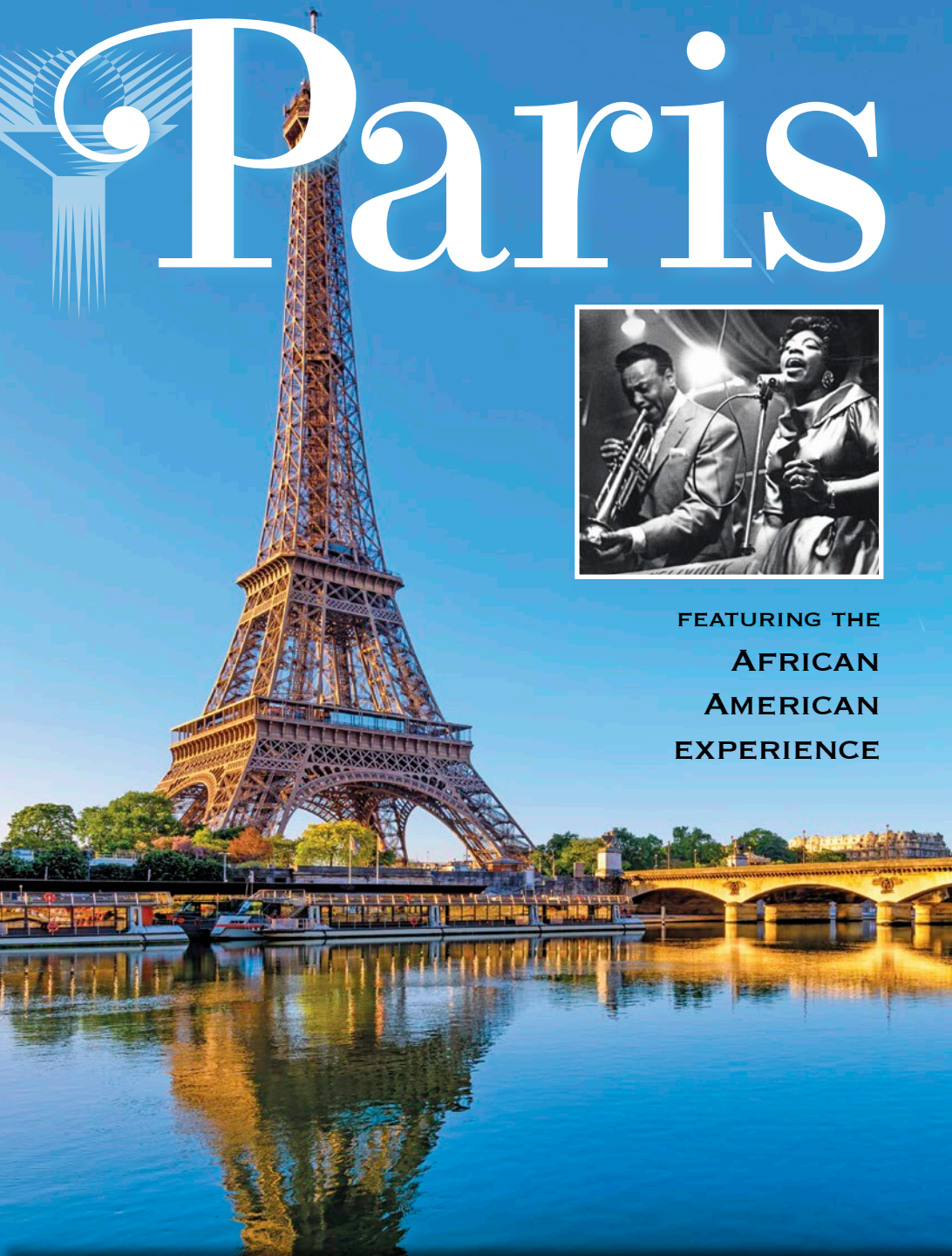


# Paris



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*Featuring Emilie Diouf, Assistant Professor of English*



# Brandeis | TRAVELERS

## Dear Alumni and Friends,

Discover the indelible impact of African American culture in Paris on this extraordinary seven-night journey. From prominent jazz musicians and club owners to writers and scholars, many African American expatriates felt welcome in Paris in the years following World War I.

