



Air Journey's Journey to Europe

August 21 - September 15, 2021



Countries Visited:

**USA - Iceland - Netherlands
France - Spain - Italy**

Itinerary

Day 1 - Saturday, August 21: Home ➔ Bangor, Maine (KBGR)

Air Journey staff will welcome you at the Four Points by Sheraton for introductions and to attend a detailed briefing and flight safety demonstration. We will cover the route, regulations, flight plans, safety, etc.

Afterwards we will meet for a welcome cocktail before dinner.

Hotel: Four Points by Sheraton
Welcome Cocktail and Dinner included



Day 2 - Sunday, August 22: Bangor (KBGR) ➔ Goose Bay, Canada (CYYR) ➔ Reykjavik, Iceland (BIRK) 620 + 1,340 NM

On our way today we will fly over the immense forests and numerous lakes of Labrador. There will be a technical stop in Goose Bay. Our flight then continues over ice-covered Greenland and then our second water crossing to Reykjavik.

Because we will be approaching the Arctic Circle and the "land of the midnight sun", we will have an astonishing 19 hours of day-light!

Hotel: Hotel Borg
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 3 - Monday, August 23: Reykjavik

Today we will go for an unforgettable, once in a lifetime flight tour over the fiery mountains and river, to see the Fagradalsfjall volcano, and enjoy a landing near by the emerging lava. We will drive to a close-by helipad and take our helicopter flight to see the vast, glowing lava field; vivid red rivers snaking from fissures; craters spurting fire and molten rocks dozens of metres into the air; and an ambience befitting the landscapes of Morder. After circling the Fagradalsfjall volcano and surrounding Geldingadalur area, we will land near the smoking, flaming landscapes to take pictures.

Hotel: Hotel Borg
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included





Day 4 - Tuesday, August 24: Reykjavik (BIRK) → Amsterdam (EHAM) 1,090 NM

Fly to Amsterdam. Often referred to as the other “Royal Palace of Amsterdam”, De L’Europe Amsterdam occupies a scenic waterfront location on the Amstel River. The stylish rooms of the hotel embrace local heritage with special attention to design detail and modern technology.

The hotel also offers a selection of the finest haute cuisine in Amsterdam; Michelin-starred restaurant Bord’Eau and brasserie Marie.

Hotel: De L’Europe
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 5 - Wednesday, August 25: Amsterdam

With our local guide we embark on a walking tour for an intimate and insider’s view of this beautiful city. We will view Amsterdam’s historical center including Dam Square, the Royal Palace, the Anne Frank House, the Rembrandt House Museum and the infamous Red Light District while we learn about an intriguing historical background and snap photos of the UNESCO-listed canals and 17th-century gabled houses. After lunch, we will visit the Van Gogh Museum.

Hotel: De L’Europe
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Day 6 - Thursday, August 26: Amsterdam

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own. Visit the Spa sanctuary at the hotel for luxurious body treatments and sublime skincare. Le Spa by Skins Institute is designed to pamper and nourish the mind, body and soul in complete seclusion of distractions.

Hotel: De L'Europe
Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 7 - Friday, August 27: Amsterdam (EHAM) → Reims, France (LFSR) 180 NM

Fly to Reims. Upon arrival, we will take a 40 mins scenic drive to Chateau de Fere, sits adjacent to the evocative ruins of a 13th-century fortified castle that fell into ruins in the 17th century. Formerly a wing of the old castle, the chateau was restored in 1863 and nestles amidst woodland and manicured lawns with an ancient bridge that spans the moat. This was one of the first castles that have been converted into a hotel in 1956.

Enjoy the 70 hectares of the Castle's forest and the driveway with Cherry's trees, an ideal terrain for walks and running races. An outdoor Swimming Pool, Tennis Court, Badminton court and Bicycles, a perfect stay for our next three days.

Hotel: Chateau de Fere
Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 8 - Saturday, August 28: Fere-en-Tardenois

Today we will go for a full day tour of Chateau de Fere and its surroundings, where we will have the opportunity to enjoy the famous Champagne, for which we have to thank Dom Perignon, a monk from the 17th century. The Vineyards of the Champagne Country, jewels of the French terroir are divided in homogeneous regions, such as La Vallée de la Marne between Chateau Thierry and Epernay, La Montagne de Reims, and La Cote des Blancs.

