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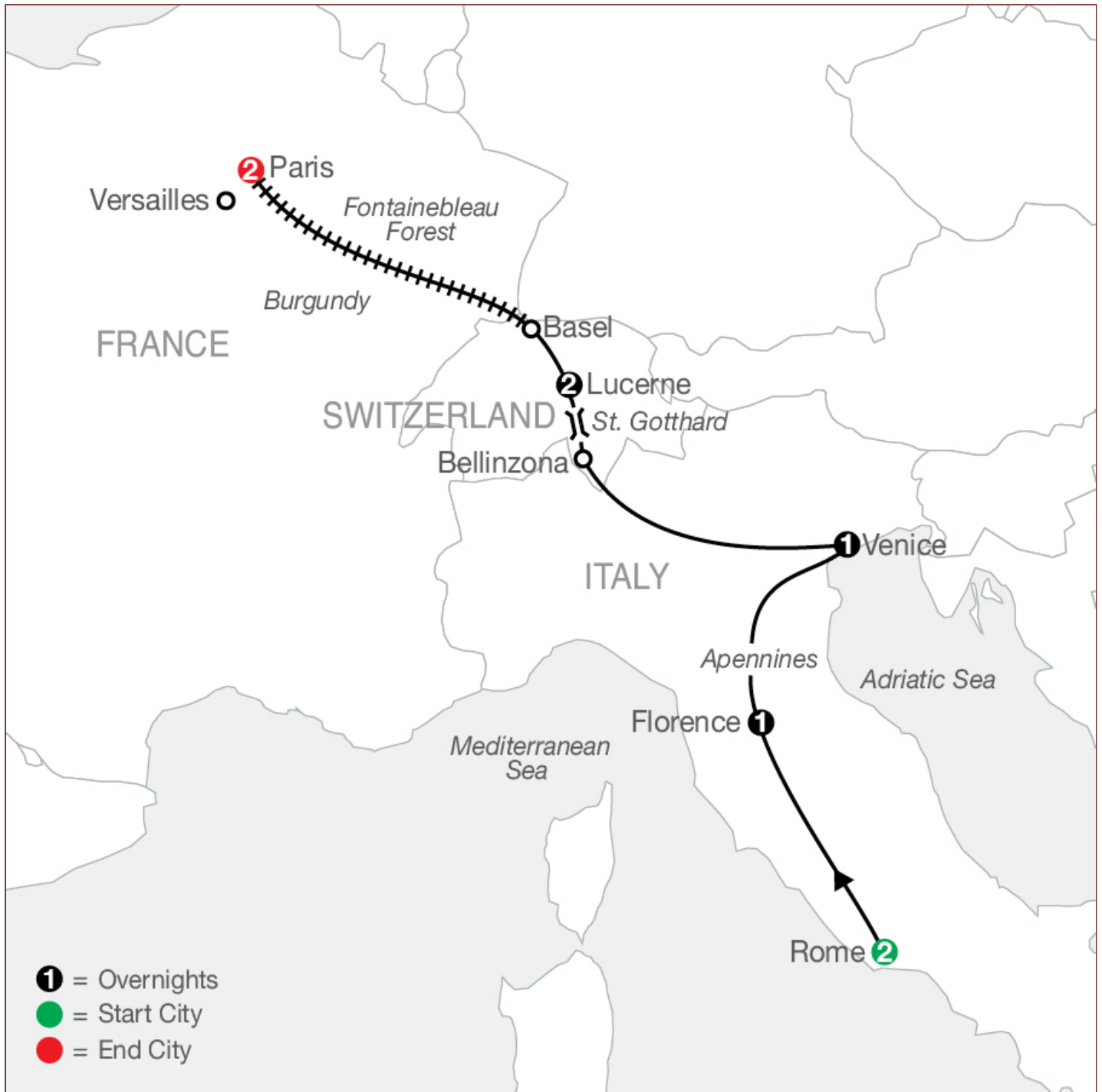
Essential Europe



