

The Hamilton and Alexandra College
European Art & Culture Tour
April 2019

Preliminary suggested itinerary – **Version 2**



Barcelona

FRI 5 APR 2019 MELBOURNE - PARIS

Coach travel from Hamilton to Melbourne (own arrangements)

Fly from Melbourne to Paris (via Abu Dhabi / Dubai / Singapore or similar, depending on airline selected and routing for 2019).

Meals Included:	Inflight
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Overnight at:	Inflight
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SAT 6 APR 2019 ARRIVE PARIS

AM: Arrive Paris (Charles de Gaulle) Airport

- Meet & greet on arrival, board your private coach and transfer to city.
- Half day guided sightseeing tour including **Sacre Coeur Basilica** and a walking tour of the **Montmartre area**

Dinner at the hotel

Meals Included:	Dinner
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Overnight at:	Ibis Paris 17 Clichy or similar
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SUN 7 APR 2019 PARIS

Full day of guided sightseeing to include:

- A visit to the incredible **Versailles Palace** & its **gardens** (entrance included)
- A visit to the inspiringly beautiful **Monet Gardens** (entrance included)
- This evening, enjoy a 1 hour **Seine River Cruise** for an opportunity to view Paris from a different perspective.

Dinner at local restaurant

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
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Overnight at:	Ibis Paris 17 Clichy or similar
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MON 8 APR 2019 PARIS

Full day of guided sightseeing, using Paris Visite Card, to include:

- views of **Opera Garnier** and **Place de la Concorde**
- A visit to the **Orangerie** (entrance included)
- A visit to the **Rodin Museum** (entrance included)
- We'll walk along **Champs de Elysees** and view of **Arc Du Triomphe**
- Entrance & **Ascent of the Eiffel Tower (to 2nd level** – subject to availability) or Montparnasse Tower. Due to difficulty of securing group tickets any more than 3 months prior to visit, we find that the Montparnasse Tower can be a wonderful, and sometimes better alternative. It's higher, has better views AND of course, you can see the Eiffel Tower!

Dinner at local restaurant

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
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Overnight at:	Ibis Paris 17 Clichy or similar
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TUE 9 APR 2019 PARIS

Full day of guided sightseeing, using Paris Visite Card, to include:

- Time to explore the **Louvre Museum** (entrance included)
- Entrance to the beautiful **Notre Dame Cathedral**.
- Guided tour of **Musee D'Orsay** (entrance included)

Dinner at a local café / restaurant

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
Overnight at:	Ibis Paris 17 Clichy or similar

WED 10 APR 2019 PARIS - LYON

Travel by train to Lyon

- Meet your Tour Manager today, who will remain with the group until Barcelona Airport
- Private coach transfer to train station - Paris
- Board **fast train** to Lyon (2nd class – one way – 2 ½ hrs)

On arrival in Lyon, you'll be met by your local guide and a coach for a half day tour to include:

- A visit to the fascinating **Musee Miniature et Cinema** (entrance included)

Dinner at local restaurant

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
Overnight at:	Campanile Lyon Centre - Berges du Rhone or similar

THU 11 APR 2019 LYON

Full day of guided sightseeing to include:

- **L'Atelier de Soierie** – Hand Silk **Screening Demonstration and workshop** (entrance & guided tour included)
- Explore the covered, secret **Traboules de la Croix-Rousse**
- Enjoy a walking tour to view some of the **100's of painted murals in Lyon (Tromp L'Oeils)**
- Visit the **Vieux area**
- Enjoy a special visit to a typical **chocolate shop**, with a treat!
- Ride the **funicular to Fourviere** (return ticket included)
- and visit to **Fourviere Basilica**

Dinner at local restaurant

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
Overnight at:	Campanile Lyon Centre - Berges du Rhone or similar

FRI 12 APR 2019 LYON / AVIGNON

Full day of travelling and guided sightseeing.

