



The Big Rugby Experience

52 days of French touring

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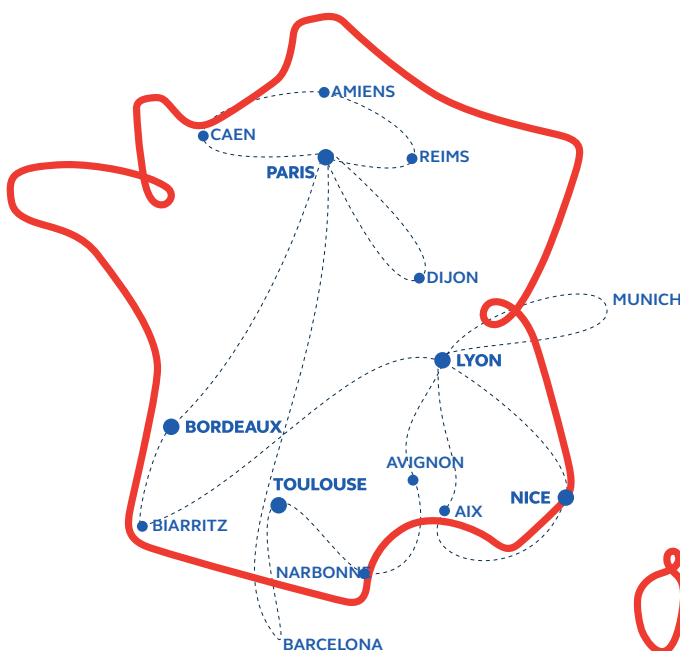
TOUR: BIG RUGBY EXPERIENCE

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

The ultimate New Zealand Supporters tour! Our Big Rugby Experience tour spends 51 nights across France and Europe enjoying the best France has to offer plus 11 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 incredible French Riviera.

You will leave this trip with memories (and stories) that will last forever!



CITIES VISITED

- Paris
- Barcelona
- Toulouse
- Narbonne
- Carcassonne
- Avignon
- Lyon
- Munich
- Aix-en-Provence
- Cannes
- Nice
- Monaco
- Biarritz
- San Sebastian
- Bordeaux
- Saint-Emilion
- Dijon
- Burgundy
- Normandy
- Caen
- Amiens
- Villers-Bretonneux
- Reims
- Champagne
- Versailles

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Quality accommodation
- Travel throughout
- Official Category 2 match tickets
- Local French speaking guide
- 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.

\$37,990

per person
twin share

**POOL &
KNOCKOUT
PHASE TOUR**



MATCHES INCLUDED

**Opening Ceremony -
France v New
Zealand**

8 Sep Stade de
France, Saint-Denis

**New Zealand v
Africa 1**

15 Sep, Stadium de
Toulouse, Toulouse

Australia v Wales

24 Sep OL Stadium,
Lyon

New Zealand v Italy

29 Sep, OL Stadium,
Lyon

New Zealand v

Uruguay

5 Oct, OL Stadium,
Lyon

France v Italy

6 Oct, OL Stadium,
Lyon

quarter-final 2

14 Oct, Stade de
France, Saint-Denis

quarter-final 4

15 Oct, Stade de
France, Saint-Denis

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**

*"Great way to join in the fun of a
major rugby event with like-minded rugby
travellers. Very well planned tour
and run very well."*

Alison Harrington - RWC 2019

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Fri 8 Sep: Welcome to Paris!

Bonjour! Tonight we head to the opening ceremony and game one - New Zealand vs France.

Overnight: Paris

Sat 9 Sep: Paris City Tour

Today we visit many of Paris's sightseeing highlights.

Overnight: Paris

Sun 10 Sep: Barcelona

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

Overnight: Barcelona

Mon 11 Sep: Sagrada Familia Tour

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

Overnight: Barcelona

Tue 12 Sep: La Pedrera & Park Guell

Today we visit two more iconic 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.

Overnight: Barcelona

Wed 13 Sep: 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

Thu 14 Sep: Transfer to Toulouse

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

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: Toulouse

We have one final day to enjoy in la Ville Rose - the Pink City.

