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KIPLING & CLARK *family* LUXURY EXPEDITION ITINERARY
TURKEY-FRANCE PRIVATE TOUR. ISTANBUL-PARIS-PROVENCE-ANTIBES— 11 DAYS

DAY 1: ARRIVE ISTANBUL

Upon arrival at the Istanbul Airport you will be met at the jet way by a hostess and porter/special car. You will be accompanied through customs/immigration and assisted with your baggage. Once exiting baggage claim, you will be welcomed to Istanbul by our Kipling and Clark representative and trip coordinator. They will assist in transferring you to the Four Seasons and with check-in procedures.

The fulcrum of delicate balance between Europe and Asia, Christianity, secularism and Islam, Istanbul manages to be one of the most beautiful cities on earth and yet accommodate constant change. It is a wildly young and international commercial city with an extraordinary vibrant street scene, open 24 hours and genuinely alive.

Among the quality guides we use in Turkey is Saffet Tonguç. Widely considered the top private guide in all of Turkey, he is the author of several award winning books on Turkey tourism, history and culture. Among Saffet's notable clients touring Turkey are Oprah, Colin Powell, Eric Schmidt of Google, and the Lynch Family!

Overnight: Four Seasons Sultanahmet or Four Seasons Bosphorus

DAY 2: ISTANBUL

Much of your private touring today is within Istanbul's historical Sultanahmet peninsula with the following options: Hippodrome Square, the scene of chariot races and the center of sport and political activities of Constantinople. The only remaining structures are the Egyptian Obelisk and Constantine and Serpentine Columns.

Blue Mosque is the only mosque in the world with six minarets and is famous for its blue tiles! Bev, Zen and I consider this among the most impressive sites in all of Istanbul!

In addition to the amazing Blue Mosque, we feel the Topkapi Palace is the most compelling historical site in all of Istanbul. Topkapi was the official residence of the Ottoman Sultans from 1465 to 1856 and contains the most holy relics of the Muslim world, including Prophet Muhammad's cloak and sword. You will find the architecture and aesthetic here most representative of the Ottoman period. Following lunch, you may visit the Turkish Islamic Arts Museum, constructed in 1524. The building was formerly the palace of Ibrahim Pasha, who was the first grand vizier to Suleiman the Magnificent. The collection includes notable examples of Islamic calligraphy, tiles,

and rugs, as well as ethnographic displays of various cultures in Turkey, particularly nomad groups. These displays recreate rooms or dwellings from different time periods and regions. The museum has collections of Chinese porcelain and imperial treasury including the world's biggest emeralds and diamonds!

Lastly, for your discretionary shopping pleasure, visit the Grand Bazaar at the Hans! Dating from 1461, the Grand Bazaar is one of the oldest and largest bazaars in the world. Please be warned that the shops closest to the bazaar entrance are the most touristy, while the more evocative shopping can be found on the far side. Zen and her cousins very much enjoyed shopping for the many "evil-eye" pendants!

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Four Seasons Sultanahmet or Four Seasons Bosphorus

DAY 3: ISTANBUL

Today you will be taken on a private 2-hour motorboat cruise on the Bosphorus; an excursion starting between two continents, Europe and Asia. The cruise takes you along the Bosphorus, past the European style palaces of The Ottomans, as well



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as beautiful wooden kiosks from 19th century. Disembark and visit Dolmabahce Palace, which became the main palace of the Empire when it was built, and the Egyptian (Spice) Bazaar, a covered market of spices, herbs, dried fruits and nuts. After a break for lunch, you will have discretionary use of your private guide and driver for some last minute Istanbul shopping.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Four Seasons Sultanahmet or Four Seasons Bosphorus

DAY 4: ISTANBUL -PARIS

This morning you will be privately transferred from the Four Seasons to the Istanbul Airport for your late morning Istanbul to Paris flight.

Upon arrival at Charles De Gaulle, you will be met the jet way by a hostess and porter/special car. You will be accompanied through customs/immigration and assisted with your baggage. Once exiting baggage claim, you will be welcomed to Paris by our Kipling and Clark representative and trip coordinator. You will be subsequently transferred to your Paris hotel. (Options of Four Seasons George V or the Hotel Le Bristol on the right bank or the small, boutique Relais Christine Hotel on the left bank).

Among our many worldwide travels, Bev, Zen and I consider Paris to be no less than the most beautiful and culturally compelling city on the planet. When walking through the various avenues, neighborhoods and alleyways, you are teased with so many wonderful activities...innumerable iconic landmarks, awe-inspiring art, lush green parks, and all that amazing food! At times it seems Paris is simply one giant art museum and food market!

