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The French Tennis Experience

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WELCOME

Some weeks stay with you *forever.*

In the morning, you play on the clay courts of Stade Roland Garros, the same ground where the legends of the game wrote history. You walk through the Philippe-Chatrier tunnel, into the press room, into the locker rooms, and you feel something shift. This place has a weight to it.

At night, you are on a boat on the Seine, anchored in the perfect spot, watching the Eiffel Tower explode with fireworks for Bastille Day. There are no words for that moment. You just watch, and remember.

And then there is Normandy. The rows of white crosses that go on and on. The silence. The cliffs at Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach. History does not just tell you things there — it hits you, in a way that surprises even those who thought they were prepared.

This booklet is your guide to everything we have planned. Our commitment is to make this a trip you carry with you long after you return home.

Steve & Guillaume

CO-FOUNDERS, BONJOUR TENNIS FANTASIES



CHAPTER ONE

Paris

The City of Light

Paris has been called many things over many centuries. For our purposes, it is the place where your tennis trip begins; on the clay courts of one of the most iconic sporting venues in the world. Everything else is a bonus. And the bonuses are extraordinary.



PARIS, FRANCE

The Capital of *Everything*

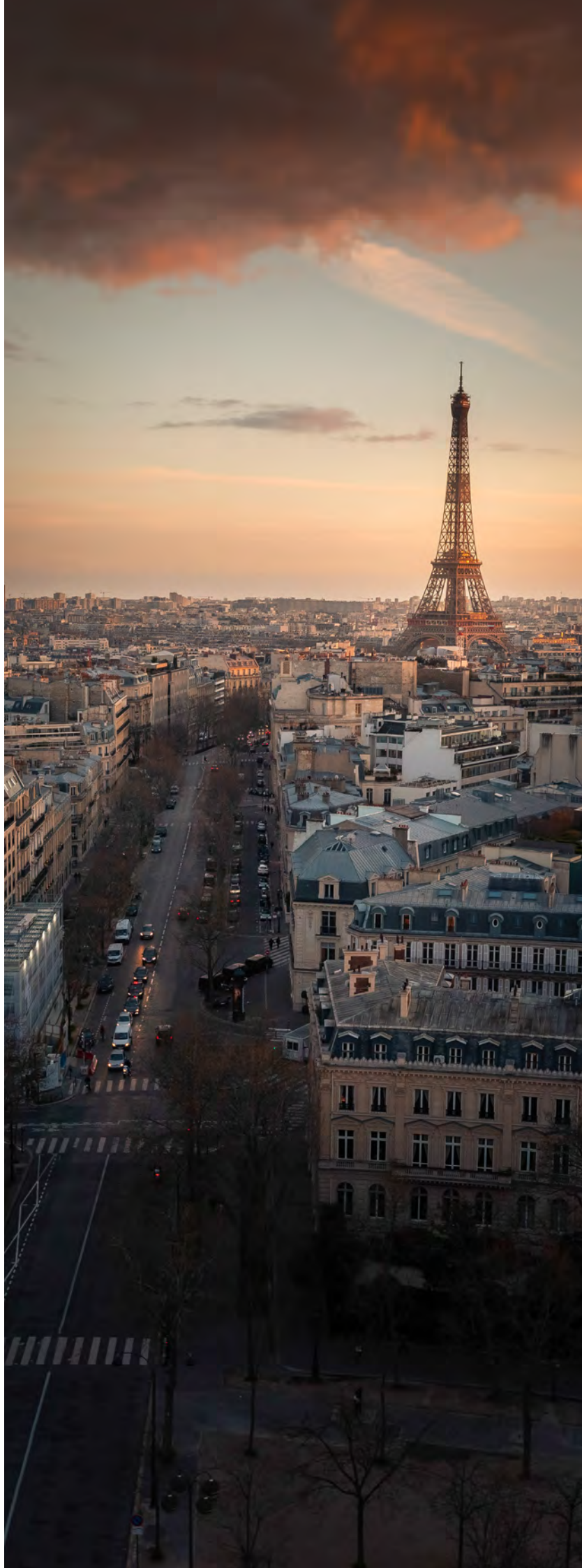
Paris is the capital of France and one of the most visited cities in the world. The Seine River runs through its center, and the city unfolds across 20 districts – each with its own rhythm, its own character, its own reason to stay a little longer.

Its grand avenues, historic squares, and distinct neighborhoods have shaped Western culture for centuries. Paris is home to some of the world's most important museums, legendary culinary institutions, and events of global significance in sport, fashion, and the arts.

During our days in Paris, you will have time to explore the city on your own – a café on a corner, a courtyard hidden behind a gate, a bouquiniste along the river.

"Paris is always a good idea."

Audrey Hepburn, Sabrina, 1954



WHERE WE STAY

Hôtel Molitor

Paris, MGallery



Hôtel Molitor has been part of Paris since 1929, when its two Art Deco swimming pools opened as one of the city's most glamorous gathering places. The outdoor pool – with its yellow walls, blue cabin doors, and signature portholes – became an icon of Parisian summer life.

After decades of life and a long closure, Molitor was reimagined and reopened in 2014 as a five-star hotel while keeping everything that made it special: the pools, the Art Deco bones, and the spirit of a place that has always done things differently.

The hotel sits in the 16th arrondissement, directly across the street from Stade Roland Garros – a detail that is not a coincidence. It is 10 minutes from the Eiffel Tower and close to the Bois de Boulogne, Paris's great urban park.



AS SEEN IN EMILY IN PARIS

In Season 3, Episode 5 of the Netflix series, Emily and Mindy spend an afternoon at the Molitor pool – cocktails on deck chairs, the sun, the Art Deco architecture. If you have seen the show, you will recognize it immediately. If you haven't, you will understand in about ten minutes why they chose it.



THE HEART OF THE TRIP

Stade Roland Garros

Where Legends Play. Where We Play.

Roland Garros is not just a tennis tournament. It is one of the most famous sporting venues on earth – a place where generations of champions have played on the red clay and where the history of the game is alive in every corner. Djokovic, Nadal, Federer, Evert, Graf, Seles. They all came here. They all left something behind.



"We step onto the court at Philippe-Chatrier, and for a moment, no one says anything. You can feel it — the weight of the place."



Our experience at Stade Roland Garros is not that of a spectator. It is that of someone who goes where the public does not – a private tour of the entire facility: the locker rooms used by the players, the press room, the tunnels, the courts – both the famous ones and the hidden practice courts where the world's best prepare away from the crowds. We walk the same ground that the world's best players walk. We stand in the same spaces where champions have sat before stepping out to face 15,000 people. And we have lunch with a view of the Central Court at Philippe-Chatrier.



And then we play. On the red clay of Stade Roland Garros — the very surface that has defined some of the greatest matches ever played.



A DOOR FEW HAVE WALKED THROUGH

Bonjour Tennis Fantasies holds a distinction that no other group can claim: in 2022, we were **the first group of non-professional tennis players in the history of Roland Garros to be granted access to play** and tour the facility at this level. That is not something that was easy to arrange, and it is not something that is widely available. It is a door that very few people in the world have walked through, and you are walking through it.

1928

YEAR ROLAND GARROS OPENED

15,000

CAPACITY, PHILIPPE-CHATRIER

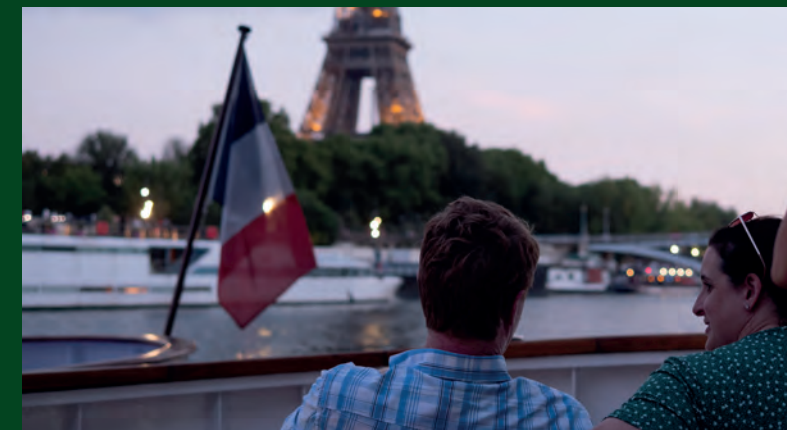
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FIRST AMERICAN NON-PROFESSIONAL GROUP IN HISTORY

