

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.

North of France

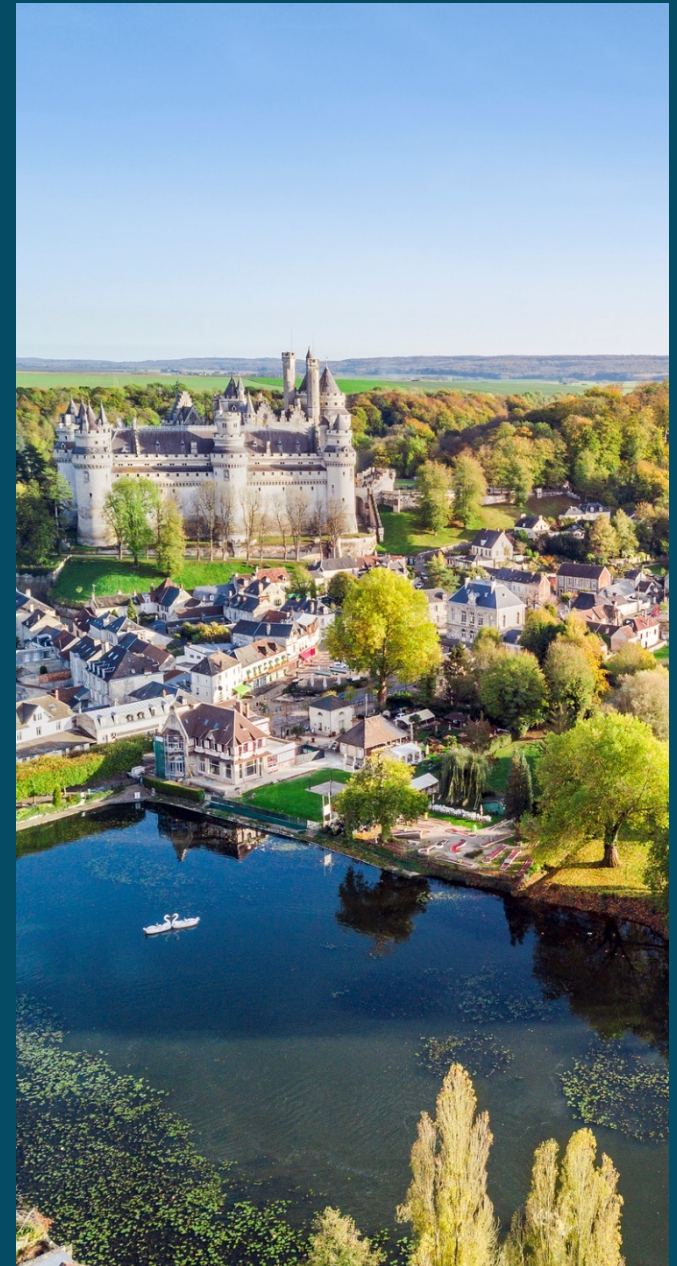
Bloody battles raged in North Of France during both World Wars. To this day, the scarred region bears witness to the furies of War. Do you feel the need to reach back to those roots? Feel a call to go honor the fallen in those desperate times? Interested in learning more about that world-shaping moment that took place 100 years ago?

Perhaps you'd also like to rejoice in the resilience and warmth of the welcoming inhabitants of the North Of France. Not to mention the hearty, binding culinary heritage that endures to this day!

With Finding France, you'll travel as a small, intimate group to experience the region. Moreover, tailor-made events and opportunities will make the 1 to 8-day stay a unique and memorable lifetime experience.

Here is what 3 days starting from Paris could feel like:

- DAY 1: Amiens and Vimy
- DAY 2: Ypres-Passchendaele-Lille
- DAY 3: Pierrefonds - Rethondes - Compiègne





3 DAY TOUR

Discover North of France

Suggested itinerary for 3 days in North of France. Departures depend on the availability of producers and artisans

DAY 1: AMIENS AND VIMY

MORNING

- Enter a local market and meet local producers (cheesemakers, vegetable growers, livestock breeders...)
- In Amiens, visit the largest cathedral of France – twice as large as the famed Notre-Dame in Paris.
- Learn to craft your very own chocolates with Luc, chef in a local chocolate Delicatessen shop. Nibble a few of the original Amiens macaroons, made popular by Catherine de Médicis in the XVIth century.
- Gourmet meal for lunch in a charming restaurant.

