# SERA (State Employees Recreation Association) presents...

# Spotlight on the French Riviera

with Optional 3-Night Paris Post Tour Extension

November 9 - 17,2023



# Upgrade to Elite Airfare! see inside for details



For more information contact
Chrissie Kelly
Lowee's Group Tours
(717) 657-9658
ckelly@lowees.com



9 Days • 12 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Nice, Food Tour & Tasting, Nice Flower Market, Monaco, Monte Carlo, Choice on Tour, Grasse, Fragonard Perfumery Workshop, Cannes, Saint-Honorat Island & Wine Tasting, Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild, St. Paul de Vence

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 8 Hotel Massena, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Day 1: Thursday, November 9, 2023 Overnight Flight** It's time to live the good life and embark on a getaway to the fabulous French Riviera, or *Côte d'Azur*. With its elegant coastal resorts, superb eateries, chic boutiques and captivating museums, it's the ultimate sunny retreat for the elite. Unpack your bags just once and stay at a single hotel for your entire adventure, which begins with an overnight flight to France.

Day 2: Friday, November 10, 2023 Nice (French Riviera), France - Tour Begins Your tour commences in the stunning city of Nice, a coastal pearl of the Mediterranean known for its legendary opulence and balmy beaches. With an average of 300 sunny days per year, Nice is a seaside paradise. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in *Vieux Nice* featuring Mediterranean-inspired French cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, November 11, 2023 Nice: the Flower Market & the Local Foodie Get to know Nice with a local expert. Meander through the city's famed flower market and be enhanced by brightly colored blooms. Then, delve into the Old Town, sampling local delicacies while on a tasting tour. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you will visit one of Nice's world-class art galleries, such as the Chagall or the Matisse Museums. Or find your favorite café for the week and soak in the local life. (B, L)

Day 4: Sunday, November 12, 2023 Monaco: Alluring & Royal Travel along the spectacular *Corniche* coastal road to the Principality of Monaco. On a walking tour, view the changing of the guards and visit the Cathedral of Monaco – the permanent resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Then it's your choice! Explore the tiny Principality on a panoramic Little Train tour\* taking you across to Monte Carlo for views of its famous Casino -OR- visit the Oceanographic Museum, perusing its aquarium and the collection of fossils and skeletons amassed by the great researcher Jacques Cousteau. (*B*)

Day 5: Monday, November 13, 2023 Hilltop Grasse & Perfume Workshop Today, learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop and tour of the Fragonard Perfumery, where fragrant formulations have been prepared since 1782. Spend time soaking up the atmosphere of this charming *Provençal* hill town before returning to Nice for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to a *petanque* lesson and tournament, including an open bar and some tasty snacks. (B)

Day 6: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Glamorous Cannes - Saint-Honorat Island & Wine Tasting Journey to Cannes and rub elbows with Europe's elite. Walk in the footsteps of celebrities when you see the Film Festival Palace and the iconic red carpet featured during the Cannes Film Festival. During free time, explore the cobbled lanes of the *Le Suquet* neighborhood or the lively Forville farmer's market. Then, sail\*\* across the Bay of Cannes to the tiny island of Saint-Honorat, belonging to the monks of Lérins Abbey. Pause for a taste of the locally produced wine before returning to Nice in the late afternoon. Back in Nice this evening, savor a wine-paired tasting menu highlighting the delights of the South of France. (B, D)





# **Book Now & Save \$200 Per Person:**

Double \$3,399; Single \$3,899; Triple \$3,369

Triple \$3,369

Triple \$3,169

# For bookings made after May 10, 2023 call for rates.

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Washington, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers **Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$399 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from WAS

## Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Business Class \$4,190 † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 7: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 Once Upon a Villa Head to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, referred to as the crown jewel of the French Riviera, where you'll visit the impressive Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Uncover the lush gardens replete with jaw-dropping views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with lunch served in the charming tearoom overlooking the Bay of Villefranche. Back in Nice, enjoy free time to relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere along the Riviera. Perhaps you'll stroll along the lively seafront *Promenade des Anglais* or set off in search of the whimsical architecture of St. Nicholas' cathedral. (*B*, *L*)

Day 8: Thursday, November 16, 2023 St. Paul de Vence: An Artist's Haven This morning, venture to historic St. Paul de Vence, situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside of Provence. Explore this walled medieval village, soaking in its distinctive light said to have inspired Matisse, Braque, Chagall and other artists. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