JULY 14TH – LA FÊTE NATIONALE

Bastille Day

Every year on July 14th, France celebrates the storming of the Bastille fortress in 1789 – a moment that marked the beginning of the French Revolution and, over time, became the symbolic birth of the French Republic. Today, Bastille Day is France's national holiday: a day of military parades, street celebrations, music, and fireworks. The largest display takes place in Paris, with the Eiffel Tower as its center. There is no better city in the world to be in on this night.



OUR EVENING – PRIVATE DINNER CRUISE

Dinner on the Seine

We celebrate Bastille Day on the water. Our private dinner cruise takes us along the Seine, through the heart of Paris, past Notre-Dame and the Île de la Cité, until we find the perfect spot – the one where the Eiffel Tower fills the view entirely. There, we stop. The dinner is served. And at 11pm, when the fireworks begin, you are watching from the best seat in the city. The tower lights up, the sky opens, and the reflections move across the river. This is one of those evenings that does not need any commentary. It speaks entirely for itself.

Essential *Paris*

Between organized activities, Paris is yours to explore. Here are eight places worth your time.



Tour Eiffel

Gustave Eiffel's iron tower was built as a temporary structure for the 1889 World's Fair. It stayed. At 330 meters, it remains the most recognizable landmark in the world. Climb it, photograph it from the Trocadéro, or simply walk past it at dusk when the lights come on.



Musée du Louvre

The largest art museum in the world occupies a former royal palace along the Seine. Its collection spans 9,000 years of history across 35,000 works. The Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo, the Winged Victory of Samothrace. Arrive early, focus on a wing, and do not try to see everything.



Musée d'Orsay

Housed in a converted Beaux-Arts train station, the d'Orsay holds the world's finest collection of Impressionist art – Monet, Renoir, Degas, Van Gogh, Cézanne. Given that we are visiting Giverny, spending an hour here first gives the whole trip another layer.



Montmartre & Sacré-Cœur

The hilltop neighborhood of Montmartre was home to Picasso, Modigliani, Toulouse-Lautrec, and Dalí – artists who shaped the 20th century. The white Sacré-Cœur basilica at the top offers some of the best views of Paris. Walk the side streets on the way up. They are worth it.

Essential *Paris*



Notre-Dame de Paris

After the 2019 fire that shocked the world, Notre-Dame reopened in December 2024 following a meticulous five-year restoration. The cathedral, built between 1163 and 1345, stands again on the Île de la Cité. Its restoration is considered one of the great cultural achievements of recent years.



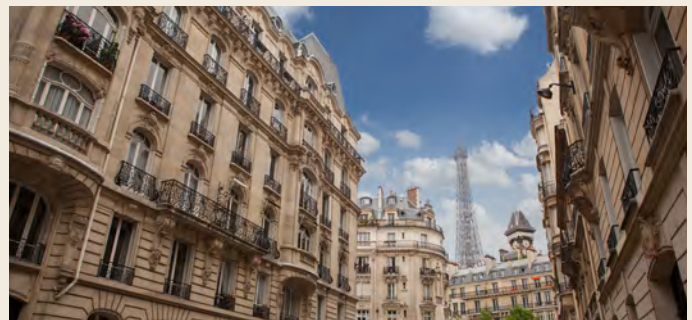
Le Marais

One of Paris's best-preserved historic neighborhoods, the Marais runs from the Centre Pompidou to Place des Vosges — the city's oldest planned square, built in 1612. The neighborhood is home to art galleries, design shops, some of the best falafel in Europe, and streets that feel entirely unchanged by time.



