



The Brown Travelers presents

PROVINCIAL FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE

September 1-15, 2017

15 days from \$5,596 total price from Boston or New York
(\$4,895 air & land inclusive plus \$701 airline taxes and fees)



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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Alumni & Friends of Brown University**



Dear Graduates, Parents and Friends of Brown,

We invite you to join us on a special 15-day tour through provincial France. Traversing the country from south to north, your small group will enjoy breathtaking scenery, stay in charming hotels and inns and visit unspoiled villages.

Begin in Toulouse and see the longest city walls in Europe at medieval Carcassonne. Travel to the Dordogne region to tour the famous Caves at Lascaux II and take a leisurely Dordogne River cruise. In the fabled Loire Valley, visit the beautiful Château of Chenonceau. Further north in Normandy, tour the Gothic abbey at Mont-St-Michel and discover medieval Bayeux. Spend a day exploring the famous D-Day Landing beaches and the American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach in Colleville. Walk amid Monet's glorious gardens in Giverny before concluding your journey in iconic Paris. An optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension in Paris is also available for those passengers wishing to spend more time in the "City of Light."

This exclusive small group journey is limited to just 24 Brown Travelers. Please register today to guarantee your place.

Sincerely,

Beth Goldman Galer '88
Director of the Alumni Travel Program

BROWN TRAVELERS RESERVATION FORM: PROVINCIAL FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$ _____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people on **Provincial French Countryside** departing **September 1, 2017**. I/we understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA or personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send, along with this form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765. You may also fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my air/our from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade ☐

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Post-Tour "Paris - On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Provincial French Countryside, September 1-15, 2017**, and agrees that his/her signature below represents his/her acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment

☐ Check☐ American Express☐ Discover☐ MasterCard☐ VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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Experience the beauty, allure and hospitality of provincial France at an easy pace and in a unique style. Anchored by stays in vibrant Toulouse and enchanting Paris, the journey features diverse Languedoc, the remote Dordogne, the lovely Loire Valley and historic Normandy as we stay in charming rural inns and small country hotels.



Avg. High (°F)	Aug	Sep
Toulouse	82	74
Paris	77	71

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Medieval Carcassonne ... Market town of Albi ... Cliffside village of Rocamadour ... Caves at Lascaux II ... Dordogne River cruise ... Château de Chenonceau ... Medieval Mont-St-Michel ... Bayeux Tapestry ... Tours of Normandy's Landing beaches ... American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach ... Memorial Museum, Caen ... Monet's gardens at Giverny ... Paris city tour

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Toulouse		
2-3	Toulouse	Crowne Plaza Toulouse	First Class
4-6	Sarlat-en-Périgord (Dordogne)	Hotel Meyssset	Not Rated
7-9	Saumur (Loire Valley)	Hotel Anne d'Anjou	Not Rated
10-12	Crépon (Normandy)	Ferme de la Rançonniere	Not Rated
13-14	Paris	Hotel Château Frontenac	Sup. First Class
15	Depart Paris for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels maybe too small, too new or too remote to be listed.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Toulouse, France

Day 2: Arrive Toulouse After arriving in Toulouse in the Midi-Pyrénées today, our time is at leisure until we meet our Tour Director this evening for a welcome dinner and a briefing about the journey ahead. **D**

Day 3: Toulouse/Carcassonne Today we tour nearby Carcassonne, the quintessential medieval town, with the longest city walls in Europe. Sitting atop a hill overlooking vast green plains that stretch all the way to the Pyrénées, Carcassonne boasts battlements and ramparts dating to the first-century Romans. We return to Toulouse mid-afternoon for time at leisure. **B**

Day 4: Toulouse/Albi/Sarlat We travel today to the historic market town of Albi in the Midi-Pyrénées. Hometown of Belle Epoque artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Albi was built with rose-colored bricks that cast a warm glow over the medieval streets and ramparts. Our city tour here includes the Palais de la Berbie, an ancient fortress housing a museum devoted to the works of Toulouse-Lautrec. Leaving Albi, we continue to the rugged unspoiled countryside of the Périgord region and the Dordogne Valley. We travel on to Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of France's prettiest villages and one of Europe's best preserved medieval gems, with more registered historic sites than anywhere else on the continent. We're in the land of the truffle and *foie gras*, so *bon appétit!* **B,D**

Day 5: Sarlat/Lascaux II This morning we tour the Caves at Lascaux II, the reproductions of the original pre-historic cave paintings found nearby. After lunch at a charming local inn, we spend the afternoon on a leisurely cruise along the Dordogne River, life-blood of this fertile region and redolent with history. As we pass cliff-top castles and fortified medieval towns, the historical region of Aquitaine, where beloved Eleanor of Aquitaine reigned in the 12th century, comes to life. We

Cover Photo: On Day 9 we tour Chenonceau, the beloved Loire Valley château.



