Stringing together an all-stay collection of our favourite places in and around the City of Light, we will bring you the best of Paris along with Monet’s dreamy gardens of Giverny. Normandy’s magical Mont Saint Michele and stirring D-Day Beaches. Staying at our stunning Chateau Villers Bocage for 7 wonderful nights. We then drive to fairytale Brugge via Villers Bretteneau. Looking forward to you joining us for our French and Belgium adventure for 14 wonderful days.

Bridge Program:

All bridge sessions are at (B4Red). All singles are welcome and you will be matched with another single. All workshops come with literature.

Included in this Holiday:

- 3 nights Paris next to Champs Elysees.
- 7 nights 5* private castle near Normandy.
- 3 nights in Brugge. 1 night Amsterdam.
- 7 Private Tours.
- All designated transfers by coach.
- All breakfasts, 14 dinners, 2 Lunches
- Welcome drinks & farewell drinks.
- All bridge fees & Workshops
1: HOTEL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS for EMERGENCIES:

Greg’s Contact Phone Number  +61 0415 816 919

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CARLTON SINGAPORE HOTEL  July 22 - 23

Address: 76 Bras Basah Rd, Singapore 189558

Phone: +65 6338 8333

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PARIS – BRADFORD ELYSEES -  July 24 – 27

Address: 10 Rue Saint-Philippe du Roule, 75008 Paris, France

Phone: +33 1 45 63 20 20  https://en.astotel.com/hotel/bradford-elysees

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NORMANDY - CHATEAU DE VILLERS BOCAGE -  July 27 – AUG 03

Address: Château de Villers, 14310 Villers-Bocage, France

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BRUGGE - HOTEL THE PEELLAERT – AUG 03 – 06

Address: Hoogstraat 20, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Phone: +32 50 33 78 89  http://www.thepeellaert.com/en/

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Stopover in Amsterdam  Aug 06 - 07

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Singapore Itinerary: Option

July 22  14:15  Arrival in Singapore.  Approximate arrival time at Carlton Hotel

  17:00  Free Entry to Club lounge for drinks and dinner.

July 23  12:00  Depart hotel for Optional tour to Sentosa Island via taxi to Cable Car.
  Includes all buses on island.  Cost approximately $ 40.

  19:30  Dinner

July 24  00:05  Flight departure time for Paris.
Your hosts will be departing Sydney on July 22, arriving in Singapore on the same day at 17:00. And then at midnight on July 23 will fly to Paris arriving at 07:00 on the 24th for a transfer to our Bradford Elysses Hotel.

**ITINERARY**

**July 24**
- 09:45 Approximate arrival time at hotel. Check-in Unlikely
- 12:00 River Seine Lunch Cruise. Includes Wine.
- 17:00 Short stroll down the Champ’s Elysees with Gaye & Greg.
- 18:45 Welcome drink & Dinner

**July 25**
Optional tour with Gaye to Sacre Coeur (Montmartre) and shopping at Galleries La Fayette or Printempts. End of July Sales. Shared Taxi costs

Other things you may decide to do by yourself include.

1) Notre Dame Cathedral  
2) Le Maarais  
3) Musee De Louvre  
4) Luxemburg Gardens

- 18:30 Dinner
- 20:30 Paris by Night.

**July 26**
- 10:00 Optional tour with your hosts to Musée d'Orsay. Cost € 12.
- Lido by night (Not Included) but must inform Greg if you want to go to the show.

**July 27**
- 11:00 App Depart our Bradford Elysses hotel for our Villers Bocage Castle visiting Claude Monet’s House & Gardens on the way. Entry Fee not included. Welcome drinks and dinner to follow.

