

TREK
TRAVEL

VIP OFFICIAL OPERATOR of **TOUR de FRANCE**

RACE FRANCE

2012 PARIS FRIENDS AT THE FINISH PACKAGE



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DAY 1: SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012

Meet Your Friends

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at your friend's hotel at 6:00 PM on the first day of the trip. You are welcome to arrive at the hotel early to deliver your luggage and check for any special messages from Trek Travel at the front desk. This afternoon check in with your hotel concierge who will be able to assist you with the variety of Parisian delights right on your doorstep. Take an open top bus tour or an informative walking tour to see the sights. Visit the Louvre, tour Notre Dame, or take a stroll by the Seine and find a Parisian brasserie from which to watch the world go by before returning to the hotel to meet your friends. This evening the 'City of Lights' is your friend and yours to explore and learn for yourself why Paris is world famous for its incredible cuisine - discover a local bistro or visit one of your guides' recommended restaurant picks.

Hotel | *Your Friend's Hotel*

DAY 2: SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012

Stage Finish Viewing

Spend the morning sleeping in or stroll up the magnificent Champs-Élysées and observe the preparations as the event crew prepares for the triumphant arrival of the peloton. This afternoon, we'll escort you over to the prestigious Automobile Club de France for the exclusive Trek Travel gala viewing. Sip your favorite cocktail, savor a lavish champagne lunch and watch the race make its way toward the grand finale! Enjoy an expansive view from the grand balconies overlooking the course and the magnificent Place de la Concorde. Feel the electricity of the arrival of the racers on the street; the rush of the peloton as it passes by at over 30 miles per hour and make your way amongst the team buses parked right in front of our building. Witness the finale live as the riders complete their ceremonious laps along the cobblestones of the world's most famous avenue. After all this excitement, you'll have some time to freshen up before a special Trek Travel 'grand finale' dinner. The fanfare, excitement and energy of the Tour de France can only be topped by the magic that you'll feel as you dine tonight beneath the glow at the heart of the City of Lights. "C'est magnifique!"

Hotel | *Your Friend's Hotel*



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DAY 3: MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012

Au Revoir

Choose to sleep in today or enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel and bid farewell to your fellow travel companions and guides. You'll say farewell to your guides at 9:30 AM at your hotel. Check out by 12:00 PM at the latest. Please make your own onward travel arrangements to the airport, train station, or other destination of your choice.

RACE FRANCE PARIS FRIENDS AT THE FINISH PACKAGE

Trip Length 3 days | 2 nights

Trip Start Paris, France

Trip End Paris, France



WHAT'S INCLUDED



INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

Food & Lodging

- Accommodations during the trip
- Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, social hour on some evenings and 1 dinner

Support

- Dedicated Trip Consultants to answer all of your questions and aid you in choosing a vacation that suits you
- Email sent to you one week prior to your trip with guide contact details, meet time & location and any final information
- The knowledge, support and camaraderie of experienced guides
- All transportation and luggage transfers during the trip

Activities

- Gratuities for all restaurants, hotels, local guides and transportation

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- Some meals are not included in each destination, allowing you the opportunity to explore regional cuisine on your own
- Gratuities for your Trek Travel Guides may be given at your discretion in response to their professionalism and leadership. Industry standard is for each individual guest to tip the guide team 5-10% of the trip price.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- **Single Supplement** | For solo travelers who prefer a room to themselves (price varies by destination)
- **Travel Agent** | Our agent will reserve your flights and book your pre- and post-trip hotels and activities
- **Trip Insurance** | Protect yourself in case of cancellation, travel interruptions and medical emergencies
- **Connections Club** | After two trips, you are invited to join and enjoy benefits both on and off our Trek Travel vacations



WHERE WE STAY & EAT



ACCOMMODATIONS

In every region we travel, we uncover the area's best, and most unique, accommodations. On our Race France trip, you will stay in the same hotel as the Trek Travel cycling guest you are joining.

Your Friend's Hotel | Paris, France

You will be staying at the same hotel as the Trek Travel cycling guest you are joining. The hotel will be confirmed with you when you sign up and all contact details sent to you 30 days prior the trip start.