Discover Paris with its iconic Eiffel Tower.

return to Sarlat and our hotel, where we dine tonight. **B,L,D**

Day 6: Sarlat/Rocamadour This morning we take a brief walking tour then have time at leisure to visit one of Sarlat's museums or art galleries on our own – or simply to wander the atmospheric cobblestone streets. After lunch on our own we visit nearby Rocamadour, a revered pilgrimage site and medieval village whose three tiers cling almost impossibly to a sheer limestone cliff. We take a guided walking tour then enjoy some free time before we return to our hotel mid-afternoon and dine there together tonight. **B,D**

Day 7: Sarlat/Le Dorat/Saumur This morning we depart for the Loire Valley, stopping in the small market town of Le Dorat for a typical country lunch at a local restaurant. From here we travel on to picturesque Saumur and our hotel, a converted 18th-century mansion on the banks of the Loire River. **B,L**

Day 8: Saumur Today is at leisure to enjoy this town of half-timbered houses and cobblestone streets as we wish. Options include exploring the town's old quarter; visiting the Cavalry Museum; or tasting the renowned locally made sparkling wine – *methode champenoise* – at Maison du Vin. **B,D**

Day 9: Saumur/Chenonceau We're in château country, where England battled for control of France; where Joan of Arc triumphed; and where a great opulence reigned during the 16th century. Originally built as fortresses to keep intruders out, the Loire Valley's grand châteaux now welcome visitors from around the world. We tour a most

impressive one today: Chenonceau, the Renaissance masterpiece considered the most romantic château of all. Lunch today is at La Cave in Montlouis. **B,L**

Day 10: Saumur/Mont-St-Michel/Crépon Traveling north this morning, we stop at Mont-St-Michel, Normandy's famed Gothic abbey that sits atop a 264-foot high rock formation at the edge of the sea and was constructed between 1017–1521 of granite hauled stone by stone from Brittany. After a guided tour and some free time for lunch and to explore on our own, we continue on to our lodgings in Crépon: a restored but rustic 35-room farmhouse dating to the 13th century. **B,D**

Day 11: Crépon/Bayeux/Caen Miraculously spared wartime bombing, medieval Bayeux is our first stop today. Here we visit the Tapestry Museum, home of the 1,000-year-old Bayeux Tapestry depicting the exploits of William the

Post-Tour Extension

September 15-17, 2017

PARIS – ON YOUR OWN

3 days/2 nights for \$475 total price

Single Supplement: \$345

Savor the City of Light

on your own time, at your own pace.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Hotel Château Frontenac (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

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WANDERING."

— GUILLAUME APOLLINAIRE

Conqueror. Later we visit the British Cemetery then continue on to Caen's Memorial Museum devoted to "history for peace." Time permitting, we may visit Arromanches late this afternoon. *B,D*

Day 12: D-Day Landing Beaches A poignant, inspiring day is ahead as we travel to the very places where Allied forces overcame overwhelming odds to alter the course of World War II. We visit Pointe du Hoc, where American Rangers scaled towering cliffs to establish a beachhead; Utah Beach; and Ste-Mère-Eglise, where the 82nd Airborne Division successfully parachuted on June 5, 1944. We end the day at the American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach in Colleville. It's a particularly moving site; row upon endless row of white marble crosses and Stars of David honor the nearly 10,000 soldiers buried here. *B,L,D*

Day 13: Crépon/Giverny/Paris This morning we visit the village of Giverny and the home and gardens of Impressionist artist Claude Monet. Here we see the familiar lily pond and wisteria-covered Japanese footbridge of Monet's paintings as well as his home, now restored to its original design. Then we travel to Paris, reaching our hotel late afternoon. We are free for dinner on our own in this culinary capital. *B*

Day 14: Paris Today we get acquainted with one of the world's great cities, seeing the high-lights on this morning's city tour, including a visit to either the renowned Louvre Museum or the Musée d'Orsay of Impressionist artworks. This afternoon is free for independent exploration; tonight we gather for a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 15: Depart for U.S. This morning we depart for the airport and our connecting flights to the U.S. *B*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class, First Class and unrated hotels
- 26 meals: 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 9 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters and all drivers

Brown Faculty Lecturer

On this program, as on all Brown Travelers trips, a distinguished member of Brown's faculty will accompany our group, adding a unique and memorable perspective. The faculty lecturer will design and present an informative educational program, including lectures, discussions and suggested advance readings. As this brochure goes to press, the faculty member who will accompany the program has not yet been confirmed, but we wanted to mail the brochure in time for you to participate. Brown Travelers often cite the faculty member as the reason they continue to travel with Brown.



We see Monet's colorful gardens at Giverny on Day 13.

Tour Departs: September 1, 2017

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges and fees.

Boston, New York	\$5,596
Charlotte, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$5,796
Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,896
Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,996
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,495

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges and fees of \$701, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class - \$3,895 per person; Premium Economy - \$995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per day per traveler); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If a guest makes any changes to his/her reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue. Trip cancellation insurance is available and information will be sent after you submit your trip reservation(s).

Responsibility

The liability of Brown University and the Brown Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Brown University, the Brown Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and ships on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Brown University, the Brown Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

Please note that the Brown University Faculty Lecturer's participation is contingent on a minimum number of travelers. We cannot guarantee the size of the group.



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