

**WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST**

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**FRANCE**

Wander in Wonder

with Women of the Midwest!

**April 20 - May 2, 2026**



Dear Ladies,

This spring, step into the France you've always dreamed of. A journey tailored to delight your eyes, palate, and soul.

Our journey begins with Monet's blooming gardens in Giverny and continues through the cobbled streets of Bayeux, a town rich in medieval charm and history. Along the Normandy coast, we'll walk the sands of the D-Day beaches, reflect in serene cemeteries, and discover stories that shaped the world.

In Honfleur, the birthplace of Impressionism, we'll wander its picturesque harbor and try our hand at painting where Monet once found inspiration. At Mont Saint-Michel, winding alleys lead to a breathtaking abbey rising above the bay, followed by a taste of the region's famed fluffy omelets. The Loire Valley then invites us into its fairy-tale châteaux, elegant gardens, and wine cellars steeped in centuries of tradition. A visit to the Palace of Versailles is included, and in Reims, home of Dom Pérignon himself, we'll toast our sisterhood with Champagne tastings that add even more sparkle to our shared adventure.

And finally, Paris. We'll experience its timeless treasures - the Louvre, Montmartre, Sacré-Cœur, and Notre Dame - before savoring a farewell Seine dinner cruise under the glow of the city lights. Optional moments make the journey truly yours: a perfume-making workshop, or a free day to follow your own Parisian whims.

Every sense is awakened: the fragrance of blossoms, the taste of wine and cheese, the sound of cathedral bells, the sight of glittering boulevards. All at a gentle pace, in the company of like-minded women.

This is the journey I've been waiting to share with you - an elegant springtime escape we'll cherish forever. I warmly invite you to join me.

With anticipation,  
Lora Black, Ambassador,  
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888.549.1186. Space is limited.

## Monet's House & Gardens



### April 20, 2026 - Monday

Traveling to Paris, France

Our wonderful and life-inspiring journey begins as we take an overnight flight to Paris. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation.

### April 21, 2026 - Tuesday

Welcome to France! Our tour guide and driver will meet us at the airport, and then we head toward the Normandy region. On our way, we stop to visit Claude Monet's House and Gardens in Giverny. Art lovers will instantly recognize images immortalized in Monet's most cherished paintings, such as water lilies, Japanese bridges, and graceful willow trees. Explore his renowned gardens and home, where he lived for over four decades. In the late afternoon, we arrive at our hotel in Bayeux in time for dinner. If you are still awake, take a stroll along the Aure River or walk the cobbled streets of the medieval town with its stone and timber-framed houses typical of Normandy. Bayeux was the first French city liberated thanks to the D-Day landings. Off to bed for a good night's rest. L (boxed) | D

### April 22, 2026 - Wednesday

D-Day Beaches

After breakfast, we begin our day at Utah Beach, where the Higgins Boat Memorial recalls the story of the Allied landings and the reasons for success here. We continue to the Church of Sainte-Mère-Église, where Private John Steele's parachute famously caught on the tower, leaving him dangling from its side. After free time for lunch, our journey takes us to Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Army Rangers bravely scaled a 100-foot cliff

## D-Day Beaches (Mulberry Harbors)



under fire to disable German artillery, leaving behind a lunar-like landscape of craters and bunkers. Later, we visit Omaha Beach, codename for one of the five Allied landing sectors, before pausing at the American Cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer, the first U.S. cemetery on European soil during WWII. The evening is yours to relax and enjoy Bayeux. B

### April 23, 2026 - Thursday

D-Day Beaches

Today, we will continue our exploration of the D-Day Beaches, including Gold Beach, Juno Beach, and Arromanches-Bains to discover the Mulberry Harbors - considered one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII - the temporary mobile harbors for unloading troops, vehicles, and supplies. Lunch is served at a local bistro, before we drive to our favorite Calvados producer in the area. Calvados is a special brandy made from crisp and sweet Normandy apples; a perfect ending to our day. Our Calvados tasting is accompanied by delicious local cheeses. B | L | T

### April 24, 2026 - Friday

Honfleur - Painting Class

Honfleur, located where the Seine river meets the English Channel, is considered the birthplace of Impressionism. The Vieux-Bassin (old harbor), lined with 16th- to 18th-century townhouses, has inspired notable painters such as Eugène Boudin (born in Honfleur), Claude Monet, Gustave Courbet, and Johan Barthold Jongkind. They congregated here, forming the École de Honfleur (School of Honfleur), which predated the formal Impressionist movement. As a cradle of Impressionism, Honfleur is filled with

## Mont Saint-Michel



art galleries and workshops, and you are invited to reveal your talent in the heart of a place steeped in history, the Ferme Saint Siméon, nestling in the hills above Honfleur, and also the location for our delicious lunch. Take a seat in front of the landscapes that inspired the Impressionists and let the artists guide you as you learn the techniques of composition, color and light. A timeless opportunity to experience art in the open air. We will return to Bayeux in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. B | L

