

READY TO PLAN FOR YOUR TRIP?

Escape to Chateau Country

For any questions or concerns about your upcoming tour not addressed here, please call 1-800-826-2266

WEATHER & DESTINATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Time Zone: France is 6 hours ahead of the US Eastern Time Zone and 7 hours ahead of the US Central Time Zone.

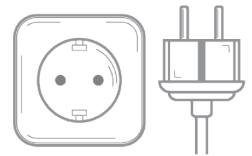
Weather: Average High/Low

City	April	May	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Paris	60°F/45°F	67°F/51°F	77°F/60°F	70°F/55°F	61°F/49°F

Currency: The unit of currency in the European Union is the Euro. Currency exchange rates fluctuate on a daily basis.

A helpful website for referencing current rates is www.oanda.com.

Electrical Current: The electric current in European Union is 220 volts, 50 cycles. Electric outlets and plugs are different from those in North America. An adapter is required to plug your device into an electrical socket. However, a voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. Check the voltage of any device that you are thinking of bringing. If the tag on your device lists 110-220 volts then you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronics stores.



International Guide: Holiday Vacations has arranged for an international guide to provide cultural insight for the regions you will be visiting in addition to your Tour Director.

International Driver & Guide Gratuities: Your Driver and Guide will be with you for the majority of your tour. Please note, some tours have a Driver who is also your guide. Should they meet your expectations, it is suggested you tip them to show your appreciation. The suggested gratuity for your Driver is \$7 EUR per person per day. The suggested gratuity for your International Guide is \$7 EUR per person per day.

Packing – Carry On Bags: Bags with wheels are not suitable as a carry-on bag in Europe where the motorcoaches have very limited space. Regulations imposed by the European Union do not allow carry-ons on the motorcoach that do not fit in the overhead bins. Some airlines are now charging fees for carry-on bags.

Packing Note: Washcloths are not standard in European hotels. Feel free to bring them with you. If you use them regularly, packing a washcloth or bringing a packet of facial cleanser wipes is a good idea.

Value Added Tax (VAT): There is a Value Added Tax in the EU. This tax is levied on most goods with the exception of food and many services. In certain cases the Value Added Tax on goods which are exported to the United States can be reimbursed to you upon completion and submission of a special form. There may be a service charge for the forms deducted from your reimbursement.