**NORMANDY CHATEAU:**

**July 27**
- 16:00 Arrival time at Chateau, settle in, Welcome drinks at 18:00 before dinner

**July 28**
- 10:00 Pick up from hotel by coach to visit beautiful Deauville. 16:30 Bridge Pairs 1

**July 29**
- 08:45 Pick up from Hotel to visit D-Day Beaches followed by Bayeau Tapestry.

**July 30**
- 09:30 Tutorial 1 10:15 Bridge Pairs 2. 15:00 Bridge Pairs 3

**July 31**
- 09:00 Pick up from Hotel for Guided tour of Rouen.

**Aug 01**
- 09:30 Pick up from hotel for tour of Mont Saint Michelle.

**Aug 02**
- 09:30 Tutorial 2 10:15 Bridge Pairs 4 15:00 Bridge Pairs 5

**Aug 03**
- 08:30 Depart hotel for Brugge visiting Villers Bretoneaux on the way.

**BRUGGE – HOTEL THE PEELLAERT**

**Aug 04**
- 09:30 Tutorial followed Bridge Session 6 14:00 Private Group Canal tour.

**Aug 05**
- Free Day 15:00 Bridge Session 7

**Aug 06**
- 10:00 Transfer to Amsterdam for our British Isles cruise or departure home.
Located in an exceptional area between the Champs-Elysees and Faubourg St-Honore, discover the charm of a authentic Haussman-style hotel.

Surrounded by the portraits of the Bradford family, presented in a universe of soft and warm silks, let yourself be seduced by the refined, bright and delicate interior of the Hotel Bradford Elysees.

All rooms are serviced by a magnificent historical lift. All rooms are air conditioned and decorated in classic, elegant colors. Some of our 50 rooms feature remnants of the Haussmann period for a true Parisian stay!

Of course, we do not forget the modern touch: All rooms are well equipped with an iPod docking station, cable TV and a minibar (first use is free).
From the Norman Invasion of England in 1066 to the D-Day landings in 1944, Normandy has long played an outsized role in European history. This rich and often brutal past is brought vividly to life by the spectacular island monastery of Mont St Michael, the Bayeau Tapestry, world famous for its cartoon scenes of 11th century life; and the cemeteries and memorials along the D-Day beaches, places of solemn pilgrimage. Lower profile charms include a variety of dramatic coastal landscapes, lots of pebbly beaches, some of France’s finest museums, quiet pastoral villages and architectural gems ranging from Rouen’s medieval old city – home of Monet’s favourite cathedral – to the maritime charms of Honfleur to the striking postwar modernism of Le Havre. One highlight is a visit to Villers Brettoneaux where on April 24 1918 two brigades of the First Australian Imperial Force recaptured the town from the Germans at a cost of 1200 Australian lives – the town has never forgotten the sacrifice. The Australian War Memorial in France is located just outside Villers Brettoneaux and in front of it, is the graves of 770 Australian soldiers.

**Property Features:**

Renovated in 2016, the Castle has a spa, a lift, two swimming pools and a cinema. Two years of renovation have made this Chateau its splendor by reinvigorating its historical elements and giving it contemporary comfort and unique assets. The rooms and suites have king size beds and ensuite bathrooms paved with Paros marble floor to ceiling. The garden level is an extravagance, with professional demonstration kitchen, swimming pool (10x3 meters), marble jacuzzi, projection room, saunas, underfloor heating. In the park of 50 hectares, a swimming pool.
Deauville is a seaside resort on the Côte Fleurie of France’s Normandy region. An upscale holiday destination since the 1800s, it’s known for its grand casino, golf courses, horse races and American Film Festival. Its wide, sandy beach is backed by Les Planches, a 1920s boardwalk with bathing cabins. The town has chic boutiques, elegant belle époque villas and half-timbered buildings.

2) **D-DAY BEACHES GUIDED TOUR:** **JULY 29**

Code-named ‘Operation Overlord’, the D-Day landings were the largest seaborne invasion in history. Early on the morning of 6 June 1944, swarms of landing craft – part of an armada of more than 6000 ships and boats – hit the beaches of northern Normandy and tens of thousands of Allied soldiers began pouring onto French soil. The majority of the 135,000 Allied troops who arrived in France that day stormed ashore along 80km of beaches north of Bayeux code-named (from west to east) Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. The landings on D-Day – known as ‘Jour J’ in French – were followed by the 76-day Battle of Normandy, during which the Allies suffered 210,000 casualties, including 37,000 troops killed. German casualties are believed to have been around 200,000; another 200,000 German soldiers were taken prisoner. About 14,000 French civilians also died.

