



The Odyssey Tour

52 days of French touring

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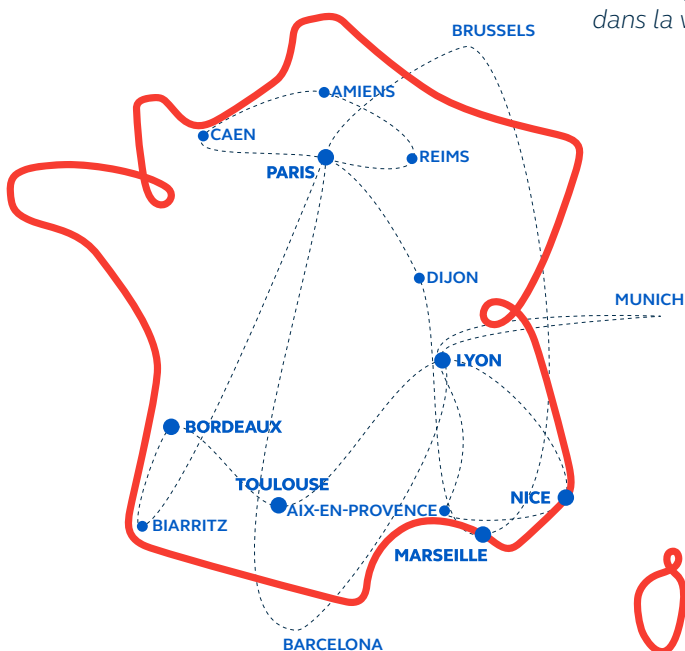
TOUR: ODYSSEY

Fri 8 Sep – Sun 29 Oct 2023
52 Days/51 Nights

Join us for the full Rugby World Cup France 2023 tour - 51 days and nights enjoying the best France has to offer plus 15 matches of incredible rugby action! From the opening ceremony & France v New Zealand in game one, right through to the final!

We take in classic countryside, wineries, castles, churches, rugby towns, the beauty of the southwest with the monumental battlefields of the Western front.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the best that France and its surrounding countries has to offer. This is not a rugby tour, this is *la meilleure chose dans la vie!* (the best life has to offer!)



CITIES VISITED

- Paris
- Biarritz
- Bordeaux
- Saint-Emilion
- Toulouse
- Carcassonne
- Lyon
- Cannes
- Nice
- Monaco
- Aix-en-Provence
- Munich
- Barcelona
- Montserrat
- Brussels
- Bruges
- Antwerp
- Marseille
- Dijon
- Burgundy
- Normandy
- Caen
- Amiens
- Villers-Bretonneux
- Reims
- Champagne
- Versailles

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Quality accommodation
- Travel throughout
- Official Category 2 match tickets
- Local French speaking guides
- Sightseeing tours
- Commemorative merchandise & more.

A full list of inclusions is available online at weloverugby.com

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

\$38,790

per person
twin share

POOL & KNOCKOUT PHASE TOUR

MATCHES INCLUDED

Opening Ceremony
France v New Zealand
8 Sep, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

Australia v Georgia
9 Sep, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

New Zealand v Africa 1
15 Sep, Stadium de Toulouse, Toulouse

Australia v Fiji
17 Sep, Stade Geoffroy Guichard, Saint-Étienne

Italy v Uruguay
20 Sep, Stade de Nice, Nice

France v Africa 1
21 Sep, Stade Vélodrome, Marseille

Australia v Wales
24 Sep, OL Stadium, Lyon

New Zealand v Italy
29 Sep, OL Stadium, Lyon

Australia v Qualification Winner
1 Oct, Stade Geoffroy Guichard, Saint-Étienne

Ireland v Scotland
7 Oct, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

quarter-final 1
14 Oct, Stade Vélodrome, Marseille

quarter-final 3
15 Oct, Stade Vélodrome, Marseille

semi-final 1
20 Oct, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

semi-final 2
21 Oct, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

final
28 Oct, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

Plus optional bronze final, 27 Oct

"We wish to highly commend WLR tour representatives. All guides were excellent, knowledgeable and entertaining. Our rugby expert Benn Robinson was truly amazing, engaging, inclusive of all tour members, entertaining and a pleasure to be on tour with. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the tour and the other tour members."

