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French Wine Tour Including Champagne, Loire Valley, Bordeaux

Seven Wonders Club Solos Expedition
September 20, 2009 – October 2, 2009
Escorted by Terri Glenn

Sunday, September 20 **D**

Arrive **Paris**, transfer to **K+K Hotel Cayre**. Welcome dinner this evening.

Monday, September 21 **B**

A full day to enjoy this spectacular city. Paris museum and Metro passes included.

Tuesday, September 22 **B**

This morning, we'll check out **Versailles** with a private tour of the State Apartments. Afternoon and evening at leisure.

Wednesday, September 23

Champagne **B/L**

Visit of the world famous Cathedral of Notre Dame in **Reims**, built in 1211 and the site of the coronation of many French Kings. We'll enjoy lunch at one of the wineries near **Epernay**. This afternoon includes a visit of the caves of **Moët & Chandon** (Dom Perignon) and a tour of the caves of **De Castellane** or **Claude Cazals**, depending on time constraints. Return to hotel.

Thursday, September 24 **B/L/D**

We depart Paris for the **Loire Valley**. Sommelier Pascal Mineau, our private guide for this remarkable wine tour, will review our wine tour itinerary on the way to **Amboise**.

Our first stop is **Caves Duhard** established in 1874. Lunch and tasting provided by owner Daniel Gatay and Master Cheese Affineur Rodolphe Meunier. After lunch, we'll visit the Renaissance **Chateau of Amboise**, built in the 15th and 16th centuries. This royal castle was a popular haunt of Leonardo Da Vinci and introduced Italian style to the Loire Valley. Free time to visit Amboise.

Check in at **Chateau de Chissay for 3 nights**. Dinner at the hotel with wine selection proposed by the sommelier.

Friday, September 25 **B/D**

Today we'll visit the region of **Vouvray** for tastings and free time in the historical city of **Blois**. We'll enjoy a cooking lesson at **Le Medicis** (Michelin star) and will prepare a complete three-course menu consisting of gourmet recipes based on seasonal ingredients. Dinner at Le Medicis.

Saturday, September 26 **B/D**

We'll spend today in and around **Chinon**. Enjoy the **Chateau De Chenonceau**, one of the most exquisite chateaux of the Loire Valley. Chenonceau was offered by King Henry 2nd to his mistress Diane de Poitiers. Walk in Chinon historical streets in the steps of Joan of Arc and Richard the Lion Hearted.

This afternoon, the **Chateau de Ligre** and **Domaine de la Chevalerie** for tours and tasting. Domaine de la Chevalerie has been in the same family since its establishment in 1640.

Dinner at the hotel with wine selection proposed by the sommelier.

Sunday, September 27 **B/L/D**

Today we head for **Bordeaux**, via **Cognac**. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch at one of the wineries and visit the cellars of **Hennessy Cognac**. We'll learn to blend cognac and have several tastings.

Check-in at 4* hotel, **Le Burdigala**. Dinner at the hotel.

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Monday, September 28 **B/L**

Saint-Emilion was founded in the 8th century by a monk who gave it its name. It is still unique worldwide for its troglodyte structures, town walls, and Romanesque buildings that form a harmonious setting. The town also has some of the most prestigious vineyards in the **Bordeaux** region.

A tour of Saint Emilion, listed by UNESCO as a World heritage, includes the Hermitage, the Ossuary, the Catacombs, and the Monolithic Church. Lunch in Saint-Emilion.

Later this afternoon, a tasting at the **Chateau La Clotte**, a Grand Cru Classé since the beginning of Saint Emilion wine classification in 1954. Dinner at leisure in Bordeaux.

Tuesday, September 29 **B/D**

The **Médoc**, one of the world's most famous vineyard regions is our destination today. **Chateau Beychevelle** and **Chateau Mouton Rothschild** for tasting and then dinner at **Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte**.

Wednesday, September 30 **B/L**

Today's tour will takes us to the south of the Bordeaux wine region into the vineyards of **Sauternes**. We'll have a vertical tasting at one of the chateaux of Sauterne and a lunch with food and wine paring.

Free time later in the afternoon to enjoy Bordeaux, stroll along the quays, do some shopping....

Dinner at leisure in Bordeaux.

Thursday, October 1 **B/D**

Transfer to Paris via TGV. Check into K+K Hotel Cayre. Free time this afternoon for shopping and tonight our Farewell Dinner.

Friday, October 2 **B**

Transfer to airport for return home.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PRICE

The price of the package is: \$6,995 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement is \$2,258. Seven Wonders Club roommate match is available. Please submit roommate match form with registration.

Price requires a minimum of 10 participants. Escort requires a minimum of 16 participants. Should the number of participants be lower than 10, the price will be adjusted accordingly, or the tour will be canceled. Participants will be notified if a price adjustment is required and will have the option of accepting price adjustment or canceling without penalty. In the case of cancellation by Seven Wonders Club, 100% refund will be issued.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

Deposit is required at the time of the booking. The deposit is 25% of total, per person.

50% of total will be due on **June 1, 2009**.

Final payment will be due on **August 13, 2009**.

INCLUDED

- 5 nights accommodation in Paris
- 3 nights accommodation in Loire Valley
- 4 nights accommodation in Bordeaux
- 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners including dinner at Le Medicis (one Michelin Star) and dinner at Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte
- Private, guided wine tasting tour with English speaking master sommelier
- Private, guided tour of Versailles Royal Apartments with English speaking guide
- 2 – day Paris museum pass
- 2 – day Paris metro pass
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- All tasting fees as per itinerary
- TGV train, first class, Bordeaux to Paris
- All transfers

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Paris
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance, highly recommended

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND

Cancellation fees are per person. Cancellations must be in writing.

- Cancellation prior to final payment - \$150
- Final payment to 60 days prior to departure – 25% of total
- 59 to 30 days prior to departure – 50% of total
- 29 to 15 days prior to departure – 75% of total
- 14 days or less prior to departure – 100% of total
- No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sightseeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in package description.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is not included in the package price. Seven Wonders Club (BrandIt Marketing and Event Travel) highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance, which covers health, luggage and trip cancellation. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined. Travel Insurance is non-refundable.

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