Learn about the influence of jazz and the Harlem Renaissance on Paris, on visits to legendary neighborhoods of Montmartre and the Left Bank. The African American soldiers of the U.S. Army's 369th Infantry Regiment, known as the "Harlem Hellfighters," introduced jazz to Europe during World War I.

Walk in the footsteps of African American luminaries and gain a deeper understanding of this influential community through on-tour lectures and custom excursions. Enjoy quintessential Parisian experiences: visiting a jazz club, savoring French cuisine, cruising along the Seine River, and exploring world-class museums.

In partnership with local guides and experts, our tour will be led by Emilie Diouf, assistant professor of English and affiliate faculty, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and African and African-American Studies at Brandeis. Professor Diouf will enrich and inform the journey with her knowledge of French literature and African-American history.

Join us for a uniquely Brandeis experience — one that offers stimulating conversation, camaraderie, and connection with other intellectually curious alumni and friends.

Make your reservation today as space is limited, and we expect this special immersion tour will fill quickly.

Sincerely,

F. Patricia Fisher  
Vice President, Alumni Relations  
Brandeis University

### UNESCO World Heritage

#### Paris, Banks of the Seine

Landmarks along the city's historic river



*The Louvre*

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# Discovery begins here



Explore the intersection of U.S. and French history as you trace the journeys of prominent African American musicians, writers and luminaries in Paris. Learn how their experiences in the French capital shaped their lives and also how these individuals influenced contemporary Paris. Using the city's famed Métro system, navigate the city like a local on several of your excursions. Plus, delight in an evening of jazz and savor French cuisine!

Top: Seine River and Pont Neuf

Cover: Eiffel Tower | Inset: Jazz performers

Mail panel: Métro sign | Hôtel de Ville, Marais

## Inspiring Moments



- Unravel the relationship between **African American expatriates and Paris.**
- Explore **Montmartre**, where African American jazz musicians created their own Harlem in the 1920s.
- Enjoy an evening at a Paris **jazz club.**
- Attend a screening of a **documentary about African Americans** in Paris after World War I and meet the filmmakers.
- Gain the insights of an **African American author** living in Paris.
- Savor French treats during a fun **gastronomic walking tour.**
- Discover the multicultural collections of the **Musée du quai Branly.**
- Gain a new perspective of Paris in its **historic arrondissements.**
- Experience Paris' Banks of the Seine, a **UNESCO World Heritage site.**





### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France. 🌐

### Day 2 | Paris, France

Upon arrival in Paris, transfer 🚗 to Les Jardins du Marais.

Welcome to Paris! Join your Travel Director for a short stroll and learn how to navigate the Métro, Paris' transit system.

Mingle with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

### Day 3 | Paris

**Spirit of Black Paris.** Venture out for an enriching overview of Black history in Paris. Uncover the city that welcomed Josephine Baker, Langston Hughes and other African American luminaries. Pass by the haunts of Langston Hughes, W. E. B. Du Bois and James Baldwin along the Champs-Élysées, and discover the Latin Quarter. See where entertainers and writers from the African American expatriate community lived, including Henry Ossawa Tanner, Miles Davis and Bud Powell. Plus, witness memorials and statues that celebrate Alexandre Dumas' family and learn how they illustrate France's relationship with slavery and race. Enjoy lunch after the tour.

**Free Time:** Explore more of Paris on your own.

### Day 4 | Paris

🌐 **AHI Connects | Paris Noir.** Settle in for a screening of "Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light," a fascinating documentary that examines the relationship between the city of Paris and African American expatriates

following World War I. An enriching question-and-answer session with the filmmakers follows.