MEALS

Trek Travel scopes out unique and delicious dining locations, and we usually leave at least one meal for you to explore on your own. If you have any special dietary preferences, be sure that you have informed your Trek Travel Trip Consultant before you leave for your trip. We will do our best to accommodate your dietary requests.

On our Race France trip, enjoy the refined flavors of Parisian cuisine. It is almost impossible to fully describe the range and quality of cuisine available in Paris – other than to say it is truly fantastic! Whether you are in a quaint bistro or a refined restaurant featuring haute gastronomie, you'll enjoy unique flavors, cultured techniques and attention to detail that are to be savored slowly, accompanied by French wine, of course!

This itinerary is an approximation of our Race France trip. *As always, Trek Travel strives to offer each and every guest a vacation of a lifetime. To ensure this standard of excellence, routes, hotels, and activities listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides.*



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS



HOW TO GET THERE

Flights | We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into Paris (CDG). Once at the Paris airport, you may take a taxi, local train or bus shuttle into the city. Visit www.Cars-AirFrance.com for more information on shuttles. Prices range from 16-25 euros and take between 45 minutes and 1 hour depending on the pick-up and drop-off points.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Your Friend's Hotel | Paris, France

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at your friend's hotel at 6:00 PM on the first day of the trip. Please stop by your friend's hotel to drop off your luggage. Your friend should arrive at the hotel around 6:00 PM. Further meeting details, including your guide's mobile phone number, will be provided in the week leading up to the trip.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call your friend's hotel, and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details.

DEPARTING TIME AND LOCATION

Your Friend's Hotel | Paris, France

You will say farewell to your guides at 9:30 AM at your hotel. Check out by 12:00 PM at the latest. Please make your own onward travel arrangements to the airport, train station, or other destination of your choice.

Let us take care of all your travel needs! For a nominal fee, our dedicated Travel Agent can reserve your airfare, pre- and post-trip hotels, rental cars, train tickets and additional sightseeing activities. Call Trek Travel at 866 464 8735 and choose option #2 to take advantage of this convenient service.



BEFORE & AFTER YOUR TRIP



PARIS, FRANCE

Paris is home to many of the world's best-known monuments and museums, including the famous Arc de Triomphe, which sits majestically at the top end of the Champs-Élysées. Go to the observation deck for an expansive view down the world-famous boulevard from Napoléon's huge triumphal arch—the largest in the world. You'll also find impressive views from the white dome of the Basilique du Sacré-Coeur de Montmartre, from atop the 56 floors of the Tour Montparnasse, and of course at the summit of the most famous monument in Paris—the Tour Eiffel. The city also boasts some of the world's best museums, including the renowned Musée du Louvre where you can visit one of the world's greatest art collections and admire such famous works as the Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo and the Winged Victory of Samothrace. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre and post trip hotel.

Hilton Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport | Roissy-CDG, Rue de Rome | +33 1 4919 7777 | www.Hilton.com | ~\$280

The Hilton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport hotel is centrally located just 5 minutes by free shuttle to the airport and just 30 minutes from central Paris by fast train. Enjoy the modern, comfortable amenities and unwind with a swim or massage treatments.

Hôtel Louvre Marsollier Opéra | 13, Rue Marsollier | +33 (0) 1 42 96 68 14 | www.Louvre-Paris-Hotel.com | ~\$130

In the heart of historical Paris, located on a quiet street in a prominent neighborhood, this is a stylish hotel where Oscar Wilde lived in 1899. The hotel's website has some useful information and links to local activities.

Hôtel d'Angleterre | 91, Rue de la Boétie | +33 (0) 1 43 59 35 45 | www.Angleterre-Paris-Hotel.com | ~\$150

This modern hotel is situated on one of the most famous streets in the world, right in the heart of the Champs Élysées between the Etoile and Concorde. 40 rooms.



THE UNEXPECTED



CHANGING OR CANCELLING YOUR TRIP

Once you have confirmed your Tour de France trip with the full \$2,000 trip deposit, if you cancel your trip 120 days or more from your trip start date the cancellation fee is your \$2,000 trip deposit. If you must cancel your trip from 91-119 days before the trip start there is a fee of 50% of the original trip price; 61-90 days before the trip start there is a fee of 75% of the original trip price and there is a 100% cancellation fee and no refund for changing or cancelling a trip 0-60 days before the trip start.

