

MUSEUMS OF PARIS

June 17-25, 2012

4 hours graduate level credit from Colorado School of Mines

Cost: \$3470 - Includes airfare, tuition, lodging, ground transportation, museum passes and tours. \$3,300 without tuition. \$2,000 without tuition or airfare. Tuition cost for 4 hours is \$170

Day 1 –June 17, 2012 - Sunday -Leave Denver - arrive at Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris next day- Friday -

Day 2 —June 18, 2012 – Monday - Shuttle will take us to our hotel. Check in, meet in lobby area, discuss plans and expectations of the class – Take Rue Cler Walk - have lunch in Rue Cler. Walk to the Eiffel Tower and take Batobus on River Seine for orientation of central Paris. Disembark at Notre Dame – Tour Notre Dame - walk to the Deportation Memorial behind Notre Dame- Catch the hop-on, hop-off red bus for tour of the city – disembark at the Eiffle Tower stop - Return to the Rue Cler area for dinner at the hotel, and early bedtime. Sleep in Rue Cler area.

Day 3 –June 19, 2012 – Tuesday - Class time to discuss what we will see today. Walk to the river. Take Batobus to Notre Dame stop –walk to and tour Sainte-Chapelle. Visit the **Conciergerie** (gloomy prison, famous as the last stop for 2,780 victims of the guillotine, including France’s last queen, Marie-Antoinette). Lunch – Walk or take the Batobus to the **Louvre** and tour. Dinner at a street café or in the Louvre. Return to the Rue Cler area by Batobus or walk to hotel. Those that are not exhausted can do the Left Bank Walk and/or visit the Latin Quarter. It would be great to stroll along the Seine and people watch!!– board the Batobus for a night cruise on the Seine.

Day 4 –June 20, 2012 – Wednesday - AN EARLY DAY — Catch the RER C train to Versailles at Champ de Mars RER stop. Spend the day touring Versailles.

Day 5 – June 21, 2012 – Thursday - class time for day’s overview - Walk to Napoleon’s Tomb and Les Invalides (opens at 10) and tour. Walk to Rodin Museum & tour– Lunch at a sidewalk cafe-Take the metro to the Pompidou Center (One of the three major museums in Paris). If time and energy permits, walk to Picasso Museum– Dinner at a street café or at the hotel. Return to the Rue Cler area.

Day 6 —June 22, 2012 – Friday - Meet in lobby for class time -Take Bus #69 – sightseeing tour starting at the Eiffel Tower and ending at Pere Lachaise Cemetery containing graves of greats such as Frederic Chopin, Oscar Wilde, Gertrude Stein and Jim Morrison. –,Go up the Eiffle Tower - do the Left Bank Walk and/or visit the Latin Quarter. It would be great to stroll along the Seine and people watch if time allows!!

Day 7 — June 23, 2012 – Saturday - Take metro to the Arc de Triomphe – discuss history of Napoleon and the French Revolution as we go. Saunter down the Champ-Elysees. Stop for lunch — take the metro to Place de la Concorde. Take in the Orangerie - walk across the Pont Royal to Orsay museum – Tour Musee d’Orsay

Day 8 – June 24, 2012 – Sunday -Last day in Paris – Last day of the museum pass – Meet in lobby at 8 AM- Take Metro to **Sacre-Coeur**. You are now in the Montmartre area – take the **Montmartre Walk** from Sacre-Coeur to the Moulin Rouge. This walk includes several small museums of the great Artists of the world and several of their homes. See your packet for walk and museum directions. . – Several options for the afternoon – Visit Opera Garnier – Go to Latin Quarter -Take metro to Ile St. Louis, have dinner, cross bridge to the Left Bank and walk along the Seine River. Take metro back to hotel.

Other sites not yet covered – a visit to the **Catacombs** –closed on Monday (underground tunnels lined with bones from Paris’s cemeteries), the **Paris Sewer Tour**, or **Mike’s Fat Tire Bike Tour** of Paris leaving from under the Eiffel Tower. Visit the **Delacroix Museum** or **St. Germain-des-Pres** and **St. Sulpice Church** or the **Cluny Museum** (National Museum of the Middle Ages).

Tour **La Madeleine Church** – Museums left (not covered by museum pass) are the **Carnavalet Museum** (free), **Jacquemart-Andre Museum** (lavish 19th century French home), **Musee Misique** (museum of music), **Petit Palais** (free), **Grand Palais**, **Jewish Art and History Museum**, and/or **La Defense** and **La Grande Arche**.

Evening Options – Pariscope, a weekly magazine (.40 euros- comes out on Wednesday) has listings of current happenings in Paris with location, time, and price. Both opera houses performances are scheduled here. Some concerts are free. This magazine also includes outdoor theater, flea markets, sound and light shows.

Many churches regularly host concerts – St. Sulpice, St. Germain-des-Pres, St Madeleine, St. Eustache, St Julien-le-Pauvre and Sainte-Chapelle. These are all listed in the Pariscope magazine under Concerts Classiques – These are both free and with fee.

Opera Garnier hosts opera and ballet performances. Some museums are open late on different evening, offering the opportunity for more relaxed, less-crowded visits. Louvre (Wed and Fri), Orsay (Thu) and Pompidou (Wed-Mon)

Night Walks – Go for a walk to best appreciate the City of Light. It is safe to walk at night in Paris. Go in a group, avoid poorly lit areas and stick to the main thoroughfares. Break for ice cream, pause at a café; and enjoy the sidewalk entertainers as you join the post-dinner Parisian parade. Some suggested walks are: Champs-Elysees and the Arc de Triomphe, Ile St. Louis and Notre-Dame, Trocadero and Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, Place Vendome and Place de l’Opera.

Day 9 –June 25, 2012 – Monday – take shuttle to Charles De Gaulle Airport -arrive home late evening.