### Montmartre's Entertainers in the 1920s.

Learn about the influence of jazz and the Harlem Renaissance on Paris. The African American soldiers of the U.S. Army's 369th Infantry Regiment introduced jazz to Europe during World War I. The city became hungry for American jazz and the cultural scene created by African American musicians, entertainers and club owners. See nightclubs owned by Bricktop and Eugene Bullard and learn how African American culture influenced European culture.

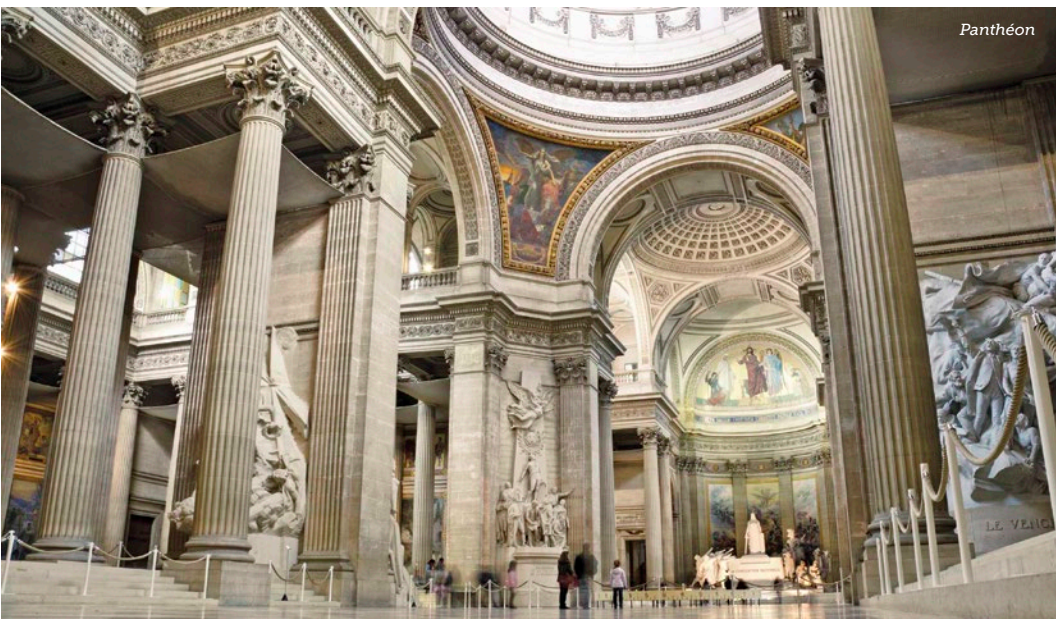
**Free Time:** Your afternoon is at leisure. Walk down the Champs Élysées and explore!

### Day 5 | Paris

**Flavors of France.** Step into the world of French gastronomy during a walking tour and savor traditional elements of French cuisine. Seasonal samplings may include cheese, wine, truffles, foie gras, cookies and other sweets.

**Free Time:** Take advantage of free time to discover Paris on your own!





Panthéon

## Day 6 | Paris

**Free Time:** Chart your own path through Paris today or join our elective activity to Versailles.

**Elective | Versailles.** Travel to France's grandest palace, a baroque château that was once the kingdom's political capital and the seat of the royal court. Walk in the footsteps of kings, queens and courtiers while visiting the palace and its gardens. Delight in ornate ceilings, rich tapestries and lavish galleries, and see the Hall of Mirrors, the room where the Treaty of Versailles was signed.

Following your tour, enjoy lunch at leisure and explore the grounds at your own pace.

**An Evening of Jazz.** Trace the evolution of French jazz during a fascinating tour of Saint-Germain-des-Prés and the Latin Quarter. Listen to stories about great musicians and settle in at a Paris jazz club to enjoy a delicious dinner and a special jazz concert.

## Day 7 | Paris

**Pioneers of the Left Bank.** African American expatriates, along with other communities

of the African diaspora, flourished on the Left Bank. Enjoy an enlightening tour focused on the Panthéon and the Sorbonne, iconic symbols of greatness. This guided walk explores the explosion of Black consciousness and expression through the Négritude Movement, Harlem Renaissance writers and African and Caribbean intellectuals. As you pass by the Sorbonne, your local guide discusses the far-reaching significance of the First International Congress of Black Writers and Artists held in 1956, featuring such speakers as Richard Wright, Léopold Senghor, Aimé Césaire and Frantz Fanon. Your guide will also show you where author Richard Wright lived with his wife and two daughters.

