



Literary and Debating Tour, December 2005

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FRIDAY 02 DECEMBER

- 2100 hrs** Meet at **Malaysian Airlines check-in counter** at Tullamarine Airport
- 2130 hrs** Group check-in
- 2245 hrs** Group photo, final good-byes, go through customs

SATURDAY 03 DECEMBER

- 0045 hrs** **MALAYSIAN AIRLINES flight MH128 departs for KUALA LUMPUR.**
- 0545 hrs** Arrive **KUALA LUMPUR** – Time to stretch our legs, have something to eat and drink and perhaps even do some duty-free shopping...?
- 0940 hrs** **MALAYSIAN AIRLINES flight MH8 departs Depart KUALA LUMPUR**
- 1515 hrs** Arrive **LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT TERMINAL 3**



We will be met by a representative of Edwin Doran Travel who will welcome us to the United Kingdom and escort us to our coach. Transfer to North London where we will be accommodated for the first three nights of our tour on a bed and breakfast basis:

YHA HAMPSTEAD HEATH

4 Wellgarth Road
Golders Green

Tel: 0870 770 5846
Fax: 0870 770 5847

London NW11 7HR

email: hampstead@yha.org.uk

Hampstead Heath Youth Hostel is quietly situated near to **Golders Green** underground station, from where it is a 20-minute ride into Central London.

Welcome to London! The grand resonance of its very name suggests history and might. Its opportunities for entertainment by day and night go on and on and on. It's a city that exhilarates and intimidates, stimulates and irritates in equal measure, a grubby Monopoly board studded with stellar sights. It's a cosmopolitan mix of Third and First Worlds, chauffeurs and beggars, the stubbornly traditional and the proudly avant-garde. But somehow - between 'er Majesty and Boy George, Bow Bells and Big Ben, the Millennium Dome and the 2012 Olympics - it all hangs together. www.lonelyplanet.com

- 1900 hrs** Dinner tonight is at
PIZZA EXPRESS
94 Golders Green Road
Tel: 020 8455 9556



Back at the hostel - orientation to London, maps, currency exchange, tube, etc, then early to bed after our 24+ hour trip!

SUNDAY 04 DECEMBER

0845 hrs

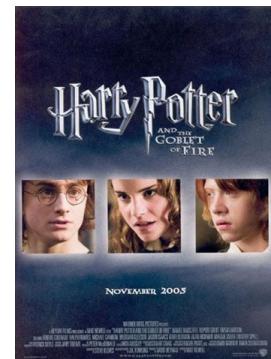


After breakfast this morning a coach will collect us from the hostel. We will travel into Central London, collect our tour guide and embark on a **3-hour panoramic sightseeing tour of London**. Sites include **Big Ben, Tower of London, Houses of Parliament, Victoria Embankment, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Nelson's Column**—all the places you've ever wanted to see, and many more! At the end of the tour the coach will drop us back at our hostel at **1300 hrs**.

Guide: Mrs. Suzanne Whitting

Afternoon

We will take the Tube to the **Camden markets**. Here, six busy open-air and indoor markets, each with its own distinctive flavour, line a street of shops, bars and restaurants. Open seven days a week, but at their busiest on Sundays, the Camden Markets display and sell a vast range of goods, from craft to high fashion.



Evening

We take the Tube to Leicester Square for a quick casual dinner before seeing the newly released, **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**.

MONDAY 05 DECEMBER

0900 hrs

This morning after breakfast we will take the Tube to visit **The London Eye**.

Group Day tickets are available from the tube station for travel between Zones 1-6. These currently **cost £3.20 per adult and £0.80 per student U17**. It is a very simple journey from Golders Green on the Northern line straight through to **Waterloo Station** from where we can easily walk to the Eye.

1000 hrs

Flight on **THE LONDON EYE**



After viewing the **Thames** from the spectacular heights of **The London Eye**, we will take a closer look by foot. First heading towards the **Tate Modern Gallery**, then onto Shakespeare's famous **Globe Theatre**, across the **Millennium Bridge**, back past **Big Ben** and the **Houses of Parliament** before crossing back over **Westminster Bridge**. Here we will have some free time for lunch before heading back to the hostel.

1600 hrs

Our bus will collect us from our hostel for our trip to **WINDSOR** and evening debate at **Eton College**. En route to Eton we will have time to stop and take a quick look around Windsor. Mr Savage has suggested that if the weather allows we should walk across the footbridge from Windsor to Eton, as it is a particularly scenic stroll.