Wayne Wilkinson - RWC 2019

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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: Biarritz

This morning we travel to the stunning resort town of Biarritz. This afternoon we take a walking tour of this playground of France's rich and famous.

Overnight: Biarritz

Mon 11 Sep: Bordeaux City Tour

Today we head to France's number one wine region of Bordeaux and will embark on a tour of this gorgeous city.

Overnight: Bordeaux

Tue 12 Sep: Saint-Emilion Winery Tour

Saint-Emilion's steep, narrow streets are lined with churches and ruins. We head to one of the region's top wineries.

Overnight: Bordeaux

Wed 13 Sep: Transfer to Toulouse

Today we travel through classic French countryside en route to Toulouse.

Overnight: Toulouse

Thu 14 Sep: Carcassonne Day Tour

Today we visit the medieval fortress city of Carcassonne.

Overnight: Toulouse

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

Today we take a tour of the historic city centre before heading to Stade de Toulouse for tonight's match!

Overnight: Toulouse

Sat 16 Sep: Transfer to Lyon

Today we travel to Lyon.

Overnight: Lyon

Sun 17 Sep: City Tour & Australia v Fiji

Following our city tour we travel to Saint-Etienne for Australia's clash with Fiji. After being given a scare against Fiji in Japan in 2019, the Aussies will be keen for a solid start in this one!

Overnight: Lyon

Mon 18 Sep: Cannes & Nice

This morning we depart for the French Riviera. First stop is Cannes where we will enjoy lunch departing for Nice.

Overnight: Nice

Tue 19 Sep: Monaco & French Riviera

Today we travel to the Principality of Monaco. We then return to Nice to

explore the local highlights.

Overnight: Nice

Wed 20 Sep: City Tour & Italy v Uruguay

Today we take a city tour of Nice.

This afternoon we head out to see Italy v Uruguay. With the Italian border just 35km away tonight's supporters will be heavily in favour of the Azzurri!

Overnight: Nice

Thu 21 Sep: Aix & France v Africa 1

This morning we travel to the picturesque city of Aix-en-Provence!

This evening we travel to Marseille's Stade Velodrome for France v Africa 1.

Overnight: Aix-en-Provence

Fri 22 Sep: Aix-en-Provence City Tour

Today we take a city tour of Aix starting at the glorious avenue of Cours Mirabeau and ending at the daily produce market at Place Richelme.

Overnight: Aix-en-Provence

Sat 23 Sep: Transfer to Lyon

We return to Lyon today.

Overnight: Lyon

Sun 24 Sep: Australia v Wales

This evening is Australia's all-important clash with rivals Wales!

Overnight: Lyon





Mon 25 Sep: Transfer to Munich

This morning we travel to Munich for Oktoberfest beer festival - a festival that has to be seen to be believed!

Overnight: Munich

Tue 26 Sep: City Tour & Oktoberfest

After our walking tour of the old town we return for more Oktoberfest action.

Overnight: Munich

Wed 27 Sep: Dachau Tour

This morning we visit the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site and recover at Oktoberfest later that night.

Overnight: Munich

Thu 28 Sep: Lyon

We return to Lyon today.

Overnight: Lyon

Fri 29 Sep: Lyon & New Zealand v Italy

Today we have time to explore central Lyon before the All Blacks take on Italy.

Overnight: Lyon

Sat 30 Sep: Basilica of Notre-Dame

This morning we ride on the funicular to Fouviere's Basilica of Notre-Dame..

Overnight: Lyon

Sun 1 Oct: Australia v Final Qualifier Winner

This afternoon we head to Saint-

Etienne for Australia's match.

Overnight: Lyon

Mon 2 Oct: Barcelona

We head south to the Spanish city of Barcelona to explore the best of Catalan culture.

Overnight: Barcelona

Tue 3 Oct: Sagrada Familia Tour

This morning we take a tour of one of Barcelona's most famous landmarks, the Sagrada Familia.

