



# The Odyssey Tour

52 days of French touring

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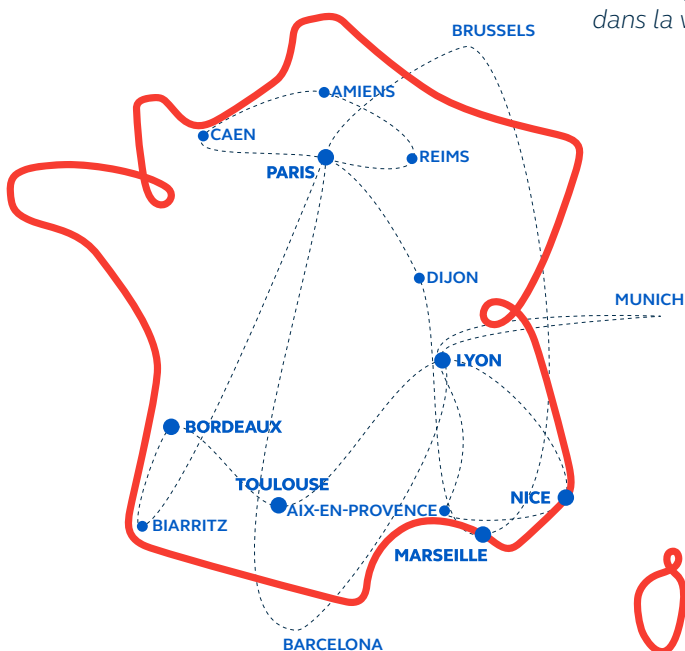
# TOUR: ODYSSEY

Fri 8 Sep – Sun 29 Oct 2023  
52 Days/51 Nights

Join us for the full Rugby World Cup France 2023 tour - 51 days and nights enjoying the best France has to offer plus 15 matches of incredible rugby action! From the opening ceremony & France v New Zealand in game one, right through to the final!

We take in classic countryside, wineries, castles, churches, rugby towns, the beauty of the southwest with the monumental battlefields of the Western front.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the best that France and its surrounding countries has to offer. This is not a rugby tour, this is *la meilleure chose dans la vie!* (the best life has to offer!)



## CITIES VISITED

- Paris
- Biarritz
- Bordeaux
- Saint-Emilion
- Toulouse
- Carcassonne
- Lyon
- Cannes
- Nice
- Monaco
- Aix-en-Provence
- Munich
- Barcelona
- Montserrat
- Brussels
- Bruges
- Antwerp
- Marseille
- Dijon
- Burgundy
- Normandy
- Caen
- Amiens
- Villers-Bretonneux
- Reims
- Champagne
- Versailles

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Quality accommodation
- Travel throughout
- Official Category 2 match tickets
- Local French speaking guides
- Sightseeing tours
- Commemorative merchandise & more.

A full list of inclusions is available online at [weloverugby.com](http://weloverugby.com)

International flights are not included. Flights can be purchased or frequent flyer flights booked 365 days out from your tour start date.

# \$38,790

per person  
twin share

## POOL & KNOCKOUT PHASE TOUR

### MATCHES INCLUDED

**Opening Ceremony**  
**France v New Zealand**  
8 Sep, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

**Australia v Georgia**  
9 Sep, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

**New Zealand v Africa 1**  
15 Sep, Stadium de Toulouse, Toulouse

**Australia v Fiji**  
17 Sep, Stade Geoffroy Guichard, Saint-Étienne

**Italy v Uruguay**  
20 Sep, Stade de Nice, Nice

**France v Namibia**  
21 Sep, Stade Vélodrome, Marseille

**Australia v Wales**  
24 Sep, OL Stadium, Lyon

**New Zealand v Italy**  
29 Sep, OL Stadium, Lyon

**Australia v Portugal**  
1 Oct, Stade Geoffroy Guichard, Saint-Étienne

**Ireland v Scotland**  
7 Oct, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

**quarter-final 1**  
14 Oct, Stade Vélodrome, Marseille

**quarter-final 3**  
15 Oct, Stade Vélodrome, Marseille

**semi-final 1**  
20 Oct, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

**semi-final 2**  
21 Oct, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

**final**  
28 Oct, Stade de France, Saint-Denis

**Plus optional bronze final, 27 Oct**

*"We wish to highly commend WLR tour representatives. All guides were excellent, knowledgeable and entertaining. Our rugby expert Benn Robinson was truly amazing, engaging, inclusive of all tour members, entertaining and a pleasure to be on tour with. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the tour and the other tour members."*

Wayne Wilkinson - RWC 2019

# ITINERARY

## **Fri 8 Sep: Welcome to Paris!**

Bonjour! Join our tour hosts and watch France take on the All Blacks.