AFTERNOON

- In Vimy, honor the Canadian soldiers who fell in battle in France during World War I. Join in on a guided tour of the memorial and bunker down in the trenches.
- Meet a local cow cheese maker and visit both farm and processing facilities. He'll explain how milk is turned into creamy cheese and butter.
- Timeless setting for the night in an exceptional residence. For instance, a Belle Epoque Manor, which bears witness to the history, literary and artistic heritage dating back to the previous century.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Ride a small skiff in the “hortillonnages” in Amiens. These are a patchwork of bayous where owners have been tending fully organic vegetable patches since the Middle Ages.
- Discover the Saint-Leu district in Amiens, nicknamed “the Venice of the North”, with its ancient houses bordering waterways.
- Tour a snail farm.
- Visit the farm and facilities of a goat cheese producer.
- Eye-opening artistic experience at the Louvre-Lens, brand new extension of the famous Louvre museum in Paris.
- Magnificent light-and-sound show on the facade of the Amiens cathedral at nightfall.
- Visit the Royal BONVALLET historic factory, founded in 1756. Specialized in forming exceptional velvet fabric, for instance that which now bedecks the walls of the Versailles Operahouse.
- Visit the fortified church buildings in Thiérache, amazing churches bunkered down to resemble medieval forts.



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DAY 2: YPRES-PASSCHENDAELE-LILLE

MORNING

- Discover historical downtown Ypres, in Belgium, with its cathedral, historical cloth warehouses, and its XIVth century belfry.
- Honor the deceased heroes of World War I battlefields, many of them Canadian, including Essex farm cemetery, St Julian Memorial, Tyne Cot cemetery.
- Lunch in an underground brewery.

AFTERNOON

- Experience the life of Canadian WWI soldiers in the Passchendaele museum. Discover the trenches, and connect to your past (genealogical lookup available).
- Visit a cheese-maturing cellar, where the famous "Mimolette" cheese is aged.
- Overnight either in a charming guest house or in a luxury houseboat.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Bicycle outing along the battlefield lines.
- Join in on a private perfume-maker's workshop.
- Discover the secrets to baking delicious bread.
- Tour a surprising hops farm, the main ingredient for beer.
- Attend a ceremony to honor war heroes in Ypres.
- Visit a brewery and taste its latest creations.
- An uncommon dining experience awaits you in a Michelin-awardee restaurant managed by a famous Chef.



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DAY 3: PIERREFONDS - RETHONDES - COMPIÈGNE

MORNING

- Lunch in an underground brewery
- Enter a local market and meet local producers at the Pierrefonds market (vegetable growers, cheesemakers, butchers, fishmongers...)
- Visit the medieval-style Pierrefonds castle renovated by Eugène Viollet-le-Duc, the architect who saved Notre Dame in Paris from oblivion.
- With the local produce from the market, join in on a cooking workshop with Alix, a woman Chef who will welcome you in her Compiègne forest home for lunch.

AFTERNOON

- Enter the clearing in Rethondes, where, on November 11th, 1918, the armistice was signed, officially ending World War I.
- Visit the Compiègne Castle, a palace renovated during the XVIIIth century. In this castle, Marie-Antoinette and Louis the XVIth were regular guests.
- Spend the night as Kings and Queens near the battlefields of the Great War.



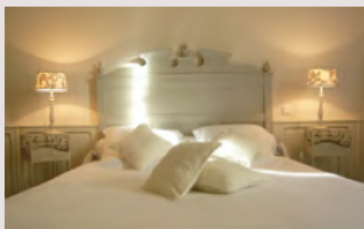
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- Get to taste the fresh goat cheese production of a local producer on his farm.
- Discover the Morienvall Abbey, founded in the IXth century by Charlemagne's grandson. Admire its grounds and rose garden.
- Visit the Saint-Jean-aux-Bois medieval village and the Benedictine Abbey dating back to the XIIth century.
- Meet a beer brewer, visit his brewery and taste his latest creations.
- Meet a mushroom grower and visit the stone quarry where he grows them.

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 A DAY TRIP DEPARTING FROM PARIS (8 AM TO 8 PM):

Starting at **\$250 USD** (VAT included) per person for a 4-person reservation.
What's included:

- Private bilingual chauffeur-guide (English French).
- Transportation in a top-notch air-conditioned vehicle, Wifi included.
- Travel to and from your place of residence in Paris + pick-up and transfer from Roissy CDG, Orly, or Le Bourget airports.
- Lunch.
- Tasting and samples when visiting local producers (wine, cheese, pastries...)
- Unlimited bottled water.
- All entrance fees and VIP access to all events and activities described in the itinerary.
- Fees for a local guide when visiting certain historical sites.
- Finding France 24/7 emergency assistance.



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.

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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.

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All-inclusive private tours from anywhere in France

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

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Exceptional local culinary experiences

◆
Reservations at Michelin-starred restaurants

◆
Private bilingual chauffeur-guide (English/French)

◆
Comfortable air-conditioned vehicle with WIFI



DREAMING OF DISCOVERING FRANCE?

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.
Cared for by passionate men and women.*

We offer an unforgettable and prestigious trip customized to match your dreams.

Get in touch with us right now!

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