

Finding France

TAILOR-MADE PRIVATE TOURS
OFF THE BEATEN TRACK



STAY SAFE WITH FINDING FRANCE

You'll travel in a private minibus that is exclusively reserved for you during the entire trip.

We pick you up at your doorstep and drop you off at the location of your choice.

Your guide will be with you for the duration of the trip; he or she is also your private chauffeur.

Physical contact is limited to the strict minimum.

Workshops and meet-ups are organized exclusively for you and your group.

We follow all necessary procedures to ensure your protection and comply with all local and national sanitary regulations currently recommended: vehicle disinfected daily, masks, hydro-alcoholic gel, disinfectant wipes and gloves are provided by us as well.

Any bookings cancelled due to Covid-19 will be refunded.

Brittany and the west

Searching for a novel and original way to experience Brittany? Seeking to merge sustainability, comfort, and insights to the depths of culture? Finding France has melded history, ecotourism and authentic encounters together in an exceptional guided tour. As a small group, you'll find nourishment that will tantalize your taste buds as you dine with the best of chefs and learn the intricacies of French Cuisine. Wonder at the foot of massive medieval fortresses, set forth to the open sea on a magnificent schooner, and gap with awe at many more wonders still! Authentic and one-of-a-kind – THAT'S the Brittany Finding France has to offer for a 2 to 15-day journey. We will work with and for you to plot a truly unforgettable journey.

Here is what 12 days starting from Paris could feel like:

- DAY 1: Saint-Malo, Cancale and Dinard
- DAY 2: Saint-Suliac and Dinan
- DAY 3: Rennes - Fougères – Vitré
- DAY 4: Quimper
- DAY 5: Île de Sein
- DAY 6: Raz Point – Locronan
- DAY 7: Auray – Nantes
- DAY 8: Nantes and its surroundings
- DAY 9: Experience key events of France's history at the Puy du Fou
- DAY 10: VIP Behind-the-scenes visit of the Puy du Fou, and evening attendance night show !
- DAY 11: Visit the La Fayette military frigate in Rochefort
- DAY 12: An unexpected stay in Anjou





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DAY 1: SAINT-MALO, CANCALE AND DINARD

MORNING

- Pry open the secrets of oyster farms with Inga. She'll lead you through the oyster breeding pens in Cancale and let you taste a few specimens after that.
- Savor the most renowned crêpes in the Cancale area in a crêperie noted for tradition and modern taste.
- Cross over from Saint-Malo to Dinard using the Sea Bus.
- Boast and brag with the best as you walk along the beachside quay in Dinard. The seafront has long been a shining bastion of "Belle Époque" architecture (XIXth century), and every year it hosts the British Film Festival.

AFTERNOON

- Stroll along the sidestreets of Saint-Malo, an ancient pirate city, and admire its XVIIth century city walls.
- From the top of the ramparts, the view extends to the statue of Jacques Cartier, the explorer who discovered Canada in 1534.
- "Eat local" thanks to the treats a local chef concocts from produce sourced nearby, and spend the night in a cozy guesthouse.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Visit the house of a true corsair, a pirate-hunter.
- Visit the life-size reconstruction of a corsair frigate.
- Walk the halls of Limoëlou Manor, where Jacques Cartier lived for over 15 years.
- Luxurious lunch on board a frigate on the open sea.
- Learn French Cuisine with a star-rated Chef in his own manor.
- Simple joys needn't be set aside: learn to prepare traditional Saint-Malo crêpes and become a true Breton!



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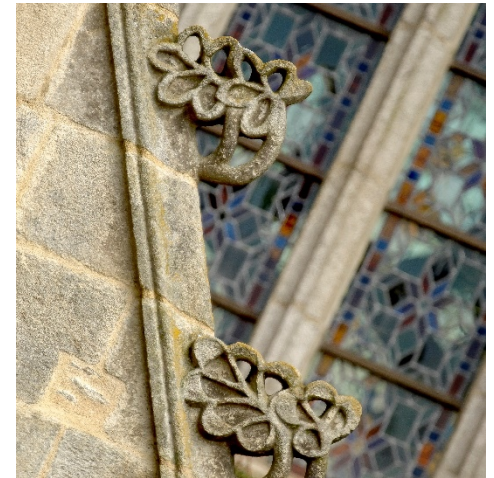
DAY 2: SAINT-SULIAC AND DINAN

MORNING

- Open your heart to the village of Saint-Suliac, awardee of the "Most beautiful Village of France" title.
- Take a stroll among boats in the Old Port in Dinan and have lunch in a fisherman's den.

