



SKÅL INTERNATIONAL
PARIS

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26/27 - 29 October 2016
Based on 15 people*

Hotels in Paris

HOTEL SOFITEL SCRIBE PARIS ***** - SKAL was founded at the SCRIBE

Hotel in 1932 –

2 minutes' walk from Opéra metro station (metro lines 3, 7 & 8)



MARRIOTT PARIS PORTE MAILLOT ****

7 minutes' walk from Porte Maillot metro station (metro line 1)



RENAISSANCE LA DEFENSE ****

8 minutes' walk from La Défense metro station (metro line 1 ; RER A ; Tram 2)



HOTEL OCEANIA PARIS PORTE DE VERSAILLES ****

4 minutes' walk from Porte de Versailles metro station (metro line 12 ; Tram 2 & 3a)



OPÉRA GARNIER & FRAGONARD MUSEUM – 3H



Discover the **Opéra Garnier** building, one of the most beautiful monuments in the world and real temple of opera and dance. Marvel at its lavishly decorated interior made of marble, glass and gold. You will be impressed by the grand staircase or the Auditorium's large ceiling painted by Chagall in 1964! Our guide will help you to see and appreciate this luxurious monument decorated with paintings and sculptures, but will also explain you its story, which make it today not only a theater, but also a museum. The theater can be visited according to the artistic schedule.

Our visit continues with the **Fragonard Museum**, close to the Opéra Garnier, this historic location is full of the spirit and character that Fragonard wanted to preserve. In years gone by it was a theatre, a velodrome and the home of a British furniture retailer, Maple & Co.

The museum reveals the secrets to the perfume trade, as well as a magnificent collection of precious objects tracing the history of perfume from antiquity to the present day. Immersed in the atmosphere of a late nineteenth century perfume factory, visitors will discover the world of fragrance through a set design that combines ancient artefacts, archives and videos of modern production. This is a unique olfactory journey in Paris!

COVERED PASSAGES WALKING TOUR – 3H



We're going to let you into a secret! As a visitor to Paris, you would never know that behind many Parisian tree-lined wide boulevards, charming hidden passageways lie. Known as Les Passages Couverts, covered shopping arcades, they were the fashionable, high-class shopping malls of the 19th century. Only the most affluent and high-class bourgeois ladies of the time could afford to stroll up and down the passages in their fine gowns, indulging in what was to become a favourite Parisian pastime -window shopping.

Today, many of these beautiful architectural wonders still exist intact; some restored to their former elegant 19th Century condition and some now a little tired and faded. The boutiques, restaurants, art galleries and cafés to be found inside are truly exquisite. Some have not changed in 150 years. Be sure to bring your camera.

Come and explore these secret passageways on the Right Bank close to the Louvre with our knowledgeable and charming Meeting the French guide who will lead you through 5 Passages Couverts and together you will evoke those romantic days and you'll hear some entertaining stories of how life used to be.

PURE CHOCOLAT WALK ON PARIS RIGHT BANK – 2H



Pure chocolate equals pure pleasure. On Paris's Right Bank in the area of Place de la Concorde, the Tuileries Gardens and Madeleine Church, accompanied by our charming and enthusiastic guide, you'll be invited inside the premises of 5 of Paris's most celebrated master chocolatiers for some serious chocolate tasting (all samples included in the price of the visit). Explore off the beaten track down the old cobbled streets, dipping in and out of the glamorous fashion district. Lots to see and hear about on your way and a great chance to try luxury chocolates that will surprise and delight you.

You might think that you know chocolate. But on our Pure Chocolate Walk, our guide will be enhancing your understanding of the world of the cocoa bean and you'll be introduced to 5 very different ways of presenting the absolute best chocolate that money can buy. Each chocolatier has his own creative style and signature. You'll visit the

traditional and the classical, the innovator and trendsetter, the old-fashioned artisan chocolate shop and the "designer" who sees making chocolate as an art experience. Your palate will be introduced to new taste sensations - to savory chocolate, to a myriad of flavors which can be magically combined together to create taste explosions. You'll learn how chocolate arrived in France, the story of the cocoa bean and its journey through history. You'll be swept up in the search for chocolate excellence and innovation and may never again consider eating chocolate that is not the absolute best! You'll begin to recognize what makes each chocolate creator so special and so different and soon you'll be a chocolate connoisseur. So come along and enjoy. We aim to spoil you. You'll be very pleased that you accepted our 2 hour chocolate challenge.

