

CULINARY TOUR OF FRANCE

| MAY-JUNE 2020 |

with
ADAM LIAW



TRAVELLER
TOURS

The Sydney Morning Herald

THE AGE

The Sun-Herald

sundayage

Gallivers Sport Travel

CULINARY TOUR OF FRANCE

with ADAM LIAW | MAY-JUNE 2020 |

TOUR ITINERARY

Saturday 30th May

AUSTRALIA / DUBAI / PARIS

Depart Australian capital city flying Emirates via Dubai to Paris, France.

Sunday 31st May

PARIS

Upon arrival in Paris, you will be met by a local English speaking guide and escorted to your motorcoach.

Enjoy a **half day sightseeing tour of Paris** with your guide prior to arrival at your hotel for check in. Enjoy a visit of the most beautiful sites in Paris. The Military School, Invalides (where Napoleon is buried), the magnificent bridge of Alexander III, the Concorde square (where Marie Antoinette was beheaded). Then follow the Seine River to discover the Notre Dame Cathedral (a masterpiece of the 13th century and the most famous cathedral of France). To complete your trip you will drive by the Louvre Museum (home of the famous Mona Lisa as well as the Venus of Milo), continuing to the Opera House.



At the conclusion of your tour, check in at the **Hilton Paris Opera Hotel** where you will stay for the next two nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

Experience classic Parisian elegance at the Hilton Paris Opera Hotel; a landmark building set in the lively Opéra quarter, this hotel is near Paris attractions such as the Opéra Garnier, the Champs-Élysées, famous department stores, cafés, restaurants and designer boutiques.

Join together with the group for a **Welcome Reception** at the hotel.

This evening, enjoy dinner at restaurant, **L'Alcazar**.

TRAVELLER
TOURS

The Sydney Morning Herald


THE AGE

The Sun-Herald

sundayage

Gullivers Sport Travel

Monday 1st June

PARIS

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart the hotel with your private coach & guide for a visit of the Bohemian village, located on the highest hill in Paris. **Montmartre** is the most romantic district, and has managed to retain its village atmosphere. Discover the winding streets and cosy squares which have seduced generations of artists such as Picasso who once lived in this charming area.

You will also visit the **Place du Tertre**, where all the Artists paint outdoors, surrounded by many typical French restaurants and street cafés, and last but not least, the famous Sacré-Cœur dating back to 1870, and overlooking all of Paris.



After your sightseeing, enjoy lunch at **la Crémaillère**. Located in the very heart of Montmartre, la Crémaillère will take you into the past with 1900 décor and Belle Epoque paintings and quality traditional cooking. One of the most beautiful private gardens in Paris also awaits.

After lunch, you will return to the hotel with the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Breakfast at the hotel, then check out.

This morning you will head to the heart of Paris to attend a cooking class at the famous **Alain Ducasse Cooking School** which opened in May 2009. Combining a friendly and contemporary atmosphere, dedicated to “Art de vivre à la française” and the tradition of fine cuisine. Alain Ducasse is one of the most renowned Michelin Star Chefs in France and the world.



At the end of your cooking class you will enjoy a tasting and lunch.

After lunch, board your coach and travel to the **Champagne region**. You will spend the next 5 days touring the Champagne and Burgundy regions of France escorted by a local English speaking tour guide and your private charter coach. The region of Champagne was made famous the world over in the 17th century by a monk named Dom Pérignon and his bubbles. The vineyards, which take up 27,000 hectares of land, are looked after by champagne houses, cooperatives and 18,000 wine-growers. Most of the famous champagne houses are situated in Reims (Pommery, Taittinger, Mumm, Ruinart & Veuve Clicquot).

Upon arrival in Reims, you will enjoy a walking tour of this city where you will see the Cathedral “**Notre-Dame de Reims**” one of Europe’s most important gothic structures.

In the afternoon, check in at the **Hotel Novotel Suites Reims Centre** where you will stay for the next two nights on a bed and breakfast basis. Time to rest and freshen up before the evening activities.

This evening you will dine at **La Veuve Clicquot**. Here you will visit the champagne caves and enjoy an exclusive dinner at St Petersburg Caves with champagne.



Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will board your coach and visit **Epernay** for a walking tour. Set in the heart of the Champenois vineyards, Epernay is the Champagne Capital.



