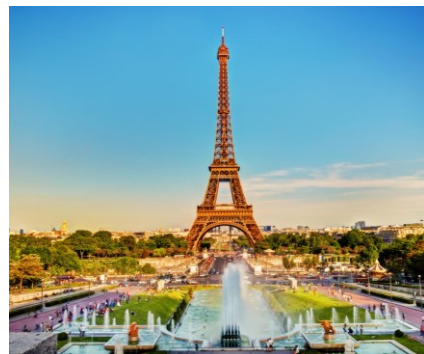


# **PETITE EXCURSION EN FRANCE**



**UNE AVENTURE VIRTUELLE**



## DAY 1: PARIS

- *Bienvenue en France!* Upon arrival in Paris, meet your **Forum Tour Manager, Cindy**, a Parisian native.
- Before starting your adventure, Cindy will give you a copy of this 'cheat sheet' by Cheatography, with useful French phrases to help you navigate your way through the City of Light!
- In the morning, take a virtual tour of the **Musée du Louvre**, the world's largest art museum. Its famous collection of art and antiquities includes the *Mona Lisa* and 35,000 other works of art on display in 300 rooms.
- In the afternoon, board a **bateau mouche** (riverboat) for an unforgettable cruise on the Seine River. Practice your comprehension skills while on board with these listening exercises by TV5Monde.
- Afterward, climb the virtual steps to reach the **Sacré-Cœur, Montmartre's hilltop church**, and enjoy a 360° tour of the famous landmark.
- Listen to *La Bohème* by Charles Aznavour and discover the Bohemian lifestyle of the artists of Montmartre!
- Spend the evening immersed in the funny and chaotic world of Little Nicholas and his school friends.

## DAY 2: PARIS | GIVERNY | ROUEN

- Start your day with a French treat by preparing your own Pain Perdu (from A Spicy Perspective), also known as French toast!
- Next visit the blooming gardens of Claude Monet's home in Giverny, the inspiration for many of his famous paintings.
- If you are artistically inclined, color in the lines of Monet's famous painting, *Le déjeuner*, with Dessine moi une histoire.
- Prefer admiring art rather than creating it? Scroll through this dope Instagram account created by an Italian art student which showcases masterpieces by Monet, Renoir, and other French impressionists (Museo Virtuale, Instagram).
- In the afternoon, visit **Rouen** to discover the legacy of the French heroine Joan of Arc, who, at just 19 years old, led numerous battles against the English during the Hundred Years' War before being captured and burned at the stake in Rouen (It's History).

## DAY 3: ARROMANCHES | D-DAY BEACHES

- Visit the site of the **D-Day landings**. Did you know the beaches are named after the code names they were given during Operation Neptune on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944?
- Listen to this podcast by Chris Hattingh to learn more about "le débarquement."
- Then, read "10 things you might not know about the Normandy invasion" (Keiligh Baker, BBC News, 5 June 2019).
- In the evening, watch episode six of Netflix's "Greatest Events of WWII in Color" to see colorized footage of the day's historic events.



## DAY 5: MONT ST-MICHEL | ST-MALO

- After breakfast, enjoy spectacular views of the 1000-year-old **Abbey of Mont Saint-Michel** filmed with a drone (Wanaii films). Built atop a rock island where the powerful tides crash onto the sandbanks between Normandy and Brittany, this masterpiece of medieval architecture is one of the most unforgettable sights in Europe.
- In the afternoon, why not bake a **French apple tart** following The Kitchn's recipe?
- Later head in the direction of **Brittany**, a region full of surprises! First, stop in **Saint-Malo**, a town famous for its **seafood**. Watch this **video** and complete the exercises after (TV5Monde).
- When you find a calm moment, listen to Yann Tiersen's **Comptine d'un autre été**, composed by the Breton musician for the movie **Le Fabuleux Destin D'Amélie Poulain**

## DAY 6: ST-MALO

- Start your morning preparing some delicious **crêpes** (by Delish), an easy recipe that will make the whole family happy. Did you know crêpes originally come from Brittany?!
- Test your knowledge of French cuisine (Matador Network). Then, brush up on your culinary vocabulary with this other **food quiz** (Lawless French).
- Did you know that Brittany belongs to one of the **Celtic nations**? Along with Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall and Isle of Man, Brittany held off a complete invasion by the Romans when they reached other parts of continental Europe. Watch this **video** to hear **Breton Celtic music** and see some of Brittany's most emblematic places (Mathieu Maxime Prod).
- Listen to this **playlist** if you enjoy Celtic tunes in the Breton language, part of the Celtic language family that includes Gaelic, Welsh and Cornish (Feel Da Viken).

## DAY 7: PARIS

- After breakfast, head back to Paris and enjoy a quick, final **virtual tour** to capture your last impressions of the French capital (You Visit).
- Later, check out some of the **French stereotypes** (*clichés*) and see if you fit any of them (Courrier International). Are you French at heart?
- If you find some time for coloring, why not color this lovely **image** of the famous French rat *Ratatouille* admiring the Eiffel Tower (Supercoloring)? Or maybe this authentic **Parisian café** (Melissa Colson)?
- In the evening board your flight home and watch "**Astérix and Obélix: God save Britannia**," narrating one of the many adventures of the famous duo from Gaul and their lifelong resistance to the Roman invasion.
- Then enjoy some French tunes with this eclectic Spotify **playlist** curated by our Forum team member Nadia Comerford.