### April 25, 2026 - Saturday

Mont Sainte-Michel - Saint Malo

After a nourishing breakfast, we continue through Normandy's gentle countryside toward Mont Saint-Michel, a striking tidal island and UNESCO World Heritage Site, celebrated for its abbey rising proudly at the summit. Encircled by a bay with Europe's highest tides (sometimes reaching 50 feet), it offers a charming medieval village with cobbled lanes and remains an important pilgrimage destination with remarkable religious and cultural history, often called the "Wonder of the West." Enjoy the renowned fluffy omelets of Mont Saint-Michel before exploring the thousand-year-old Benedictine abbey, said in legend to be inspired by Archangel Michael. We conclude in Saint Malo, a fortified seaport famed for seafaring tradition and pirate tales. Enjoy the evening, relax, and unwind. B | L

### April 26, 2026 - Sunday

Loire Valley – Villandry – Blois

After breakfast, we journey into the enchanting Loire Valley, often called the "Garden of France," celebrated for its

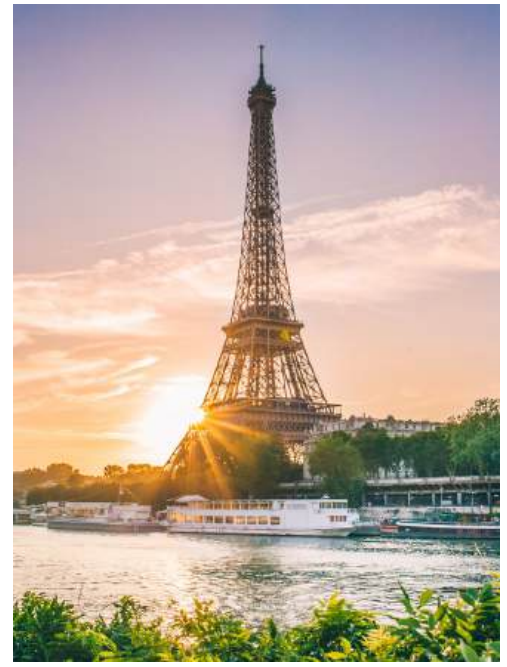
## Chartres Cathedral



## Reims - Champagne Cellar



## The City of Lights



grand châteaux and timeless landscapes. Our stop is at Château de Villandry, the last great Renaissance castle built in the Loire, renowned for its splendid terraced gardens. Once the passion project of a wealthy nobleman and his wife, these gardens today unfold like a tapestry of history, where symbolic patterns of love, music, and spirituality are traced in flowers and greenery. After enjoying a delightful lunch and guided visit of both the château and its celebrated gardens, we continue to Blois, a historic town overlooking the Loire River. Favored by French kings and filled with stories of royal intrigue, Blois invites you to wander its charming streets. Following check-in, the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. Blois is our base for two nights. B | L

### April 27, 2026 - Monday

Chenonceau – Amboise

After breakfast, we set out to discover Château de Chenonceau, the elegant “Ladies’ Castle” gracefully spanning the River Cher. Admired for its arches, lavishly decorated rooms, and stories of queens and noblewomen who shaped its destiny, Chenonceau remains one of the most romantic landmarks in France. We continue to the flower-filled village of Chédigny, unique in France for its designation as a “remarkable garden,” where we enjoy a leisurely lunch. Our journey then brings us to Château Royal d’Amboise, once home to French kings and the final resting place of Leonardo da Vinci. Later, we savor a guided winetasting at Cave Ambacia, where regional vintages reveal the Loire’s centuries-old winemaking traditions. We return to Blois for an evening to relax. B | L

### April 28, 2026 - Tuesday

Chartres - Versailles - Paris

After an early breakfast, we begin our journey toward Paris with a photo stop at the majestic Château de Chambord, the largest of the Loire castles and a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture. We then continue to Chartres for a visit to its magnificent cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its soaring spires and stunning stained glass. Time for a quick bite before we continue to Versailles. Step into the grandeur of the Sun King’s court, where opulent salons, glittering chandeliers, and the famed Hall of Mirrors recall the splendor of Louis XIV and Marie Antoinette. Stroll the sweeping gardens, alive with fountains and sculptures, that once set the stage for royal promenades and fêtes. By late afternoon, we arrive in Paris and check in at our hotel. The evening is free for you to relax or begin exploring the City of Light at your own pace. B

### April 29, 2026 - Wednesday

Paris

This morning, we set out to explore the treasures of Paris, beginning with the world-renowned Louvre Museum (visit), home to masterpieces spanning centuries of art. We then drive along the famous Champs-Élysées, lined with cafés and boutiques, before continuing to Montmartre for lunch in the artists’ quarter beneath the white domes of Sacré-Cœur. In the afternoon, we admire the grandeur of the Opéra Garnier (visit) and pause by the Gothic splendor of Notre-Dame Cathedral (photo stop). For those who wish, an optional perfume-making workshop offers a uniquely Parisian experience. The evening is free. B | L

