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## Thursday 27 September

9.35am **Group arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport Terminal 2.  
Flight AC870 from Montreal**

*We are met by Giles Ramsay and our local host Brigitte Young who will take us on a private coach tour of Paris. This will include as much as we can of the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Opera Garnier, Place Vendome, Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral.*

*Brigitte is the daughter of a French mother and English father and has lived in Paris for over 20 years. Prior to this she resided in England and lived, for a short time, in the Caribbean. Brigitte has always worked in the tourism industry and enjoys playing the piano, theatre, cinema, literature, France and everything French!*

*We transfer to the bohemian-style four-star hotel, Opera Faubourg. Located between Montmartre and the Dropout antiques district the hotel is bordered by the Opera Garnier and the Grands Boulevards. This stunning area is known for its glass covered passageways with chic boutiques, traditional Parisian restaurants, cafes and department stores.*

7.00pm **Welcome dinner at Au Petit Riche**

*We dine in the private room of the quintessentially Parisian restaurant, Au Petit Riche, with its superb Belle Epoque interior dating back to 1854.*

## Friday 28 September

10.00am **Walking tour of Paris**

*Brigitte will lead a walking tour from the hotel. We will walk through two passages couverts (covered passages) through the Palais Royal towards the Louvre, then the Tuileries gardens which are home to the Orangerie and not far from the Musée d'Orsay.*

**AFTERNOON FREE**

5.00pm **Rendezvous at The Louvre, 75001 Paris**

*We re-group at The Louvre to enjoy a private two hour tour of the art collection,, led by Jennifer Burdon. In the course of our tour of this fabulous former castle we will see the Venus de Milo, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, the Sphinx, the Mona Lisa as well as many other masterpieces of French and Italian paintings.*

*Jennifer Burdon has been working as a local Paris guide for twenty eight years and also does lecturing on trips on the Seine (usually on the subject of Impressionism). Jennifer was born in Yorkshire and studied in Durham, England, but emigrated to Paris on meeting a French cabaret singer and has been resident there for 40 years, so is a Parisienne Yorkshire woman, retaining an interest in cricket. Her Masters degree concerned 19th century French art. For leisure, she enjoys theatre, opera and tennis and walking tours of Paris.*

**EVENING FREE**

## Saturday 29 September

10.00am Coach Pick up for **Atelier des Lumières**

11.00am **Atelier des Lumières**

*We travel to the 11th District to experience the Atelier des Lumières. Located between Bastille and Nation, in a former foundry dating back to 1835, the Atelier des Lumières will offers a monumental immersive exhibition of the work of Gustav Klimt. With 120 video projectors and a spatial sound system, this unique multimedia event will cover 3,300 m2 of floor-to-ceiling surfaces with walls up to 10 meters high.*

*In late nineteenth-century Imperial Vienna, Gustav Klimt was one of the principal decorative painters of the sumptuous monuments on the Ringstrasse. At the dawn of the new century, he led the Vienna Secession, a movement that sought to break away from academic art. Both famous and contested, Klimt paved the way to modern painting. The gold and decorative motifs that characterize his works are a symbol of this artistic revolution. The immersive exhibition includes the works that typify Klimt's work and made him so famous—his 'golden period', portraits, and landscapes.*

**FREE TIME FOR A LIGHT LUNCH**

1.00pm **The Cemetery of Pere Lachaise**

*We re-group to walk up the cemetery of Pere Lachaise which takes its name from King Louis XIV's confessor, Father François d'Aix de La Chaise. It is the most prestigious and most visited necropolis in Paris. Situated in the 20th arrondissement of Paris, it extends 44 hectares and contains 70,000 burial plots. The cemetery is a mix between an English park and a shrine. All funerary art style are represented: Gothic graves, Haussmanian burial chambers, ancient mausoleums, etc. On the green paths, visitors cross the burial places of famous men and women; Honoré de Balzac, Guillaume Apollinaire, Frédéric Chopin, Colette, Jean-François Champollion, Jean de La Fontaine, Molière, Yves Montand, Simone Signoret, Jim Morrison, Alfred de Musset, Edith Piaf, Camille Pissarro and Oscar Wilde are among some of them.*

Return to the centre of Paris

**EVENING FREE**

## Sunday 30 September

### MORNING FREE

2.00pm Rendezvous at **The Palais Garnier**, 8 Rue Scribe, 75009 Paris

2.30pm **Decadance choreographed by Ohad Naharin**

*The work abounds with extracts from Naharin's creations revealing the multiplicity of his sources of inspiration. The Israeli choreographer invites his performers to adopt the "Gaga" technique which he has developed. Exploring boundaries and the explosive power of gesture, he carries his dancers along in a ballet of virtuoso and sensual energy, shaped by a flux of emotions.*

7.00pm **Farewell to Paris**

*Dinner at The historic Café de la Paix. Set in the heart of The Paris Grand Hotel, which was opened in 1862 by Empress Eugénie wife of Napoleon III, in the Belle Epoque The Cafe de la Paix was frequented by Victor Hugo, Guy de Maupassant and Oscar Wilde. Today it serves French classics done to perfection, overseen by Laurent André, mentee of Alain Ducasse and former head chef at Royal Monceau Raffles.*

## Monday 1 October

7.45am Coach pick up for Eurostar Terminal

9.13am We travel from Paris to London on **The Eurostar**

10.39am We arrive at St Pancras International and transfer to the hotel.