9 days from Rome to Paris

TOUR: HF





Basilicas, boutiques, and bistros. Cathedrals, canals, and cafés. Peaks, pasta, and pastries. This tour of Essential Europe goes beyond the “must-sees” to include the “must-dos,” the “must-discovers,” and the “must-devours.” As you travel and taste your way through Italy, Switzerland, and France, you’ll delightfully take a big bite out of your bucket list. The rolling Tuscan hills, the soaring Swiss Alps, plus mind-boggling mounds of Italian gelato, Swiss chocolate, and French éclairs are all awaiting from Rome to Paris on this delectable tour of Europe’s most popular destinations.



Cruising through Europe’s breathtaking scenery, captivating architecture, and greatest chapters of history

has never been easier as you motor by private water taxi through the Grand Canal of Venice, ride an elevator to the courtyard of a medieval Swiss castle, and board a high-speed train for a scenic journey through the French countryside from Basel to Paris.

PLUS, your tour includes your choice of excursions in Rome so you can plan your day your way.

Globus All Access

Special Features included in this Tour:

- Globus Choice excursions in Rome – included in your tour with your choice of a guided walking tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel or a guided walking tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum
- Guided walking tour in Florence includes a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts to see Michelangelo's David statue
- Private Venice Canal boat ride, orientation walk, and glass blowing demonstration
-  Dinner at a local Venice restaurant followed by a private water-taxi ride along the Grand Canal
- Visit the  Courtyard of Castelgrande for a light lunch paired with wine
- Walking tour of Lucerne, see the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge
- Ride a high speed TGV train from Basel to Paris
- Guided walking tour in Paris to discover one of Paris's iconic quarters
- Scenic dinner cruise on the Seine River

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Variations of this Tour

Group Size Options

TOUR OVERVIEW

9

DAYS

3

COUNTRIES

COUNTRIES

Italy

Switzerland

France

MEALS

Breakfast 8

Lunch 1

Dinner 3

You Dream. We Plan.

Globus takes you beyond the guidebooks with more ways to discover each destination.

Local Favorites

Every Globus tour includes our exclusive Local Favorites, specially included to share the authentic experiences that make each destination unique. Get to know the locals and local flavors you might just miss on your own!

Tour Highlights

Discover something unexpected and unforgettable in the special way only Globus can share—with sightseeing highlights to off-the-beaten-path surprises to out-of-this world moments you'll remember for a lifetime!

Enhanced Free Time

Explore or relax as you please, or choose exciting options available at MyGlobus. Get local maps and free time tips on your GlobusGO mobile app. Your Tour Director can suggest the perfect way to design your day!

DAY-BY-DAY

Itinerary

1 ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY

Welcome to Rome!

At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

 Dinner

Make the Most of Your Free Time

While we include select excursions and must-see sights on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your tour.

Unforgettable highlights of Rome

Join your Local Guide for a tailor-made itinerary featuring some of the city's authentic jewels. A lifetime experience!

3h 0m

Price Range: \$



2 ROME

Spend your day your way in Rome

Explore more of Rome with your choice of included Globus Choice excursions.

Rome of the Caesars

Time travel to ancient Rome! Stand in the Colosseum and let your imagination be captured by stories of gladiator games and emperor reigns. Delve deeper into the Rome of the Caesars with a guided walk through the Roman Forum, once the beating heart of the Roman Empire; see the Palatine Hill considered to be the birthplace of Rome.

The Papal City

Explore the Papal City for a guided visit of the extensive Vatican Museums. Lift your eyes to the heavens in the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece ceiling fresco, then continue to St. Peter's Square to see the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica. Stroll along the Via della Conciliazione to admire Castel Sant'Angelo, the former Papal Fortress.

