

Experience the Best of France & Italy 22 day Escorted Tour

24th August - 16th September 2019



From
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Highlights

French culture, cuisine,
wine, and history:
architecture, art, the Lakes
of Italy ending in Rome and
along with off the beaten
track local real
experiences.



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PARIS ♦ FRENCH ALPS ♦ PROVENCE ♦ FRENCH RIVIERA ♦ ITALIAN LAKES ♦ ROME

Taste and experience the best of France from Paris to the south of France , Lake Como to Rome.

This tour - with a good amount of free time - is a trip of a lifetime!

Escorted by NZ's own amazing travel blogger Megan Singleton and with our local hosts, you will be able to experience not only the best of sightseeing but also the French and Italian lifestyle - Live it like a local.

Itinerary

B Breakfast | **L** Lunch | **D** Dinner | **T** Tastings

Sat 24 August (L, D, B)	FLIGHT TO Paris Departing Auckland, we fly directly to Paris.
Sun 25 August (B, D)	PARIS - Private bus tour Paris On arriving to Paris the city of love, our own guide and bus will take us on a gentle orientation of the main sights from the Eiffel Tower, arch of Triumph and more whilst saving your feet! Settling into your hotel with time to relax before dinner at a local Paris restaurant.
Accommodation: Mercure Montmartre Sacre , Paris - 4 nights in the heart of the Paris and great access to Moulin Rouge and surrounding shops, arts, restaurants and local life.	
Mon 26 August (B)	PARIS - Orientation Tour. This morning we really explore the city of Paris with our local guide on a morning tour from the Notre Dame Cathedral, cobbled streets of local districts , the banks of the Seine, experiencing the local life of Saint Germain to the garden parks. Free afternoon: Its time for you to relax and take some time of your own whether its to shop, take in the french cuisine or rest before enjoying the evening as Paris comes alive.
Tues 27 August (B)	PARIS - Day Trip Versaille Guided by our local guide, we explore beyond Paris to the amazing Chateau of Versailles, once the principal royal residence of France under Louis XIV until the French Revolution. Our guide takes us into one of the worlds most splendid palaces and landscaped gardens. Afternoon Free:
Wed 28 August (B)	PARIS- The Louvre Museum & Markets Head to the local markets for an explore before skipping the line and head into the amazing Luorve Museum with our guide for a morning tour. Afternoon Free:
Thurs 29 August (B, D)	STRASBOURG The fast trains from Paris to Strasbourg is an experience in itself and arriving to Strasbourg freshly makes all the difference. Free afternoon Dinner included at a local restaurant experiencing the local cuisine.
Accommodation: Hotel Dragan, Strasbourg- 2 nights Situated in the heart of the old town and close to the river, this offers a perfect location.	
Fri 30 August (B)	STRASBOURG - Market and city tour. We'll enjoy a morning walking tour of the picturesque town of Strasbourg from the old medieval areas to the twisting alleyways and canals. Free afternoon
Sat 31 August (B)	ANNECY Today with our local guide, we take a casual journey through the majestic alpine areas down to Annecy with stops along the way to explore local winery and villages. Dinner included at a local restaurant experiencing the local cuisine.
Accommodation: Hotel du Palais de l'Isle, Annecy- 2 nights This lovely hotel lies in the heart of the town and with views over the river giving us great location.	
Sun 1 September (B)	ANNECY This morning we explore the old town, Vieille Ville with its cobbled streets, winding canals and colour houses. Medieval and magical. Free afternoon.
Mon 2 September (B, D)	PROVENCE Time to explore the Provence areas of southern France and as we travel to our next destination. Taking our time, we have time to stop at a vineyard and villages. Dinner included.



Accommodation: Hotel Domaine & Cie, Provence - 4 nights

This lovely quaint countryside villa with restaurant, swimming pool and relaxation is our base to explore Provence.

Tues 3 September (B)	Aix-en-Provence Free day: Today we relax and soak up the french life by the pool or head into Aix-en-Provence
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Wed 4 September (B, L,T)	Day tour of Provence Explore the villages of Provence from the hilltop towns to the vineyard covered valleys, this is a great day of seeing why Provence is one of the top foodie & wine destinations but also a huge historical drawcard. Wine tasting, historical sightseeing and exploring the local life with our local guidess.
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Thurs 5 September (B)	Tour of Provence Morning free time. After a relaxing morning, we head to French Riviera to explore this stunning coastline and towns. A day of being a local and taking in the views, culture, shopping or beach life at the mediterranean sea.
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Fri 6 September (B, D)	LAKE MAGGIORE , ITALY Today we move to Italy taking the Alps and into the Italian Lakes one of the most stunning regions of Italy. Dinner included.
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Accommodation: Hotel HLA Palma, Stresa Lake Maggiore - 2 nights

Situated lakeside with views out over the lake Maggiore and the Italian Alps.