Check in to **The Grange White Hall Hotel**

*The Grange White Hall Hotel which is uniquely located close to the world renowned British Museum, in the quieter part of London's West End and the most fashionable of neighbourhoods, and within easy access of London's famous theatres, fashion attractions and the west end.*

### AFTERNOON FREE

6.30pm Coach pick up for **The Playhouse Theatre**

7.30pm **THE JUNGLE** directed by Stephen Daldry

*This is the place where people suffered and dreamed. Meet the hopeful, resilient residents of The Jungle- just across the Channel, right on our doorstep. The Jungle tells stories of loss, fear, community and hope, of the Calais camp's creation - and of its eventual destruction. Join the residents over freshly baked naan and sweet milky chai at the Afghan Café, and experience the in tense, moving and uplifting encounters between refugees from many different countries and the volunteers who arrived from the UK.*

Coach pick up - return to hotel

## Tuesday 2 October

10.15am Meet in **The Russell Suite**, Blooms Breakfast Room

10.30am **The State of The Nation: Brexit, Scotland, Trump! – we meet with leading political journalist Paddy O’Connell**

*Paddy is a British radio and TV anchor. He was Wall Street reporter during 9/11 and was due for a meeting at the Twin Towers on the day of the attacks. He lived and worked in the USA for seven years, highlights include setting up the radio show "The World" and working as an intern in Congress.*

1.30pm Coach departs for The Globe Theatre, 21 New Globe Walk, Bankside, SE1 9DT

2.30pm **OTHELLO** by William Shakespeare

*The republic of Venice employs General Othello, a self-made man and a Moor, to defend its overseas territories against the Turks. As the Turkish threat gathers and Venetian forces are despatched to Cyprus, the love Othello holds for his new wife becomes a raging, uncontrollable torrent. Iago, a junior officer secretly enraged by Othello, exploits his General’s ambiguous position and ingenuous nature, driving him into a passionate and overpowering jealousy.*

Coach pick up - return to hotel

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## Wednesday 3 October

9.45am Coach departs for **Highgate Cemetery**

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*Designated Grade 1 on the Register of Historic Park and Gardens, Highgate Cemetery is the resting place of Karl Marx, George Eliot and, more recently, Malcolm McLaren and George Michael together with other famous poets, artists and musicians.*

1.00pm **Lunch at The Spaniard’s Inn**

*As one of London’s oldest pubs, The Spaniards has earned itself a place in the history books, quite literally. Dickens immortalised it in *The Pickwick Papers*, and it’s said that Keats wrote *Ode to a Nightingale* here over a claret or two. Indeed, our characterful 16th century inn is a romantic idyll in itself, with a few tales of its own to tell.*

2.30pm **Kenwood House**

*Kenwood House, on the edge of London’s Hampstead Heath, was probably first built in the early 17th century. Between 1764 and 1779 Robert Adam transformed it into a neoclassical villa for William Murray, 1st Earl of Mansfield, and the interiors include some of Adam’s finest surviving schemes. Kenwood is now home to the 1st Earl of Iveagh’s renowned collection of Old Master and British paintings, which includes works by Rembrandt and Vermeer.*

4.00pm Coach pick up - return to hotel

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## Thursday 4 October

10.15am Meet in **The Russell Suite**, Blooms Breakfast Room

10.30am **We meet with John Pfumojena**

*A Zimbabwean actor & musician with a very recently released World Music album - 'Sounds Of Refuge'. In the U.K. John has starred in productions at Shakespeare's Globe, Young Vic, National Theatre, National Theatre of Scotland and in the West End. In Zimbabwe he has featured in numerous productions especially 'Oedipus' and 'the Maids' which were directed by Giles Ramsay, Developing Artist's UK. He also works as a Music Director and composer on 'The Jungle' play. And John is currently a judge for the International Public Speaking Competition held by the ESU-English Speaking Union as well as judging the National Performing Shakespeare Competition.*

AFTERNOON FREE

7.15pm Rendezvous at **Wyndham's Theatre**, Charing Cross Road, WC2H ODA

7.45am **THE HEIGHT OF THE STORM** by Florian Zeller

*A beautifully compelling family drama by Florian Zeller, 'the most exciting playwright of our time' (The Guardian). André and Madeleine have been in love for over fifty years. This weekend, as their daughters visit, something feels unusual. A bunch of flowers arrives, but who sent them? A woman from the past turns up, but who is she? And why does André feel like he isn't there at all? Starring two of the greatest actors of their generation, Dame Eileen Atkins and Jonathan Pryce, this major new play from the writer of Olivier Award-Winning The Father is a searing exploration of love, family and the fragility of life.*

Coach pick up - return to hotel

## Friday 5 October

11.30am Bags to reception

12.00pm Depart for London Heathrow Airport Terminal 2

3.20pm Departure of Flight AC865