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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Discover the reach of African American culture in Paris on this enlightening seven-night journey. From jazz musicians and club owners to writers and scholars, many African American expatriates felt welcome in Paris in the years following World War I. Learn about their valuable contributions while tracing rich history through legendary neighborhoods, including Montmartre and the Left Bank.

During specially designed excursions, walk in the footsteps of African American luminaries and gain a deeper appreciation of this influential community through enriching lectures. Plus, enjoy quintessential Parisian experiences: visiting a jazz club, savoring French cuisine, cruising along the Seine River and exploring world-class museums!

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted to include enriching cultural excursions, preferred access to popular attractions and an engaging educational component. Expert guides and lecturers will provide meaningful context for what you encounter during your travels. You'll also delight in the fellowship of traveling with a small group, plus forge your own path during ample free time.

Make plans to be a part of the adventure by reserving your space today!

All the best,

Debbie Vargo

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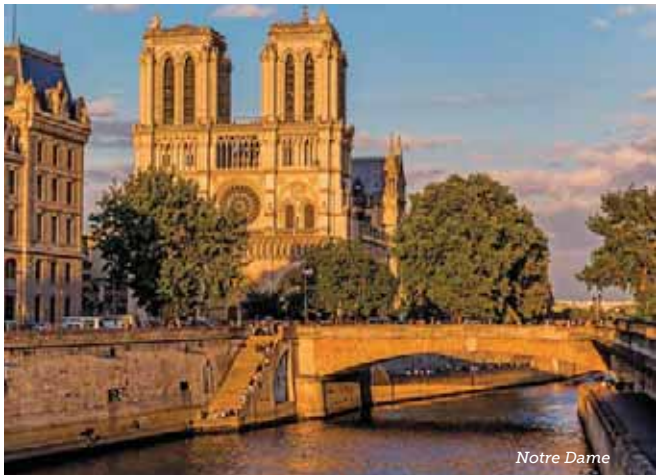
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UNESCO World Heritage

Paris, Banks of the Seine
Landmarks along the city's historic river



The Louvre



Notre Dame



A World of Discovery



369th Infantry Regiment

Your next adventure begins in chic Paris! This unique program reveals the critical role that the French capital played in African American history. From the banks of the Seine River to storied landmarks and beyond, follow in the footsteps of prominent Black musicians, writers and luminaries and understand how African Americans helped shape the identity of this magical city. Plus, delight in an evening of jazz and savor French cuisine!

Top: Cruising the Seine River near Pont Neuf
Cover: Eiffel Tower | Inset: Jazz performers
Mail panel: Métro sign | Hôtel de Ville, Marais district

Inspiring Moments



- Unravel how **African American expatriates** influenced Paris.
- Explore **Montmartre**, where African American jazz musicians created their own Harlem in the 1920s.
- Enjoy an evening at a **Paris jazz club**.
- Nibble French treats during a fun **gastronomic walking tour**.
- Indulge in the beauty of Paris during a **Seine River cruise**.
- Join a guide in the premier **Musée du quai Branly**.
- Gain a new perspective of Paris in its **historic arrondissements**.
- Experience Paris' Banks of the Seine, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.

ALUMNI CAMPUS
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Montmartre

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France. 🌐

Day 2 | Paris, France

Upon arrival in Paris, transfer ➡ to the Hotel Les Jardins du Marais.

Welcome to Paris! Join your Travel Director for a relaxing stroll and learn how to navigate the Métro, Paris' transit system.

Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3 | Paris

Spirit of Black Paris. Venture out for an enriching overview of Black history in Paris. Uncover the city that welcomed Josephine Baker, Langston Hughes and other African American luminaries. Pass by the haunts of Langston Hughes, W.E.B. DuBois and James Baldwin along the Champs Élysées, and discover the Latin Quarter. See where entertainers and writers from the African American expatriate community lived, including Henry Ossawa Tanner, Miles Davis and Bud Powell. Plus, witness memorials and statues that celebrate Alexandre Dumas' family and learn how they illustrate France's relationship with slavery and race. Enjoy lunch after the tour.

Free Time: Explore more of Paris on your own.

Day 4 | Paris

🌐 **AHI Connects | Paris Noir.** Settle in for a screening of "Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light," a fascinating documentary that examines the relationship between the city of Paris and African American expatriates

following World War I. An enriching question-and-answer session with the filmmakers follows.

Montmartre's Entertainers in the 1920s.

Embark on a tour of Montmartre! Learn about the influence of jazz and the Harlem Renaissance on Paris. The soldiers of the U.S. Army's 369th Infantry Regiment are credited with introducing jazz to Europe during World War I. After returning home, the city was hungry for American jazz and the cultural scene created by African American musicians, entertainers and club owners. During this fascinating tour, see nightclubs owned by Bricktop and Eugene Bullard and learn how African American culture influenced European culture.

Free Time: Your afternoon is at leisure. Walk walk down the Champs Élysées and explore!

Day 5 | Paris

Flavors of France. Step into the world of French gastronomy during a walking tour and savor the flavors that define French cuisine. Depending on the season, samplings may include cheese, wine, truffles, *foie gras*, decadent candies and traditional biscuits.

Musée du quai Branly. Join an expert guide in the Musée du quai Branly, one of Paris' premier cultural institutions. Opened in 2006, the museum features collections focused on non-European cultures with a rich variety of art, artifacts and objects from Oceania, Asia, Africa and the Americas.