AFTERNOON

- Take part in a hands-on workshop with a local smith: jeweler, sculpture, glass blower, traditional instrument musician...
- Time for tea, in the afternoon, with all the local pastries (crêpes, breton biscuits, salted caramel...)
- Scour the streets of Dinan, a city of medieval art and history. It's known for the intricate colored wood-beam houses. A stroll atop the city walls is a pleasure.
- Tickle your taste buds with a meal prepared by Chef Yann, specializing in cooking with produce grown nearby.
- A cute and comfy guest house will welcome you for the night.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Contemplate and meditate deep in the wild, harsh nature surrounding Fréhel Cap, and climb up for a nice view in the lighthouse (open in the afternoon).
- Join in on a cooking workshop.
- Visit the Dinan castle and palace of the Dukes of Brittany, an exceptional testimony to the luxurious princely residences during medieval times.
- On the Emerald coast, discover a farm with rare angora goats and follow the steps to produce soft mohair.
- Rest and relax with a soothing full-body massage.



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DAY 3: RENNES - FOUGÈRES – VITRÉ

MORNING

- Take a tour of Françoise's organic farm and milk cow herd near Rennes. Transform milk into butter on your own and taste her specialty camembert cheese, the "Breizh'membert".
- In Fougères, make rounds in the most ancient medieval fortress in all of Europe that is still in near-pristine shape.
- Lunch on fresh produce locally-grown in a farm-inn that dates back to the Xvth century.

AFTERNOON

- Let the medieval city of Vitré bring you back in time. The fortified castle, balanced atop a massive rock cliff will inspire you. Thread through the narrow streets of the inner city. Touch and admire the elegant townhouses with wood-beam and adobe walls tainted in hues of colors under heavy slate roofs.
- Dine and rest in a cute and comfy guest house for the night.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Either in Vitré or in Fougères, thumb through ancient genealogical records to find the trace of your ancestors.
- The many historical sites in Rennes will enthrall you.
- From Cleopatra to François the 1st, a long line of VIPs is awaiting your visit... in a donkey farm!
- On Saturdays only, amble through the colorful and lively Rennes open market.
- Taste home-made Breton whisky in a cellar.
- Cool down and soften up with a relaxing massage.



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DAY 4: QUIMPER

MORNING

- Ride through the beautiful green countryside of Brittany.
- Lunch on typical local produce.

AFTERNOON

- By foot, wander through Quimper's historical city center, a regional capital with a strong personality.
- Roll a few tasty crêpes for dinner in a Quimper crêperie.
- Spend the night in a charming guest house in Quimper proper.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Meet up with American and Canadian "settlers" in the village of Gourin, bordering both Finistère and Morbihan.
- Discover the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Quimper, one of the main art museums in western France with its collections of paintings from the 14th century to the present day.
- Visit the Gothic style Saint-Corentin cathedral built in the 13th century.
- Dine in a charming inn with a passionate chef who will offer you refined cuisine with local products.



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DAY 5: ÎLE DE SEIN

MORNING

- All aboard the "Enez Sun", a shuttle boat connecting Audierne to the legendary Ile de Sein, a tiny paradise lost in the vast expanse of the ocean.
- As you cross the iconic "Raz de Sein", under the benevolent watch of the Old Lighthouse, the captain will issue you with the traditional Certificate of Passage signed of his own hand.
- Lunch on the Island directly, with island-grown ingredients.