Although many of our clients prefer to stay in the more traditional 5-star luxury hotels of the Right bank, Bev,

Zen and I prefer the more thorough immersion of Parisian life on the Left Bank. Unlike the Right Bank where there is an abundance of French historical monuments/public buildings, the Left Bank, particularly the Latin Quarter, is more residential, university-oriented, made up of homes, apartments, and intimate charming restaurants/shopping – this is definitely the more “artsy” and aesthetic side of Paris.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Four Seasons George V, Le Bristol, or Relais Christine option

DAY 5: PARIS

Full day discretionary private touring (guide & driver) of Paris with following options:

Start the day at the colorful French market! You will also visit a well-known local boulangerie (baker) and a chocolatier. Your Parisian host/guide will accompany you throughout the day. Your discretionary private touring will continue with famous Parisian sights such as the Musée Du Louvre.

The Louvre is the world’s largest palace and greatest museums. Today it is even more beautiful since its façade has been recently cleaned. You should choose your favorite highlights because you won’t have the time or stamina (its treasure-laden corridors cover 8 miles) to see everything.

Though not as famous as the *Mona Lisa* we feel the *Winged Victory of Samothrace* (circa 190 BC) to be among the most impressive sculptures we have ever seen. Sculpted from Parian marble and standing over 10 feet, this tribute from the people of Rhodes is extraordinary.

Your afternoon will finish at Brassiere Le Suffren, where you will enjoy dinner on the terrace. The Brassiere has the feeling of a large old fashioned

steamship. Its elegant dining room reminds you of an age gone by, of soirees and gala performances. It is situated near the Eiffel Tower and the French military school. After dinner you have the option of visiting the Eiffel Tower. Fast-track tickets pre-arranged.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Four Seasons George V, Le Bristol, or Relais Christine option

DAY 6: PARIS

Optional morning Paris catacombs tour.

After breakfast, enjoy a full day of Paris private touring with options of the Musée d’Orsay and the Marais, one of Paris’s most historic districts. Housed in a converted railway station, the Musée d’Orsay collection’s main attraction is the Impressionists: Renoir, Sisley, Pissarro and Monet are all well-represented. The Post Impressionist collection includes works by Van Gogh and Cézanne.

The Marais area houses many former residences of aristocratic families, which have now been restored and are now museums. You will have the opportunity to visit Musée Carnavalet, nestled in the Marais. The museum displays exceptional collections: rich archaeological artifacts of the Gallo-Roman and Medieval periods, memorabilia from the French Revolution, paintings, sculpture, furniture, and “objets d’art” that recreate the atmosphere of private residences from the 15th and 16th centuries.

Continue this afternoon with a private walking tour of the most noteworthy parks and gardens of this great city. Among the beautiful parks and gardens are Cimetière du Père-Lachaise and Parc Monceau. The Parc Monceau is a particularly lovely, chichi park with small ponds and streams, manicured gardens, and wonderful paths for jogging.



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High on Zen's must-see list is a visit to one of Paris roof top honeybee programs, including locations at Grand Palais and Opera Garnier, among many others. This is all part of a fast-multiplying bee population that is making honey a new eco-friendly Paris industry!

According to Yves Vedrenne, general secretary of the National Apiculture Union, Paris contains a huge quantity of flowers in the city's lush parks and gardens, offering pollen well suited to bees, such as acacias, limes, and chestnuts. In contrast to the countryside where pesticides and fertilizers are more widely used, Paris is pesticide-free and offers an urban warmth that promotes earlier bee breeding.

Optional late afternoon stop at Notre Dame Cathedral.

Although a daunting 422 steps to the top Bell Towers, the "gargoyle" view of the Paris skyline is well worth the effort!

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Four Seasons George V, Le Bristol, or Relais Christine option

DAY 7: PARIS - AVIGNON

Today you will be met at your hotel and privately transferred to the Paris railway station. Here you will be shown to your pre-reserved 1st class seating and your luggage will be handled onboard. Upon arrival at the Avignon railway station, you will be met by our Kipling and Clark driver/guide, who will assist with your luggage. You will then be privately transferred to La Bastide de Marie in the picturesque village of Menerbes (pop. 1,007). A "perched village" in the center of the Luberon region in Provence, author Peter Mayle wrote his best-selling "Year in Provence" book while living in Menerbes.