**Day 9: Friday, November 17, 2023 Nice - Tour Ends** Depart for home with many wonderful memories of your journey through the *Cote d'Azur. (B)* 

#### Experience It! Nice Flower Market

In the heart of Vieux Nice (Old Town), amongst old-world boutiques and petite cafés, you will find the vibrant Nice Flower Market. This bustling market is located on Cours Saleya, the famous promenade in the old city. This favorite daily (except on Monday) stopover for locals and tourists alike features much more than flowers. Vendors tout an array of produce, flowers and various other delicacies. It is a feast for the senses; take in the fragrant aroma of fresh-cut flowers, sample seasonal fruits and fresh baked breads; be dazzled by the bountiful colorful displays; sip and savor a hot cappuccino; take a moment to pause and chat with the locals, or simply listen to the romantic sounds of the French language being spoken all around you.

# **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

# Optional 4 Days 3-Night Paris Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,249.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit <a href="https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1117498">https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1117498</a>

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Book Now rates valid until May 10, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only. IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after May 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*The Little Train tour operates from February to mid-November. In the other months, travelers selecting this choice will transfer to the Montecarlo district by public bus.

\*\*The Saint-Honorat Island cruise operates weather permitting and is dependent on sea conditions.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. In particular, your visits of Monaco, the Gardens of Villa Rothschild and St. Paul de Vence village involve negotiating some steep inclines over cobblestones, gravel or multiple flights of steps. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as the Old Town of Nice, Monaco, Saint-Honorat Island and St. Paul de Vence. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our Client Care Agents can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of May 03, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 10, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until May 10, 2023.

CST#2006766-20 UBN#601220855 Nevada Sellers of Travel Registration No. 2003-0279



# 162 Middle Street Pawtucket, RI • 02860

Phone: 1-800-852-5655 Fax: 1-401-727-9014

If paying by credit card, please complete this form and return to Lowee's Group Tours. We can only charge your credit card for the amount noted if the signature, address and phone number are listed below. Thank you!

## CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

**BOOKING NUMBER: 1117498** TOUR: Spotlight on the French Riviera DEPARTURE DATE: November 9, 2023 GROUP NAME: Lowee's Group Tours Name of Passenger: Salutation: First Name: Middle Initial: Last Name: Suffix: (Please print as it appears on Passport) Suffix: (Jr., Sr.) Cardholder Name: (Please print as it appears on your Credit Card) Cardholder Address: (as it appears on your credit card statement) Cardholder Phone: Credit Card Type: American Express Discover MasterCard Visa Credit Card Number: Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder's Signature: Date: I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept Collette cancellation policy, terms and conditions. Participating credit card companies are now requiring a billing address and phone number for **FRAUD PREVENTION**. All information MUST be provided. Thank you for your cooperation! If using your credit card for payment, please return this Authorization Form by mail to: **Lowee's Group Tours** Attn: Chrissie Kelly PO Box 6658 Harrisburg, PA 17112 Or by Fax to: (717) 652-9476 Above credit card information has been called in to Collette.



162 Middle Street Pawtucket, RI • 02860

Phone: 1-800-852-5655 Fax: 1-401-727-9014

BOOKING NUMBER: 1117498 TOUR: Spotlight on the French Riviera DEPARTURE DATE: November 9, 2023 GROUP NAME: Lowee's Group Tours

# **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

#### Nice

## **Petanque Lesson & French Bites**

**\$70 USD** 

Feel like a local when you try your hand at petanque – a beloved game in the south of France. Similar to the Italian bocce, wind up and aim your throwing ball toward a smaller target ball. You'll be a pro in no time! As you learn and play, enjoy some tasty snacks. Munch on some toasted bread sticks, sun-dried tomato paste, olive tapenade, an onion tart, and more. All paired with an open bar, where you'll be able to sip rosé wine, mineral water, soda, and juice. In case of rain, petanque lesson may be changed to a cooking class. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours*. Please note a minimum of 13 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

utation: First:	Middle: Last:	Suffix: Nickname:	
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.)	( Please print <b>EXACTLY</b> as it appears on Passport)	Price Per Persor (USD)	
✓	Option		

Please make checks payable to Lowee's Group Tours and send to:

Lowee's Group Tours Attn: Chrissie Kelly PO Box 6658 Harrisburg, PA 17112

Fax: (717) 652-9476



TRAVEL DATE: 11/09/2023 TERRITORY: E9

RES#: 1117498

# Spotlight on the French Riviera

For Reservations Contact: Chrissie Kelly (717) 657-9658 email: ckelly@lowees.com

Lowee's Group Tours, PO Box 6658, Harrisburg, PA 17112

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of May 03, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 10, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until May 10, 2023.

# YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes Jr, Sr>.

First:	Middle:		_ Last:		Suffix:		
Nickname:	_ Gender: ( ) Male	( ) Female	Date of Birth: month	d	layyear		
Address:		City:		State:	Zip Code:		
Phone: ( )	Cell: (	)		Email Address	s:		
Passport Number:	Number: Expiration Date: (month/day/year)				Date of Issuance: (month/day/year)		
City, State, Country of Issuance:	uance:				_Citizenship:		
Should you become ill or injured, whom	should we contact (	not traveling w	ith you):	P	Phone: ( )		
ROOMING WITH: Check if address is	the same as Passen	ger #1					
First:	Middle:		_Last:		Suffix:		
Air Seat Request: ( ) Aisle ( ) Window Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a given please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare of Service is limited and not available on all flists same flight schedule as the group. If Busine Are you willing to separate from the group air suffered law forbids carriage of hazardous mate baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprint http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibite TRAVEL PROTECTION: ( ) Yes, I wish to lif you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver In Fee does not cover any single supplement charge supplement will be deducted from the refund of covered reasons. See Part B for details.)  EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "3-Night PON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose of Please Choose One: ( ) Panoramic tour of Montecarlo ( ) Monaco's Oceanographic Museum PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:	If you have not purchas group, many airlines do for an additional rate of ghts or carriers. Other ess class service has schedule to accommodifials such as aerosols, for isonment and penalties di-items."  purchase travel protect is urance Plan, you will in ges which arise from an the person who cancels.  Paris" ( ) Yes ( ) Note of the following of	sed air through Colnot provide seat and provide seat and	ssignments. Preferred se s Class \$4,190 y apply. Please note: if I, it is for the internation request? ( ) Yes ( ) Natteries & flammable liquine. Details on prohibited No, I decline nanges and cancellations. ing companion electing to ge under Part B which inces.	you purchase an unal portion of the journal portion of the journal do ids aboard the aircraftems may be found	upgrade we cannot guarantee the ourney only.  aft in your checked or carry-on d on TSA's "prohibited items" web page:  ayment is due with first deposit. The Waiverson prior to departure. The single		
Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$	Deposit Am	ount: \$	Total a	mount enclosed: \$	\$		
Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card)	):						
Cardholder Billing Address:	dress is the same as abo	ove					
Cardholder Phone:			Amount: \$				
Credit Card Number:			Expiration D	ate:	_		
SIGNATURE REQUIRED for acceptance o				M M	Y		
				Date:			

l agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. See http://www.gocollette.com/about-collette/terms-and-conditions for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

Important Conditions: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees.

# **Extend your vacation with**

# Optional 4 Days 3-Night Paris Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,249.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

# Day 9: Nice (French Riviera) - Paris

Head to the airport this morning for your flight to the French Capital. In less than 2 hours, you'll be in Paris, the "City of Light." For dinner, get a taste of the city's local flavors at a Parisian bistro, situated at the base of the Eiffel Tower. As the day draws to a close, admire the city from a relaxing sightseeing cruise, passing by illuminated landmarks as you drift softly along the Seine. Settle into your hotel, just steps away from the Eiffel Tower. *Today dinner will be included.* 

## Day 10: Paris

Step into a time gone by as you slide into the backseat of a vintage retro car. Your driver-guide will pick you up at your hotel, providing commentary on the Parisian boulevards as you see some of the city's most famous sights. After your drive, take advantage of time at leisure to explore on your own. *Today breakfast will be included*.

#### Day 11: Paris

It's your last day in Paris – how will you spend it? Perhaps you will visit the highly acclaimed Musée D'Orsay and enjoy your included ticket to this former railroad station, which now houses some of the world's best impressionist art. Or maybe you'll hop on the metro and spend time in the hip bohemian neighborhood of Montmartre. No matter how you spend your day – you'll get a true taste of the Parisian lifestyle. *Today breakfast will be included*.

#### Day 12: Paris - Depart for Home

Wish Paris goodbye as you transfer to the airport for your flight home. Today breakfast will be included.

#### Please Note:

The internal flight on this extension is not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

Due to fair periods in Paris, the rate of this extension may be higher on certain dates. Please enquire about rates and availability at time of booking.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 2. This means you feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs.