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Join Professors Beth Stapleton, Kirk Ford, and Agnes Man-Bourdon on the **Treasures of France** tour during MC's 2014 Spring Break. Departure is Thursday, March 6 with return on Saturday, March 15. This trip is open to all MC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community friends. Participants may select courses for college credit or participate as a non-credit enrollee.

Classes are offered in conjunction with the trip at the graduate and undergraduate level. Please contact Dr. Stapleton ([stapleto@mc.edu](mailto:stapleto@mc.edu)) for specific class information. Enrollees may take no more than 4 hours. Those enrolled for credit must attend the class meeting at 6:00 pm each Tuesday from January 14 to February 25 and complete all other requirements as designated by the instructor. Scholarship applications are available on the MC Spring Break trip website [www.mc.edu/academics/study-abroad/spring-break/](http://www.mc.edu/academics/study-abroad/spring-break/) on a first come, first served basis and should be submitted to Dr. Stapleton ([stapleto@mc.edu](mailto:stapleto@mc.edu)). Students should check with the professors first and then register as usual for the Spring class. You must be enrolled in a Spring Break class to qualify for the scholarship.

Non-credit enrollees are not required to attend any of the classes, but are strongly encouraged to do so because of the general travel/tourist information discussed and the meaningful background information about the history, culture and literature of the area provided.

# Itinerary Overview: (Meals included are B= Breakfast; D= Dinner)

## Day 1) Thursday, March 6: TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT

Overnight flight from Jackson via Dallas to Paris. Food and beverages are served on the plane. Enjoy your flight! We're en route!

## Day 2) Friday, March 7: CHARTRES & AMBOISE/LOIRE VALLEY



After arriving at the airport in Paris, we're greeted by our certified European guide and driver. We board our deluxe motor coach and travel southwest to the town of Chartres. We tour the historic city centre and see the famous cathedral with its awesome stained-glass windows. Have some free time for lunch on your own before we continue to Amboise. We check into our hotel for a pleasant two night's stay. Enjoy a special welcome dinner at the hotel's restaurant. **D**

## Day 3) Saturday, March 8: AMBOISE & LOIRE CASTLES

After a good night rest and a full buffet breakfast, we visit the town of Amboise, where Leonardo da Vinci lived during his last years of life. Amboise is a lovely, small town on the Loire River and was founded by the Counts of Anjou in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The castle, mostly built in the Italian Renaissance style, became the favorite residence of the French Kings, Charles VIII and Francois I. Enjoy a visit of the castle and some free time. Later on we continue to the magnificent castle of Chambord, built at the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Chambord, considered as the most impressive building along the Loire valley, is surrounded by a 12.000 acre park. In the afternoon, we tour the charming castle of Chenonceaux, located on the Cher River. It was also built in the Renaissance style and was often the site of splendid festivals. Enjoy tonight's dinner at the hotel's restaurant. **B, D**



#### Day 4) Sunday, March 9: MONT ST. MICHEL & BAYEUX/NORMANDY



After a full breakfast, we leave the Loire Valley for Mont St. Michel, considered as the “Wonder of the Western World.” Its extraordinary site on an island of the Atlantic Ocean and its rich history and glorious architecture make it the most splendid of all the Abbeys of France. We tour the Abbey and have some free time for lunch and shopping on your own before we continue to the Normandy region. In the late afternoon, we check into our hotel in Bayeux, our base for three nights. Bayeux, miraculously undamaged by the allied bombardment, has a beautiful historic centre and an impressive gothic cathedral. Enjoy tonight’s dinner at a local restaurant. **B, D**

#### Day 5) Monday, March 10: NORMANDY & WORLD WAR II SITES

After breakfast, we visit some of Normandy’s World War II and D-Day battlefield sites: Pointe-du-Hoc and landing beaches (Omaha - Gold - Juno - Sword Beach). We also visit the moving American Cemetery (9,386 soldiers buried) and the new Museum. The operation “**Overlord**” was the largest military campaign ever. Within 6 weeks, over 2 million soldiers landed at Normandy in order to conquer the “**Atlantic Wall**” set up by the Germans and liberate France from the Nazi occupation. Enjoy lunch and dinner today on your own at one of the many local restaurants. **B**



#### Day 6) Tuesday, March 11: SAINTE-MERE-EGLISE & BAYEUX



Today we enjoy another day at Normandy. We visit the German Cemetery along the way to the small town of Sainte-Mere-Eglise, near Utah Beach and the parish church, where soldier John Steel (a parachute) landed at the church spire (a sublime image is still hanging there). Sainte-Mere-Eglise was the first liberated town in the Normandy. Have some time for lunch on your own before we return to Bayeux. We pay a visit to the British Military Cemetery and visit the “**Tapiserie de la Reine Mathilde**,” a masterpiece of embroidery dating back to the middle of the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Enjoy tonight’s dinner at a local restaurant. **B, D**