Overnight: Toulouse

Sun 17 Sep: Narbonne City Tour

Today we travel to the Mediterranean city of Narbonne. After dropping our luggage at tonight's hotel we will take a walking tour of the old town.

Overnight: Narbonne

Mon 18 Sep: Carcassonne Day Tour

Today we visit the amazingly preserved medieval fortress city of Carcassonne.

Overnight: Narbonne

Tue 19 Sep: Winery Tour

Today we visit one of the best local vineyards for a wine tasting session.

Overnight: Narbonne

Wed 20 Sep: Avignon

We continue travelling across southern France to the city of Avignon, home to the catholic popes in the 14th century.

Overnight: Avignon

Thu 21 Sep: Avignon City Tour

This morning our walking tour starts at the Palais des Papes and end our tour at Les Halles d'Avignon, the city's enormous food market featuring produce from all over Provence.

Overnight: Avignon

Fri 22 Sep: River Rhone & Orange

Today we take a cruise along the Rhone river north and visit the town of Orange, founded by the Romans in 35BC.

Overnight: Avignon

Sat 23 Sep: Transfer to Lyon

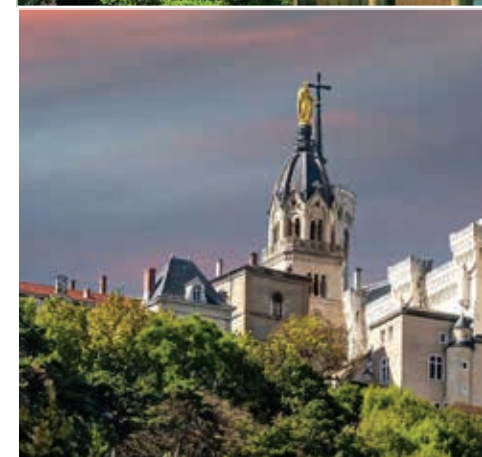
We return to Lyon today.

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: Aix-en-Provence

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

Overnight: Aix-en-Provence

Sun 1 Oct: Aix-en-Provence

Today we take a city tour of Aix starting at Cours Mirabeau and ending at the

daily produce market at Place Richelme.

Overnight: Aix-en-Provence

Mon 2 Oct: Cannes & Nice City Tour

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

Overnight: Nice

Tue 3 Oct: Monaco & French Riviera

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

Overnight: Nice

Wed 4 Oct: Lyon Transfer

Today we return to Lyon.

Overnight: Lyon

Thu 5 Oct: Lyon City Tour & New Zealand v Uruguay

This morning we embark on a tour of Lyon before heading out to OL Stadium for the AB's final pool match!

Overnight: Lyon

Fri 6 Oct: France v Italy

This morning we ride on the funicular to Fougere's Basilica of Notre-Dame before France take on Italy.

Overnight: Lyon

Sat 7 Oct: Biarritz Transfer

Today 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

Sun 8 Oct: Biarritz City Tour

Today's tour will start the beautiful Grande Plage beach and end with pastries at the Miremont Teahouse for some classic French pastries.

Overnight: Biarritz

Mon 9 Oct: San Sebastian Tour

Today we cross the Spanish border into the heart of Basque country to explore San Sebastian's shoreline, old town and pintxos, the Basque version of tapas.

Overnight: Biarritz

Tue 10 Oct: Bordeaux

Today we head to France's number one wine region of Bordeaux.

Overnight: Bordeaux

Wed 11 October: Bordeaux City Tour

Today we will embark on a tour of this gorgeous city.

Overnight: Bordeaux

Thu 12 Oct: 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

Fri 13 Oct: Paris

Today we return to Paris.

Overnight: Paris

Sat 14 Oct: Quarter-final 2

Tonight's quarter-final features the winner of Pool B (South Africa, Ireland or Scotland) and the runner up of New Zealand's Pool A.

Overnight: Paris

Sun 15 Oct: Quarter-final 4

Explore more of Paris before we watch the last quarter-final.

Overnight: Paris

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 tour more of Paris before we head to the magnificent Stade de France for semi-final 1.

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 Somme battlefields.

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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