The touristic Road of Champagne, whose some hills are listed World Heritage Site - is located between Epernay and Reims surroundings. Apart from the worldwide known Champagne, it offers many picturesque landscapes.

Hotel: Chateau de Fere
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Day 9 - Sunday, August 29: Fere-en-Tardenois

Today is free to relax and explore on your own. The spa at the Castle, Cinq Mondes, is inspired by ancestral cultures, Nathalie and Jean-Louis Poiroux, who when travelling the world searched and brought the best beauty rituals of the globe.

Hotel: Chateau de Fere
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 10 - Monday, August 30: Reims (LFSR) → Beziers-Vias, France (LFMU) to Homps, 360 NM

Fly to Beziers-Vias. Upon arrival transfer to Barge Roi Soleil and Enchanté, moored in Homps.

Welcome aboard with champagne and canapés. It is the most distinctively elegant hotel barge – a true river yacht cruising the French waterways. The vessel is curvaceous on the outside and spacious on the inside, exuding luxury and style in every detail. She glides, swan-like, along the most ancient and iconic waterway in France – through sunflower fields, rolling meadows and of course the leafy, plane-tree lined stretches of the Canal du Midi.

Included are all meals onboard catered for by the onboard Master Chef, an open bar 24/7 with a large range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, all wines served throughout the cruise, excursions and admittance fees as per the itinerary, the services of crew and use of barge facilities, which include bicycles and spa pool.

Hotel: Barge Roi Soleil and Enchanté
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 11 - Tuesday, August 31: Homps to Ventenac

Today we will take a fascinating morning tour of Carcassonne. Dating back to the Gallo-Roman era, this is the most complete mediaeval fortified city in existence today with its 52 watchtowers, portcullis and extraordinary repertoire of defences, which resisted the many armies that tried to storm this glorious Camelot setting.

In the afternoon we cruise through the trademark olive shaped locks of the Canal in the shade of the plane and pine trees, gently descending to Ventenac.

Hotel: Barge Roi Soleil and Enchanté
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 12 - Wednesday, September 1: Ventenac to Argeliers

Our today's excursion will be at the Abbaye of Fontfroide. Founded under the Benedictine order and then converted to the Cistercian, it became very influential during the Albigensian crusade. It has been tastefully restored by the Fayet family, well-known patrons of the arts. The Abbaye presents a chance to sample some local cuisine with lunch ashore in a spectacular setting overlooking the Corbieres vineyards.

In the afternoon we cruise the 300 year old tree lined winding canal to Argeliers, once an important clay quarry for the Romans.

Hotel: Barge Roi Soleil and Enchanté
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 13 - Thursday, September 2: Argeliers to Capestang

Today morning we will cruise, to Narbonne, a Roman Mediterranean capital where the Visigoth monarchs once lived. Enjoy a visit to the Archbishop's Palace and the indoor market at the hub of this bustling canal side town, where you will have time to shop or simply absorb the relaxed atmosphere.

After Lunch, our afternoon cruise will be through vineyards and pine trees along the "Gra1nd Bief," one of the many engineering prowess unique to the Canal du Midi, to Capestang where we will moor overlooking the 13th Century Collegiate.