Historic Faith: Rome Jewish Ghetto and Saint Mary Major Basilica

Follow your guide on to the Jewish Ghetto to hear of its long and storied history—from the ruins of Republican and Imperial Rome to the medieval age; from the Renaissance Ghetto to the construction of the Synagogue and the ultimate tragic affront of Nazi deportation suffered by the oldest Jewish community in Europe. Taste a traditional Kosher pastry, then continue on to magnificent Basilica of Saint Mary the Major. Built in the 4th century to celebrate a miraculous August snowfall, the basilica was rebuilt in the 5th century with continued embellishments ever since. See the papal basilica's Room of the Popes and the famed five-story so called "Bernini staircase".

Free time this afternoon and evening to explore more.

* For operational reasons, schedule changes for the Rome program cannot be excluded.

 Breakfast

3 ROME–FLORENCE

Fine Art in Firenze

Leave the hustle and bustle of Rome behind as you relax for a scenic drive past the olive groves and vineyards that extend over the rolling green hills of Umbria and Tuscany. Arrive in Florence, one of Italy's most celebrated cities. Meet your Local Guide for a visit of the Academy of Fine Arts, to see Michelangelo's David statue, followed by a walk through the historic center, stopping to admire and learn more about the cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, the massive bronze doors of the Baptistry's "Gates of Paradise," and the sculptures of Signoria Square. This afternoon free time to explore more of Florence "La bella."

186 mi / 300 km

 Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ART & ARCHITECTURE Those lucky enough to visit the Tuscan capital are witness to some of the world's most magnificent art. Home to a wealth of Renaissance masterpieces, Florence is famous for Michelangelo's Marble Masterpiece, David, standing ready for battle in the Academy of Fine Arts. Outside, the Piazza del Duomo and Signoria Square offer spectacular sights of Florentine Gothic and Renaissance art, architecture, and monuments.

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Tuscan Dinner

Enjoy a wonderful dinner in the delightful Tuscan countryside, featuring authentic traditional dishes using the finest local ingredients.


4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



4 FLORENCE–VENICE

Benvenuti a Venezia

Today cross the Apennine Mountains and River Po to reach Venice. On arrival take a private boat ride along the Giudecca Canal. Prepare for breath taking views as you sail in front of the entrance to St Mark's Square. Disembark for an orientation walk to St. Mark's Square and a noted vetreria to meet a local glassblower and learn how the world-famous Murano glass is created. After some free time to explore independently,  enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before traveling like a VIP with a private water taxi ride along the Grand Canal.

162 mi / 260 km

 Breakfast  Dinner

LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES Indulge in the tastes and traditions of true Italian cuisine in the home of seafood, pasta, and wine in Venice. A cruise on the Grand Canal is the perfect grand finale! Buon appetito!

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Gondola

When in Rome, do as the Romans -- and when in Venice, head right for the gondolas! Hop aboard a traditional gondola for a ride through the magical Venetian canals


0h 30m

Price Range: \$\$



5 VENICE–BELLINZONA, SWITZERLAND–LUCERNE

Spectacular Switzerland

Today leave Italy and cross the border into Switzerland. Arrive in Bellinzona and  take the elevator to the Courtyard of Castelgrande where you will savor a light lunch of local specialties accompanied by the Merlot wine for which the Ticino area is famous. Later, en-route to Lucerne, enjoy the stunning mountain scenery of the Swiss Alps interrupted only by the St. Gotthard Road tunnel.

342 mi / 550 km



Breakfast



Lunch

LOCAL FAVORITE

HISTORIC SPOTS Ride the elevator to the Courtyard of Castelgrande, high on the hills above Bellinzona. Part of the fortification dates back to the Middle Ages; today it is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views and try out local specialties and the delicious Merlot wine for which the area is famous.

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Swiss Folklore

Raise a glass and toast an unforgettable evening of traditional entertainment during this excursion featuring a 3-course feast of local specialties, alphorns, yodeling, and festive Swiss music and dancing.