Day 6 | Paris

Free Time: Chart your own path through Paris today or join our elective activity to Versailles.



Champs-Élysées leading to the Arc de Triomphe

Elective | Versailles. Travel to France's grandest palace, a baroque château that was once the kingdom's political capital and the seat of the royal court. Walk in the footsteps of kings, queens and courtiers while visiting the palace and its gardens. Delight in ornate ceilings, rich tapestries and lavish galleries, and see the Hall of Mirrors, the room where the Treaty of Versailles was signed.

Following your tour, enjoy lunch at leisure and explore the grounds at your own pace.

An Evening of Jazz. Trace the evolution of French jazz during a fascinating tour of Saint-Germain-des-Prés and the Latin Quarter. Listen to stories about great musicians and settle in at a Paris jazz club to enjoy a delicious dinner and a special jazz concert.

Day 7 | Paris

Enrichment. An African American Writer in Paris Today. Delight in a discussion with

Award-winning writer Jake Lamar. The Bronx transplant discusses his experiences in Paris, where he has lived since 1993. A former writer for *Time* magazine, Lamar has written novels, a play, a memoir and short stories.

Pioneers of the Left Bank. African American expatriates, along with other communities of the African diaspora, flourished on the Left Bank. Enjoy an enlightening tour focused on the Panthéon and the Sorbonne, iconic symbols of greatness. This guided walk explores the explosion of Black consciousness and expression through the Négritude Movement, Harlem Renaissance writers and African and Caribbean intellectuals. As you pass by the Sorbonne, your local guide discusses the far-reaching significance of the First International Congress of Black Writers and Artists held in 1956, featuring such speakers as Richard Wright, Léopold Senghor, Aimé Césaire and Frantz Fanon. Your guide

Gardens in the Latin Quarter



Panthéon





will also show you where author Richard Wright lived with his wife and two daughters.

Free Time: After a group lunch, indulge in fine art collections and relics at Paris' museums or unwind in the lush Luxembourg Garden.

Day 8 | Paris

Paris by Boat. Glide along the storied Seine River on a special cruise to behold beloved Parisian sites. Witness the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum and Île St. Louis, and cruise beneath the iconic Pont Neuf bridge, passing by the Île de la Cité.

Free Time: Enjoy your last afternoon at leisure in Paris. Buy souvenirs, visit boutiques and stores, or relish a final espresso and croissant.

Celebrate your enchanting adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and 🔄 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🗺 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this program require:

- walking distances of up to 3-5 miles
- walking on unpaved paths and uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Paris, France, at the first-class Les Jardins du Marais.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🗺 **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- 🌍 **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel

Sorbonne



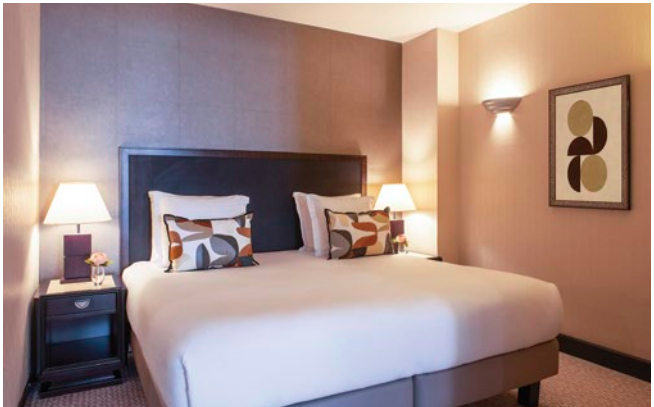
Accommodations



Les Jardins du Marais | Paris



Located in the trendy Marais district, this elegant property offers an ideal base for discovering Paris' museums, neighborhoods and landmarks. A remarkable haven spread across seven historic buildings, the Les Jardins du Marais features 263 rooms and an interior courtyard to relax or listen to music. Indulge in the hotel's sauna facilities or chic spa and relax in your cozy room decorated in Art Deco style with luxury finishes and modern conveniences. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



Marais district



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Program Dates

Travel dates †

May 24 – June 1, 2025

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates*

May 25 – June 1, 2025

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Full Price **\$4,345**

Special Savings **\$750**

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VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

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369th Infantry Regiment

Paris Discovers Jazz

After World War I, Parisians rebuilt their lives as jazz, a new sound introduced to France by African American soldiers, filled the air. Lively and unique, jazz was the perfect soundtrack to a fresh start, both for French music fans and African American troops. The 369th Infantry Regiment is credited with transforming Paris' cultural scene. The unit became famous for its bravery and its band, led by Lieutenant James Reese Europe and Sergeant Noble Sissle. Attached to the French army because U.S. forces were still segregated, the 369th Infantry was brave in battle. Nicknamed the "Harlem Hellfighters" by the Germans, the 369th and several individual soldiers were singled out for France's highest award for valor. Off the battlefield, the band boosted morale across France with music that would soon fill Parisian clubs. For two decades, Montmartre hosted the flourishing jazz community, which drew African American musicians and club owners from the U.S. Several musicians left Paris during Germany's World War II occupation, but the city's love of jazz never wavered. Jazz surged again after the war with great African American musicians leading the way, and the music still delights concertgoers today.

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