Hotel: Barge Roi Soleil and Enchanté
Breakfast and Dinner included

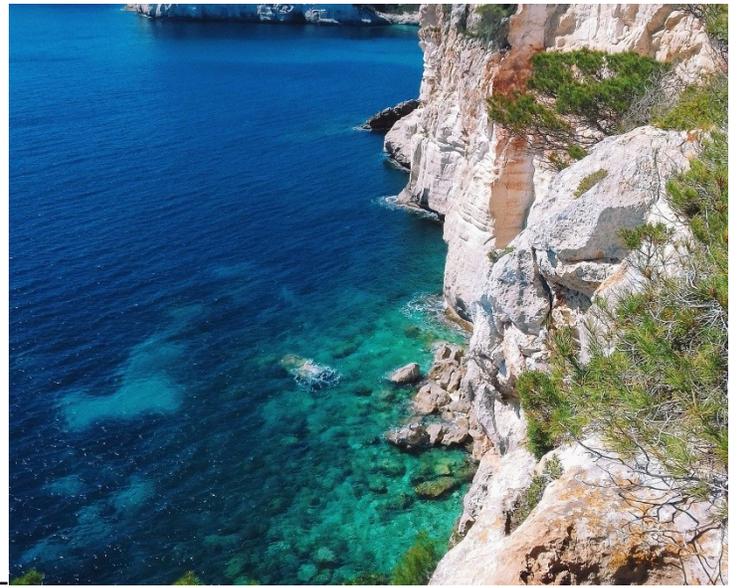


Day 14 - Friday, September 3: Capestang to Beziers-Vias (LFMU) ➔ Menorca, Spain (LEMH) 210 NM

Today morning w will cruise along the historic canal, taking us through the very first canal tunnel at Malpas. Engineered by Pierre Riquet, as were the many aqueducts, the Canal du Midi could not have been completed without it. We will be mooring at the top of the Fonserannes flight of locks overlooking the town of Béziers.

We will disembark, retrieve our planes and then fly to Menorca – one of the Balearic Islands located in the western Mediterranean Sea.

Hotel: Menorca Experimental
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 15 - Saturday, September 4: Menorca

Today we will cruise the local waters by private boat (weather permitting) as we explore the island. There will be time for swimming and along the way we'll stop at a local restaurant for lunch.

Hotel: Menorca Experimental
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Day 16 - Sunday, September 5: Menorca

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel: Menorca Experimental
Breakfast and Dinner included



**Day 17 - Monday, September 6: Menorca, Spain (LEMH) →
Bordeaux, France (LFBD) 370 NM**

Fly to Bordeaux - the wine country of France, and spend the next three nights in a luxurious Hotel de Pavie. The hotel was once a convent where nuns offered shelter and protection to pilgrims and travelers.

Enjoy an outstanding experience in the heart of the medieval city of Saint-Emilion, a historic village. This region is one of the most famous in France and from the top of this beautiful village, you will discover a dazzling panorama of the ancestral vines of Saint-Emilion, a magnificent wine-growing landscape but also the first to have been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Hotel: Hotel de Pavie
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 18 - Tuesday, September 7: Bordeaux

A full day tour will give you the opportunity to meet and share the life of a winery family, enjoy breathtaking scenery, discover with your private tour guide the fascinating history of the medieval village of St Emilion.

Hotel: Hotel de Pavie
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Day 19 - Wednesday, September 8: Bordeaux, France (LFBD) → Milan, Italy (LIMC) 405 NM

Fly to Milan, Linate Airport where we will transfer to Como – immerse yourself in Lake Como. Enjoy a breathtaking setting on the shores of Italy's most famous lake. Mandarin Oriental Lago di Como exudes romantic Italian style perfectly complemented by timeless Oriental charm. Atmospheric, elegant and incredibly private, the hotel effortlessly blends the romance of the past with the luxury of the present.

Hotel: Mandarin Oriental
Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 20 - Thursday, September 9: Milan

With our local guide we'll begin an exploration of Como, the lake's main town, as we discover its historic center. After lunch, enjoy a cruise along Lake Como.

We'll have the opportunity to observe along its shores the various small and characteristic local villages and magnificent villas that are not possible to see from land. Lake Como sits at the foot of the Alps and offers some of the most beautiful scenery in Italy's Lake District.

Hotel: Mandarin Oriental
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Day 21 - Friday, September 10: Milan

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel: Mandarin Oriental
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 22 - Saturday, September 11: Milan, Italy (LIMC) → Deauville, France (LFRG) 415 NM

Fly to Caen where we will spend three nights at the private and most unique chateau of Count Denis de Kergolay in Canisy. Enjoy the lifestyle of French royalty in this privately-owned Normandie castle. bSet on 800 acres of verdant Normandie countryside and in existence for 1,000 years, the Chateau de Canisy is a historic presence of monumental proportions. Even more special still, is the fact that for those thousand years it has belonged to the same family, and it's their home.