Board your private coach to Avignon where you'll enjoy a half day guided tour to include:

- A visit to the **Les Halles covered market** for some supervised free time to explore and perhaps purchase some delicious fresh local produce for a picnic lunch.
- Visit a **local cheese shop** for cheese making **demonstration and tasting**
- Visit the impressive **Palace of Popes & Saint Benezet Bridge** (entrance included)

Dinner at local restaurant

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
Overnight at:	Kyriad Avignon or similar

SAT 13 APR 2019 AVIGNON

Full day of travelling and guided sightseeing.

Board your private coach to **Arles**, for guided tour to include:

- Visit the **Arles Amphitheatre & Antique Theatre** (entrance included)
- Walk in the footsteps of **Van Gogh** with specialist guide taking in the main locations related to **Van Gogh in Arles** – the **yellow house**, café de la Gare, hotel Carrel, bridge of Langlois, etc.

Continue by Private coach to **Aix en Provence** where you'll visit:

- **Paul Cezanne's studio** (entrance & guide included)
- and **Camp des Milles** – to develop further understanding of internment camps during WWII. (entrance included)
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Dinner at local restaurant

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
Overnight at:	Kyriad Avignon or similar

SUN 14 APR 2019 AVIGNON - BARCELONA

Travelling day between Avignon and Barcelona.

- Depart Avignon for Figueres for lunch (at own cost)
- Visit to **Dali Theatre Museum** for a chance to explore the master that is Salvador Dali! (entrance included)

Continue to Barcelona for check in at hotel

Local coach for evening transfers to **Las Ramblas** (Gothic Centre of Barcelona) for dinner at a local tapas restaurant

Meals Included:	Breakfast & highlight dinner
Overnight at:	Leonardo Boutique hotel Barcelona Sagrada Familia or similar

MON 15 APR 2019 BARCELONA

A magical day ahead! – explore **all things GAUDI** with your specialist Gaudi guide!

Full day “Gaudi” tour to include:

- A visit to the enchanting **Parc Guell**
- Visit the **amazing G Experience** – you’ll explore Antoni Gaudí’s creative universe thanks to state-of-the-art **4D theatre** and **interactive technology**.
- Visit the incredible **La Sagrada Familia** – the most unique church you may ever see (entrance included)

Dinner at the hotel

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
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Overnight at:	Leonardo Boutique hotel Barcelona Sagrada Familia or similar
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TUE 16 APR 2019 BARCELONA

Another amazing tour lined up – explore **all things PICASSO** with your specialist Picasso guide!

Together, you will:

- Walk the main sights related to Picasso including **Quatre Gats**, beer hall and cabaret on **Carrer Montsió**,
- View the **friezes** on the façade of the **Col·legi d'Arquitectes**, Picasso's only open-air artwork
- View the **Llotja de Mar** - school where Picasso studied
- Visit the **Picasso Museum** and temporary exhibition (entrance included)
- Finish the day off with a **Tapas Cooking Class**

Dinner tonight is your own creations!

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
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Overnight at:	Leonardo Boutique hotel Barcelona Sagrada Familia or similar
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WED 17 APR 2019 BARCELONA

Today we’ve designated as a “free n easy” day to take in incredible Barcelona, to allow any last - minute sightseeing, re-visits to any favourite areas, souvenir shopping, eating & resting before your flight home.

Local coach for evening transfers to a special Spanish experience – **Flamenco Dinner and show**

Meals Included:	Breakfast & dinner
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Overnight at:	Leonardo Boutique hotel Barcelona Sagrada Familia or similar
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THU 18 APR 2019 BARCELONA - MELBOURNE

Check out of the hotel and transfer to Barcelona Airport.

PM: Fly from Barcelona to Melbourne (with a stop en route in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Singapore or similar)

Meals Included:	Breakfast
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FRI 19 APR 2019 INFLIGHT	
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Meals Included:	Inflight

SAT 20 APR 2019 ARRIVE MELBOURNE	
<p>AM: Arrive Melbourne.</p> <p>Board coach for transfer back to Hamilton.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: orange; font-size: 2em;">WELCOME HOME!</p>	