**Enrichment: An African American Writer in Paris Today.** Delight in a discussion with Award-winning writer Jake Lamar. The Bronx transplant discusses his experiences in Paris, where he has lived since 1993. A former writer for Time magazine, Lamar has written novels, a play, a memoir and short stories.

**Free Time:** After a group lunch, indulge in fine



Musée du quai Branly



Luxembourg Gardens, Latin Quarter





art collections and relics at Paris' museums or unwind in the lush Luxembourg Garden.

**Paris by Boat.** Glide along the storied Seine River on a special cruise to behold beloved Parisian sites. Witness the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum and Île St. Louis, and cruise beneath the iconic Pont Neuf bridge, passing by the Île de la Cité.

## Day 8 | Paris

### Musée du quai Branly - Jacques Chirac.

Join an expert guide in one of Paris' premier cultural institutions. Opened in 2006, the museum features collections focused on non-European cultures with a rich variety of art, artifacts and objects from Oceania, Asia, Africa and the Americas.

**Free Time:** Visit a museum or relish a final espresso and croissant on your final afternoon in Paris.

Celebrate your enchanting adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

## Day 9 | In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer ➡ to the airport for the return flight ✈ to your gateway city.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and ➡ transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🕒 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

## Active Travel

This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

### Excursions on this program require:

- walking distances of up to 3-5 miles
- walking on unpaved or uneven surfaces
- climbing several flights of stairs and getting on/off motor coaches and boats

## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Paris, France, at the first-class Les Jardins du Marais.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🕒 **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- 🌍 **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- **Métro tickets** for all tours using Paris' transit system.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

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## Paris Discovers Jazz

After World War I, Parisians rebuilt their lives as jazz, a new sound introduced to France by African American soldiers, filled the air. Lively and unique, jazz was the perfect soundtrack to a fresh start, both for French music fans and African American troops. The 369th Infantry Regiment is credited with transforming Paris' cultural scene. The unit became famous for its bravery and its band, led by Lieutenant James Reese Europe and Sergeant Noble Sissle. Attached to the French army because U.S. forces were still segregated, the 369th Infantry was brave in battle. Nicknamed the "Harlem Hellfighters" by the Germans, the 369th and several individual soldiers were singled out for France's highest award for valor. Off the battlefield, the band boosted morale across France with music that would soon fill Parisian clubs. For two decades, Montmartre hosted the flourishing jazz community, which drew African American musicians and club owners from the U.S. Several musicians left Paris during Germany's World War II occupation, but the city's love of jazz never wavered. Jazz surged again after the war with great African American musicians leading the way, and the music still delights concertgoers today.

*Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Élysées*



# 2026 | Departure Details

## Program Dates

**Travel dates** ✈ **June 13-21, 2026**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

**Tour dates\*** **June 14-21, 2026**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Land Program

**Full Price** **\$5,645**

**Special Savings** **\$750**

**Special Savings Price\*** **\$4,895**

**\*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,395 (limited availability).

**Please note:** Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://brande.ahitravel.com/destinations/1939A?schoold=276>.

## AHI FlexAir

### *Let us arrange your flights*

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

## AHI Travel Expertise

**Travel Consultants** assist with the reservation process.

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**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



# Accommodations



**Les Jardins du Marais | Paris**



Located in the trendy Marais district, this elegant property offers an ideal base for discovering Paris’ museums, neighborhoods and landmarks. A remarkable haven spread across seven historic buildings, Les Jardins du Marais features 263 rooms and an interior courtyard to relax. Indulge in the hotel’s sauna facilities or chic spa and relax in your cozy room decorated in art deco style with luxury finishes and modern conveniences. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



*Le Marais*

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