Paris Dinners

OCTOBER 26 – AU PETIT TONNEAU – SKAL MEMBER

[Au Petit Tonneau](#) is an authentic Parisian bistro that has existed for more than 80 years, offering a friendly atmosphere, accentuated by Vichy tablecloths and ancient tiles embellished with fleur-de-lis, where one word prevails: "enjoy"! Every day, French cuisine lovers rush to this lovely and welcoming spot located in the heart of Paris' 7th arrondissement, in the famous Surcouf Street. It is also in this restaurant where Commissaire Maigret, under the pen name of Georges Simenon, habitually took a few puffs from his pipe as he was seated at his "table of the commissaire" to relish in his favorite dish: a veal stew, which to this day is still highly anticipated by customers.

OCTOBER 27 - NOCES DE JEANNETTE DINNER – THE OWNER IS A SKAL MEMBER

[Noce de Jeanette website](#) - The restaurant situated a few minutes from Opera Garnier, front of Opera Comique on the Grands Boulevards.

A Day in Champagne

Just an hour and a half outside Paris, you will find another way of life in Reims, the capitale of Champagne region. Travel through the vineyard studded countryside, visit the impressive Cathedral of Reims and experience the warm hospitality of the wine growers in this historic area. You are invited to discover the history and secrets of the “King of wines” in this famous destination world-renown for its sparkling wine - champagne.

That tour includes:

- Round-trip transportation from your hotel
- All entry fees and lunche

Visits:

- A champagne house in Epernay
- Guided walking tour of Reims Cathedral
- Visit to one of Reims' most famous vineyards: Mumm
- A 3-course-lunch (incuding drinks and a glass of Champagne)
- Tasting of 2 champagne throughout the day

Departure around 8 am from your hotel. Back around 7:30 pm to your hotel

YOUR PROGRAM:

8:00 am: Hotel pick up in Paris

10:30 am: Visit to a champagne vineyard near Reims

“Terroir”, a French word that loosely translated means “a sense of place.” Nowhere else could this be truer than in Champagne where the grapes are grown on land that has a unique quality. Champagne, by way of the grape, is a product that is extracted from the soil but is also intimately linked to the climate, vine and ultimately the human knowledge of the wine-grower. Your guide will inform you about the vineyard, the champagne soil, the vines and the work that is done throughout the year. Here you will discover the different steps of champagne-making, learn why the geographical situation of the region is essential and how the talent and personality of the professional wine-grower results in each unique vintage.

12:30 pm: Lunch at a restaurant in Reims, Le Boulingrin* (10mn walk from Reims Cathedral) – Starter, Main dish and Dessert, Drinks included + 1 class of champagne.

2:00 pm: Guided visit to Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral

Reims Cathedral is the site where Clovis, the first Christian king of the Franks, was christened. It is also where the coronations of 25 kings of France, from Louis VIII in 1223 to Charles X in 1825 were held. This thirteenth-century gothic cathedral is a medieval religious jewel and a symbolic place for all European people. Indulge yourself and

admire the breathtaking façade, lacy stonework, illuminated stained glass windows and be charmed by the famous “smiling angel” sculpture that welcomes you at the northern portico.

3.30 pm: visit to the underground chalk cellar of one of Reims' most famous Champagne houses

Houses are the first champagne ambassadors both in France and in the whole world. Cultivate your knowledge about the history of champagne and how the most prestigious houses contributed throughout the ages to provide the exceptional quality of wines we enjoy today. You will be told about some of the traditional secrets of these famous vintners and thus, better understand the differences between the houses. You will taste a glass of Champagne at the end of the visit with guide comments.

5:00 pm: departure for an arrival in Paris at around 7:30 pm

Feel Free to contact us for any of your request as we can organize your tailor-made tour!

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Quotation based on 15 people

AIROPORT TARNSEFERS	1/2 pers	3/4 pers	5/6 pers	7/8 pers
CDG – Paris (per transfer)	€ 108	€ 126	€ 144	€ 163

PARIS HOTELS	
Hotel Sofitel SCRIBE Paris *****	
October 26 to 29 – Superior Single room breakfast included	€ 310 per night
City Tax payable on spot	€ 3.30 per person per night
Mariott Paris Porte Maillot *****	
October 26 to 29 – Deluxe Single room breakfast included	€ 150 per night
October 26 to 29 – Deluxe Double room breakfast included	€ 164 per night
City Tax payable on spot	€ 2.48 per person per night
Renaissance la Défense *****	
October 26 – Deluxe Single room breakfast included	€ 209 per night
October 26 – Deluxe Double room breakfast included	€ 219 per night
October 27 to 29 – Deluxe Single room breakfast included	€ 159 per night
October 27 to 29 – Deluxe Double room breakfast included	€ 169 per night
City Tax payable on spot	€ 1.50 per person per night
Hotel Océania Paris Porte de Versailles*****	
October 26 to 29 – Deluxe Double room breakfast included	€ 160 per night
City Tax payable on spot	€ 2.57 per person per night
PARIS ACTIVITIES - October 26 & 27	
Opera Visit + Fragonard – Guide & entrance fees <i>(Min: 15 people/Max: 30 people – per guide)</i>	€ 36,50 per person
Chocolate tour – Guide & Tastings <i>(Min: 2 people/Max: 10 people – per guide)</i>	€ 52 per person
Covered Passages – Guide <i>(Min: 10 people/Max: 20 people – per guide)</i>	€ 35 per person
DINNERS IN PARIS	
Au Petit Tonneau	€ 60 per person
Noces de Jeannette - Dinner with Accordionist <i>(Menu Opéra)</i>	€ 63 per person
A DAY IN CHAMPAGNE - October 28	
Autocar at disposal for 12h	€ 239 per person
1 English & Spanish speaking guide for the day	
Morning: Visit & Tasting at Moët et Chandon	
Lunch at Boulingrin	
Afternoon: Visit & Tasting at Mumm	
<i>(minimum 15 people)</i>	