You will then delight in Champagne tasting at **C-Comme Caves & Champagne Bar**, a unique space in Epernay entirely dedicated to the wines of Champagne and the products of Champagne appellation, notably Ratafia, Coteau champenois, Rosé des Riceys, Marc and Fine de la Marne. Over 350 references are at your disposal to taste or to buy. C-Comme gathers 41 champagne producers in its authentic cellars and champagne bar.

Lunch at **La Grillade Gourmande Epernay**. The chef, Christophe Bernard, who worked with Paul Bocuse and Alain Ducasse, welcomes you at restaurant La Grillade Gourmande with seasonal food, meat and fish grilled in wood fire, and various specialties based on champagne.

Finish your day with a visit to **Champagne Mercier**. Eugène Mercier, was only 20 years old when he founded his own champagne house in 1838. His idea was to create a champagne that would go beyond high social classes and be in every man's heart. A total genius in communication, he accomplished feats to become well-known. But his main talent was the quality of his champagne: fruity, intense, spontaneous, fresh and round... Nowadays managed by the cellar master Christophe Bonnefond, the house belongs to the LVMH group. Two panoramic lifts will take you 30 metres under the ground where you will sit in a train to discover part of the 18 kms of chalk galleries.



Breakfast at the hotel, then check out.

Today you will head to **Burgundy**. Burgundy's natural riches and colourful history have marked the region with some of the finest heritage of European art and architecture. It is a beautiful and fertile land whose wealth is nurtured by farmers, Wine-growers and foresters applying skills that have been refined here for over a thousand years - the reputation of the local cuisine has travelled the world over, while Burgundy's wines are a byword for the very best. Burgundians have transformed hospitality into an art de vivre.

En route you will enjoy some lunch.

You will arrive in the medieval town of **Beaune**. Nestled in the heart of one of France's most famous vine-growing regions, Beaune offers visitors the chance to appreciate the riches of history and the long-standing French traditions of fine food and wine. You will explore the medieval ramparts, the Collegial Church, and the shaded cobble-stoned streets and squares, with charming boutiques and cafes. The tour will include the visit of the incredible **Hospices de Beaune**, a spectacular hospital, built in the 15th century.



This afternoon, check in at **Hotel Henry II Beaune** where you will stay for the next two nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

This evening you will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Friday 5th June

BEAUNE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will have a tour of the Burgundy wine road.

Visit and wine tasting at **Château de Pommard**. Along Burgundy's prestigious Route des Vins, take a break at the Château de Pommard and step into the fascinating world of exceptional wine estates. The charm of old stones and traditional Burgundy roofs combine with the power of Salvador Dali's bronze masterpieces adorning with the Cour Carrée, The Unicorn and Saint George and the Dragon.



Visit and wine tasting at **Domaine du Château de Chassagne Montrachet**. Chassagne Montrachet is an ancient gallo-roman village. The chateau itself is located in the lower part of the village and its original building dates back to the 11th century. During the visit you will learn about the history of the vineyard, the role of a barrel and you will see a storage room through an almost invisible glass partition. Walk through the ancient gigantic cellars of the 11th and 14th century, covering a surface of over 1,000 m2.



TRAVELLER
TOURS

The Sydney Morning Herald

THE AGE

The Sun-Herald

sundayage

Gullivers Sport Travel

The final visit today will be to see **Chateau du Clos de Vougeot**. Originally a wine farm built in the 12th century by monks from the nearby Abbey of Cîteaux. In the 16th century, a Renaissance style château was added to the existing buildings. With its medieval vat-house and presses, Cistercian cellar and original kitchens, it forms a unique architectural whole which attracts history, architecture and wine lovers alike. The Chateau du Clos de Vougeot does not produce wine anymore, but it remains the symbol of Burgundy's history.



Dinner this evening will be enjoyed at **L'Oiseau des Vignes**, 1 star Michelin. The Restaurant L'Oiseau des Vignes was opened by Dominique Loiseau in 2007 in the historic centre of Beaune, 250 metres from the Hospices and just beside the Hotel Le Cep. Loiseau des Vignes was the first restaurant in Europe to offer an entire list of wines by the glass, with close to 70 different wines, most of which cannot be found nowadays.

Saturday 6th June

BEAUNE/PEROUGES/LYON

Breakfast at the hotel, then check out.

Today you will travel via Perouges to Lyon.



