



# The Explorer Tour

with Matt Dunning

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RUGBY

# TOUR: EXPLORER

Fri 8 – Mon 25 Sep 2023  
18 Days/17 Nights

*Our Explorer Tour, hosted by Matt Dunning, visits some French rugby strongholds as well as attending six matches. We start in Paris for Australia's opening match before heading to the beautiful wine region of Saint-Emilion and Bordeaux. We visit the rugby mad city of Toulouse before making our way to Lyon which will be a base for the Australian team during the tournament.*

We also take in the French Riviera and cities of Nice, Monaco, Marseille & Aix-en-Provence before finishing in Lyon for the crucial Australia v Wales match. *Fantastique!*

## MATT DUNNING

Matt earned 45 test caps between 2003 and 2009 and in Super Rugby played with the Waratahs and Western Force. After injury prevented him joining Biarritz Matt ended his career with a Shute Shield premiership with Eastwood in 2011.

## CITIES VISITED

- Paris
- Bordeaux
- Saint-Emilion
- Toulouse
- Lyon
- Cannes
- Nice
- Monaco
- Marseille
- Aix-en-Provence

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

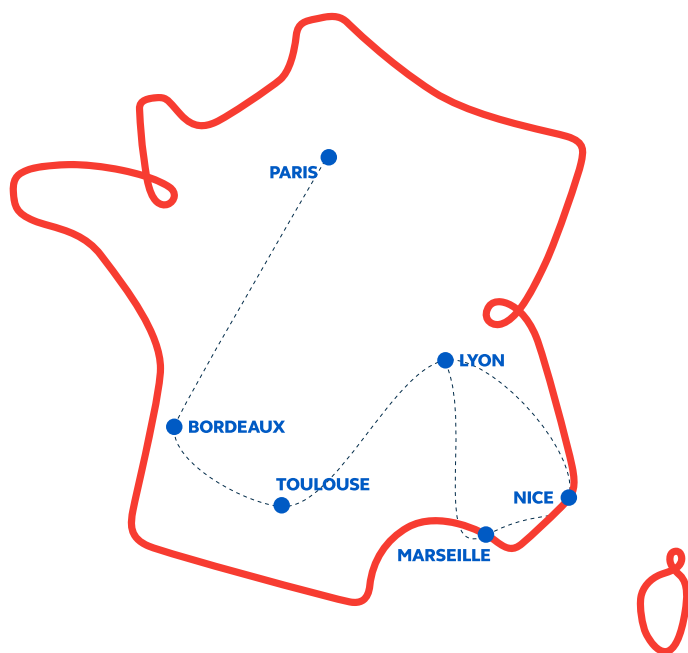
- Quality accommodation
- Travel throughout
- Official Category 2 match tickets
- Australian rugby celebrity host
- Local French speaking guide
- Sightseeing tours
- Commemorative merchandise & more.

A full list of inclusions is available online at [weloveryugby.com](http://weloveryugby.com)

International flights are not included. Flights can be purchased or frequent flyer flights booked 365 days out from your tour start date.

# \$12,890

per person  
twin share





## POOL PHASE TOUR

*"Great trip, made all the better by the 'ex' wallabies.  
We are serial We Love Rugby travellers, I think this  
was number 6, this was one of the best."*

Wayne & Janelle Kirk - RWC 2019

### MATCHES INCLUDED

#### **Australia v Georgia**

9 Sep, Stade de  
France, Saint-Denis

#### **France v Africa 1**

21 Sep, Stade  
Vélodrome, Marseille

#### **New Zealand v Africa 1**

15 Sep, Stadium de  
Toulouse, Toulouse

#### **Australia v Wales**

24 Sep, OL Stadium,  
Lyon

#### **Australia v Fiji**

17 Sep, Stade  
Geoffroy Guichard,  
Saint-Étienne

***Plus optional  
Opening Ceremony  
& France v New  
Zealand, 8 Sep***

#### **Italy v Uruguay**

20 Sep, Stade de Nice,  
Nice





# ITINERARY

## **Fri 8 Sep: Welcome to Paris!**

Bonjour! Join our tour hosts and watch France take on the All Blacks.

*Overnight: Paris*

## **Sat 9 Sep: Australia v Georgia**

Australia takes on Georgia tonight at the incredible Stade de France.

*Overnight: Paris*

## **Sun 10 Sep: Paris City Tour**

Today we visit some of Paris's highlights such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Arch de Triomphe and Champs Elysees.

*Overnight: Paris*

## **Mon 11 Sep: Transfer to Bordeaux**

Today we head to France's number one wine (and rugby!) region of Bordeaux.

*Overnight: Bordeaux*

## **Tue 12 Sep: Bordeaux City Tour**

Today's tour will showcase Bordeaux's bold architecture and public spaces.

*Overnight: Bordeaux*

## **Wed 13 Sep: Saint-Emilion Winery Tour**

Saint-Emilion is a medieval town dating back to the 11th century. Their wines are blended from Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon which we will sample on our wine tour.

*Overnight: Bordeaux*

## **Thu 14 Sep: Transfer to Toulouse**

We travel via classic French countryside to laid-back Toulouse.

*Overnight: Toulouse*

## **Fri 15 Sep: City Tour & New Zealand v Africa 1**

Today we tour this historic city before heading to Stade de Toulouse for tonight's game.

*Overnight: Toulouse*

## **Sat 16 Sep: Transfer to Lyon**

Today we travel to Lyon ahead of this weekend's rugby action.

*Overnight: Lyon*

## **Sun 17 Sep: City Tour & Australia v Fiji**

This morning we embark on a tour before travelling to the historic Saint-Etienne for Australia's clash with Fiji.

*Overnight: Lyon*

## **Mon 18 Sep: Cannes & Nice**

We depart for the French Riviera, and enjoy lunch in Cannes overlooking the Mediterranean before heading to Nice.

*Overnight: Nice*

## **Tue 19 Sep: Monaco & French Riviera**

Today we tour the Principality of Monaco.

*Overnight: Nice*

## **Wed 20 Sep: City Tour & Italy v Uruguay**

Today we tour Nice before heading to Stade de Nice to watch Italy v Uruguay.

*Overnight: Nice*

## **Thu 21 Sep: France v Africa 1**

This morning we travel to Marseille to watch France v Africa 1 at Marseille's Stade Velodrome!

*Overnight: Marseille*

## **Fri 22 Sep: Marseilles & Aix-en-Provence**

Today we tour Marseilles and Aix-en-Provence.

*Overnight: Marseilles*

## **Sat 23 Sep: Transfer to Lyon**

We return to Lyon today which lies at the confluence of the Rhone and Saone river.

*Overnight: Lyon*

## **Sun 24 Sep: Australia v Wales**

This evening is Australia's all-important clash with Pool C rivals Wales.

*Overnight: Lyon*

## **Mon 25 Sep: Tour Concludes**

Today we bid you adieu and thank you for travelling with We Love Rugby.



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