The Seine & Its Bridges

Paris has 37 bridges crossing the Seine, each with its own character. The Pont Alexandre III, with its gilded statues and Belle Époque lamps, is widely considered the most beautiful. A walk along the river at any hour connects nearly every major landmark in the city.



Saint-Germain-des-Prés

The Left Bank neighborhood that defined post-war intellectual Paris. Sartre, Beauvoir, and Hemingway wrote at its café tables. Café de Flore and Les Deux Magots are still there. The bookshop Shakespeare and Company, just across the river, has been a gathering point for writers since 1951.

DAY EXCURSION — 30 MINUTES FROM PARIS

The Palace of *Versailles*

Thirty kilometers southwest of Paris, the Palace of Versailles is one of the most ambitious architectural projects ever completed. Louis XIV began transforming his father's hunting lodge into the seat of French royal power in 1661. The result — after decades of construction — was a palace of 700 rooms, 2,000 acres of formal gardens, and 50 fountains.

For more than a century, Versailles was the center of European political life. It was here that the Treaty of Versailles was signed in 1919, formally ending the First World War. The Hall of Mirrors alone — 73 meters of arched windows facing the gardens — has witnessed events that changed the world.

We organize a full excursion to Versailles, with private transfers and guided access. Beyond the palace itself, the gardens are among the most formally designed in the world — Le Nôtre's perfectly geometric vision of nature, reimaged on a scale that still astonishes.

The Grand Trianon and the Petit Trianon — the smaller palaces on the grounds — offer a more intimate look at royal life. Marie Antoinette's hamlet, a small rustic village she had built on the estate, is one of the most quietly extraordinary things in all of France.

"Versailles was designed to impress the world — and for 300 years, it has not stopped."



Giverny & the Gardens of Claude Monet



Eighty kilometers northwest of Paris, in a small village in Normandy, Claude Monet lived and painted for 43 years. He arrived in Giverny in 1883 and spent the rest of his life there, transforming the land around his house into the most famous garden in the history of art.

The water garden — with its Japanese bridge, weeping willows, and the lily pond that Monet painted more than 250 times — is exactly as he left it. Walking through it is a genuinely unusual experience: you are not looking at a painting that was inspired by a garden, you are standing in the garden that created the paintings.

The flower garden in front of the house, with its long central path and arched rose tunnels, blooms in extraordinary color from spring through early fall. Monet designed every detail of it, treating it, as he once said, as his greatest work of art.

We stop in Giverny on our way from Paris to Deauville — a natural break in the journey that adds one of the most quietly beautiful places in France to a trip already full of landmarks. For those who have spent time with Monet's paintings in museums, this visit tends to land differently than expected.

CHAPTER THREE

Deauville

Normandy's Elegant Coast

Deauville has been the summer address of Parisian society since the 19th century. A small city on the Norman coast with a casino, famous racehorses, a boardwalk lined with changing cabins bearing the names of Hollywood stars, and a tennis club situated directly on the beach. This is where we base ourselves for the second half of the trip.



WHERE WE STAY

Hôtel Le Normandy

Deauville



Le Normandy has stood in the center of Deauville since 1912, and it has always been the town's most important address. Its half-timbered Norman façade, its formal gardens, and its position one block from the sea make it one of the most recognizable hotels on the French Atlantic coast.

The hotel has hosted royalty, heads of state, and generations of artists and writers who came to Deauville for the summer. Its interior mixes Norman architecture with the comfort of a grand hotel – high ceilings, wide corridors, and rooms that look out over either the gardens or the rooftops of the town.

Our tennis club is directly across the street, right on the beach. In the mornings, you play on courts overlooking the water. In the evenings, you walk back to Le Normandy for dinner. It is a very good arrangement.



The *Best* of Deauville



Les Planches

The famous boardwalk of Deauville, lined with colorful beach cabanas each bearing the name of a Hollywood star. The American Film Festival has been held here since 1975, giving the town a permanent link to cinema.



Casino Barrière

The grand casino of Deauville opened in 1912 – the same year as Le Normandy. Its Belle Époque architecture has made it one of the most photographed buildings in Normandy. The gaming rooms and terraces are open to visitors in the evening.