3h 30m

Price Range: \$\$



6 LUCERNE

Sweet Sights of Switzerland

This morning, join a walking tour to see the highlights of Lucerne. Stop to admire the Lion Monument, a moving rock relief that Mark Twain called the "saddest sculpture in the world," and the 14th century Chapel Bridge that crosses the River Reuss from the Altstadt (old town). The rest of the day and evening are free for you to get better acquainted with this alpine gem.

 Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PICTURE PERFECT Serenity is found in a gaze across the stunning panoramas of the Swiss Alps above the lovely city of Lucerne. Spend time at leisure with a stroll through its magnificent medieval architecture and peaceful alpine lake.

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Lake Lucerne Cruise

Experience the hypnotic beauty of sparkling Lake Lucerne on this enjoyable 1-hour sightseeing cruise.

1h 30m

Price Range: \$



Mount Pilatus

Grab your camera and prepare for indescribable panoramic views on this thrilling ascent up Mount Pilatus.

3h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



7 LUCERNE–BASEL–PARIS, FRANCE

French Connection

Drive to the medieval city of Basel, the Swiss city located on the French and German borders and straddling the River Rhine. Board a high-speed TGV train to Paris. Relax and watch the French countryside pass by. Arrive in Paris this afternoon giving you plenty of time to get acquainted with this iconic city.*

404 mi / 650 km

* For operational reasons, changes to the Paris program cannot be excluded.

 Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PICTURE PERFECT Gliding across the French countryside at warp speed is an experience to write home about. Pass by the rows of vineyards on your way from Basel to Paris and get in the mood for the wine and song awaiting in the City of Light.

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Mona Lisa's Smile & the Louvre Museum

Once a royal palace and now a museum housing one of the most famous art collections in the world, the Louvre is yours on a guided tour.

2h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



A Parisian Evening to Savor

Enjoy a private tasting dinner in Paris, beginning with a comfortable drive and a brief area orientation. Your English-speaking sommelier welcomes you with champagne and guides you through a seasonal three-course...

3h 0m

Price Range: \$\$\$



8 PARIS

C'est Magnifique in the City of Light

The morning is yours to either explore independently or join an optional excursion. Your sightseeing this afternoon is composed of a guided walk to discover one of Paris's iconic quarters. Later, enjoy a farewell dinner cruise on the River Seine, with incredible sights of celebrated landmarks.*

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 Breakfast  Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CITY SIGHTS As the song goes, we love Paris in the springtime; we love Paris in the fall - but no matter the season, we fall in love anytime we visit the most romantic city in the world. From the tranquility of the Seine River to the tempting treats in a corner café, your hearts are set on sharing France's captivating City of Light any time you please.

Make the Most of Your Free Time

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Versailles, Palace of the Sun King

Spend part of your day like a French aristocrat, strolling through the halls and gardens of Louis XIV's opulent Palace of Versailles.

3h 30m
Price Range: \$\$



9 PARIS

Safe travels until we meet again!

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

Notes

For operational reasons, schedule changes for the Rome program cannot be excluded.

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For small group departures (HF-K), Paris city sightseeing is on Day 7 instead of Day 2.

YOUR LOCAL EXPERT

Tour Director

With GLOBUS, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of a Tour Director. We'd like you to meet one of our Tour Directors, who average over a decade of experience and are representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation.



CHRIS HEATHERLEY

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

After a brief foray into teaching, my love of travel coupled with a keen interest in history and languages drew me to the role of Tour Director. I find it immensely satisfying to see each individual traveler come to his or her own understanding of the European scene, whilst enjoying the camaraderie of the group experience. Don't forget, travel is one of the few things you buy that makes you richer, with new experiences, insights, understandings and fresh perspectives. As members of the tour, not only do we discover the traditions of the countries we travel through, yet also we learn more about ourselves and our common humanity.