1630 hrs

Debate at ETON COLLEGE

Windsor SL4 5DW

Tel: 01753 671000

Following the debate we will have supper at Eton before our bus takes us back to our **Hampstead Heath** hostel for the night.

TUESDAY 06 DECEMBER

0900 hrs This morning we will check out of our hostel after breakfast and embark on the first leg of our six day bus tour. We will have sole use of our bus with a dedicated driver for all of this time.

Travel to **CAMBRIDGE** where we will be accommodated at the youth hostel for one night on a bed and breakfast basis:

YHA CAMBRIDGE
97 Tenison Road
Cambridgeshire CB1 2DN

Tel: 0870 770 5742
Fax: 0870 770 5743
email: cambridge@yha.org.uk

YHA Cambridge is a Victorian town house, only 15 minutes' walk from the centre of town.

Cambridge is a wonderful fusion of the everyday and the extraordinary. A living city that has shaped history, that today reflects the best of historic and contemporary life and is continuing to make its mark on the future. Even if you have never visited Cambridge, it has still touched your life as the place that inspired Darwin, Newton, AA Milne, Wordsworth, John Cleese, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle and Stephen Hawking. <http://www.visitcambridge.org>

- Afternoon** Cambridge graduate, Mr Brown will take us on a **walking tour of Cambridge**. The tour will include visits to the main Colleges including **Kings College** and **Trinity College**. See the famous **Kings College Chapel** and the **Wren Library** which contains **Newton's Principia Mathematica** and **AA Milne's Winnie the Pooh**.
- Evening** **Debate against The Leys School and St Mary's**



WEDNESDAY 07 DECEMBER

1000 hrs This morning we will check out of the hostel after breakfast and board our bus for travel to **STOW-ON-THE-WOLD** where we will be accommodated in the youth hostel for the following two nights on a bed and breakfast basis:

YHA STOW-ON-THE-WOLD
The Square
Stow-on-the-Wold
Gloucestershire GL54 1AF

Tel: 0870 770 6050
Fax: 0870 770 6051
email: stow@yha.org.uk

YHA Stow is a listed building dating back to the 16th Century and located in the town square in the heart of the Cotswolds.

- Afternoon** Free time to explore the charms of the **Cotswolds at Stow-on-the-Wold**.

Famous as a centre for antiques, Stow-on-the-Wold, situated on the Roman Fosse Way, has a long history and probably dates from a prehistoric fortified settlement on top of the hill. The Market Square is large and impressive and, surrounded by houses, shops and inns all built in the local Cotswold stone, it gives the feeling of being the focus of town life over many centuries. At nearly 800ft, Stow-on-the-Wold is the highest of the Cotswold towns, approached uphill from all directions. www.the-cotswolds.org

- 1800 hrs** Travel to **STRATFORD-UPON-AVON** for our theatre performance by the **Royal Shakespeare Theatre Company**.



- 1915 hrs** **GREAT EXPECTATIONS** at the ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

Great Expectations - A terrifying encounter with an escaped convict forever changes the life of the orphaned Pip. Turning his back on humble beginnings as a blacksmith's apprentice, he strives to better himself and become a gentleman, unaware of the hidden dangers that await him. Nick Ormerod and Declan Donnellan's new adaptation lays bare a tissue of lies and guilt in Dickens' least sentimental love story.

www.rsc.org.uk

Transfer back to our hostel in **Stow-on-the-Wold** for the night.

THURSDAY 08 DECEMBER

1000 hrs This morning, after breakfast, we travel to **Warwick** for a day excursion.

1100 hrs WARWICK CASTLE

This is one of the most dramatic and complete medieval castles in the country. It has been inhabited continuously since the Middle Ages, and was the home of the Earls of Warwick until recently.

For more information check out...
www.warwick-castle.co.uk/



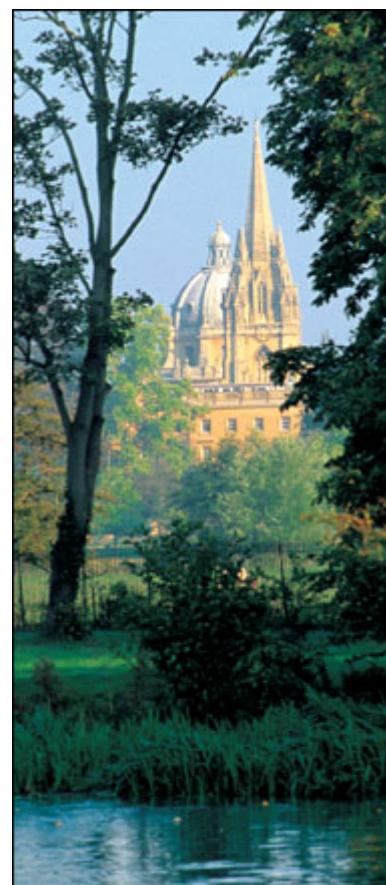
1900 hrs Tonight we will dine at our Stow-at-the-Wold hostel and perhaps even do some debate practice after dinner.

