



# *Gardens of France* *Tour*

*May 1 - 21, 2011*

*Experience the Highlights of Gardens in France on this  
20 day tour designed specifically for  
The Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide*

*You will travel from Paris through the Loire Valley, the countryside of Provence  
to the Cote d'Azur.*

*The tour package includes economy international airfares & taxes, accommodation with breakfast  
daily, meals as per itinerary, sight-seeing and entrance fees for tours with English  
speaking guides, TGV travel, transfers & tips.*

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Tour Price: \$10,000 twin share per person  
 \$2,500 single supplement  
 Business Class Airfare available on application

Deposit: \$1,000 per person

#### **Sunday 1 MAY**

Leave Adelaide for Paris  
 Malaysia Airlines via Kuala Lumpur to Paris

#### **Monday 2 MAY - PARIS**

Early morning arrival in Paris. Transfer from airport to hotel.  
 Accommodation for 5 nights.  
 Walking Tour of the Tuileries Garden and the Musee de l'Orangerie to see Monet's painting of the Water Lillies.  
 Welcome Lunch on the Champs Elysses at Café Boulangerie Paul

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#### **Tuesday 3 MAY**

Tour the world's most romantic city on a Paris Seinorama City Tour –  
 See the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Pompidou Centre, Sacre Coeur, Notre Dame.  
 Dinner & Moulin Rouge Show - delight in the performance of the traditional French Can Can.

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#### **Wednesday 4 MAY**

Visit home of Monet at Giverny – these are the gardens and ponds which inspired his famous paintings.  
 Lunch in the country.

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#### **Thursday 5 MAY**

The Musee D'Orsay and the Impressionist painters are the highlight of today.  
 This former railway station houses the works of Monet, Manet, Degas, Renoir, Gauguin,  
 Van Gogh, Toulouse Lautrec Cezanne.  
 Lunch in the stylish D'Orsay Restaurant.  
 Afternoon free to continue exploring the Musee D'Orsay or other Parisian sights.

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#### **Friday 6 MAY**

In Paris  
 Tour of the Louvre with guide.  
 Lunch/afternoon tea at Angelina's Café – a favourite for Coco Chanel.

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#### **Saturday 7 MAY- LOIRE VALLEY**

Transfer from hotel to railway station.  
 TGV Train from Paris to Tours, in the Loire Valley  
 Accommodation for 3 nights at Chateau de Reignac  
 Afternoon stroll around grounds & familiarisation tour of Chateau  
 Dinner at Chateau

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#### **Sunday 8 MAY**

Visit the castle town of Amboise.  
 See the Leonardo da Vinci Museum where many of his inventions are displayed.  
 Dinner La Chateau

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#### **Monday 9 MAY**

Tour the Chateau Chenonceaux with audio-guide  
 Visit the de Villandry & Garden with its formal potager filled with ornamental & edible vegetables.  
 Dinner at La Chateau

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**Tuesday 10 MAY PROVENCE**

Train from Tours to Avignon in Provence  
 Accommodation for 3 nights in Avignon  
 Tour the Papal Palace and Saint Andre Abbey gardens.  
 Admire the ancient walls, pretty gardens and narrow streets.  
 Dinner nearby the stunningly lit Palace.

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**Wednesday 11 MAY**

Visit Van Gogh Trail and spend time in an outdoor market.  
 Visit Cathedrale d-Images – an old limestone quarry which offers a very unusual light & sound show.  
 Lunch out & about in Provence.

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**Thursday 12 MAY**

Le Occitane En Provence Tour  
 Visit this well-known fragrance house with factory guided tour & see how the products are made.  
 Time to visit the Le Occitane shop.  
 Lunch in Provence.

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**Friday 13 MAY COTE d'AZURE**

Train from Avignon to Nice  
 Accommodation for 5 nights in Nice.  
 Stroll along the Promenade de Anglais to the old town via the ocean boulevard.  
 Visit the famous Nice flower market in Vieux Nice.  
 Lunch in the old town - perhaps Café des Fleurs.

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**Saturday 14 MAY**

Visit Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild at St Jean Cap Ferrat. This is a highlight of the tour.  
 The Villa & gardens were established by Beatrice de Rothschild and are rich and varied.  
 The house contains a varied art collection.  
 The gardens take advantage of an incomparable setting, viewing the Mediterranean through a filter of pines, palms and cypresses.  
 Lunch Villa Ephrussi Tearooms.

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**Sunday 15 MAY**

Tour along the coast to the Principality of Monaco.  
 Visit the Princess Grace Rose Garden in Monaco & the Japanese Garden.  
 Watch the Changing of the Guard at the Royal Palace, home of the Grimaldi family.  
 Visit the Princess Grace Foundation Shop to see the work still carried on by her art & support.  
 See Casino & fountain gardens.  
 Lunch Pulcinella Restaurant.

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**Monday 16 MAY**

Leisure Day

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**Tuesday 17 MAY**

Travel to St. Paul de Vence a very historic town.  
 Visit village and Fondation Maeght with its sculpture garden reputed to be one of the finest in the world.  
 Lunch Colombe D'or Restaurant if possible.

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**Wednesday 18 MAY**

Depart TGV Nice to Paris  
 Overnight Paris

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**Thursday 19 MAY**

Walking Tour of La Opera, visit Galleries LaFayette the most beautiful department store in the world.  
 View Paris from the rooftop café of Galleries LaFayette with 360 degree panorama.  
 Farewell Dinner at Le Train Bleu Restaurant Gare de Lyon – Paris Railway Station.

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**Friday 20 MAY**

Transfer to Airport for Malaysia Airlines flight to Australia.

**Saturday 21 MAY**

Early morning arrival in Adelaide

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**NOTE:**

**THIS TOUR HAS BEEN PLANNED SO THAT YOU MAY COMBINE IT WITH THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW  
 IN LONDON.COMMENCING ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2011.  
 ACCOMMODATION & RESTAURANTS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED ACCORDING TO AVAILABILITY AT TIME OF BOOKING.**