*Overnight: Paris*

## **Sat 9 Sep: Australia v Georgia**

Australia takes on Georgia tonight at the incredible Stade de France.

*Overnight: Paris*

## **Sun 10 Sep: Biarritz**

This morning we travel to the stunning resort town of Biarritz. This afternoon we take a walking tour of this playground of France's rich and famous.

*Overnight: Biarritz*

## **Mon 11 Sep: Bordeaux City Tour**

Today we head to France's number one wine region of Bordeaux and will embark on a tour of this gorgeous city.

*Overnight: Bordeaux*

## **Tue 12 Sep: Saint-Emilion Winery Tour**

Saint-Emilion's steep, narrow streets are lined with churches and ruins. We head to one of the region's top wineries.

*Overnight: Bordeaux*

## **Wed 13 Sep: Transfer to Toulouse**

Today we travel through classic French countryside en route to Toulouse.

*Overnight: Toulouse*

## **Thu 14 Sep: Carcassonne Day Tour**

Today we visit the medieval fortress city of Carcassonne.

*Overnight: Toulouse*

## **Fri 15 Sep: City Tour & New Zealand v Africa 1**

Today we take a tour of the historic city centre before heading to Stade de Toulouse for tonight's match!

*Overnight: Toulouse*

## **Sat 16 Sep: Transfer to Lyon**

Today we travel to Lyon.

*Overnight: Lyon*

## **Sun 17 Sep: City Tour & Australia v Fiji**

Following our city tour we travel to Saint-Etienne for Australia's clash with Fiji. After being given a scare against Fiji in Japan in 2019, the Aussies will be keen for a solid start in this one!

*Overnight: Lyon*

## **Mon 18 Sep: Cannes & Nice**

This morning we depart for the French Riviera. First stop is Cannes where we will enjoy lunch departing for Nice.

*Overnight: Nice*

## **Tue 19 Sep: Monaco & French Riviera**

Today we travel to the Principality of Monaco. We then return to Nice to

explore the local highlights.

*Overnight: Nice*

## **Wed 20 Sep: City Tour & Italy v Uruguay**

Today we take a city tour of Nice.

This afternoon we head out to see Italy v Uruguay. With the Italian border just 35km away tonight's supporters will be heavily in favour of the Azzurri!

*Overnight: Nice*

## **Thu 21 Sep: Aix & France v Namibia**

This morning we travel to the picturesque city of Aix-en-Provence!

This evening we travel to Marseille's Stade Velodrome for France v Namibia.

*Overnight: Aix-en-Provence*

## **Fri 22 Sep: Aix-en-Provence City Tour**

Today we take a city tour of Aix starting at the glorious avenue of Cours Mirabeau and ending at the daily produce market at Place Richelme.

*Overnight: Aix-en-Provence*

## **Sat 23 Sep: Transfer to Lyon**

We return to Lyon today.

*Overnight: Lyon*

## **Sun 24 Sep: Australia v Wales**

This evening is Australia's all-important clash with rivals Wales!

*Overnight: Lyon*





**Mon 25 Sep: Transfer to Munich**

This morning we travel to Munich for Oktoberfest beer festival - a festival that has to be seen to be believed!

*Overnight: Munich*

**Tue 26 Sep: City Tour & Oktoberfest**

After our walking tour of the old town we return for more Oktoberfest action.

*Overnight: Munich*

**Wed 27 Sep: Dachau Tour**

This morning we visit the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site and recover at Oktoberfest later that night.

*Overnight: Munich*

**Thu 28 Sep: Lyon**

We return to Lyon today.

*Overnight: Lyon*

**Fri 29 Sep: Lyon & New Zealand v Italy**

Today we have time to explore central Lyon before the All Blacks take on Italy.

*Overnight: Lyon*

**Sat 30 Sep: Basilica of Notre-Dame**

This morning we ride on the funicular to Fouviere's Basilica of Notre-Dame.

*Overnight: Lyon*

**Sun 1 Oct: Australia v Portugal**

This afternoon we head to Saint-Etienne for Australia's match.

*Overnight: Lyon*

**Mon 2 Oct: Barcelona**

We head south to the Spanish city of Barcelona to explore the best of Catalan culture.

*Overnight: Barcelona*

**Tue 3 Oct: Sagrada Familia Tour**

This morning we take a tour of one of Barcelona's most famous landmarks, the Sagrada Familia.

