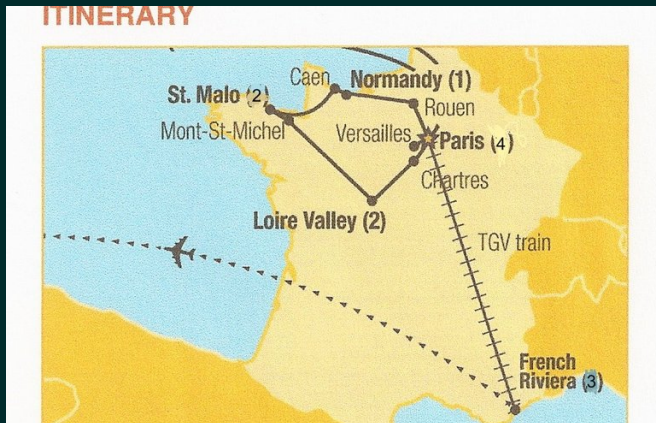


H.J. Cody School France Trip



Here's our Itinerary - we will be adding one more day in Paris and Nice both for a total of 16 days in April 2012.



France here we come!

France Trip - What to Expect!

We started our 2010 - 14 day France Tour in Paris.

Follow along to see where you will be going and what rich history you will be experiencing!



Famous statue at Pierrefonds Castle.



Took a day tour from Paris to Pierrefonds Castle below. It's Merlin's Castle!



Only 6 of us made this visit during free time.



Standing near the tower in the park.

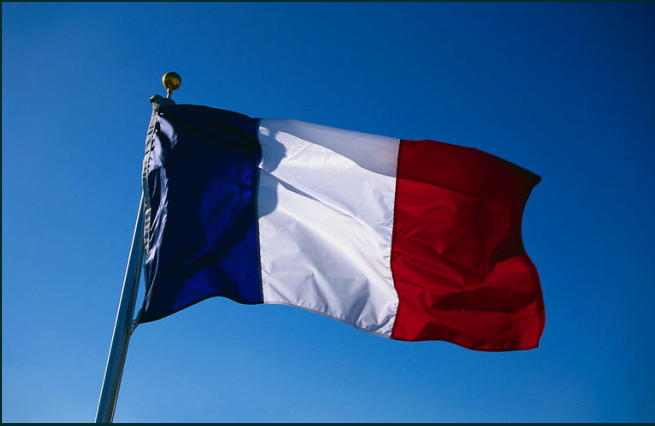


Eiffel Tower at night - Breath taking!

Miss Tuk (me) at the top of the Eiffel Tower at Night - I'm very scared of heights and barely stepped to the edge for the photo! LOL! :)



Miss Tuk - Tour Leader



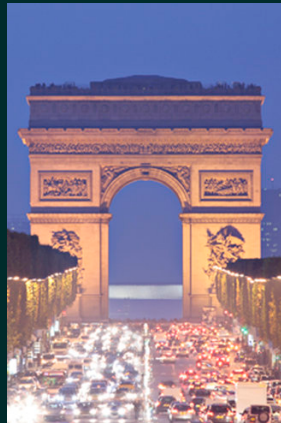
France Flag



A random airplane at Heathrow Airport in London England.



Photo taken from front seat of the bus.



Arc du Triomphe & the Champs Elysee Street.

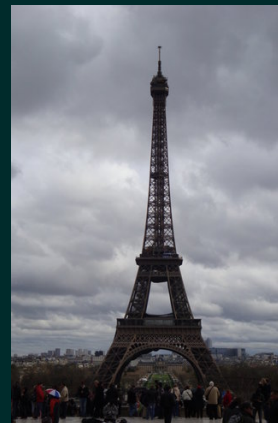


Canada Square in Paris - Famous Monument that Represents Ice Formations & Ice Cracking

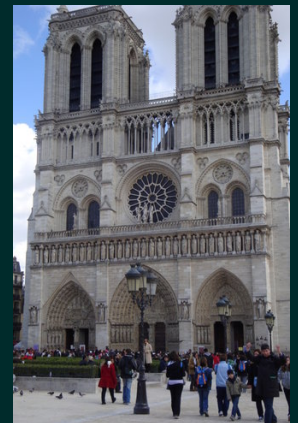
The Louvre
Amazing
works of art!



The Mona Lisa or as the French know her: La Joconde



The Eiffel Tower



Notre Dame de Paris



Pyramid in the Louvre Museum



The Louvre Museum

We've left Paris on our way to the Loire Valley and our lunch stop is in Chartres just outside of Paris.

There are more than one cathedral named "Notre Dame" in France.

Notre Dame de Paris above.

Notre Dame de Chartres below.

They just had to find McDonalds in France!

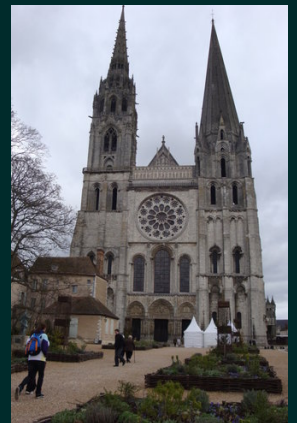
McDonalds IS everywhere!



Even in tiny Chartres!



Cathedral in Chartres - Notre Dame de Chartres



Notre Dame de Chartres has 2 different spires.

Leaving Chartres and headed to the Loire Valley. Here we had dinner in a cave and toured some very interesting and old castles.



Troglodyte cave! They even have a dance floor for after dinner!

In the Loire Valley - Our first castle to visit - Chateau of Chambord - Absolutely Amazing! The stair case alone is remarkable!



Chateau of Chambord



Double Helix Stair Case
designed by Leonardo
Davinci



Chateau Cheneauceau



Gardens of Chateau Cheneauceau

The Chateau of Cheneauceau to the left and above to the right has two amazing gardens and a very neat maze. The castle is built over a river joining the two banks.

Leaving the Loire Valley we stopped by Mont. St. Michel, to the left, for a quick tour of the Abbey and the town.

Our next stop, leaving Mont. St. Michel is St. Malo, on the west coast - a city surrounded by a stone wall facing the English Channel.



Mont. St. Michel - a town build on a rock in the middle of the ocean!



St. Malo's stone wall.

Our next stop, the Normandy Beaches!

Our reminder of WWII.



Canadian Soldier
Memorial at Juno Beach
Center



Memorial on OMAHA beach - you can walk out to them!



Bomb Crater from WWII.
You can walk through it!



German Bunkers from WWII - you can walk through them!
Bring a flash light - it's dark inside and no lights!

Next - Back to
Paris to catch
the TGV (high
speed train) to
Nice & French
Riviera (the east
coast).



Nice

Below
I am standing with our
tour director and my
friend of 3 years,
Nathalie. We have
done 3 tours together
and we'll be doing our
4th tour in April of
2012.



TGV - High Speed Train - 5 hour trip from Paris to Nice

From Nice we
took a day tour
to Monaco.

Here we saw the
famous Monaco
Race Way below!



Nathalie (left) & Evonne - Miss Tuk (right).



Monaco - Race Way Stands and Banner



Nice

This has been a quick tour of what you will see and experience on your trip to France! Amazing history will come alive when you see & walk where history has taken place!