HAND-PICKED


Hotels

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

ROME

Radisson Blu Rome

Via Domenico Chelini, 41 Rome Italy

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Radisson Blu Rome is situated just a few minutes away from Via Veneto & the city's historic center. It has 285 sophisticated, air-conditioned rooms, all fully equipped with an LED TV, Free Wi-Fi, a minibar, desk and a bathroom furnished with a hairdryer and complimentary toiletries. Classic Mediterranean delicacies, an aperitivo or a glass of Champagne can be enjoyed on the stylish 7th floor roof restaurant and bar and there is also a fitness room.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Bar/Lounge
- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Hot Tub

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Cable/Satellite
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning
- Desk
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- In-Room Safe
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Complimentary Toiletries

FLORENCE

Una Hotel Vittoria

Via Pisana 59 Florence Italy

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

This is a contemporary designed hotel located in the historic San Frediano district, offering a peaceful retreat and just a short distance from the bustling heart of Florence. This hotel offers a tranquil setting while still being conveniently close to the Arno River and the city center and boasts a stylish and modern design, evident in its common areas. All 84 air-conditioned guest rooms, designed with a focus on comfort and style, are equipped with modern amenities to ensure a pleasant stay. Savor the chef's delicious Tuscan and international cuisine in the in-site restaurant, or sip on a cocktail in the lounge bar or courtyard.

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Bar/Lounge
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage

Room Features

- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Room Service
- Cable/Satellite
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- Internet Access
- Climate Control
- Air Conditioning

VENICE

Leonardo Royal

Via Ca Marcello 6 Mestre - Venezia Italy

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

The Leonardo Royal Venice Mestre, with its 244 rooms and suites, is the perfect place to enjoy a visit to the amazing city of Venice or organise your business trips and meetings. The hotel is just a few steps from Mestre railway station, from where you can easily get to the city's highlights. Its modern rooms are airconditioned and provide a desk, a minibar and a private bathroom. Among the facilities of this property are a restaurant, a 24-hour front desk and room service, along with free WiFi. Guests can also make use of the business center, work out at the gym or relax in the bar.

Hotel Amenities


- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Bar/Lounge
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Parking/Valet

Room Features

- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Alarm Clock
- Cable/Satellite
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Window Opens
- Internet Access
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Air Conditioning

Ambasciatori At Mestre

Corso Del Popolo, 221 Venezia-Mestre Italy

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Positioned on the mainland in the town of Mestre, facing the Venetian cluster of islands, a short walk from Mestre train station and town center. Facilities in this mid-range 93-room property include a fitness room, à la carte restaurant, pleasant lounge bar and Free Wi-Fi access.

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Bar/Lounge
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage


Room Features

- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Smoking Rooms
- Room Service
- Window Opens
- Cable/Satellite
- Climate Control
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Desk
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Air Conditioning

LUCERNE

Grand Hotel Europe

Haldenstr. 59 Lucerne Switzerland

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

A classical 19th century 169 room property. This hotel offers a wonderful contrast of old charm with modern interior design and has a beautiful garden to enhance your stay. Wi-Fi access is available throughout the hotel with a fee (payable locally). The main dining room is opulently decorated serving traditional Swiss dishes and there is also a lounge and terrace area with a bar service.

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Parking/Valet
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Currency Exchange
- Bar/Lounge

Room Features

- Complimentary Newspaper
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Room Service
- Window Opens
- Cable/Satellite
- Desk
- Television
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Internet Access
- Complimentary Toiletries

PARIS

Les Jardins Du Marais

74, Rue Amelot Paris France

 SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

In the centre of Paris, with 263 rooms and a tranquil garden, this delightful property is composed of nine 19th-century buildings and has 'small village' charm. Facilities include a restaurant, a bar/lounge, a fitness room and Free Wi-Fi access.

Hotel Amenities

- Business Center
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Parking/Valet
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Bar/Lounge

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- Coffee Maker
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- Room Service
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