

From Bistros to Brushstrokes: A Taste of France

Experience the charm, elegance, and flavor of France — right here in Los Angeles! This exclusive tour blends French cuisine, culture, and world-class art into one unforgettable day, filled with delicious tastings, vibrant markets, and timeless masterpieces.

Our French adventure begins at Monsieur Marcel Gourmet Market & Bistro, a beloved culinary haven inside the historic Original Farmers Market.

French Market & Boutique - Wander through an enchanting collection of imported wines, cheeses, chocolates, and gourmet specialties.

Market Tastings - Savor hand-picked samples of French delicacies as you explore, from rich cheeses to decadent sweets.

Cheese Experience - Indulge in a guided tasting of some of France's most renowned cheeses.

Classic French Lunch - Sit down to a bistro-style feast featuring cheese fondue & Boeuf Bourguignon'

Afternoon at The Getty Center: A Journey Through French Art

After lunch, we continue to the Getty Center, where French artistry comes alive among one of the most celebrated collections in America.

Impressionist & Baroque Treasures - Marvel at works by Monet, Manet, Renoir, and Degas, capturing Parisian charm and the light of French landscapes.

See Van Gogh's Irises - Painted in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, this emotional masterpiece remains one of the world's most iconic works.

The Decorative Arts of Versailles: Power, Prestige & Splendor

To understand France, one must step into the grandeur of Versailles. The Decorative Arts galleries at the Getty showcase the opulence and authority of the French monarchy, most famously embodied by Louis XIV — the "Sun King."

Louis XIV understood that art was power. During his reign (1643–1715), he transformed Versailles from a modest hunting lodge into the most dazzling palace in Europe, a symbol of France's cultural dominance. He demanded furniture, chandeliers, and decorative objects that didn't just serve a purpose, but broadcast magnificence. Every gilded chair, every polished table, and every ornate clock was designed to remind visitors of the wealth, sophistication, and control of the French crown.

This one-day-only experience is limited to 40 guests,

Thursday, January 22, 2026

🚃 Board: 8:45 AM

O Depart: 9:00 AM

Return: 5:30 PM

\$ Cost:

\$185.00 per person (Members) \$200.00 per person (Non-Members) Friends of the Camarillo Library

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