AFTERNOON

- The narrow streets in the island huddle together for warmth on this wind-battered rock. Meet with the stoic inhabitants who have even refused to allow cars on the island.
- Become, for a moment, the master of Light in the Goulenez lighthouse, the largest of the isle. Breathtaking 360° view.
- A moving testimony to the courage of the 133 island inhabitants who fought under De Gaulle in England during World War II, the historical war museum is worth the time.
- Time has no grasp on the night you will spend on the Isle of Sein.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Slice through waves on a semi-rigid speedboat to discover the wild fauna around the mythical Ar-Men lighthouse built atop a bare rock in the open sea West of Sein island.
- Let Pierre, a nature guide, introduce you to dolphins and native seals as you paddle on kayaks around Sein.



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DAY 6: RAZ POINT - LOCRONAN

MORNING

- Ride the boat back to the mainland.
- Face the seawind at the Raz Point, a sharp, wind-sheared cliff evoking apocalyptic times.
- Lunch is an ancestral secret "Lobster Stew" simmering in a huge cauldron in the "Etrave" restaurant.

AFTERNOON

- Talk art with Locronan artists, and stroll around this small stout city that has been awarded the "Most beautiful village of France" label.
- Spend the night in a typical and quaint guest house in Locronan proper.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Stopover at Douarnenez, where you can discover Brittany's maritime heritage as you follow the pontoons of the "Port Museum". Time for the most famous butter-laden pastry in the world, the delicious "Kouign-amann", native to this town.



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DAY 7: AURAY - NANTES

MORNING

- Visit Auray, a typical medieval town, classified as a City of Art and History by the French Ministry of Culture. Follow the riverbanks to reach the humble but quaint Saint-Goustan port.
- Lunch in Auray.

AFTERNOON

- Set foot in the historical center of Nantes, regional capital, with its majestic cathedral.
- Sleep in a guesthouse in Nantes.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Meet a young cook that raises his own snails as he tends both farm and kitchen.
- Witness history in the making as you visit the XIIIth century Castle of the Dukes of Brittany, where Duchesse Anne signed the edict that united Brittany and France.
- Meet inhabitants of a "Living Oasis", an eco-habitat where several families live together and explore a more sustainable lifestyle.
- Dine but don't dash in this rare restaurant, set in the cells of what was once an ancient jailhouse.



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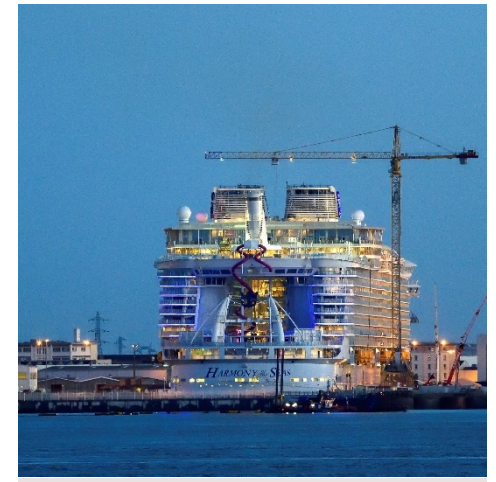
DAY 8: NANTES AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

MORNING

- Take in the massive size of the largest ships of the world in the making as you visit the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipbuilding facility. Currently under construction, the "MSC Virtuosa", and the "Wonder of the Seas" ordered by the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line.
- Dine in a restaurant.

AFTERNOON

- A new tasting experience with Christian's local Muscadet wine, among others. Visit his family vineyard and taste a range of white and rosé wines as he shared the challenges of sustainable growing.
- Dine in a local micro-brewery, the "Little Atlantic Brewery", located in what once was the bustling Dubigeon ship-building wharf in Nantes. Savor delicious local beer and visit the facilities with Arthur.
- Overnight in a charming guest house.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- VIP guided tour of the AIRBUS A320, A330 and A350 airplane assembly lines.
- Bake your own bread together with Renaud, a baker who grows his own ingredients. Learn about state-of-the-art permaculture techniques for organic growing on his homestead.
- Get to know Isabelle, a farmer who specializes in attaining unequalled taste and quality in her natural products. Attend a milking session, beat your own butter and taste the produce grown on her farm.