Located in the Rhone Valley and originally the home of a colony of immigrants from Perugia, **Pérouges** is a fortified hilltop village of medieval houses and cobblestone streets. The village's main square, place de Tilleuls, is shaded by a huge lime tree planted in 1792 in honour to the Revolution.

Enjoy lunch at **Ostellerie de Perouges**.

Arrival in Lyon in the afternoon with check in at **Hotel Best Western Charlemagne** where you will stay for the next four nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

Dinner this evening at **Brasserie Le Nord**.

Sunday 7th June

LYON

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will experience a full day tour of Lyon.

This morning you will visit **Les Halles de Lyon**. The most important indoor market in the city centre, Les Halles de Lyon group 58 merchants and 9 restaurants. Since 1917, this centre of gastronomy in Lyon has brought together the excellence of the culinary professions that contribute to the international reputation of French cuisine.

Lunch at Restaurant **Daniel et Denise**. Joseph Viola, “France’s Best Craftsman 2004”, now owns and manages a real bouchon Lyonnais! A genuine Lyonnais institution which perpetuates the tradition of the Lyon bouchon. In his restaurant, he receives regular customers, enlightened gourmets and passing guests who are charmed by his warm welcome, as well as the fine and varied dishes that have built up Lyon’s reputation.



After lunch, you will enjoy a **panoramic tour of Lyon** to discover its charms and mysteries. The Antique Lyon: the Fourvière site for a wonderful bird's eye view of Lyon, the Basilica and the Roman theatres. The Renaissance Lyon: the most extensive Renaissance area in France located in the heart of the Old Lyon. Peninsula Lyon: the heart of Lyon with its main squares, Terreaux and Bellecour Squares.

Your evening is at leisure.

TRAVELLER
TOURS

The Sydney Morning Herald


THE AGE

The Sun-Herald

sundayage

Gallivers Sport Travel

Breakfast at the hotel.

Full day tour of **Beaujolais**..



Meander through the heart of Beaujolais Crus. Brouilly, Chénas, Chiroubles, Côte-de-Brouilly, Fleurie, Juliéna, Morgon, Moulin à Vent, Régnié and Saint Amour are the 10 Beaujolais Crus that are the jewels in Beaujolais' crown.

In the late morning, there will be a visit & tasting at **Domaines Chermette**, a family-run wine estate. The estate is in the Pierres Dorées golden stone area, in southern Beaujolais. Combining tradition and modernity, Martine and Pierre-Marie Chermette are fully committed to bringing you high quality, authentic wines. Whilst most southern Beaujolais soil is limestone-clay, the soil at Domaines Chermette is granitic. This specifically contributes to giving more structure to the wines produced here.

After this visit, enjoy a gourmet lunch.

Continue your sightseeing today with a “not to be missed” visit to the **Golden Stone country** including Oingt, classified as being one of the most beautiful villages in France.



Return to your hotel to freshen up before dinner this evening.

This unforgettable day will finish with dinner at **Paul Bocuse**, 3 star Michelin restaurant. On the Saone bank, a large conspicuous building painted in bold prime colours: the famous Paul Bocuse restaurant, which has acquired worldwide acclaim for its gastronomy.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today, the group will divide in half so as to fulfil an interesting day in Lyon.

Group One: Morning cooking class at Paul Bocuse Institute → Afternoon walking tour of Old Lyon → Dinner at Bistrot de Lyon.

Group Two: Morning walking tour of Old Lyon → Lunch at Bistrot de Lyon → Afternoon cooking class at Paul Bocuse Institute.

The **Paul Bocuse Institute's Cookery School** gives enthusiastic gourmets the opportunity to indulge in their passion, perfect their techniques and pick up useful knacks and tips, all things that help make cooking a pleasure.



Explore Old Lyon with a walking tour. After the fall of the Roman Empire and the destruction of the aqueducts, the residents were forced to move down the hill and settle the area of the “Vieux Lyon”. While little remains of the ancient Roman city, the area of Old Lyon is the heart and soul of the city. It constitutes one of Europe’s largest protected Renaissance districts (after Venice). While this part of the city was long neglected, it was “rediscovered” in the 1960’s. The restoration has taken care to preserve the traditional flavour of the district.

On the walk through narrow cobble stone streets, discover 15th to 17th century houses and visit some of the best kept secrets of Lyons, the “traboules”, secret passages which connect the street through the buildings.