*Overnight: Barcelona*

**Wed 4 Oct: La Pedrera & Park Guell**

Today we visit two more iconic Barcelona locations designed by Antoni Gaudi. Casa Mila, colloquially known as La Pedrera (*'the stone quarry'*).

Park Guell was originally intended as a housing development where the city's elite could enjoy the relative fresh air.

*Overnight: Barcelona*

**Thu 5 Oct: Montserrat Tour**

Located 50km northwest of Barcelona, Montserrat is a unique series of rock formations sitting 1,200 metres above sea level, and home to a monastery established in the 11th century

*Overnight: Barcelona*

**Fri 6 Oct: Paris Transfer**

Today we return to Paris.

*Overnight: Paris*

**Sat 7 Oct: Ireland v Scotland**

Today is a free day before we out to watch Ireland and Scotland clash.

*Overnight: Paris*

**Sun 8 Oct: Paris Cruise**

This morning we embark on a cruise of the River Seine.

*Overnight: Paris*

**Mon 9 Oct: Brussels**

We cross the Belgian border today.

*Overnight: Brussels*

**Tue 10 Oct: Brussels City Tour**

Today we tour the Belgian capital.

*Overnight: Brussels*

**Wed 11 October: Bruges Tour**

The historic centre of Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

*Overnight: Brussels*

**Thu 12 Oct: Antwerp & Ghent Tour**

After our tour of the highlights of Antwerp we will head on to Ghent and the incredible St Bavo's cathedral.

*Overnight: Brussels*

**Fri 13 Oct: Marseille Transfer**

Today we return to southern France.

*Overnight: Marseille*

**Sat 14 Oct: Quarter-final 1**

This afternoon is the first of this weekend's quarter-finals.

*Overnight: Marseille*

**Sun 15 Oct: Quarter-final 3**

We return to Marseille's Stade Velodrome for quarter-final number 3.

*Overnight: Marseille*

**Mon 16 Oct: Dijon**

We head to France's historic Burgundy region famous for the eponymous wines, food and a famous condiment!

*Overnight: Dijon*

**Tue 17 Oct: Dijon City Tour**

This morning we embark on a walking tour of Dijon's UNESCO-listed old town.

*Overnight: Dijon*

**Wed 18 Oct: Burgundy Winery Tour**

Today we tour one of the top wineries to sample the famous pinot noir.

*Overnight: Dijon*

**Thu 19 Oct: Paris Transfer**

This morning we return to Paris where all of our tour groups come together for a big night on the town!

*Overnight: Paris*

**Fri 20 Oct: City tour & semi-final 1**

Today we visit some of Paris's many sightseeing highlights before we head to the magnificent Stade de France for the first of the tournament's semi-finals.

*Overnight: Paris*

**Sat 21 Oct: Semi-final 2**

Today we explore more of the French capital and then return to Stade de France for tonight's second semi-final.

*Overnight: Paris*

**Sun 22 Oct: Normandy**

This morning we depart Paris and begin our tour of the French battlefields and memorials of the World Wars.

*Overnight: Caen*

**Mon 23 Oct: Bayeux**

Today we visit more of the Normandy WW2 battlefields and then visit the medieval town of Bayeux.

*Overnight: Caen*

**Tue 24 Oct: Amiens & the Somme**

Today we head north to the city of Amiens and the WW1 battlefields of the Somme.

*Overnight: Amiens*

**Wed 25 Oct: Villers-Bretonneux**

Today we head to the town of Villers-Bretonneux where Australian soldiers

famously fought during WW1. We then travel to the capital of France's traditional Champagne region, Reims.

*Overnight: Reims*

**Thu 26 Oct: Champagne Winery Tour**

First stop today is a winery in France's famed Champagne region where we will hear the history while sampling a glass before we return to Paris ahead of the climax of Rugby World Cup 2023!

*Overnight: Paris*

**Fri 27 Oct: Palace of Versailles Tour**

Today we visit the world heritage listed Palace of Versailles for a tour of the incredible Royal apartments and extravagant gardens. This evening we get together at our central Paris sports bar for the bronze final!

*Overnight: Paris*

**Sat 28 Oct: Function & RWC final**

This afternoon we have our pre-final function where our expert panel will share their thoughts on the final. Then tonight is the tournament's showpiece event at Stade de France!

*Overnight: Paris*

**Sun 29 Oct: Tour Concludes**

Today we bid you adieu and thank you for travelling with We Love Rugby.



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