Bev, Zen and I discovered the lovely La Bastide de Marie during our June

2011 travels to Provence. This is an absolutely charming 16 room luxury boutique property, converted from a group of 18th century farmhouses. The rooms are made from exposed stone with beautifully decorated fine fabrics. You are served rich, inventive dishes from local produce, inclusive of breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

We particularly enjoyed the idyllic 24 hectares of vineyards surrounding the property, in addition to a very nice, aesthetically pleasing pool. This is a truly heavenly place for couples and families alike – we feel La Bastide de Marie represents the essence of Provence.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: La Bastide de Marie

DAY 8: PROVENCE

Today you may opt for a full day of private touring (guide and driver). You may also wish to utilize the expertise of a local photographer to capture images of this magical area. On a June 2011 visit, we were joined by local noteworthy photographer Brice Toul. Brice shot images of the idyllic lavender fields, as well as our family activities.

This was a big nature highlight for Zen as she finally had an opportunity to enjoy the sights and smells of the amazing lavender fields. Many consider the end of June the best time to discover the French lavender fields as this is the precise time when the flowers are in bloom in the Drôme Provençale. Local perfumists and makers of bath and body products judge the countryside around Sault to be at the heart of the very finest blue lavenders of France.

In the morning visit the pretty town of Forcalquier, the capital of haute Provence. Afterwards continue to a lavender farm and distillery and learn how the famous lavender products

of Provence are made from the precious essence. This should be most interesting for the ladies!

Lunch at one of our favorite restaurants in Gordes!

In the afternoon you may be driven along the lavender route, a wide blue-purple swath that connects over two thousand producers across the Drôme, the plateau du Vaucluse, and the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence. You will discover the tiny flower which is described as the "soul of the Provence."

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: La Bastide de Marie

DAY 9: PROVENCE-ANTIBES

Early this morning your English speaking driver/guide will meet you for transfer to Antibes via Aix-en-Provence and the scenic Cote D'Azur coast.

Hotel du Cap (Best in the World?!)

Located in Antibes, Hotel du Cap is 45 minutes to an hour away from St. Jean Cap Ferrat, which is just on the other side of Nice. Several of our clients consider the Hotel du Cap to be nothing less than the very best luxury hotel in the world in part because of its idyllic location but perhaps, more significantly, due to its reputation for high-touch, understated service.

Proprietress/investor Maja Oetker personally decorates each of the 118 rooms, from the Colefax & Fowler and Pierre Frey upholstery to the paintings and 19th century furniture she buys from antique dealers. General manager Philippe Perd elevates the service to unimaginable levels, even by 5-star luxury hotel standards.

Overnight: Hotel du Cap-Eden Roc/ Main Building, Sea view room



DAY 10: ANTIBES

Today is free to relax and enjoy the wonderful amenities of the Hotel Du Cap. Yes, the Hotel du Cap is very expensive, pretentious, home to global celebrities/jet-setters, AND we feel, among the most beautiful hotels we have stayed anywhere in the world. Directed by general manager Philippe Perd, the property just completed a USD 67 million renovation project this past spring 2011. You can now enjoy wi-fi, huge Phillips flat screen TVs, and newly redesigned fine fabrics in all rooms.

Although the Eden-Roc infinity pool adjacent to the waters of the Cap d'Antibes is quite spectacular, Zen did not really care for the pool's salt water. Be prepared to pay 48 Euros for a cheeseburger at the Eden-Roc pool grille restaurant...our 8-year-old niece Coco very much enjoyed!

Philippe is a man of details and it shows in the high-touch service here – nearly everyone on the Hotel du Cap property addressed Bev, Zen and I by our names (extraordinary for a 118-room hotel!) and you can actually summon the room service staff by using a bell alongside your bed!

Overnight: Hotel du Cap-Eden Roc/ Main Building, Sea view room

DAY 11: ANTIBES

Yet another free day to relax and enjoy the wonderful amenities of the Hotel Du Cap.

Among our favorite features at the Hotel du Cap:

- The fun sun-bathing pontoons off the Eden-Roc pool and the super snooty cabanas! (33 in total).
- The intoxicating fragrant smell that permeates the halls and rooms of the property...yes, there is a unique Hotel du Cap scent!
- The hotel's own chocolatier!
- The expansive 22 acre lush, green grounds, including rose gardens and clay tennis courts...great for morning walks and tadpole catching in the lily pond!
- Breakfast or evening cocktails on the Bellini terrace—it is difficult to imagine a more picturesque setting overlooking the warm waters of the Mediterranean!
- The hotel's own pet cemetery!

Please be pre-warned that the Hotel du Cap does not include breakfast in their daily rate but they DO accept credit cards!

Overnight: Hotel du Cap-Eden Roc/ Main Building, Sea view room

DAY 12: FLY BACK TO U.S.

Today you will be privately transferred to the Nice airport for your connecting flights back to the U.S.

— END OF SERVICES —



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