Sat 7 September (B)	LAKE MAGGIORE Relax and free time is yours to decide, and those that wish to, can explore with Megan on the water boats up the lake Maggiore and stopping at the islands of Lake Maggiore.
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Sun 8 September (B, D)	LAKE COMO Our journey takes us through the lakes and to Lake Como, where we will stay for the next 2 nights. Dinner included.
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Accommodation: Hotel Posta Moltrasio COMO - 2 nights

A quaint family run hotel in heart of Como on the lake edge gives us great access to the boats and lake Como.

Mon 9 September (B)	LAKE COMO - day tour. Relax on the lake travelling by waterboat and exploring the amazing villas, gardens, villages that make this truly a top destination and not to be missed. Lots of time to explore the shops, cuisine and sights.
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Tues 10 September (B)	ROME The fast train from Milan to Rome takes us through Tuscany before arriving to the eternal city of Rome. Orientation tour with our local guide of Rome city sights including Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Spanish steps and more. DINNER at local eatery to explore the Roman Cuisine.
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Accommodation: Hotel San Francesco Rome- 3 nights

in the heart of the Trastevere district with its own rooftop terrace and bar

Wed 11 September (B)	ROME - Colosseum & Underground tour Today we really explore and with our local guide, VIP entrances, we explore the Colosseum, and head below the streets to ancient 1st and 4th Century Roman houses, streets and temples are. Free afternoon.
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Thurs 12 September (B, D)	ROME - Vatican & Beyond the City of Rome Avoiding the crowds, VIP tickets, our local guide, we head into explore the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon we head out of Rome to explore the best kept secrets of Castelli Romani including Lake Nemi perched above the crater lake, underground tunnels below the streets of Castel Gandolfo the popes summer villa, views of the Mediterranean sea, renaissance villas and finally and a 3 course locally sourced dinner & wine in the piazza of Frascati as the sun sets over St Peters Basilica Dome.
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Thurs 13 September (B, D)	BANGKOK - STOPOVER Departing Rome, we fly to Bangkok for 1 night, 2 days to explore and rest in Bangkok, Hotel Orchid. Explore with Megan on a Klong Tour and take time to shop and rest before we fly back to Auckland New Zealand, arriving on Monday 16th September.
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22 Day Escorted Tour

from

NZD **\$13,995***

Per person twin share

Single supplement on application



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Meet Megan your Tour Escort

Hi , I'm Megan Singleton, and I've been galavanting around the world travel writing full time for 16yrs and blogging for 10. I'm passionate about

travel. And not just because it's fun, it's what you do to treat yourself, or to take a break. But because travel opens up a whole new world. As you experience other cultures and meet strangers in far off lands, your world view changes, you are impacted, you turn in awe at the beauty.

This trip to Italy is amazing unique opportunity to take you into the world of Italy away from all the crowds and experience the Italian Lifestyle, history, culture, people and the amazing diversity of cuisine & Wine

Megan Singleton, "Bloggeratlarge" was runner up for Best Travel Blog in NZ 2016 & 2017 and received the US Travel Ass. Travel Writers Award in 2009 and 2017. She also features regularly as a Sunday travel correspondent on Newstalk ZB.

What's included

- Return Flights Auckland to Paris, Rome to Auckland on Thai Airlines, Economy Class, including all taxes
- 4 nights BB Paris Hotel
- 2 nights BB Strasbourg hotel
- 2 nights BB Annecy Hotel
- 4 nights BB Provence Villa Hotel
- 2 nights BB Lake Maggiore Hotel
- 2 nights BB Lake Como Hotel
- 3 nights BB Rome Hotel
- 1 night stopover Bangkok 4 star Hotel, & Transfers
- Total 20 nights accommodation incl all local hotel taxes in central, boutique or 4 star hotels.
- 20 days of excursions visiting major sights and many local off the beaten track sights away from the crowds.
- All transfers from airports and between cities in luxury private vehicles and waterboats.
- Private guided sightseeing tours and entrance skip the lines fees as per itinerary with quality Weka Local Guides.
- All breakfasts included.
- Special lunches or evening meals & Banquet dinner at local restaurants as per itinerary.
- Local experiences & immersion with local guides.
- Wine & local food tastings as per itinerary.
- Local knowledge from Weka Travel staff and Megan to help you for the best how to and where information so you can enjoy your free time stressfree.
- Escorted by Travel Blogger at Large, Megan Singleton.
- Fun and Smiles.

What's not included

- Travel Insurance, Passport & Visa Fees
- Personal meals, beverages (unless incl in Itinerary)
- Laundry and items of personal nature.

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