



Your local DMC for France

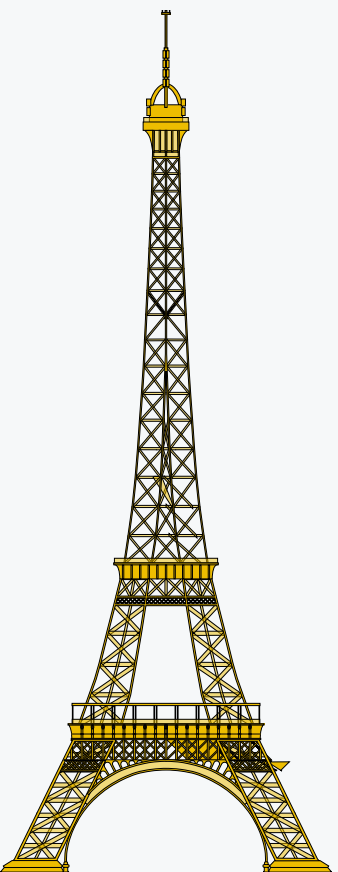
Custom Private Travel Experiences in France



About French Side Travel

French Side Travel is a family-owned French DMC, specializing in luxury and custom trips to France. We organize tailor-made, original tours throughout all of France, and we pride ourselves on our extensive local knowledge, dedication to customer service, and keen attention to detail.

When you come to France with French Side Travel you'll experience the country through the eyes of an award-winning local expert and his team. You'll have access to a diverse mix of classic products such as hotels, visits, and meals and authentic experiences like luxury bed & breakfasts and activities with locals. You won't find our high-end travel packages in travel brochures. Each of our tours is 100% customized for each traveler's unique needs and preferences.



Our Founders

Paul and Mark Bonte founded French Side Travel in 2015. A father and son team, travel is our calling. We love to share meaningful travel experiences with visitors to France.



Mark holds a Master in International Business from the Paris School of Business. The young Franco-German has gained travel industry and communication experience working in Paris, London, Cologne, New Delhi, and Sydney. Mark has ambitious goals to turn French Side Travel into the leading travel provider for France. He loves sharing the best of his country with visitors from around the world. In 2020 and 2022 he was named a Top Travel Advisor by Travel and Leisure.

Paul is a true globetrotter who has traveled to more than 50 countries. Before founding French Side Travel he enjoyed a 30-year career working for European tour operators. He holds a Master's Degree in Tourism and Economy from the Business School of Grenoble and an Executive MBA from the Neoma Business School in Paris. He's passionate about offering authentic travel experiences.

Our Offers



→ Our Themes:

- Family-friendly Travel
- Honeymoons & Romance
- History & Culture
- Self-drive Tours
- Skiing & Adventure
- Wine & Food



→ Our Regions:

- Bordeaux
- Burgundy
- Champagne
- Corsica
- Loire Valley
- Lyon
- Normandy
- Paris
- Southern France (Provence & French Riviera)



→ Some of Our Favorite Tours:

- A Foodie Tour of Paris, Champagne & Bordeaux
- Nature and Culture in Southern France
- Highlights of the Loire Valley

Unique Group Tours of France



Our local travel experts create unique itineraries packed with exclusive, authentic experiences. There's an almost limitless mix of unspoiled natural sites, pulsing cities, worldclass gastronomy, history, and cultural activities awaiting you.

Our Target

- Luxe USA
- DACH
- LatAm
- Leisure trips for individuals (couples, families, friends) or small constituted groups
- Presence on exhibitions such as Pure, LE Miami, ILTM, etc.



Awards & Affiliations



Awarded Top France
Specialist by Travel
Leisure

A wide-angle photograph of a lush green vineyard. The rows of grapevines stretch across rolling hills under a clear blue sky. In the middle ground, a small, white, single-story building with a dark roof is visible. The overall scene is bright and vibrant, suggesting a sunny day in a rural setting.

Why Working With Us?

Our Qualities

- France Specialist (4000+ products)
- Hands-on Local Knowledge (30+ experts based in France)
- English-speaking experts (American travel designers living in France)
- Immersion in the Real France (unique and authentic experience)
- Our B2C website represents +50% of sales
- Contact with USA agencies (active file of 2,700 active B2B contacts)
- A business plan that emphasizes the human (employee development) and environmental (limit the impact on the environment)
- Electric vehicles for our home-made tours



Customer & Partner Trust

- Offering an authentic, safe, and quality travel experience
- Signing of agreement with our suppliers, to ensure compliance with the safety rules of the USA agencies and Tour Operators
- Willingness to work with local partners to offer our clients exclusive quality experiences that make sense
- Creation of a relationship of trust between suppliers and clients



Availability before, during, and after the trip

→ Satisfaction of our clients and loyalty towards our suppliers

→ Tailor-made tours, listening to the needs of our clients and the particularities of each one

→ Local experts to advise clients

→ Training program: FAMtrips and training for our team and our preferred USA agencies;
→ Welcoming partners in our office.



Human Relations



→ Tailor-made quality tours

→ Local driver-guides who share the same passions as our clients



→ 24-hour concierge service

→ Direct contact with clients before, during and after their trip



→ Family-owned agency

→ Direct partnership with hotels and suppliers



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