

London to the Pyrenees

Designed for John Harris

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Friday, August 12th

Overnight: London

08.15 am departure from Boston, Logan Airport aboard British Airways daytime flight number BA 238 (confirmation number: 2W7I59) to London Heathrow. On arrival at 7.40 pm local time, a car and driver will be waiting to escort you to the Athenaeum Hotel (confirmation number: 68409).

Saturday, August 13th - Sunday, August 14th

Overnight: London

Two full days to explore some of what the capital has to offer – perhaps a ride on the London Eye followed by a boat ride down the river to the Tower of London.

Monday, August 15th

Overnight: Loire Valley

At 07.00 am this morning a car and driver will come and collect you from the hotel for the transfer to Stansted Airport where you board your Ryan Air flight number FR 8868 to Tours in the Loire Valley, departing at 9.45 am. On arrival in Tours at 12.05 pm, you collect your rental car (confirmation number: QTH53151) and proceed to the Chateau de Noizay – your home for the next three nights (confirmation number: 88732894).

Tuesday, August 16th - Wednesday, August 17th

Overnight: Loire Valley

Two full days to explore the “Garden of France,” the beautiful valley of the River Loire. Perhaps a wine tasting in Sancerre or visits to the chateaux of Chenonceau and Chambord, two of the most spectacular in the region. Should you visit Amboise, don’t miss a visit to the Clos-Luce, the last home of Leonardo da Vinci, complete with drawings models and other memorabilia.

Thursday, August 18th

Overnight: St. Emilion

Today you drive south, through Poitiers, to the Bordeaux region. An interesting detour on the route would be to the historic coastal port of La Rochelle. You pass close to the town of Cognac as you head for your hotel in St. Emilion, just east of Bordeaux, in the heart of the vineyards (confirmation number: 88732894).

Friday, August 19th

Overnight: Pau

Continuing south today you cross the River Garonne as you head towards Roquefort – not the home of the famous cheese. This Roquefort was the capital of the Landes region and it was here in 1371 that John of Gaunt and Edmund of York married the two daughters of Pedro the Cruel of Castile. You continue through the Pine forests of the Landes to the foothills of the Pyrenees and the town of Pau.

Saturday, August 20th - Sunday, August 21st **Overnight: Pau**
Two days with your relatives.

Monday, August 22nd **Overnight: Windsor**
This morning you leave your car at Pau airport and board your Ryan Air flight FR 2357, departing at 1.25 pm, back to London Stansted. On arrival at 2.15 pm, you will be met by a car and driver for the transfer to your hotel in Windsor (confirmation number: 281116/7).

Tuesday, August 23rd **Overnight: Home**
There will be time this morning to visit Windsor Castle before finding a taxi to take you to nearby Heathrow Airport for your return flight, BA 215 to Boston on British Airways departing at 4.30 pm and arriving in Boston at 6.35 pm (confirmation number: 2W7I59).
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The total cost of this itinerary, based on 2 adult participants and one 10-year old child is **\$10,980**. This includes the following:

Airfare:	Round trip air on British Airways from Boston to London. One way flights on Ryan Air from London Stansted to Tours and from Pau to London Stansted. All customs fees and airport taxes included
Hotels:	8 nights accommodation in luxury hotels (see below) All hotel taxes and service charges included
Coaching:	3 private airport transfers (Heathrow to central London, London to Stansted, and Stansted to Windsor)
Meals:	Full English breakfast in Windsor
Car Hire:	Mid-size, automatic transmission rental car for 7 days hire. Pick up: Tours Airport. Drop off: Pau Airport Hire includes unlimited mileage, all taxes and compulsory insurance coverage.

The following hotels have been confirmed. All are booked as two adjoining (or close by) rooms unless otherwise indicated.

London The Athenaeum – a 2 bedroom apartment
Loire Valley The Chateau de Noizay in Noizay
St. Emilion The Hostellerie de Plaisance
Windsor The Oakley Court Hotel

Please Note:

Substituting good 4 star hotels for the above properties could reduce the overall cost by approximately \$3000.