# LONDON & PARIS

#### Perspectives from the African Diaspora in Europe & Bastille Day Celebration in Paris

Join us next summer as we experience highlights of two of Western Europe's most famous cities - London & Paris. For a truly unique experience, explore the contributions of Africans and African-Americans to British and French society, from entertainment, to engineering, to government. We will also celebrate the unifying French revolution during the country's National Day, or Bastille Day! Enjoy 4 nights in each city, traveling between them on the high-speed Eurostar train under the English Channel.

#### July 8 – 17, 2020 4 Nights in London, 4 Nights in Paris \$3,250 per person land only, double occupancy

Your trip will include the following and more:

London: July 9-13, 2020 Paris: July 13-17, 2020\* (Celebrate Bastille Day on July 14, 2020!) 4 nights with breakfast in 4-star accommodation in 4 nights with breakfast in 4-star accommodation in the heart of London the heart of Paris ½ day guided Highlights of London tour ½ day guided Highlights of Paris tour ½ day Black History in London cruise led by local ½ day History in Paris tour led by a local historian historians and francophile Gospel brunch in London's trendy Shoreditch district Bastille Day (La Fête Nationale de la République Française) Optional excursions: Stonehenge, Bath, Windsor Optional excursions: dinner cruise on the Seine to Castle, Oxford, film set of Harry Potter, or more Black experience the Bastille Day fireworks, Moulin History touring Rouge, Maison Moët & Chandon wine cellars, High-speed Eurostar train service from London to Loire Valley castles (chateaux), Disneyland Paris, WWII Battlefields at Normandy, hot air ballooning, **Paris** or more Black History touring VIP Lounge access with a glass of champagne at the Galeries Lafayette Paris Haussmann **Department Store** 

### Why Not Add on a 2-Night Extension to Barcelona (with or without 7-Night Mediterranean Cruise) After London & Paris?

Rate above excludes: Airfare, travel insurance, optional excursions, meals, gratuities. Travelers must depart from the US before or by July 8, 2020 to arrive in London on July 9, 2020. Flight booking assistance available. Group air rates may be requested for parties of 10 or more traveling from and returning to the same destination on the same dates. Valid passports required for travel to Europe. Rate is based on a minimum of 16 persons traveling together and may increase if the group falls below 16. \$100 non-refundable deposit required to secure space by August 31, 2019. Final payment due April 9, 2020. Credit cards or cashiers' checks accepted. Valid passports required. Visas may also be required depending on nationality. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Travelers choosing not to purchase travel insurance will be asked to sign a waiver indemnifying the agent and service providers of liability. Luggage and parcel shipping assistance available. The itinerary and inclusions are subject to change depending upon availability. Tour operators and agent reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary depending on circumstances encountered before departure or during the trip.

#### Day by Day Itinerary

**Depart US City for London** Wed, 7/8/2020

Depart from US en route to London on overnight flight across the pond.

**London** Thu, 7/9/2020

**Arrive in London**, the UK's most famous and perhaps most familiar city. Transfer to hotel and immerse yourself in this busy and diverse capital.

**London** Fri, 7/10/2020

½ day Highlights of London morning tour. Sightseeing includes all of London's famous landmarks. Drive past the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben; Westminster Abbey, where Prince William and Catherine, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, were married; Whitehall's mounted horseguards; the Prime Minister's Downing Street; Piccadilly Circus; and Buckingham Palace. Take photographs of the London Eye, the giant Ferris wheel situated on the riverbank, and the Shard, the tallest building in Western Europe. Visit St. Paul's Cathedral. Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece with its world-famous dome is an iconic feature of London's skyline, and the awe-inspiring interior holds fascinating stories about its history. Balance of the day at your leisure.

**London** Sat, 7/11/2020

½ day Black History in London cruise by local historians. Your private double-decker boat will start from the Temple Pier near Temple tube station on the Embankment. Your six-mile round trip includes unobstructed and spectacular views of both sides of the Thames riverbanks. With special historical guests Phyliss Wheatley, Nanny of the Maroons, Mary Prince, Pharoah Ra'mun, and Olaudah Equiano, not only will you get a unique informed historical commentary as we cruise, but you can ask questions of three giants of African-American, Caribbean and Nigerian literature. The cruise will cover African Romans, ancient African art/engineering, Black Spitfire pilots, lost sugar warehouses, the Ivory trade, African diamonds, African Odysseys on the Southbank, the Apartheid Millennium Wheel, Olaudah Equiano, Nigerian oil, 20,000 Black people and their Day of Action, Civil Rights in the UK, Mary Seacole, To Sir With Love, Brown babies and Jim Crow, The Palace of Stolen Goods, West India Docks, Canary Wharf's African roots, Kings College's Caribbean connection, Guys Hospital and who really paid for it, the colour bar in nursing, Black Merchant Mariners, the river as a sewer, Black Shakespeare, Tate & Lyle and the Sugar Girls, Barbados and the National Rail Network, the REAL pirates of the Caribbean and much, much more! Balance of the day is yours.

**London** Sun, 7/12/2020

**Gospel brunch** at the London outpost of the Harlem, NYC soul food restaurant with time in the afternoon for another Black History in London tour, shopping in Kensington at Harrod's. Alternatively, take a day-long optional visit to Stonehenge, Bath, Windsor Castle, Oxford, or the film set of Harry Potter.

**Depart London for Paris** 7/13/2020

Check out of your hotel, and head to Paris on your 2 hour and 15 minutes journey under the English Channel on the Eurostar high-speed train. Arrive in Paris same day. Balance of the day is yours to enjoy la belle vie (the good life) in this beautiful city. Enjoy jazz and dinner in a local café or restaurant or simply relax in the City of Light.