Hotel: Chateau de Canisy
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 23 - Sunday, September 12: Canisy

We embark on a journey of discovery, of the sites of D-day (June 6, 1944) - the largest invasion force in history! Codenamed OVERLORD, it delivered five naval assault divisions to the beaches of Normandy (codenames UTAH, OMAHA, GOLD, JUNO and SWORD). We will walk among the cliffs, bunkers and edges that old soldiers still talk about, visit several museums, D-Day memorials and the very moving American Cemetery.

Hotel: Chateau de Canisy
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Day 24 - Monday, September 13: Canisy

The Chateau de Canisy is a French Heritage Monument open only to guests of the chateau. Its 800 acre-park has lakes and colorful gardens.

We will enjoy a guided tour of the Chateau Estate and the Park.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Hotel: Chateau de Canisy
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 25 - Tuesday, September 14: Deauville (LFRG) → Reykjavik, Iceland (BIRK) 1,135 NM

After breakfast and an in-depth briefing, we will launch for our over-water crossing to Iceland. There will be a stop in Stavanger for lunch and to refuel.

Hotel: Hotel Borg

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 26 - Wednesday, September 15: Reykjavik (BIRK) → Goose Bay, Canada (CYJR) → Bangor, ME (KBGR) 1,340 + 610 NM

After breakfast and another in-depth briefing, we will head to Goose Bay for lunch and to refuel. We will then fly to Bangor, ME, to clear US customs before flying our separate ways as we complete our journey home.

Breakfast included

JOURNEY PRICE			
PRICE PER PERSON (based on double occupancy)	PLANE REGISTRATION FEE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	COVID Test Antigen Day Before Journey (per person)
\$30,550	\$5,450	Available upon request	\$199



Terms and Conditions

Our land program includes:

- Presence of an Air Journey tour leader who will facilitate clearances, Immigration, refueling, flight planning, and provide help with any difficulty that might arise
- Accommodation based on double occupancy
- All Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Wine selected by Air Journey is included with dinner. All other beverages are not included.
- Welcome cocktail
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel
- Tours and admission to all planned group sightseeing
- All service charges and taxes
- Customs expediting
- Customs and Immigration forms (filled by Air Journey when possible)

Our land program does not include:

- Travel Insurance (available, call us for details)
- Airport departure taxes & landing fees
- Beverages except as noted above
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals

Please note that hotel accommodations and sightseeing are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Air Journey reserves the right to amend the order of sightseeing as necessary. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with a minimum participation of 5 aircraft.

The Registration fee includes:

- Extensive Navigation log (airports, route, frequencies, information of airspace, nav-aids, reporting points, international flight plan) tailored for each aircraft
- Flight plans and eAPIS manifest (departure and arrival) filed on your behalf
- Pilot briefing prior to each day's flight
- Weather website with constant updates showing TAF, METAR, Wind Aloft, prognostic forecast and review. Fuel availability confirmed along the route of flight
- Flight bag and collared cotton shirt for the pilot with his name, aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front.

Cancellation, refunds:

- **Cancellation by the client:** Is always required in writing and is subject to the following schedule of dates, whereby some or all moneys paid will be retained:
 - * Given outside of 150 days of departure: AJ retains deposit per person and plane registration fee
 - * Between 150 and 121 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of tour cost and plane registration fee
 - * Between 120 and 91 days of departure: AJ retains 100% of tour cost and plane registration fee
- **Cancellation by AJ:**

Should AJ cancel the tour after deposits have been received due to fewer than the minimum participants required, the full deposit will be refunded. Should AJ cancel the tour at any time due to factors beyond their control (including war, flood, force of nature, disease, riot, civil action), they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

Valid Passports are mandatory for this Journey.

**Our quoted prices include planning, handling and operational charges; they are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of April 2020. Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.

Survival equipment is available for rental on a daily basis and will be waiting for you at our departure point airport.. Life vests are mandatory. A life raft is recommended. Contact us for details

Travel and Cancellation Insurance

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package but it can be purchased from Air Journey. There are varying packages available. The price is based on a person's state of residency, birth date and amount covered. Contact Anais (561 841-1551 ext. 3) at Air Journey for more details and to provide you with a quote.

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