Villa Strassburger

One of the finest historic mansions in Deauville, the Villa Strassburger is a striking example of the grand Norman architecture that defines the town's character. Its gardens and exterior are among the most elegant in the region.



The Beach & Tennis Club

Deauville's broad sandy beach is the backdrop to our tennis experience here. The club sits directly on the seafront, which means our courts face the English Channel. It is a setting that is hard to replicate anywhere else in the world.

A DEAUVILLE TRADITION

Thoroughbred Racing

Normandy has been one of the world's great horse-breeding regions for centuries. The combination of mild climate, rich pasture, and generations of expertise has made the Norman countryside the birthplace of some of the finest thoroughbreds in racing history.

The region around Deauville is at the center of this tradition. Every August, Deauville hosts what is considered the most important thoroughbred yearling sale in Europe – buyers arrive from across the world to bid on horses that will go on to compete in the Kentucky Derby, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and the world's greatest races.

Horse racing is woven into the identity of Deauville. The town was built around it – and the Deauville-La Touques racecourse, right in the heart of the city, is where that tradition comes alive every day.

We take our group behind the scenes for a private discovery tour of thoroughbred training. In the privacy of the stables and at the heart of the tracks, our experts – trainers, riders, and former jockeys – walk you through every stage of preparing a racehorse for competition.

During the visit, you will have the chance to meet one of the finest horses currently in training at the center – a thoroughbred with over €400,000 in career winnings.





CHAPTER FOUR — JUNE 6, 1944

The D-Day Excursion

Normandy's Beaches of History

On June 6, 1944, more than 156,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy in the largest seaborne invasion in history. Operation Overlord turned the course of the Second World War. We spend a full day following the route of that morning — across the cliffs, the beaches, and the fields where history pivoted.

A Day That Changed the World

The D-Day sites are spread along a 50-mile stretch of Norman coastline. We travel this route as a group, with an expert guide who brings context to every stop. Nothing fully prepares you for what you see.

STOP 01

Arromanches-les-Bains



To supply the Allied forces after D-Day, engineers built two prefabricated harbors — called Mulberry Harbors — and towed them across the Channel. The remains of one of them still sit in the water off Arromanches today, 80 years later. The museum here explains how the harbor worked, and standing on the beach looking at those concrete structures still in the sea is one of the strangest and most powerful experiences the Normandy coast offers.



STOP 02

Pointe du Hoc

On the morning of June 6th, 225 US Army Rangers scaled 30-meter cliffs under fire to destroy German artillery positioned to fire on both Utah and Omaha beaches. More than half were killed or wounded. The clifftop site is preserved exactly as it was left — craters from aerial bombing, destroyed concrete bunkers, the gun emplacements. Walking through it, you understand in a physical way what happened here.

STOP 03

Omaha Beach

Omaha was the bloodiest of the five landing beaches on June 6th. Nearly 2,000 American soldiers were killed or wounded in the first hours. Today, it is a wide, quiet stretch of sand — the kind of beach where, in summer, families picnic and children play. The contrast is profound, but it is not accidental. The life that has returned to this shore is exactly what those soldiers came here to defend.



Sculpture at Omaha Beach, Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer (known as Les Braves)



Troops of the US Army 2nd Infantry Division march up the bluff at the E-1 draw in the Easy Red sector of Omaha Beach, Normandy, France on D+1, June 7, 1944.

STOP 04

The American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer

Above Omaha Beach, on a bluff overlooking the sea, 9,388 American soldiers are buried. The rows of white marble crosses and Stars of David extend across 172 acres of perfectly maintained ground. This is the site that appears in photographs, in films, in history books — and none of that preparation matters when you are actually standing there. The scale of it, and the silence, are unlike anything else. For most visitors, this is the moment of the day that stays with them longest.





This is the trip you have been waiting for.

It was designed to give you more than great tennis and beautiful places, though it will certainly give you both. It was designed to give you days that feel genuinely different. Days that raise the bar for what a trip can be.

The full itinerary is available on our website, under The French Tennis Experience section.

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