### April 30, 2026 - Thursday

Reims

After breakfast, we depart Paris for a full-day excursion to the Champagne region, where rolling vineyards and elegant cellars tell the story of France’s most celebrated sparkling wine. In Reims, the historic capital of Champagne, we admire the magnificent Gothic cathedral where French kings were crowned, before enjoying a guided visit of the prestigious Pommery Champagne House, discovering vast underground chalk caves and learning the secrets of traditional production. After a delightful lunch, we continue to Hautvillers, the village of Dom Pérignon, the monk remembered as father of Champagne. Our journey then brings us to Épernay for a guided visit and tasting at the renowned Mercier Champagne House, the last tasting of the day; cheers to us! Return to Paris. B | T | L

### May 1, 2026 - Friday

Paris (French Labor Day)

The day is free to enjoy Paris at your own rhythm, with your guide offering inspiring suggestions. In the evening, we gather for a farewell dinner cruise on the Seine, savoring fine cuisine as illuminated landmarks drift by — a sparkling finale to our journey. B | D

### May 2, 2026 - Saturday

Traveling Home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. After breakfast, we transfer to Paris Airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and clear security. You may enjoy some last-minute shopping at duty-free stores before boarding and flying across the Atlantic back to the United States. B



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 Via [www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys](http://www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys)

**OPTIONAL EXCURSION:**

Paris, perfume making workshop: **\$175 PP**  
 (minimum 10 participants)

**Package Price:**

Per person in a shared double room: \$6,495  
 Per person in a single room: \$7,995

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share"-service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at registration and can be paid by ACH (Automated Clearing House), check, or credit card. The balance is due on January 12, 2026, is non-refundable, and can be paid by ACH, check or credit card. When using a credit card for final payment a 3.5% processing fee applies as assessed by the credit card processing company. Checks must be received in our office at least 100 days before the tour's departure date. If you book within 100 days of departure, ACH or credit card payment is the required payment method.

**Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4**

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, some stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. We walk between 4-5 miles over the course of a day. Add to this the walking you do outside the group activities. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

**Travel Insurance:**

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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**Group Airfare:** See separate insert.

**B = Breakfast, T = Tasting, L = Lunch, D = Dinner**

*This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.*

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**  
 Register by October 20, 2025:  
 Receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

**Included:**

- 11 nights during the tour at local 4-star hotels
- 11 x breakfast
- 8 x lunch, 2 x dinner, tastings as per itinerary
- Painting class in Honfleur
- All transfers and motor coach services as per itinerary
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- Admissions to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- English-speaking professional tour director
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, April 20 - May 2, 2026
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of September 7, 2025

**Accommodations** (final accommodations 90 days prior to dep.):

- Hotel Lion d'Or or similar, Bayeux
- Hotel Oré Saint Malo or similar, Saint-Malo
- Mercure Blois Centre or similar, Blois
- Hotel Marceau Bastille Paris or similar, Paris

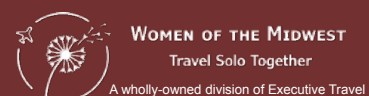
**Some hotels may provide a fan instead of air conditioning.**

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions of this tour found at <https://executivetravel.com/eti-home/escorted-tours/>

**Excluded:**

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag. Your first checked bag up to 50 lbs is free
- Travel insurance
- Professional fees, \$100 per person due at the time of registration
- Gratuities to local tour guide and motor coach drivers (estimate a total of \$15 per day)
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to monuments and/or museums other than those mentioned
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

**The itinerary is subject to change**



**We offer group airfare with United Airlines:**

April 20, 2026	Omaha* - Chicago	1:08 PM - 2:46 PM
April 20, 2026	Chicago - Paris (CDG)	6:20 PM - 9:20 AM (April 21, 2026)
May 2, 2026	Paris (CDG) - Chicago	11:15 AM - 1:10 PM
May 2, 2026	Chicago - Omaha*	7:52 PM - 9:29 PM

**\$995 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.**

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote. If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers at Chicago Airport on April 20 and return from Paris around the same time as the rest of the group on May 2. Individual additional transfers may be necessary if meeting the main group is not possible. We can assist (there could be an additional cost).

**Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:**

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- **Premium seating upgrades - depending on availabilities:**  
*Economy Plus* can be purchased and confirmed once the tickets are issued = 30 days prior to departure. Estimate a supplement of \$400-\$800.  
*Premium Economy* can be reserved at the time of booking your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$3,000-\$4,000.  
*Business Class* can be reserved at the time of booking your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$6,000-\$8,000.
- **Mileage credit** for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- **TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers must be reported at the time of reservation.** Otherwise, each traveler must provide these numbers upon check-in on the day of departure.
- **Taxes**, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.
- **Air schedules** are subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

**SECURE YOUR AIRFARE WHEN SIGNING UP!**

