic plants and animals which she believed turned the property into the most “beautiful and curious garden in Europe”. Return to the hotel and spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, depart from the hotel to a Parisian restaurant for the farewell dinner with drinks followed by a concert at the Saint-Sulpice Chapel (To be determined, upon availability). (B, D)

Day 7: August 29, 2019 – Departure Day: After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport with wonderful memories of a rich and fascinating voyage in France or continue on your post extension trip to Belgium. (B)

POST EXTENSION TRIP TO BRUSSELS

Day 7: August 29, 2019 – Journey to Brussels: After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the Paris train station to travel to Brussels. In about an hour and a half arrive in Belgium’s capital. There meet your English-speaking guide and transfer to the hotel. Enjoy an orientation tour around the hotel until the rooms are ready. Check in and enjoy rest of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 8: August 30, 2019 – Full-Day Tour of Brussels: After breakfast at the hotel, depart for a panoramic tour of Brussels to see the beautiful St. Michael’s Cathedral, the Congress Column, the Hesdeldistrict with the world-famous Atomium, the Chinese Pavilion, and the Japanese Tower. Pass the Royal Residence, the magnificent Palace of Justice, and the fashionable Louise Square. Then go by the stately Royal Square, the Royal Palace, and the Houses of Parliament. Arrive in the Cinquantenaire district with its Triumphal Arch, exceptional museums, and splendid Art Nouveau houses. Highlights of this part of Brussels. Belgian chocolate has been a lure for lovers, an indulgence of kings, and today is everyone’s favorite sweet. Over 172,000 tons of chocolate are produced annually in more than 2,000 chocolate shops throughout Belgium, an amazing number for such a small country. Visit a chocolate shop to see the passion that goes into creating these sweet treats. It is no wonder chocolate has become an international symbol of love. You can travel the four corners of the earth and not truly live until you have experienced your first bite of Belgian chocolate which you can do after the demonstration. Lunch at a small Brussels café is a great opportunity to try the famous mussels accompanied by the delicious Belgian fries! After lunch travel to the Royal Museum of Fine Arts where the four main galleries are adjacent to each other in the Place Royale. They are the Musée Old Masters, Musée Modern, and the Musée Fin-de-Siècle which are connected underground to the Musée Magritte. The revamped, spacious galleries show off Belgian art from the 14th-century Flemish Primitives to the 20th-century Surrealists. Masters include Hans Memling, Hieronymus Bosch, Pieter Bruegel the Elder, and Lucas Cranach. The modern art galleries are currently being re-organized and so only a small percent of the collection’s treasures, such as works by Van Gogh or Delvaux, are on revolving display. This visit will be a unique chance to see the new attraction: “Bruegel Unseen Masterpieces” or twice of Bruegel’s masterpieces from some of the most prestigious museums in the world. They are presented in high-definition detail thanks to technology provided by the Google Cultural Institute. Drawing on a wide spectrum of virtual and on-site experiences, this unique initiative offers visitors the chance to immerse themselves in Bruegel’s works by honing in on the finer elements of each painting, and accessing expert knowledge. By delving deeper into the artist’s world, the viewer will discover the unexpected elements in Bruegel’s works that constitute the pinnacle of the Flemish master’s craft. While the artist and his paintings may be instantly recognizable, every painting has a whole host of characteristics, some familiar and others surprising, that are masterpieces worthy of exploration in their own right. Return to the hotel with dinner on your own. Overnight in Brussels (B, L)

Day 9: August 31, 2019 – Bruges: After a breakfast at the hotel, depart early to visit the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bruges. Begin your walking tour by the tranquil waters of the famous Minnewater (Lake of Love), one of the most delightful parts of the city. On the tour enjoy top attractions such as Our Lady’s Church, home to Michelangelo’s magnificent 16th-century marble statue, Madonna of Bruges, and the Market Square with its grand Belfry. Admire Bruges’ beautiful Town Hall Square (Burg) and the ornate façade of the Basilica of the Holy Blood, originally constructed in the 12th century, as the residence of the Count of Flanders. It houses a vial he brought back from the Holy Land believed to contain the blood of Christ. Lunch is on your own with the afternoon at leisure to explore more of the city. Enjoy the shops and boutiques for souvenirs, wander down winding alleyways lined with traditional cafés, or perhaps take a boat tour along Bruges’ picturesque canals (own expense). Another option is to visit the Historium Bruges (ticket not included) and experience what it was like to live in Bruges during the Golden Age, from the atmosphere of the harbor and the cobblestone streets to the workshop of van Eyck in a multi-sensory, interactive experience. Return to Brussels in the afternoon. In the evening, there is a farewell dinner at the hotel or nearby with drinks followed by a classical music or opera performance in Brussels (To be determined, upon availability). Overnight in Brussels. (B, D)

Day 10: September 1, 2019 – Departure day: Today transfer to the airport with wonderful memories of a rich and fascinating voyage in France and Belgium. (Breakfast)
Paris tour includes:
- 5 nights in Paris in centrally located Le Littré hotel (or similar)
- Daily Breakfast
- Hotel City Taxes
- Porterage at the hotel (IN and OUT)
- Day 2: Meet and greet at the airport and panoramic tour of Paris + Guide
- Day 3: Full day guided tour of Montmartre, Lunch River Seine cruise and Louvre Museum + Montmartre little train ride and entrances to museum
- Day 5: Full Day guided tour d’Orsay Museum and Marais district + entrances to museum
- Day 6: Farewell dinner nearby the hotel with drinks (1/3 wine per person and water) + assistant
- Day 7: Private airport coach transfer from the hotel + assistant
- Day 3 and 5: 1h Lecture
- Whisper system
- Water in coach
- ½ twin FOC for 20 pax paying.