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DAY 9: EXPERIENCE KEY EVENTS OF FRANCE'S HISTORY AT THE PUY DU FOU IN VENDÉE

MORNING

- The magnificent live-action shows at the PUY DU FOU will astound you and imprint key moments of history. The theme park has earned many awards from several international juries.
- Lunch in an inn run as in medieval times.

AFTERNOON

- Dial time back to the IIIrd century after Christ and witness a masterful equine show in a 2 500 m² replica of the Roman Coliseum.
- Dine in a restaurant that will serve you surprisingly tantalizing delicacies prepared by a visionary chef.
- The night will see you welcomed as a close friend of late King Louis the XIVth, in a hotel inspired by the Marly castle near Versailles.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

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- Nature walk in the nearby Puy du Fou nature preserve. Safely observe over 1000 animals such as deer and rabbits, live wolves and even eagles.



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DAY 10: VIP BEHIND-THE-SCENES VISIT OF THE PUY DU FOU, AND EVENING ATTENDANCE TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST NIGHT SHOW EVER!

MORNING

- Behind the scenes visit of the Puy-du-Fou theme parc by local guide Benjamin, one of the evening show's main actors. Meet Falconry masters and their 530 birds of prey.
- Dine in a restaurant.

AFTERNOON

- Visit the workshops of passionate artists and craftsmen (sculptors, wooden clog-makers, cobblers...). They'll show you techniques that are centuries old and demonstrate that the Middle Ages were far from being the Dark Ages.
- Attend the "Cinécscénie", the World's largest evening show ever held: lights and sound will highlight the deeds of over 2500 actors as they mark the milestones of France's past on a scene that spans 23 hectares.
- A surprising dinner awaits you in the vicinity.
- You'll be surprised by the setting for night.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

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- Falconry training with Ritchie: unveil the secrets of master falconers and learn to guide majestic birds of prey in their flight.



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DAY 11: VISIT THE LA FAYETTE MILITARY FRIGATE IN ROCHEFORT

MORNING

- Visit the "Hermione" in Rochefort, a full-sized replica of an ancient 3-mast military frigate which La Fayette commanded in 1780 as he helped Americans fight for their independence.
- Sailors will share their daily routine and you'll get to visit their quarters aboard the ship!
- Lunch on site.

AFTERNOON

- Charlotte is an exceptional guide who will introduce you to the Royal Abbey of Fontevraud.
- Founded in 1101, it is one of the largest monastic compounds of Europe. It is among the World Heritage sites under the patronage of UNESCO.
- Dine in the Michelin One Star restaurant within the Abbey grounds, served by Bocuse d'Or chef Thibaut Ruggeri. For you, he will transform healthy local produce into amazing "creative cuisine"!
- Timelessness best describes the night you will spend within the sanctuary of old itself.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Immerse yourself into seas of knowledge in the National Museum of Sea and Royal Rope-making, in its heyday the place where the longest ropes of Europe were wrought.
- Work out in the Accro-mâts theme park, an adventure park 100 feet (30 meters) up in the air among the masts of a massive sailboat. Open to families with children.
- Explore the depths of the sea and its mysteries in the La Rochelle aquarium.
- All hands on deck, a workshop for children age 9 to 12: learn to knot ropes and pilot a sea vessel with a professional deckhand.



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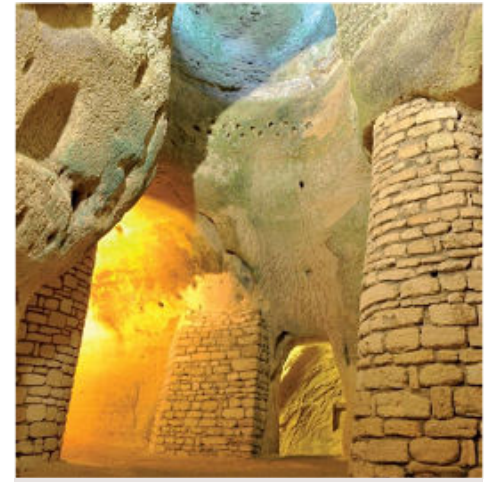
DAY 12: AN UNEXPECTED STAY IN ANJOU

MORNING

- Delve into the troglodyte cave village of Rochemenier with Annie, and visit an underground farm dug out by the work of toiling peasants from the VIIIth century onwards.
- Lunch in a troglodyte restaurant inside the network of caves, and take hearty bites of local medieval delicacies such as "fouaces", which are breads sliced and stuffed with fillings like rillettes, butter or cheese.