## Day 7) Wednesday, March 12: BAYEUX & VERSAILLES & PARIS

After breakfast, we leave Bayeux and the Normandy region for Paris. We stop en route at the impressive Palace of Versailles, located 20 miles west of Paris. Versailles was built during the reign of Louis XIV (the "Sun-King") in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. We visit the Palace and have also some time for lunch on your own before we continue to Paris to see the famous Eiffel Tower, Ecole Militaire, Golden Dome of the Invalides, Opera, Notre Dame Cathedral, Sorbonne University, Pantheon and the elegant Champs-Elysees Boulevard. We check into our hotel for a pleasant three night's stay and enjoy dinner on your own at a local restaurant. **B**



## Day 8) Thursday, March 13: PARIS



Today enjoy a full day in Paris. We visit the world-famous Louvre Museum with its vast collection of paintings (Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci) and sculptors. Also we visit the Cathedral of Notre Dame and the Latin Quarter with its small shops and charming restaurants.

Enjoy some time for shopping at the elegant Lafayette Galleries near the Opera house and take the opportunity to climb the Eiffel Tower, built for the World Expo 1889. Enjoy lunch and dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in the neighborhood of the hotel. **B**

## Day 9) Friday, March 14: PARIS

After another full buffet breakfast, we're off for our last full day in Paris. Today is a free day on your own, but there are many options available to enjoy. You might visit the Orsay Museum with its outstanding collection of French Impressionists (Renoir, Monet, Cezanne, Rodin), the Rodin Museum, the Opera House, built by Charles Garnier in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, or take a stroll along Champs-Elysées.



In the afternoon we meet as a group for the evening visit of the Montmartre Hill, with a stunning view over Paris. See the church of Sacre-Coeur (Sacred Heart) and watch the artist's colony working at the Place du Tertre. Later on we enjoy a River Cruise along the Seine River, followed by a farewell dinner with music at a local restaurant. **B, D**

#### **Day 10) Saturday, March 15: FLIGHT HOME “AU-REVOIR”**

After a good night's rest we enjoy our final breakfast at the hotel. We load our luggage and drive to the nearby airport of CDG (Charles de Gaulle) and check-in for our flight back home. We say “au-revoir” to the city of Paris & our guide/driver and fly safely back to Dallas and Jackson. **B**

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- Round-trip airfare from Jackson to Paris
- Transfers to and from airports and hotels
- Sightseeing by deluxe motor coach and walking tours
- 8-night stay in 4-star hotels in centrally located locations
- Full breakfast each morning
- Tips and gratuities for guide and driver
- 5 group dinners (2 Amboise, 2 Bayeux, 1 Paris)
- Entrance fees to included sites:
  - Amboise castle
  - Chenonceaux castle
  - Mont St. Michel Abbey
  - Tapisserie de la Reina Mathilde in Bayeux
  - Sainte-Mere-Eglise
  - WW II Museum
  - Versailles Palace
  - Louvre Museum
  - Boat ride on Seine River

## **PRICE:**

**\$ 3,250** per person in double room (+ \$ 450 single supplement)

Deposit of **\$550** (non-refundable) is due **September 16, 2013**, to hold your spot.

Next payment of **\$1350** is due **November 1, 2013**.

Final payment of **\$1350** is due **January 10, 2014**.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If credit card is used for payments, an additional 4% is added to cost of each payment. It is processed as a cash payment to our agency and is because we have negotiated airfare for group to travel together.

**CANCELLATION:** Cancellation from the tour any time after enrollment will result in a loss of your \$550 deposit. After the first payment has been made, cancellation from 90 days to 55 days prior to departure, will result in a charge of 50% of price. If trip is canceled after January 10, 2014, the entire fee of \$3250 will be lost. Optional trip insurance for cancellation/medical protection is available if desired.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Airfare is based on a special fare with American Airlines roundtrip Jackson to Paris. Deviations from itinerary will result in additional expenses.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passports (required), baggage handling, expenses resulting from accident or illness; loss of or damage to luggage; optional sightseeing; meals not listed as included; items of a personal nature.

**We are accepting deposits now, so enroll TODAY!!**

# REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks payable to **Mississippi College** and submit with deposit to Continuing Education (213 Nelson Hall) or mail to: Continuing Education, Box 4031, Clinton MS 39058. **Future payments will be made directly to booking agency and address will be sent upon receiving deposit.**

Enclosed is **\$550** non-refundable deposit for **MC Treasures of France Tour**, March 6-15, 2014.

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME (as it appears on passport)** \_\_\_\_\_

**First**

**Middle**

**Last**

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE(S) FOR COLLEGE CREDIT:** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONES:**

(Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Office or Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENDER** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTH DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please confirm:**

( ) Single Room \$450 extra

( ) Double Room

**ROOMMATE** \_\_\_\_\_

*If no roommate is available, single supplement is required. When application is received, you will be notified of acceptance or deposit will be returned if tour is filled. Enrollment is limited to **27**. First 27 with \$550 nonrefundable deposit will be selected.*