Wednesday 10th June

LYON/DUBAI

Breakfast at the hotel, then check out.

Today we say farewell to our incredible adventure through France.

The day will be at your leisure to do some last minute sightseeing or shopping on your own.

PM Return to the hotel in the afternoon to collect your luggage, then board your motorcoach and transfer to Lyon Airport for your flight home to Australia.

Thursday 11th June

DUBAI

Flight connection in Dubai.

Friday 12th June

AUSTRALIA

AM Arrive Australian capital city.



TRAVELLER
TOURS

The Sydney Morning Herald


THE AGE

The Sun-Herald

sundayage

Gallivers Sport Travel

Tour cost based on a minimum of 40 people travelling on above itinerary: \$11,880.00 per person

TOUR COST INCLUDES

- Return economy airfare flying Emirates:
Australian capital city to Paris...surface...Lyon to Australian capital city (via Dubai both directions)
- English speaking tour escort/guide for 9 days, Paris – Champagne – Burgundy – Lyon
- 10 nights' accommodation in 4 star hotels based on twin/double share rooming
- Porterage of 1 large suitcase per person at each hotel
- Daily Breakfast
- Lunches & dinners (3 course menu with drink) as detailed in itinerary
- Airport arrival & departure motorcoach transfers with assistance
- Half day tour of Paris with English speaking guide
- Welcome reception on arrival at Paris hotel (1 glass of wine, champagne or soft drink)
- Half day tour of Montmartre with English speaking guide
- Two cooking classes at renowned cooking schools
- Round trip coach transportation to included events
- Private deluxe motorcoach for 5 days touring to Champagne & Burgundy regions
- Sightseeing and walking tours as per itinerary
- Wine estate visits with tastings as detailed in itinerary
- Visits and entrances to special sites/venues as detailed in itinerary
- Local taxes and services charges. Inclusive of local VAT

*** Subject to availability of all listed hotels and venues/sites, a similar standard of property or similar venue may be used ***

TOUR COST EXCLUDES

- Airport taxes / Fuel Surcharges / Airline Levies – approx. \$216.00 (Subject to fluctuation until time of ticket issue)
- Airline Excess baggage costs – excess over and above free limit set by airline
- Meals & drinks other than stated
- Limited single room occupancy at hotels. Subject to availability and extra cost
- Gratuities & tips to guides, drivers, service providers
- Items of personal nature (e.g. laundry, phone calls, room service, etc).
- Passport and visa costs – please check with this office if you require visas for your tour. If you are travelling on a non- Australian passport please check all document requirements with the embassy or consulate of the country/ies you are visiting, transiting through and re-entering
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance HIGHLY RECOMMENDED– Available from Gullivers Sport Travel.

All land costs shown are subject to alteration (up or down) due to currency fluctuations. Increases in land and air costs which may arise between now and the date of departure. Costs will also depend on availability of flights, hotels, trains, buses etc quoted on. These costs are subject to the group travelling together throughout the tour. Any variation will incur an amendment fee and may also jeopardise the costs for the rest of the group.

Land costs are based on an exchange selling rate of 0.63 against the EURO.

© The copyright in this document is owned by Gullivers Sport Travel Pty Limited. The document is provided on the understanding that, other than the number of copies approved for the Adam Liaw Culinary Tour to France 2020, it will not be copied by any means whatsoever, nor given, loaned or sold to any other person or organisation. To do so will be an infringement of Australian and worldwide copyright laws and will result in legal action.

Booking Conditions - Please read all these booking conditions carefully

RESPONSIBILITY

Gullivers Sport Travel Pty Ltd (which expression shall for the purpose of these conditions include and parents subsidiary affiliate or associated company and hereinafter shall be called "the Company") acts only as agents for the hotels, airlines, bus or car companies, railroads, steamship lines, or owners or contractors providing accommodation, transportation or other services, and all coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contacts and tickets issued by the Company are issued subject to any and all tariffs, terms and conditions under which any accommodation, transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such hotels, airlines, bus or car companies, railroads, steamship lines or owners or contractors. The Company shall not be liable or responsible for death of or injury to any person or loss of or damage to any property or otherwise (including baggage) whether due to its servants agents or employees negligence or otherwise arising out of or in connection with any accommodation transportation or other services or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, hijack, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations delays or cancellations of or changes in itinerary or schedules or overbookings or defaults, or from any causes beyond the Company's control or through the acts of default of the hotels, airlines, bus or car companies, railroads, steamship lines or owners or contractors providing accommodation, transportation or other services or for any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and that neither the Company nor its servants agents or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour members as a result of any of the foregoing causes. All prices quoted are subject to change without notice having regards to unforeseen circumstances, foreign exchange fluctuations and variations in airline operating costs including but not limited to say an escalation of fuel prices. Unused services cannot be refunded or exchanged. The Company reserves the right to cancel the tour and/or modify the itineraries in any way it thinks desirable and further reserves the right to decline to accept any person or any tour and may substitute hotels where necessary. The issuance and acceptance or receipts, tickets, vouchers, coupons or travel orders shall be deemed consent to the above.