AFTERNOON

- Roam around a natural rose garden that boasts over 1000 rare rose varieties.
- Meet vineyard keepers converting their fields to organic agriculture – with a democratic touch! – and try out their local wines. Chief among them is the "Coteaux-du-Layon", a soft, sweet white wine that is only grown and crafted in a small portion of the Loire valley.
- Trip back to Paris.



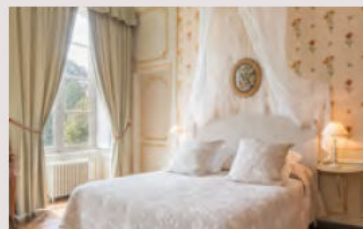
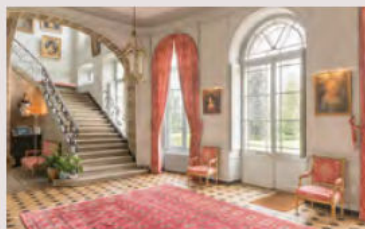
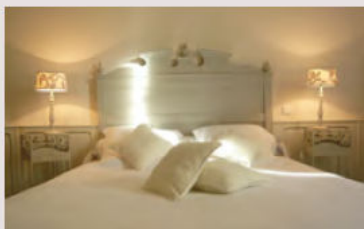
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- Safely ride a hot-air balloon above the breathtaking scenery of the Anjou region.
- Visit the tallest castle of France in Brissac, registered as a National Monument.
- Go treasure-hunting in a rose garden labyrinth.
- Discover delectable culinary creations with roses as a main ingredient.
- Family time solving a historical mystery, a paper chase that leads children to learn the lore and past of the Fontevraud Abbey in a fun way.

Experience the French "art de vivre"

At Finding France we offer a unique selection of elegant, family friendly B&B's.



Example of French-style accommodation. Non-contractual photo.



RATES FOR AN ALL-INCLUSIVE TRIP DEPARTING FROM PARIS:

Starting at **\$500 USD** (VAT included) per person per day for a 4-person reservation. Lower rates for larger groups.

Add-on for single room lodging: starting at \$150 USD (VAT included) per person per day.

What's included:

Night stays in quality, labeled guest houses or typical hotels.

All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner).

All wines from our excellent selection (excluding vintage years and Grand Crus) at meal time.

All non-alcohol beverages, including unlimited bottled water (replenished daily).

All tasting and samples when visiting local producers (wine, cheese, pastries...)

All entrance fees and VIP access to all events and activities described in the itinerary.

Private driver-guide.

Transportation in a top-notch air-conditioned vehicle, Wifi included.

Fees for a local guide when visiting certain historical sites.

Private vehicle for pick-up and transfer to or from Roissy CDG, Orly, or Le Bourget airports.

Travel to and from your place of residence in Paris.

Finding France 24/7 emergency assistance.

A WORD ABOUT YOUR GUIDE...

Bonjour ! My name is Clement, I look forward to introducing you to the wonderful sights, skilled artisans and places I love throughout our journey. During the trip I will share with you the rich history of the places that we visit, introduce you to the local cuisine and, if you are interested, some of our most beloved French songs too! Every step of the way, I will do my best to meet all your needs and expectations.

◆
All-inclusive private tours from anywhere in France

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*Accommodation in privately-owned châteaux
or charming boutique hotels*

◆
Exceptional local culinary experiences

◆
Reservations at Michelin-starred restaurants

◆
Private bilingual chauffeur-guide (English/French)

◆
Comfortable air-conditioned vehicle with WIFI



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Each region bequeaths us with a unique cultural heritage, unparalleled talent and craftsmanship, and gourmet specialty cuisine that cannot be found anywhere else.



*Traveling in France is, above all, striving to meet the soul of a land.
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