**Paris** 7/14/2020

Today is **La Fête Nationale de la République Française**, **or Bastille** Day as it is known in English-speaking countries. This is a day of celebrating French culture and unity. Enjoy the military parade procession in the morning and an optional dinner cruise in the evening on the Seine to enjoy the fireworks.

**Paris** Wed, 7/15/2020

½ day Highlights of Paris morning tour. Sightseeing includes a drive past the Latin Quarter, Les Invalides, Place de la Concorde, the Arc de Triomphe, and a stop to take photos of the Eiffel Tower from one of the best panoramic viewing points. Also admire the heart of the city from a different perspective on a Seine River cruise. Board your comfortable boat near the Eiffel Tower and spend a relaxing hour gliding by many of the city's important landmarks such as the L'Institut de France; magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral where Napoleon was crowned emperor in 1804; Hôtel de Ville, the city's municipal headquarters; the Conciergerie, formerly a notorious prison where Marie-Antoinette spent the last days of her life; famous Louvre Palace and museum; and much more. Balance of the day is yours to visit Maison Moët & Chandon wine cellars, Loire Valley castles (chateaux), Disneyland Paris, WWII Battlefields at Normandy, hot air ballooning, or enjoy an evening dinner at the Moulin Rouge cabaret.

**Paris** Thu, 7/16/2020

½ day Black History in Paris tour. Learn about of African-American history in Paris with an emphasis on the 20th and 21st centuries. Learn about statesmen and soldiers as well as artists and entertainers, and discover the story behind the myth of a colorblind France. The one-hour talk is followed by a 30-minute question and answer period, followed by a tour of the Champs-Elysées and the surrounding area, where entertainers such as Josephine Baker and Sidney Bechet worked and where James Baldwin led a march in support of Dr. King's March on Washington. Balance of the day is yours.

**Depart Paris** Fri, 7/17/2020

**Bid Paris a fond farewell** as you check out of your hotel and depart for home in the US, or continue your journey through Western Europe, making your way to Barcelona. Transfer to airport for your flight.

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# Extension July 17-19, 2020 2 Nights in Barcelona

#### \$610 per person, double occupancy

Your trip will include the following:

#### Barcelona

- 2 nights with breakfast in 4-star accommodation in the heart of Barcelona
- One-way flight from Paris to Barcelona
- Invitation to a glass of cava, and a tapa at El Corte Ingles
- Ground transfers between the airports and hotel or cruise terminal

**Depart Paris for Barcelona** Fri, 7/17/2020

**Depart from Paris to Barcelona via flight.** Check into your city-center hotel, and explore the city on your own. You are in one of the most vibrant cities in Europe! Come together in the evening for optional group tapas and drinks on the Barcelona beachfront.

**Barcelona** Sat, 7/18/2020

**Optional Big Bus Barcelona Highlights Tour.** Venture beyond Barcelona's fashionable grand avenues and see what makes this one of Europe's most popular vacation destinations. See the sights for as long or as little as you wish on an optional double-decker bus tour. Or, explore Barcelona your way. Take a visit to the Gaudi House, El Corte Ingles (one of the most well-regarded department stores in Spain), and the many boutique shops and cafes throughout town.

**Depart Barcelona** Sun 7/19/2020

**Hasta luego mi amigos!** Our time in Barcelona has come to an end. Check out of your hotel, and exchange goodbyes with your fellow passengers who have now become friends. Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the US, or transfer to the cruise terminal to continue your time in Europe.

## The Mediterranean

July 19 – 26, 2020

7 Nights from Barcelona visiting Palma de Mallorca, Provence, Florence/Pisa, Rome, Naples aboard

#### Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas

Rates based on double occupancy; single, double, triple, and quad occupancy rates may be available. Space is limited.

Inside Cabin	Ocean View Cabin	Balcony Cabin with Central Park View	Balcony Cabin with Ocean View
\$1,644	\$1,851	\$1,778	\$2,151

#### Your cruise will include the following:

#### The Mediterranean featuring Spain, France, & Italy

- 7 nights accommodation aboard the Allure of the Seas, one the largest ships at sea, with the most entertainment
- Complimentary entertainment aboard the ship
- Non-specialty dining; coffee, tea, juice; specialty dining, soda and alcoholic beverage packages are available
- Roundtrip ground transfers

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#### Day by Day Itinerary (all excursions are optional and at an additional cost)

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Depart Barcelona	Sun, 7/19/2020
Check out of hotel and emb	ark on Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas to begin cruise.
Palma de Mallorca	Mon, 7/20/2020
Explore this island's beache	s or tour the city's Cathedral.
Provence	Tue, 7/21/2020
Explore the French Riviera's	beaches, fields of lavender, or medieval towns. You may also venture to Monaco to experience Casino
Royale.	
Florence/Pisa	Wed, 7/22/2020
Shop for gold, leather, and	linens in Florence, marvel at the beautiful countryside of Tuscany, or visit the famous Leaning Tower
of Pisa.	
Rome	Thu, 7/23/2020
Visit the Vatican and its mu	useum, retrace the steps of the gladiators at the <b>Colosseum</b> , or visit the <b>Roman ruins</b> scattered about
the Eternal City.	
Naples	Fri, 7/24/2020
Explore the Island of Capri,	drive along the Amalfi Coast, see the ruins of Pompeii, or taking an Italian cooking class.
At Sea	Sat, 7/25/2020
Enjoy a day at sea to catch	your breath and reflect on your wonderful time in Europe.
Depart Barcelona for US	Sun, 7/26/2020
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Disembark from the Allure of the Seas. Depart Barcelona for US

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