Overnight: Barcelona

Wed 4 Oct: La Pedrera & Park Guell

Today we visit two more iconic Barcelona locations designed by Antoni Gaudi. Casa Mila, colloquially known as La Pedrera (*'the stone quarry'*).

Park Guell was originally intended as a housing development where the city's elite could enjoy the relative fresh air.

Overnight: Barcelona

Thu 5 Oct: Montserrat Tour

Located 50km northwest of Barcelona, Montserrat is a unique series of rock formations sitting 1,200 metres above sea level, and home to a monastery established in the 11th century

Overnight: Barcelona

Fri 6 Oct: Paris Transfer

Today we return to Paris.

Overnight: Paris

Sat 7 Oct: Ireland v Scotland

Today is a free day before we out to watch Ireland and Scotland clash.

Overnight: Paris

Sun 8 Oct: Paris Cruise

This morning we embark on a cruise of the River Seine.

Overnight: Paris

Mon 9 Oct: Brussels

We cross the Belgian border today.

Overnight: Brussels

Tue 10 Oct: Brussels City Tour

Today we tour the Belgian capital.

Overnight: Brussels

Wed 11 October: Bruges Tour

The historic centre of Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight: Brussels

Thu 12 Oct: Antwerp & Ghent Tour

After our tour of the highlights of Antwerp we will head on to Ghent and the incredible St Bavo's cathedral.

Overnight: Brussels

Fri 13 Oct: Marseille Transfer

Today we return to southern France.

Overnight: Marseille

Sat 14 Oct: Quarter-final 1

This afternoon is the first of this weekend's quarter-finals.

Overnight: Marseille

Sun 15 Oct: Quarter-final 3

We return to Marseille's Stade Velodrome for quarter-final number 3.

Overnight: Marseille

Mon 16 Oct: Dijon

We head to France's historic Burgundy region famous for the eponymous wines, food and a famous condiment!

Overnight: Dijon

Tue 17 Oct: Dijon City Tour

This morning we embark on a walking tour of Dijon's UNESCO-listed old town.

Overnight: Dijon

Wed 18 Oct: Burgundy Winery Tour

Today we tour one of the top wineries to sample the famous pinot noir.

Overnight: Dijon

Thu 19 Oct: Paris Transfer

This morning we return to Paris where all of our tour groups come together for a big night on the town!

Overnight: Paris

Fri 20 Oct: City tour & semi-final 1

Today we visit some of Paris's many sightseeing highlights before we head to the magnificent Stade de France for the first of the tournament's semi-finals.

Overnight: Paris

Sat 21 Oct: Semi-final 2

Today we explore more of the French capital and then return to Stade de France for tonight's second semi-final.

Overnight: Paris

Sun 22 Oct: Normandy

This morning we depart Paris and begin our tour of the French battlefields and memorials of the World Wars.

Overnight: Caen

Mon 23 Oct: Bayeux

Today we visit more of the Normandy WW2 battlefields and then visit the medieval town of Bayeux.

Overnight: Caen

Tue 24 Oct: Amiens & the Somme

Today we head north to the city of Amiens and the WW1 battlefields of the Somme.

Overnight: Amiens

Wed 25 Oct: Villers-Bretonneux

Today we head to the town of Villers-Bretonneux where Australian soldiers

famously fought during WW1. We then travel to the capital of France's traditional Champagne region, Reims.

Overnight: Reims

Thu 26 Oct: Champagne Winery Tour

First stop today is a winery in France's famed Champagne region where we will hear the history while sampling a glass before we return to Paris ahead of the climax of Rugby World Cup 2023!

Overnight: Paris

Fri 27 Oct: Palace of Versailles Tour

Today we visit the world heritage listed Palace of Versailles for a tour of the incredible Royal apartments and extravagant gardens. This evening we get together at our central Paris sports bar for the bronze final!

Overnight: Paris

Sat 28 Oct: Function & RWC final

This afternoon we have our pre-final function where our expert panel will share their thoughts on the final. Then tonight is the tournament's showpiece event at Stade de France!

Overnight: Paris

Sun 29 Oct: Tour Concludes

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



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