If you choose to change your trip more than 120 days before the trip start, you may do so with no fee. If you choose to change trips under 120 days of the original trip start, the cancellation policy outlined above will apply. Please be aware that it is only possible to move to another trip within one year of the original trip departure date.

Trek Travel reserves the right to cancel a trip due to low enrollment or if we feel that the safety and quality of a trip could be compromised. If Trek Travel cancels a trip, a full refund will be issued. If a trip must be canceled due to low enrollment, we will make every effort to do so at least 60 days before the trip start. We recommend that you purchase airfare no sooner than 60 days before your departure date. Under no circumstances will Trek Travel reimburse guests or be responsible for the cost of their airfare or any cancellation or change fees that may apply. In the event of a conflict between these terms and the terms stated on Trek Travel's website, catalog or other publication, these terms shall prevail.

INSURANCE

Trek Travel highly recommends travel insurance to assist you in the event of medical emergency, lost baggage, cancelled trip or any other trip-related issue. For your convenience, Trek Travel has created a custom travel insurance package available through Travel Guard. Please contact a Trip Consultant for more details. You may purchase additional insurance on your own if you wish.

TRIP CHANGES

Trek Travel reserves the right to make route and hotel modifications or to withdraw any tour announced without notice and to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience and well being of our travelers. In this event, Trek Travel will always substitute an equal or better option.

At the time of publication, final details concerning race specifics and team personnel had not been made public and/or confirmed by the associated organizations. Therefore, some aspects of the itinerary (including, but not limited to, hotels, ride routes, daily activities, and team personnel) may change once this information is known. Trek Travel will adjust the itinerary accordingly in order to provide the best possible trip experience. If you have any questions, please contact a Trek Travel Trip Consultant at 866 464 8735.

Tipping your Trek Travel Guides... *Gratuities to your Trek Travel guides are not included in the price of your trip. Please tip your guides, at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism and service. The industry standard is 5-10% of the trip price, to be divided amongst your guide team.*



CLOTHING & GEAR



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We want you to be prepared for your trip with Trek Travel. To help you, we have put together a packing list for your trip. We highly recommend you bring the items listed on our *Packing List*.

Evening Attire

Europe

- *Luxury* | Guests will not be required to have formal dress. Dinner jackets for men are optional. Certain trips do require men wear dinner jackets, this will be communicated in an email one week prior to the trip start.
- *Explorer* | Most evening activities on this trip revolve around a theme of *casual dress*, however it is best to bring one outfit of *casual elegance*.

What is casual elegance? | For women, this theme can be defined as anything you might wear to work or for a night out on the town with the girls! Skirts, dresses, dress pants and elegant or funky tops are very acceptable. Tip from your guides—accessorize! Earrings and scarves take-up much less room than a entirely new outfit! For men, this theme can be defined as anything you might wear for an afternoon at the country club. Khaki pants, dress pants, shirt with a collar (short or long sleeved) or polo shirts are acceptable. Jeans/sneakers/shorts/etc. *are strongly discouraged* as attire for evening meals on our Luxury trips. Our recommendations stem from a commitment to ensuring all of our guests feel comfortable in the restaurant venues we choose.

Casual Dress | Clean and un-tattered jeans and shorts are acceptable attire on our Explorer trips.



PACKING LIST



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Luggage Recommendation

- 1 suitcase and 1 carry-on per person

Clothing & Gear

- Hat
- Bathing suit
- Sweater/jacket for cool evenings
- Walking shorts
- Comfortable walking shoes/sandals
- Evening wear (consult your trip itinerary)

Don't Forget!

