Smith College presents

PROVINCIAL FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE

April 30-May 14, 2014

15 days from $5,996 total price from Boston, New York
($5,295 air & land inclusive plus $701 airline taxes and departure fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Smith Travel

Featuring Professor Janie Vanpée
Day 1: Depart U.S. for Toulouse, France

Day 2: Arrive Toulouse After arriving in Toulouse today, our time is at leisure until we meet our tour director this evening for a welcome dinner and a briefing about the journey ahead.

Day 3: Toulouse/Carcassonne Today we tour nearby Carcassonne, the quintessential medieval town with the longest city walls in Europe. Sitting atop a hill overlooking vast green plains that stretch all the way to the Pyrénées, Carcassonne boasts battlements and ramparts dating to the 1st-century Romans. We return to Toulouse mid-afternoon.

Day 4: Toulouse/Albi/Sarlat We travel today to the historic market town of Albi in the Midi-Pyrénées. Hometown of Belle Epoque artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Albi was built with rose-colored bricks that cast a warm glow over the city’s medieval streets and ramparts. Our city tour here includes the Palais de la Berbie, an ancient fortress housing a museum devoted to the works of Toulouse-Lautrec; and the huge 13th-century Cathédrale Ste-Cécile. Leaving Albi, we continue to the rugged unspoiled countryside of the Perigord region and the Dordogne Valley. We travel on to Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of France’s prettiest villages and one of Europe’s best preserved medieval gems, with more registered historic sites than anywhere else on the continent. We’re in the land of the truffle and foie gras, so bon appétit!

Day 5: Sarlat/Lascaux II This morning we tour the Caves at Lascaux II, the reproductions of the original pre-historic cave paintings found nearby. After lunch at a charming local inn, we spend the afternoon on a leisurely cruise along the Dordogne River, life-blood of this fertile region and redolent with history. As we pass cliff-top castles and fortified medieval towns, the historical region of Aquitaine comes to life – this

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Medieval Carcassonne … Market town of Albi … Cliffside village of Rocamadour … Caves at Lascaux II … Dordogne River cruise … Château de Chenonceau … Medieval Mont St. Michel … Bayeux Tapestry … Tours of Normandy’s Landing Beaches … American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach … Memorial Museum, Caen … Monet’s gardens at Giverny … Paris touring

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Toulouse
2-3 Toulouse Crowne Plaza Toulouse First Class
4-6 Sarlat-en-Périgord (Dordogne) Hotel Meysset Not Rated
7-9 Saumur (Loire Valley) Hotel Arne d’Anjour Not Rated
10-12 Crépon (Normandy) Manoir de Mathan Not Rated
13-14 Paris Hotel Château Frontenac Sup. First Class
15 Depart Paris for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels maybe too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Cover Photo: Explore the Dordogne’s countryside of ancient castles, medieval villages, and grand chateaux.
is where beloved Eleanor of Aquitaine reigned in the 12th century. We return to Sarlat and our hotel, where we dine tonight. \textit{B,L,D}

**Day 6: Sarlat/Rocamadour** This morning we take a brief walking tour then have time at leisure to visit one of Sarlat’s museums or art galleries on our own – or simply to wander the atmospheric cobblestone streets. After lunch on our own we visit nearby Rocamadour, a revered pilgrimage site and medieval village whose three tiers cling almost impossibly to a sheer limestone cliff. We take a guided walking tour then enjoy some free time before we return to our hotel mid-afternoon and dine there together tonight. \textit{B,D}

**Day 7: Sarlat/Le Dorat/Saumur** This morning we depart for the Loire Valley, stopping in the small market town of Le Dorat for a typical country lunch at a local restaurant. From here we travel on to picturesque Saumur and our hotel, a converted 18th-century mansion on the banks of the Loire River. \textit{B,L}

**Day 8: Saumur** Today is at leisure to enjoy this town of half-timbered houses and cobblestone streets as we wish. Options include exploring the town’s old quarter; visiting the Cavalry Museum; or tasting the renowned locally made sparkling wine – \textit{methode champenoise} – at Maison du Vin. \textit{B,D}

**Day 9: Saumur/Chenonceaux** We’re in chateaux country, where England battled for control of France; where Joan of Arc triumphed; and where a great opulence reigned during the 16th century. Originally built as fortresses to keep intruders out, the Loire Valley’s grand chateaux now welcome visitors from around the world. We tour a most impressive one today: Chenonceau, the Renaissance masterpiece considered the most romantic chateau of all. Lunch today is at La Cave in Montlouis. \textit{B,L}

**Day 10: Saumur/Mont-St-Michel/Crépon** Traveling north this morning, we stop at Mont-St-Michel, Normandy’s famed Gothic abbey that sits atop a 264-foot high rock formation at the edge of the sea and was constructed between 1017-1521 of granite, hauled stone by stone, from Brittany. After a guided tour and some free time for lunch and to explore on our own, we continue on to our lodgings in Crépon: a restored but rustic 21-room manor dating to the 17th century. \textit{B,D}

**Day 11: Crépon/Bayeux/Caen** Miraculously spared wartime bombing, medieval Bayeux is our first stop today. Here we visit the Tapestry Museum, home of the 1,000-year-old Bayeux

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**Post-Tour Extension**

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- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
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Tapestry depicting the exploits of William the Conqueror. Later we visit the British Cemetery then continue on to Caen’s Memorial Museum devoted to “history for peace.” Time permitting, we may visit Arromanches late this afternoon. B,D

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Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $3,995 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

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Dear Alumnae and Friends,

Join us this spring on an enchanting tour through provincial France. In a small group of no more than 24 travelers, enjoy the breathtaking French countryside, charming hotels and inns, remote villages, and cosmopolitan Paris.

Begin in Toulouse with a visit to the medieval town of Carcassonne, famed for having the longest city walls in all of Europe. Then travel to the Dordogne region, known for its rugged, unspoiled countryside and quiet, lovely villages. Visit the famous Caves at Lascaux II, tour the pilgrimage site of Rocamadour, and take an afternoon cruise on the Dordogne River. Continue into the heart of France and the fabled Loire Valley. Enjoy an intimate stay at an 18th-century hotel, then visit the impressive chateau of Chenonceau, a Renaissance masterpiece. Visit the dramatic Gothic abbey of Mont St. Michel. Spend a moving day exploring the famous D-Day landing beaches and discover the medieval town of Bayeux in Normandy. Further north, walk amid Monet’s gardens where he was inspired to create his Impressionist masterpieces. Finally, enjoy a tour of Paris, seeing the highlights of this iconic capital city, before bidding au revoir to France.

With space for a total of only 24 guests on this Smith College exclusive departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your space!

Warm Regards,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel

SMITH TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM: PROVINCIAL FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Provincial French Countryside departing April 30, 2014. I/we understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send, along with completed reservation form, to: Smith Travel, Office of Alumnae Relations, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. For more information, please call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or contact us via e-mail at alumtrav@smith.edu or fax us at (413) 585-2015.

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Post-Tour “Paris – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up √

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Provincial French Countryside, April 30-May 14, 2014, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____________________________________________________________________ Date _______________

Method of Payment  √ Check  √ American Express  √ Discover  √ MasterCard  √ VISA
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due by January 24, 2014, and is payable by check or credit card.
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Not included in tour price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only tour package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per day per traveler); travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
- Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge
- Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price
- Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price
- Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price
- Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.

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Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth, and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

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Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Smith College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc includes in its tour price round trip economy air from your home city to your final tour destination and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.