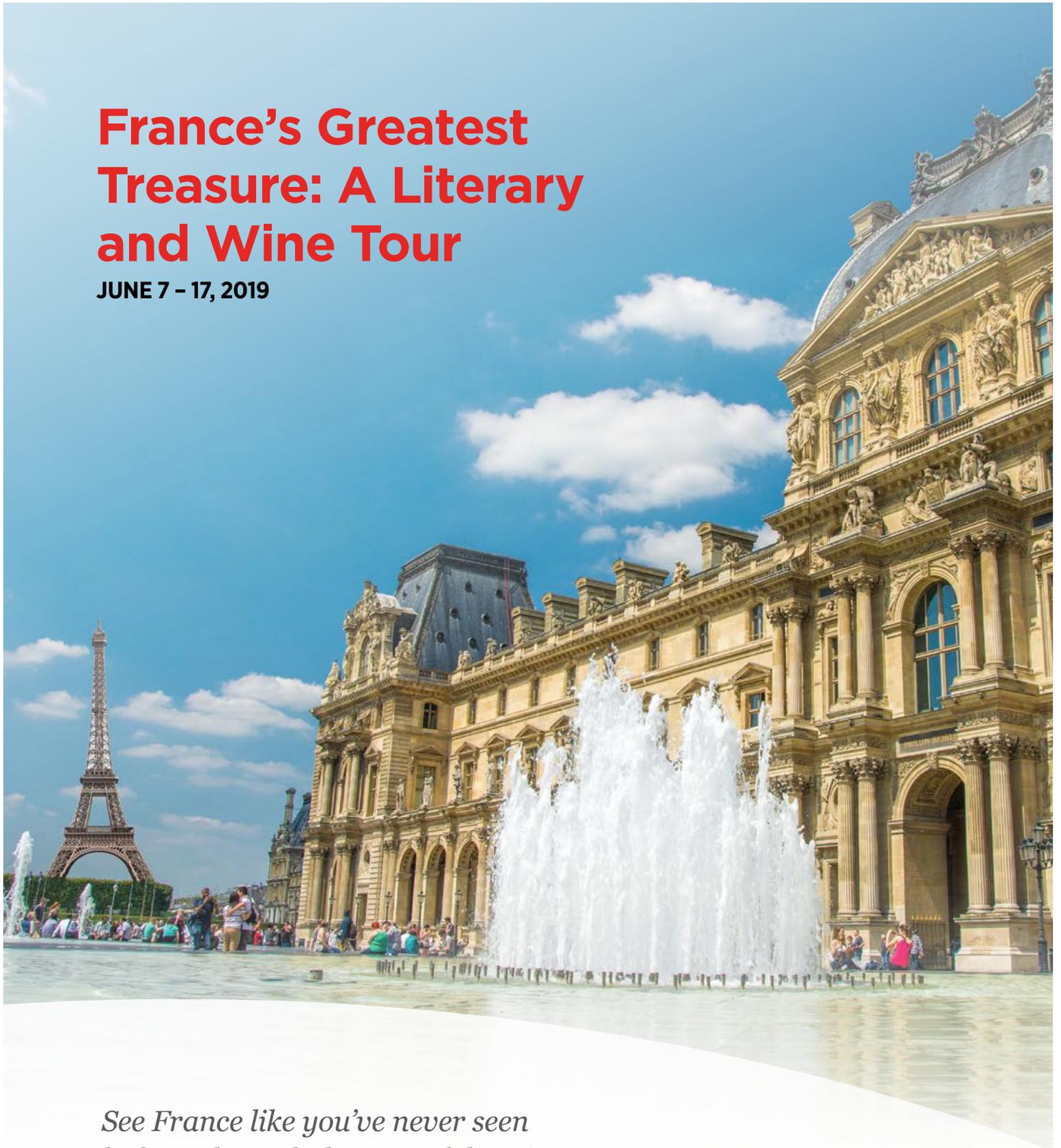


France's Greatest Treasure: A Literary and Wine Tour

JUNE 7 - 17, 2019



*See France like you've never seen
before: through the eyes of the wine
world during WWII.*



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\$4,995

Includes land, tuition and GST



\$1,500

Estimated air travel



Meals

Included meals are shown
B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner



Activity Level: Moderate



Orientation Course

May 13 and 15 | M, W
6:30 - 9:30 p.m. UCalgary campus

Topics for discussion: The books on our reading list, fictional and non-fictional texts that will enrich our engagement with the history and culture of the sites we visit.

From the Louvre Museum to a fifteenth-century charitable hospital and champagne cellars created out of former Roman salt mines, this educational journey offers you a chance to learn about the modern history of the wines of France and the roles played by vigneron, vintners and others, during one of France's darkest eras: the Nazi Occupation. Paris is where this tour begins; Burgundy and Champagne are the other stops in the journey.

As we explore, both fictional and non-fictional texts will enrich our engagement with the history and culture of these regions. Please find the reading list below that includes some of the titles we will explore while in France.

- Black, Cara. *Murder in the Marais*, 1998.
- Black, Cara. *Murder in Montmartre*, 2007.
- Collins, Larry; Lapierre, Dominique. *Is Paris Burning: How Paris Miraculously Escaped Adolf Hitler's Sentence of Death in August 1944*, 1965.
- de Rosnay, Tatiana. *Sarah's Key*, 2008.
- Gibrat, Jean-Pierre. *Flight of the Raven*, 2017.
- Hemingway, Ernest. *A Moveable Feast*.
- Kladrup, Don and Petie. *Wine and War: The French, the Nazis and the Battle for France's Greatest Treasure*, 2002.
- Kladrup, Don and Petie. *Champagne: How the World's Most Glamorous Wine Triumphed over War and Hard Times*, 2005.
- Mah, Ann. *The Lost Vintage*, 2018
- Mazzeo, Tilar J. *The Widow Clicquot: The Story of a Champagne Empire and the Woman Who Ruled it*, 2008.

Itinerary

JUNE 7 Overnight flight to Paris.

JUNE 8 Welcome to Paris! We will be met by an English-speaking guide (all guided tours are in English unless otherwise indicated) who will assist in our transfer to our hotel by private coach (rooms available after 3 pm). During a walk to a local bistro with your instructor, we will pass the Luxembourg Gardens, where Ernest Hemingway, according to *A Moveable Feast* (which shot up the bestseller lists after the Paris attacks of 2015), would snatch a pigeon to take home for a meal when he was broke. We will also see the former site of the notorious Cherche-Midi prison where members of the Resistance were tortured during the Occupation. Afternoon at your leisure. Pre-dinner book discussion. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Paris. L

JUNE 9 We will use our metro passes to journey to Montmartre, home of the Moulin Rouge and Sacré-Coeur Basilica. We will be met by a local scholar and journalist who will give us a special guided tour of Montmartre, where the last Parisian vineyard can be found. Experience lunch in Montmartre's Place du Tertre, where Parisian artists will offer to create your charcoal portrait or sell you other works. Afternoon at your leisure. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Paris. B, L

JUNE 10 We will once again use our metro passes, this time to travel to the Louvre. We will be met by an art historian who will introduce us to many of the Louvre's greatest treasures and reveal how the staff at the Louvre hid many works of priceless art from the grasp of the Nazis, who occupied the city 14 June 1940. Lunch on your own. Afternoon at your leisure. Pre-dinner book discussion. Dinner at the Brasserie Grand Coeur. This brasserie is in the heart of the Marais, the setting of Tatiana de Rosnay's bestselling novel, *Sarah's Key*. American author, Cara Black, also set her first Aimée Leduc mystery here: *Murder in*

the Marais. Both novels unravel mysteries associated with the Vel d'Hiv roundup of 1942. Overnight in Paris. B, D

JUNE 11 We will transfer from our Paris hotel to the Gare de Lyon and use our train tickets to journey to Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy, and home of Maurice Drouhin. During the Nazi Occupation of France (1940-1944), Maurice was the leader of the French Resistance in Burgundy (*Wine and War*) and narrowly escaped capture. Enjoy lunch at a local bistro. Enjoy a guided tour with your instructor on the Visiotrain. This panoramic train will visit Beaune's old town, monuments, history and vineyards. There is English audio available onboard. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Beaune. B

JUNE 12 We will enjoy a biking tour through the vineyards on a beautiful, scenic road that passes through Pommard, Meursault, Puligny Montrachet, and Vosne Romanee. Lunch on your own in the countryside. Burgundy is also the setting of Ann Mah's *The Lost Vintage*, about a woman who returns to her family's ancestral vineyard and uncovers family secrets from WWII. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Beaune. B

JUNE 13 Visit Maison Drouhin and enjoy a unique guided tour with your instructor: Wine, War & Maison Drouhin, featuring a visit to the medieval Hospices de Beaune, including areas not open to the public. The tour will be followed by a tasting. Walk to the Musée du Vin, former Palace of the dukes of Burgundy (14th – 18th centuries), for a visit on your own. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Beaune. B

JUNE 14 We will transfer by private coach to Epernay, capital of the Champagne region. Lunch at a local restaurant. Enjoy a visit to Champagne Mercier, featuring a cellar tour via laser-guided train, with audioguide, along 18km of high-arched tunnels

and sculpted décor. Transfer to Reims. Pre-dinner book discussion. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Reims. B, L

JUNE 15 Walk with your instructor from our hotel to Veuve Clicquot (7 min) for a tour: "On the footsteps of Madame Clicquot." As described in *Champagne*, Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin-Clicquot (1777-1866), known as "la Grande Dame de la Champagne," was the only woman of her time in charge of a champagne house. This tour includes a tasting of the Brut Yellow Label cuvee and the prestige cuvee La Grande Dame. Return to our hotel for lunch. We will meet our private coach and drive to Champagne Pommery, where, also described in *Champagne*, schools and hospitals were sheltered from the bombs of WWI. Enjoy a guided visit, learning about another visionary widow: Louise Pommery (1819-1890), who built the Villa Demoiselle to impress her British customers. The tour includes a tasting of the Champagne Brut Royal and Demoiselle EO. Overnight in Reims. B

JUNE 16 Enjoy this day at your leisure. We will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local brasserie. B, D

JUNE 17 We will check out of our hotel and transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport via private coach. B

Accompanying Instructor

Terri Baker, Ph.D, studied English literature at the University of Calgary. Terri works as an instructor at Mount Royal University, teaching undergraduate courses in writing and in literature. Because of her passion for French culture, language, and history, Terri has made several trips to France, including one in 2017 during which she participated in a conference at Paul Valéry University in Montpellier. Terri is excited about sharing her love of France and its history through the lens of her other passion: literature.



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