

## FRANCE: PARIS & BRITTANY – CREATIVE WRITING TOUR 2011



Day 1

**Thu 28 Apr**

### JOHANNESBURG – PARIS

Depart on AF 995 at

19h30

Day 2

Fri 29 Apr

### PARIS

Arrive Paris CDG at

06h50

Met and transferred to hotel - en route short orientation tour of Paris. Arrive hotel

12h30

After check-in time to freshen-up

Lunch time – Meet for briefing of schedule

Guided literary walk through the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> arrondissement

15h00

#### ***Writing Course:***

- *Introduction to the programme*
- *Expectations and goals*
- *Tools to unlock creativity*
- *Exercise one: Atmosphere. Record sensory impressions*

Dinner at a local restaurant: Vagenade or similar

#### **Overnight: Paris – Hotel Littre 4\* (B&B) – or similar**

The hotel Le Littre is located on the famous Left Bank of Paris, near Saint Germain des Pres and within the famous Montparnasse district, the new paris left bank area for fashion designers and trendy shops

[www.hotellittreparis.com](http://www.hotellittreparis.com)



Day 3

Sat 30 Apr

### PARIS



After a leisurely breakfast meet in foyer at 10h30

- *Meet before the morning outing to collect assignment and set second exercise*
- *Exercise two: Form, observation, detail & description. Write a descriptive passage/haiku*

Visit Shakespeare and Company bookstore then the Marais district to visit Victor Hugo's house

Wander along the Rue Rivoli to look at bookstores and have famous hot chocolate at Angelica's.

Dinner at a local restaurant : La Coupole – or similar

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Day 4  
Sun 01 May

PARIS – Café / Bar scene – haunts of famous literary figures  
(Cost: €25 - €55 per venue – Own account)



After a leisurely breakfast meet in foyer at 10h00

Split into groups to visit the following cafes:

- La Closerie de Lilas / Le Dome / Dingo Bar /Le Falstaff
- Brasserie Lipp / Café de Flore / Les Deux Magots
- *Exercise three: Character and point of view. Café exercise: Character study*

Dinner at a local restaurant – Le Procope

**Overnight: Paris – Hotel Littre 4 \* (B&B) – or similar**

Day 5  
Mon 2 May

**PARIS –(Giverny) - BRITTANY (St Malo)**

After breakfast depart by coach + guide to Giverny

Morning Visit Giverny and Monet's garden



Back by coach to Gare Montparnasse for train to St Malo

- *Exercise four: Writing prompts. Sensory images*  
Dinner at local restaurant 'La Corderie' or similar

**Overnight : St Malo – Hotel Alba 3\* B&B**

Day 6  
Tues 3 May

St Malo – at leisure



Morning walking visit to the Market

St Malo is the most visited place in Brittany, thanks more to its superb old **citadelle** than the ferry terminal. From outside the walls, the dignified old city might seem stern and forbidding, but passing through into the streets within the walls brings you into a busy, lively and very characterful town, packed with hotels, restaurants, bars and shops

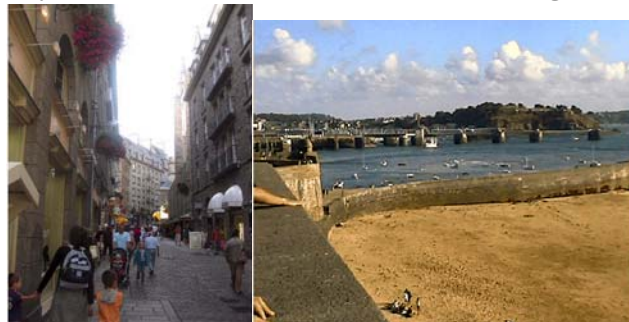
- *Exercise five: Dialogue*  
Dinner at a local restaurant – La Pêcheurie or similar

**Overnight : St Malo - Hotel Alba 3\***

Day 7  
Wed 4 May

St Malo – at leisure

Day to relax and write – workshop (own arrangements)



- *Workshop: the craft of writing, common mistakes, writing tips*
- *The power of your personal story*

- *Themes in your life; finding your writing voice*
  - *Techniques: rapid writing, zoom lens, branching*
  - *Exercise six: obsessions, letter to self*
  - *Feedback on assignments*
- Dinner at a local restaurant – Taverne de Commerce or similar  
Overnight: St Malo - Hotel Alba 3\*



Day 8  
Thu 5 May

Visit Mont-St- Michel and King Arthur's Forest  
Also visit Chateau de Comper en Broceliande



The Golden Tree, The forest of Broceliande in Paimpont

Mont- St – Michel built between the 11th and 16th centuries, is now a UNESCO Heritage site. Perched on a rocky islet in the midst of vast sandbanks exposed to powerful tides between Normandy and Brittany stand the 'Wonder of the West', a Gothic-style Benedictine abbey dedicated to the archangel St Michael, and the village that grew up in the shadow of its great walls

- *Exercise seven: Imagination, archetypes. Write your fairy story*
- Lunch – own arrangements  
Dinner at a local restaurant

Day 9  
Fri 6 May

St Malo – at leisure  
Final workshop – consolidation en relaxation

- *Journaling guidelines; free writing*
  - *Exercise eight: Beginnings and endings*
  - *Feedback*
- Evening: **Farewell dinner** - Les Embruns or similar  
Overnight: Hotel Alba 3\*

Day 10  
Sat 7 May

**St MALO – PARIS - JOHANNESBURG**



Day 11  
Sun 8 May

Morning at leisure, transfer to station – train to Paris  
Met at station by coach and transferred to CDG  
Depart Paris on AF990 at 23h20

Arrive Johannesburg early morning

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**COST:** Based on a minimum of 15 paying passengers  
R35,424 per person sharing  
R41,577 single accommodation

**Cost includes:**

- Return flights in economy class on Air France from Johannesburg
- Accommodation in 4\* hotel in Paris / 3\* Hotel St Malo
- Breakfast & Dinner daily
- Coach and driver for transfers and visits as per itinerary
- English speaking guide for transfer arrival day and Giverny visit
- Dinners including mineral water and ½ bottle wine pp
- Visit Paris Metro pass
- Return train tickets Paris – St Malo
- Entrance fees and visits as per itinerary

**Cost excludes:**

- Meals, drinks not specified
- Travel Insurance
- Visa costs
- Domestic airfare – connecting flights in S.Africa
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone
- Tips for drivers and guides

**BOOKINGS: CONTACT KITTY - details below**



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