3) **BAYEAU TAPESTRY:** **JULY 29**

The world’s most celebrated embroidery depicts the conquest of England by William the Conqueror in 1066 from an unashamedly Norman perspective. Commissioned by Bishop Odo of Bayeux, William’s half-brother, for the opening of Bayeux’ cathedral in 1077, the 68.3m - long cartoon strip tells the dramatic, bloody tale with verve and vividness.
4) Guided tour to Rouen  July 31

With its soaring Gothic cathedral, beautifully restored medieval quarter, excellent museums and vibrant cultural life, Rouen is one of Normandy’s most engaging destinations. The city has had a turbulent history. It was devastated by fire and plague several times during the Middle Ages, and was occupied by the English during the Hundred Years War. The young French heroine Joan of Arc (Jeanne d’Arc) was tried for heresy and burned at the stake in the central square in 1431. And during WWII, Allied bombing raids laid waste to large parts of the city, especially south of the cathedral.

5) Le Mont Saint Michelle  Aug 01

It’s one of France’s most iconic images: the slender spires, stout ramparts and rocky slopes of Mont St Michel rising dramatically from the sea – or towering over sands laid bare by the receding tide. Despite huge numbers of tourists, both the abbey and the narrow alleys below still manage to transport visitors back to the Middle Ages. The bay around Mont St-Michel is famed for having Europe’s highest tidal variations; the difference between low and high tides – only about six hours apart – can reach an astonishing 15m. The Mont is only completely surrounded by the sea every month or two, when the tidal coefficient is above 100 and high tide is above 14m. Regardless of the time of year, the waters sweep in at an astonishing clip, said to be as fast as a galloping horse. If you have fitness issues you can see the island by “horse & carriage”
6) Transfer to Brugge and visit Villers Bretonneaux for its 100 year anniversary:  AUG 03

In the 1930s an impressively towering memorial was established at the top of the Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery to honour the Australian soldiers who fell in France in the Great War. The cemetery is located between Villers-Bretonneux and Fouilloy on the hill (belonging to the latter but overlooking the former) from which the famous night attack was launched. Some 16 km east of Amiens and north of the Roman road to St-Quentin, it rises gently to a plateau overlooking Amiens, the Somme valley and the town. The cemetery contains 2,000 graves, of which 779 are Australian. A further ten Australian casualties of the battle are buried in the Villers-Bretonneux Communal Cemetery.

5: BRUGGE – HOTEL THE PEELLAERT - Aug 03 – 06

If you set out to design a fairytale medieval town, it would be hard to improve on central Bruges (Brugge in Dutch). Picturesque cobbled lanes and dreamy canals link photogenic market squares lined with soaring towers, historic churches and old whitewashed almshouses. And there’s plenty of it.

The 19th century aristocratic house of Baron de Peellaert is the setting of this elegant four-star hotel in the heart of Bruges, at a mere 150 m from the Big Market Square. The hotel revives this listed monument in empire and classicist style in all its glory. The peace and quiet, combined with the hospitable welcome, are the perfect biotope for a romantic stay in Bruges. The 50 rooms are elegantly decorated and have all modern facilities. The aristocratic lounges, the 16th century wellness room in the authentic basements, the graceful courtyard and the bar are just perfect to relax after a day of shopping and sightseeing in the world heritage city of Bruges. Hotel The Peellaert is an adults only hotel. Will will enjoy a lovely hours tour on the canals to fully appreciate the city.
SATURDAY Aug 06  09:30  TRANSFER TO AMSTERDAM AIRPORT or PORT:

**OPTIONAL EXTRA:**

Greg & Gaye are flying to Rome hoping on a mini bus or 2 for Private use and driving to a very quaint medieval area of Cortona. We will spent 7 nights here in a 5* Villa & will include all tours and breakfasts dinners, along with the flight and transfers. The price will be $2480pp. Please enquire if you are interested. We currently have 6 people, therefore 1 room left. The Villa is 4 Bedrooms and magnificent.

**7: BRIDGE WORKSHOPS & TUTORIALS:**

Please contact us for any material you wish to discuss. Some of the topics that will be covered include Bergen Raises, Jacoby, View to your opening lead, Declarer play, The Real Losing Trick Count. Additional lessons will be conducted at request of clients.