



THE FRENCH TRAVELER STAGE D'IMMERSION LYON 15-26 JUILLET 2018

dimanche 15 juillet

Bienvenue à Lyon! Apéritif d'accueil in our new surroundings and welcome dinner in one of Lyon's acclaimed restaurants.

DINNER

lundi 16 juillet

La ville [l'esthétique: le patrimoine]

We'll start today's activities a bit later to help ease the jet lag. With our private guide, we'll learn the history of Lyon: capital of Gaul under the Romans, city of startling World Heritage patrimony, leader in gastronomy and culture. Afternoon discovery of the town on foot.

LUNCH

mardi 17 juillet

L'éducation en France [la famille & la communauté]

Schools and curriculum are changing fast and furiously in France: there are several major reforms in the works, and we'll touch on the delicate subject of integrating children of immigrants into mainstream classes and curriculum, comparing the French methods with those in the US. Afternoon visit with teaching *collègues* from Lyon with whom we'll be able share frustrations and aspirations of our noble profession.

LUNCH

mercredi 18 juillet

Le français à travers l'art [l'esthétique: les arts du spectacle]

How can the arts--painting, sculpture, dance, music, entertainment—play a role in our teaching of French? Several tools for the use of art in the classroom will be shared, followed by a visit to the Musée des Beaux-Arts in the afternoon, one of France's best and a favorite of our teacher.

LUNCH

jeudi 19 juillet

Journée libre ou Aix-les-Bains[l'esthétique : le patrimoine]*

You're free to roam Lyon as you like, or come with us as we discover the town of Aix-les-Bains, the "Riviera of the North" and its sumptuous Abbaye de Hautecombe, overlooking the Lac du Bourget. Stunning patrimony, elegant shopping and strolling, a boat ride on the lake or a visit to the impressive Musée Faure—possessor of the second largest collection of Rodin after Paris—will make your day.

MEALS AT LEISURE

vendredi 20 juillet

Les Françaises dans l'histoire de la France [les défis mondiaux: les droits de l'être humain]

The recent passing of Simone Weil, an escapee of the death camps and tireless champion of women's rights, reminds us of the importance women have played throughout time in France. From queens to peasants, aristocrats to *résistantes*, from scientists to prize-winning novelists, we'll review how French woman have greatly contributed to shaping the history of France. This afternoon we'll change gears as we plunge into the somber and poignant environment of the Centre d'Histoire de la Résistance et de la Déportation, the site of which was home to the Gestapo in Nazi-occupied France, and revisit the compelling trial of Klaus Barbie, *le boucher de Lyon*.

LUNCH

samedi 21 juillet

Journée libre ou Le Chambon-sur-Lignon* [*les droits de l'homme et du citoyen*]

Join us today as we journey through the dense forests of the Haute-Loire to visit a little town high in the mountains which played an extraordinary role during World War II: together, silently, the townspeople saved hundreds of children and adults from the Nazi death camps by harboring these children in their farms, schools, families. This is the only village in France to be officially recognized by Yad Vachem, the world Holocaust Center in Israel, with the honor of "Righteous Among the Nations." A guided visit of the Memorial Center with the mayor of the town, lunch, and activities for teaching the Holocaust await us.

LUNCH INCLUDED IN EXCURSION

dimanche 22 juillet

L'immigration en France [*la quête de soi: la langue et l'identité*]

Immigration from many different countries has been as much a part of France through the ages as it has been in America, with *Liberté, Égalité, et Fraternité* the *devise* which has guided the French process...until recently. As a way of approaching this complex issue, we'll study the Algerian immigration to France, which began before World War II, and the subsequent generational differences that have evolved. How has France reacted to this, and more importantly, what are the sentiments of those who immigrated? We will be exposed to a very personal approach to immigration, a view from the inside. Afternoon visit to the mosque of Lyon, the second largest in France, with a private citizen who knows it best. This evening you'll have the opportunity to dine with a French family in their home. You'll be paired off two by two and whisked away *chez l'habitant* for an authentic *repas en famille*, a rare treat for the traveler.

DÎNER EN FAMILLE

lundi 23 juillet

Journée libre ou La Route des Vins de la Vallée du Rhône* [*esthétique: le patrimoine*]

We'll head due south today to discover the renowned wines of the Vallée du Rhône, the second largest *vignoble* in France. Lush vineyards, dizzying slopes tumbling down to the Rhône, and iconic Roman vestiges make for an incredibly photogenic day in the heart and soul of the Rhône valley. We'll visit the villages of Tournon and Tain l'Hermitage; a *balade dans les vignes*, a visit to a *chocolaterie* and train ride through the picturesque Vallée du Doux will complete your *dépaysment*.

MEALS AT LEISURE

mardi 24 juillet

Faites votre choix! [*l'esthétique: le patrimoine*]

Spend your morning either at a cooking class* learning the secrets of Lyon's cuisine or on a walking tour of Lyon's exemplary *murs peints*. Choose your afternoon pleasure either on a *vaporetto* down the Saône to explore Lyon's new *quartier des Confluences*, or on a guided visit of the Mémorial de la Prison de Montluc, where prisoners were interned by the Gestapo before being sent to the death camps. *A vous de choisir!*

MEALS AT LEISURE

mercredi 25 juillet

Journée libre, entièrement [*l'esthétique: le patrimoine*]

Spend the day at your leisure. There's so much to do in the area—several excellent museums beckon (Mémorial Jean Moulin, Musée des Arts décoratifs, Musée Gallo-Romain), as well as charming neighborhoods to visit or revisit. Grenoble is but an hour away by train, Aix en Provence just 90 minutes down the rails. Or buy those last-minute presents for family and books for your students; *les soldes* will still be going strong. We'll have our **Braderie d'idées** this evening before dinner, where we share teaching ideas and ways of incorporating what we've learned in Lyon into our lesson plans.

DINNER

jeudi 26 juillet

Departure is always bittersweet, and we encourage you to stay longer in France if you can. There are so many options for delightful extensions nearby; rent a car and explore Provence, Alsace, the Loire.

If you're spending the night in Paris before your flight home and would like to continue your immersion in *la langue et la culture françaises*, we're offering a private *soirée** with French singer-songwriter Eric Vincent on his boat in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower. Dinner on the Seine, a serenade with a guitar....*c'est magnifique, une fin parfaite!* Maximum 10 places.

SOIRÉE EXCEPTIONNELLE

*extra cost involved