- Required medications and their prescriptions
- Airline tickets
- Trek Travel Trip Itinerary

International Travel

- Passport/Visa
- International power adapter
- Power converter

Keeping your valuables safe...*Trek Travel will transport items such as mobile phones, cameras, jewelry and other valuables during the trip. However, Trek Travel is not responsible for any damage, malfunctioning, or loss of these or other valuable items brought from home or purchased on trip.*



WHY TRAVEL WITH TREK TRAVEL



VACATIONS OF A LIFETIME

Like a master chef, we can't give away all of our secrets but we'd like to give you a little insight into what makes us different:

The Absolute Best Guides | Whether suggesting the perfect route to match your cycling ability, sharing their regional knowledge over dinner or anticipating your needs, our guides are consummate professionals. What sets them apart from the rest is their infinitely accommodating, fun and flexible attitude. They live by the motto *Your Day, You Decide* and will attempt anything to ensure that your trip is your trip of a lifetime.

Your Day, You Decide | It's a simple philosophy, yet it influences everything we do. It's your vacation of a lifetime, so each and every day you should decide how you'd like it to unfold and with the help of your guides, each day is customized to you.

Local Connections | Getting an insider's view is about being *in the know*. Whether it be exclusive Team Radio Shack access or weaving you into the local culture of a region, our cycling ties & local friends connect you to the soul of the region.

We like to WOW You | We listen for subtle cues that help us make your vacation magical. Sometimes it's lifting you off Alpe d'Huez via helicopter at the Tour de France and other times it is organizing an impromptu cooking course; whatever it is, we strive to make the impossible possible!

It's in the Design | Prior to your trip, we review every detail and take into account all the needs and desires of each guest. From the historian or wine connoisseurs to our leisurely or avid riders, no one is left behind and nothing is left to chance.

The Details | Knowledgeable trip consultants, guest packets filled with regional information, complimentary clothing, 20-guest maximum capacity, luxury social hours and so many other fine details are included in your vacation. Excellence is the standard.





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WHAT OUR GUESTS SAY

You have THE BEST Active Travel Company in the world. There are dozens of them out there, but your quality, commitment and professionalism stand out far above the rest. If I never take another trip, I will always remember this as the best!

—Brian

The Absolute Best Guides

Your guides provided “seamless”, “no problem” service, & consistently went beyond expectations to provide a really wonderful experience. The guides did a fantastic job both in preparing the trip and customizing it to respond to our requests and suggestions.

Ride the Best

The quality of the bikes was way beyond my expectations and the level of daily care that our guides lavished on the group and our bikes bordered on superhuman.

—Patrick & Jennifer

Your Day, You Decide

They did cool things with the routes that gave you the option to take a shorter route back to the hotel if you chose. We rode the long route the first day or two, then took the shorter option...to get back into town to shop, relax, and send postcards.

—Robin

Local Connections

Philippe was simply awesome. His command of the Vietnamese language brought the experience to life. Several times throughout the day, something would catch the eye of one of the guests and rather than just becoming a photo opportunity, Philippe would stop and start a conversation.

—John

We Like to WOW You

Of all our vacations, this was our favorite. The fact that we were a part of the Tour [of California], in the VIP tent, mingling with pro riders—

WOW

—Edward and Katherine

To call the trip anything short of amazing is an understatement equivalent to calling Lance a pretty good bike rider. Everything was as promised and the surprises that were thrown in along the way put it right over the top.

—Jim

It's in the Design

My wife and I usually do trips on our own, but now realize that guided tours are the way to go! All the mistakes that you can make on your own were eliminated, and (our guides), Kevin and Laura, found some great attractions that we'd surely have missed on our own.—Jeff





THE ABSOLUTE BEST GUIDES

They are hand-picked for their natural charm and undergo extensive training to make them the best in the industry. They are teachers and scientists, writers and painters, all natural leaders who are passionate about biking, exploring and making sure our guests have the experience of a lifetime.

Whether it's having a warm exchange with the children of Vietnam with the help of Philippe, falling in love with Cendrine's French accent in Bordeaux, or learning how to frame the perfect memory with the help of Zack's professional photographic eye, you'll find our guides eager to share their endearing qualities. Along the way, they might just become the most memorable part of your vacation.

I can't possibly say enough about our experience with the guides! From Katie's advice about my pedaling on the hills, to Bruno's patient translation of the menus, to Leanne's efforts in fitting and tuning my bike, to the attention they gave to even the tiniest details. They were delightful companions, and did so much more than I expected.

—Lisa