General Information

Please note that this quote is merely informative as all services have to be confirmed at the time of the booking. Availability and prices cannot be guaranteed until booked. Prices quoted during an inquiry cannot be fully protected.

Should you require confirming, please send us the dates and types of services confirmed, the names of the guests, ages. Meeting the French will send you a pro forma invoice and the details for the payment of the deposit. The payment of the deposit is required in a delay of 10 days after the confirmation by email. After this period, and without any news Meeting the French will consider the program cancelled.

Once confirmed, 20-15 days prior to the traveler's arrival the final documents and pre paid voucher will be send by email.

Rates are net and in euro, valid for 2016

All taxes and services included

We strongly recommend that the travelers purchase trip cancellation/ interruption insurance (average cost: 3 % of the total of the invoice). No refund for unused portions of the trip or cancellations made after the trip has begun.

Additional services during the stay: Any additional services booked on site per the clients, will have to be paid by credit card.

Deposit Policy

If the amount for the pro forma is less than 4 500 Euros, a full pre payment is requested upon confirmation

If amount of pro-forma is more than 4 500 Euros the following deposit policy applies: 50%: On signature of contract, Balance to be paid no later than 30 days from receipt of final invoice

Deposit are non refundable

Payment can be done by credit card or Wire transfer. Credit card accepted with any supplement charge: American express, Visa and Master Card. If the total invoice is over 4 500 euro, we will request a wire transfer payment.

Cancellation fees:

In case of cancellation of a booking, the customer must inform Meeting the French by email, as early as possible: the date of the acknowledgement will be considered as the cancellation date in order to calculate the cancellation fee.

For trips including land services ("a la carte" tours, itineraries for individuals) and travel packages, the cancellation fee will be as follows:

- more than 45 days prior to departure: 30 % of the amount due, non refundable by the trip cancellation insurance, with a minimum charge of 100 € per person
- between 45 and 31 days prior to departure: 40 % of the amount due, with a minimum charge of 100 € per person
- between 30-21 days prior to departure: 80 % of the amount due
- less than 20 days prior to departure: 100% of the amount due

All refund will made less 3 % Bank fees

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Transfer and Pick up

The rates for the transfer include a one Hour waiting time at the airport. In case of delays beyond this the waiting time will be charged at 95 Euro per hour. If on arrival at the airport you have a delay waiting for luggage, please call us at +33 6 73 65 62 19 to advise that you arrived and are waiting inside the luggage area or send one of your party out into the arrivals hall to find the driver and advise him of the delay.

If you do not find your driver, please call us +33 6 73 65 62 19 and stay at the Arrival halls.

- Airports: On arrival at the airport, please collect your luggage and make your way through customs and into the Arrivals Halls where our driver will await you with a sign stating your name. Drivers cannot enter the customs area.

On supplement we can arrange at Paris, a hostess to meet you at the exit of the plain.

- Train stations: please exit the train and make your way to the end of the platform where the driver will await you with a sign stating your name.

On supplement we can arrange at Paris, a hostess to meet you at the exit of the train.

- Ports: On arrival to the port, please disembark following the instructions given by the cruise staff. Make your way through customs if necessary. Our driver and guide (if hired) will be waiting for you at the dock or the arrivals hall with a sign stating your name.
- Drivers and Guide: In case you are meeting a driver or/and a guide for a tour please note that they will be waiting for you at the hotel (if mentioned). Please proceed to the Hotel Entrance at the precise hour stated in the travel document. When you meet your local guide in a different location, we will let you know in advance where the best meeting point is.

If your hire only a driver, the driver is not allowed to leave is car to accompany the clients and cannot guide.

If your hire a guide, please note that the guide is a state licensed guide, fluent in the language of your choice.