Tour Prices: Tour prices are based on costs in effect at **24th September 2019**. Costs will also depend on availability of all services/inclusions quoted on at time of booking. These costs are subject to the group travelling together throughout the tour. Any variation will incur an amendment fee and may also jeopardise the costs for the rest of the group. Prices are based on the tour numbers stipulated on the itinerary. Any change in tour numbers will result in a revised tour price. All costs shown are subject to alteration (up or down) due to exchange rate fluctuations (based on the selling rate) and increases in land and air costs which may arise between now and the date of departure

Payments Schedule:

Initial Deposit - At time of booking: \$2,500.00 per person (bookings will be made when deposit has been received in our office)

Interim Payment - \$2,500.00 per person due 1st February 2020

Final Tour Payment - 2 month's prior to departure (30th March 2020)

Cancellation charges per tour member: (Notice of cancellation must be made in writing)

Time of booking – 31st January 2020 inclusive: \$2,500.00 per person

1st February to 30th March 2020: \$5,000.00 per person

31st March 2020 – departure day and after commencement of travel: Nil Refund

Please note there may be specialised inclusions in your tour such as Train Tickets, Theatre Show tickets, instant purchase airline tickets etc that are non-refundable in addition to the above Cancellation Charges. These cancellation fees are in addition to any cancellation fees that may be levied by our tour suppliers.

Amendment Fee: Any person wishing to amend from the group tour arrangements will be charged a standard \$100.00 amendment fee per person plus any additional charges involved with amendment (increase in airfare, additional transfers, accommodation etc).

Documentation: Australian citizens require a passport with minimum 6 months validity from date of departure from final destination.

Other passport holders may require additional documentation. Please check your applicable requirements with our Travel Consultant. A copy of each person's passport is required.

Baggage: Free baggage allowance one piece weighing maximum 20 kg plus 1 cabin bag (piece) of 115cm with a maximum weight of 5kg per person (please note these restrictions vary between airlines & depends on your destination). Luggage in excess of these limits will be charged for at the appropriate excess baggage rates. Baggage is the responsibility of the passenger at all times (Travel Insurance is strongly recommended).

Insurance Protection: We strongly recommend you have Travel Insurance. Policies are available from Gullivers Sport Travel. If you choose to be covered for Travel Insurance with an alternative provider such as a credit card company, we recommend that you thoroughly check the policy wording for levels of coverage. Please ensure you are given a policy number and your policy includes 24hr emergency contact and assistance during your holiday.

Airline & Airport Taxes, Surcharges & Levies: Are not included in the tour cost as they are continually changing. Any of these charges imposed by the airline will be notified to you at the time of final payment 2 months prior to departure.

Frequent flyer/mileage accrual: Some group airfares are not eligible to accrue frequent flyer points (due to discounted group airfares). Please advise your travel consultant if you are a member of the airlines associated frequent flyer program to see if your fare is eligible for frequent flyer point accrual. Travel Advisories: We strongly suggest that you consult the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) website and register (either group or individual) so that you are kept up to date with any travel warnings or advisories that may be in place for your destinations (www.dfat.gov.au). You should also advise DFAT of your travel details such as date of departure and itinerary.

Travel and Immunisations: It is essential that all tour participants discuss their personal travel plans with a health professional to ensure you have the correct vaccinations for your trip and any booster doses of childhood vaccinations you may need.

Upon re-entry into Australia, Customs & Immigration will request a copy of your vaccination certificate if you have visited areas that have current health risks or hazardous diseases. For further information, visit the following website to check the current health alert and warnings for the destination/s you are visiting - <http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/zw/cgi/view/Advice/>.