IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY/ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE
Normandy/Paris Adventure
May 8 - 17, 2013

OVERNIGHTS: Rouen (1), Bayeux (1), Mt. St. Michel (1), Paris (5)

HIGHLIGHTS: D-Day Beaches, Bayeux Tapestries, U.S. Memorial in Colleville sur Mer, Pointe du Hoc, Mont St. Michel, Préfecture de police de Paris, Notre Dame Cathedral

ITINERARY
DAY 01 • DEPARTURE • Begin your journey on an overnight flight to Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport.

DAY 02 • ROUEN • Bonjour France! Upon arrival, meet your long distance coach and airport assistant, and transfer to Rouen, a Norman city of 100 steeples. Arrive for check-in at your hotel, followed by an afternoon walking tour with your Group Leader. Dinner will be served at the hotel. Overnight in Rouen.

DAY 03 • ROUEN • BAYEUX • Following breakfast, transfer to the U.S. Memorial in Colleville sur Mer, the first American cemetery on European soil in World War II. A 22-foot bronze statue entitled, "The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves," stands in the open arc of the memorial to honor the fallen. See the historic D-day Beaches where Allied forces invaded France on June 6, 1944. Stop at Pointe du Hoc to view the Ranger Monument, erected by the French to honor the American Second Ranger Battalion who scaled the 100-foot cliff and seized the German artillery pieces. Continue to the historic City of Bayeux. Upon arrival, check-in to your hotel. Enjoy dinner at leisure. Overnight in Bayeux.

DAY 04 • BAYEUX • MONT ST. MICHEL • This morning, transfer to the Tapisserie de Bayeux to view the intricately embroidered medieval tapestries, which recount the events leading up the Battle of Hastings in 1066 (No entrance fees included). Following the visit, transfer to Mont. St. Michel, a hilltop island monastery carved out of granite and explore the medieval town with your Group Leader. Afterwards, check-in at your hotel. Dinner will be served at the hotel. Overnight in Mt. St. Michel.

DAY 05 • MONT ST. MICHEL • CHARTRES • PARIS • This morning, board your coach for an early departure to Chartres, a major spiritual center during the Middle Ages for a guided tour of the Chartres Cathedral, whose stained glass windows are considered France's most beautiful. Continue on to Paris; fortunately this city was saved from destruction during World War II because German Commander Von Choltitz did not follow Hitler's orders to burn it. Dinner is at your leisure. Overnight in Paris.

DAY 06 • PARIS • After breakfast, explore Paris with your Group Leader and try to imagine how the city must have been during the occupation lasting from 1940 to 1944. Visit some of the key sites of World War II including the Préfecture de Police de Paris, site of the initial uprising against the occupation; the Hotel Meurice where Nazis were headquartered; and the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral, where the French Resistance withstood a German siege. Visit to the Holocaust Museum (Mémorial de la Shoah) with your Group Leader (No entrance fees included). After lunch, explore the Left Bank, the Blvd. St. Michel, Notre Dame, the Sorbonne and the Blvd. St. Germaine for free time and shopping. Dinner is at the group's leisure. Overnight in Paris.

DAY 07 • PARIS • Morning visit to the Musée D'Orsay to experience the famous Impressionist paintings...many of them saved by the Resistance fighters from the Germans who wanted to send them to Germany. After the visit, take time to stroll the Champs-Elysées, climb the Arc de Triomphe, enjoy the Tuileries Gardens, eat a crêpe, climb the Eiffel Tower or just enjoy the beauty of the city. Dinner at leisure. Overnight in Paris.

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DAY 08 • PARIS • Following breakfast, continue your exploration of Paris with your Group Leader. Visit Montmartre, the famous gathering quarter for the Impressionists painters of the late 19th century - Toulouse Lautrec, Auguste Renoir, to name a few and the café Moulin Rouge. Perhaps you will have your portrait sketched by one of the artists on the Place du Tertre. Visit the famous white church, Sacré Coeur Cathedral, situated on one of the highest points in Paris. This evening, participants will meet the Group Leader at 6 pm to visit the famous museum, the Louvre. Enter the museum through I.M. Pei's glass pyramid for an unforgettable visit to one of the world's greatest museums. (No entrance fees included). Dinner at leisure. Overnight in Paris.

DAY 09 • PARIS • Continue discovering the essence of Paris on your free day. This is an opportunity to visit the famous "Les Halles" or the modern building known as "Centre Pompidou". Take the escalator to the top and find the Modern Art Museum. Visit the famous cemetery Père Lachaise and walk among the tombs of some of the world's most famous artists, musicians, writers and composers. Or, for the more adventurous, climb the Eiffel Tower and view the city in all its magnificence. Or maybe, just sit in a café on the left bank or right bank and experience "la vie parisienne" This evening, gather together at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant to reminisce about your poignant visit to France. Overnight in Paris.

DAY 10 • RETURN • Bid "au revoir" to Paris as you transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

PROGRAM FEES
Minimum of 10 full paying participants: $2614.00*
Minimum of 15 full paying participants: $2554.00*
Minimum of 20 full paying participants: $2294.00*

*Includes $25.00 tips and some entrance fees.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FEES
*Departure Taxes/Airline Fuel Surcharge: currently $630 pp but subject to change until ticketed approx 45 days prior to departure.
Weekend travel supplement: program departing or returning on a weekend (Fri., Sat., Sun.) are subject to a surcharge of $30 each way.
Tour director.
Guided tour and entrance fees, unless noted.
Other items not specifically mentioned as included.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS
AIR TRANSPORTATION
Weekend, round-trip airfare from Philadelphia or Newark Airport for travel commencing in May 2013.
Private coach transfer as per itinerary.
Assistant at the airport only on arrival day.
Eight nights occupancy accommodations in superior tourist or tourist class hotels in the following cities/areas: Rouen, Bayeux, Mt. St. Michel and Paris.
Continental buffet breakfasts (8).
Dinners (3)
1hr 30min guided tour of the Chartres Cathedral. Headsets included.
International medical insurance (for travel outside the United States).
Culture Quest Travel Pak including flight bag, luggage tag, and important travel information.
Taxes and gratuities on included items.
Service and planning of Culture Quest Staff.