Belgium tour includes:
- 3 nights in 4 star hotel centrally located Pullman Brussels Centre Midi hotel (or similar)
- Daily Breakfast
- Hotel City taxes
- Porterage at the hotel (IN and OUT)
- Day 7: Private transfer from Hotel in Paris to Paris train station
- Day 7: Train ticket 2nd class from Paris to Brussels
- Day 7: Private transfer from Brussels Train Station to hotel + Assistant
- Day 8: Full day guided tour of Brussels + Chocolate Tasting + Royal Museum of Fine Arts entrance tickets
- Day 8: 2 course Lunch with drinks (1 glass of wine/beer/soft + water + coffee)
- Day 9: Farewell Dinner with drinks in restaurant (1/3 bottle of wine per person, mineral water)
- Day 9: Opera/Concert/Ballet Performance in Brussels with round trip transfers
- Day 10: Airport Coach transfer + assistant

Not included:
Anything not mentioned under INCLUSIONS
Meals and drinks not mentioned
Entrance fees not mentioned
Personal expenses
Travel insurance
Luggage service at the airport

Pricing: Tour price is $3,295 per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add $725. Fuel surcharges and air taxes are included and air taxes are valid at the time of printing and are subject to change.

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Air arrangements: Fares and schedules are based on regular scheduled carrier service. All applicable airline rules apply and schedules are subject to change. Basic fares do not include fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes, passenger facility charges (PFCs), customs or immigration fees, and excess baggage charges. For mileage accrual information, please contact the carrier directly for details. Air inclusive group packages are non-refundable and non-transferable once deposit has been paid. Rules and fees for canceling and reissuing vary depending upon the type of fare purchased. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON FUEL SURCHARGES: Fuel surcharges imposed by the airlines are valid at time of contract and are included in the price of your tour. As fuel continues to fluctuate, if the fuel surcharges change prior to your departure date, you will be assessed this additional amount.

Cancellation Policies: No changes other than the non-refundable initial deposits are allowed for individual passengers canceling up to 120 days prior to the commencement of Jet Vacations LLC services. However, services which have been prepaid by Jet Vacations LLC on behalf of individual clients may be non-refundable, non-exchangeable, non-transferable, and/or maybe subject to a cancellation-change fee (e.g. theater tickets, train tickets, airline tickets, event tickets, passes, entrance fees, etc.).

Full cancellation: Failing to pay the contractual deposits (other than the initial deposit) constitutes a cancellation. In the event of non-compliance with the payment due dates, Jet Vacations LLC shall have the right to demand the Customer to immediately pay the outstanding balance. Payment shall then be received by Jet Vacations LLC within eight days as of the date of Jet Vacations LLC’s written request. Should payment not be received within this time limit, the group stay shall be deemed to be canceled by the Customer. In the event of full cancellation of the agreement by the Customer, which is not justified by Jet Vacations LLC’s failure to meet its obligations, cancellation penalties shall be invoiced and calculated as follows:

- Initial deposit: non-refundable after 120 days.
- From 119 to 91 days prior to departure: 50% penalty of the total cost per person.
- From 90 to 61 days prior to departure: 50% penalty of the total cost per person.
- From 60 to 31 days prior to departure: 75% penalty of the total cost per person.
- From 30 to day of departure & no show: 100% penalty of the total cost per person.

**Deposit to hold the space and first deposit is non-refundable after 120 days before departure date. All subsequent deposits are non-refundable.** If a passenger cancellation creates a change in the price schedule, the tour price will be revised based on the remaining number of participants. A passenger becoming a single as a result of a partner’s cancellation must pay the single supplement.

NOTE: The following non-refundable fees will be added to the penalty charges listed on the cancellation (full or partial) schedule above:
- Travel protection premiums
- Airline tickets - airline penalties, which may be up to 100% of the ticket value
- Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Hotel selection: It is the responsibility of client to ensure that the hotels and venues that are suggested and selected in this proposal are adequate for their clientele. Jet Vacations LLC cannot and will not be responsible for room sizes, room amenities, room service which vary and offers throughout the world, countries, cultures and hotels. We strongly advise client to peruse hotel rating web sites such as TripAdvisor.com to get an approximate “feel” and “judgment” on each suggested and selected properties, to insure that selected hotels/rooms will be adequate to the client’s group travelers. Client understand that no refund nor legal claims regarding the selected hotels, venues, rooms and/or services will be possible once this contract has been signed and agreed upon.

Air Conditioning: Jet Vacations LLC is not responsible for air conditioning standards or availability, as these factors can vary greatly between properties and countries

Single rooms: The single supplement rate is quoted on the basis that single rooms shall not exceed approximately 20% of the total rooms required, unless otherwise agreed and confirmed. Some hotels may charge a further fee should the group exceed this configuration.

Activity level: This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Itinerary variation: We will make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. Situations may arise, voluntarily or involuntarily, that require changes or exceptions in the airport of departure, the itinerary, land arrangements, hotels, trains or ports of call. On these occasions, we reserve the right to make such modifications and substitute conveyances/hotels as deemed necessary.

Minimum participants to Operate: Group needs a minimum of 20 participants to operate. Optional tours need a minimum of 15 participants to operate.

Tour Cancellation: We reserve the right to cancel the entire trip (or any component of the trip) for any reason and/or time. In this event, our liability, if any, shall be limited to and liquidated by refunding to each prospective participant the payments made.