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FROM GIVERNY'S INTIMATE AMBIANCE TO THE SPECTACULAR REGAL VERSAILLES...

Full-day excursion to Giverny & to the chateau de Versailles

This day-trip allows the travellers to discover two of the most beautiful sites outside Paris: Monet foundation in Giverny and the Chateau de Versailles. In Giverny, you will visit the house and gardens that inspired Monet's nymphs and in Versailles, you will follow the footsteps of the Sun King in the magnificent chateau that symbolized his power.

Make it Exclusive!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional special venue: Visit of the Chateau de Versailles with a lecturer-guide who will lead you to places normally closed to the public.
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Make it at Night!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional special venue: Enjoy an outstanding night show among the bushes and the fountains of the château de Versailles with the spectacular Grandes Eaux.
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From Paris to Giverny & Versailles

08:30am: Meet your driver-guide at the lobby of your hotel in Paris.

Go to Giverny where you will visit **the home, studio and gardens of Claude Monet, the great impressionist painter**. His stunning art immortalized Giverny's lush flower gardens and the water lilies on his private lake. Inside the house, Monet's furniture and "décor" remain just as it was when he painted there, with a similar color scheme. The rooms are filled with Monet's collection of Japanese engravings.

We begin with a **walk through the romantic nymphaea pond gardens** and continue towards **Claude Monet's house through the flower bed paths**. The flower beds are exquisite, absolutely perfect color combinations that only a fine artist could conceive. Here Claude Monet began his well-known "Séries" which later made him famous.

Monet's Gardens, like his impressionist paintings, are a bold mix of colors and textures. Roses are planted extensively and the pallet of plants is diverse. Monet did not like to organize his gardens. He married flowers according to their colours and left them to grow rather freely.

Visit the water garden where you will find the famous Japanese bridge covered with wisterias, other smaller bridges, weeping willows, a bamboo wood and above all the famous nymphaeas which are in bloom all summer long. The pond and the surrounding vegetation form an enclosure separated from the surrounding countryside.

Monet would find his inspiration in this water garden for more than twenty years. Always looking for mist and transparencies, Monet would dedicate himself less to flowers than to reflections in water, a kind of inverted world transfigured by the liquid element.

Continue to Versailles and enjoy lunch at leisure in a restaurant suggested to you by your professional driver. What about luncheon at **the Brasserie du theatre** in Saint-Germain en Laye, a brasserie chic with gourmet dishes.

You will explore **the Château de Versailles** with its glittering Hall of Mirrors which was used by Louis XIV as a council room, and the





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gardens which were laid out by the great landscape artist, Le Nôtre, who managed to perfect the model of formal French gardens. The visit includes: **the King's and Queen's State Apartments, the Trianon**, vast mansion-style lodges where Louis XV and Louis XVI liked to work and retire from court life.

Home to hundreds when the King was in residence, this palace constitutes a veritable city of elegant private rooms and public reception halls, set in a splendid park with fountains, hidden gardens, and a lake for boating. Imagine life in the château as your guide opens doors allowing you to enter into the privacy of kings and queens. Imagine yourself among the courtiers in a banquet hall illuminated with candelabras reflected in the hall of mirrors.

Follow in the footsteps of King Louis the 14th it is from here that the king radiated his power and where the destiny of Europe was decided over a century.

Versailles, **a dream of elegance**, taste and beauty, will open its doors and enable you to soak up the atmosphere that reigned during the days of Queen Marie-Antoinette, just as in the famous film of Sophia Coppola.

Come back to your hotel at the end of the afternoon.





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NB: this excursion is available everyday except on Mondays & from April 01 to October 31.

This package includes

- Deluxe Sedan or Minivan which can carry up to 6 passengers
- Services of a professional English speaking licensed guide-driver who is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- Emergency 24 hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also suggest:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites.
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

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Enjoy a special guided visit of the chateau de Versailles with a lecturer-guide who will lead you to **places normally closed to the public**. Versailles, a dream of elegance, taste and beauty, will open private doors (not normally opened to the public) especially for you and make you feel the atmosphere of the days of Queen Marie-Antoinette. This exclusive tour includes the Queen's private apartments, her billiard room and several recently restored lounges.
Please contact us for more information and price. Upon request and availability.



Make it at Night!

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Just like at the time of the Sun King, you will enjoy an **outstanding show among the bushes and the fountains of the chateau de Versailles**. If you do not know Versailles it is the perfect way to discover the chateau and if you are familiar with the site, it will give you the impression that it is the first time. You will be escorted by a garden expert that will make this visit unique!

Please contact us for more information and price. Visit available only in July and August from 9:30pm to 11:30pm. Upon request and availability.