FRIDAY 09 DECEMBER

0900 hrs After breakfast we will check out of the hostel and travel by bus to **OXFORD** where we will be accommodated at the youth hostel for the following two nights on a bed and breakfast basis:

YHA OXFORD
2a Botley Road
Oxford
Oxfordshire OX2 0AB
Tel: 0870 770 5970
Fax: 0870 770 5971
email: oxford@yha.org.uk

YHA Oxford is a new purpose-built hostel only 5 minutes away from the centre of Oxford.



Oxford, *The City of Dreaming Spires*, is famous the world over for its University and place in history. For over 800 years, it has been a home to royalty and scholars, and since the 9th century an established town, although people are known to have lived in the area for thousands of years.

<http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk/>

1400 hrs Ever wanted to find out how new words get added to the Dictionary and find out who gets to define these 'new' words? This afternoon we are lucky enough to have been accepted to tour the **Oxford University Press** and **Oxford English Dictionary**. We will have a guided tour and talk from the OUP/OED archivist, Martin Maw, a very entertaining speaker who will talk to us about the history of the Press and the OED.

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

1000 hrs	After breakfast this morning we put on our most comfortable shoes and set out for a guided walking tour of Oxford. Our guide, Bill Leonard will take us to many of Oxford University's most famous colleges and entry to Christ Church College and the old part of the Bodleian Library is included.
1200 hrs	Free time in Oxford for lunch and perhaps even a look around the shops!?
1345 hrs	Check in at " The Oxford Story ", 6 Broad Street, Oxford
1400 hrs	Enter " The Oxford Story "



The ideal first stop for visitors to Oxford, The Oxford Story offers the very best insight into the city's world-famous University, its famous faces and its history. Located within an extensive and historic three-storey former book warehouse, here you can climb aboard one of Europe's longest indoor 'dark' rides to explore the University's early beginnings and fascinating facts behind its record-breaking discoveries.

<http://www.oxfordstory.co.uk/home.htm>

Evening	Dinner and perhaps a movie? (£5)
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SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

1000 hrs	After breakfast we check out of our hostel and travel back to London . Here we say goodbye and a big thank you to our bus driver before checking in to our hotel.
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We will be accommodated for the next two nights at the **THISTLE HOTEL** on a bed and English breakfast basis:

THISTLE LANCASTER GATE
75 Lancaster Gate
Bayswater
London W2 3NN
Tel: 020 7402 4272



1200 hrs	Time to shop until we drop in Oxford St, Bond St, Regent Street and Knightsbridge! (Don't forget to get a Christmas present wish-list from your family before you leave home!)
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1530 hrs	St Paul's Cathedral evensong. Hear this world-class cathedral choir in a beautiful setting. If we're lucky we might even hear some Christmas carols.
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Evening	Tonight we follow Ms Boyd as she leads us to the world's biggest bookshop, Foyles . There she'll be getting her credit card out and asking each member of the tour party to help her buy some new books for the Scotch Library. (don't worry, you don't have to fit them in your luggage – we'll get them shipped back!)
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FOYLES BOOKSHOP
113 – 119 Charing Cross Rd
London WC2H 0EB
Fax: 020 7434 1580
Email: webmaster@foyles.co.uk



When we're absolutely exhausted from all our shopping we'll find somewhere to eat before checking out the stunning Christmas lights of Regent St.

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER

0900 hrs Sightseeing time! As a whole group or in smaller parties we can see **St Paul's Cathedral, The Tower of London, The British Museum, Houses of Parliament, The Globe Theatre** or go on a literary walk such as the Dickens Walking Tour.



1200 hrs At midday it's time to catch a train to **Dulwich College** to compete in our final debate.

DULWICH COLLEGE

Dulwich Common
London SE21 7LD
Tel: 0208 693 3601

After the debates we'll share a buffet lunch with the Dulwich debaters.

Afternoon In the late afternoon we will return to our hotel to get changed and have dinner in the hotel restaurant before heading to **London's West End** for a theatre performance.

1730 hrs Dinner at the Thistle Hotel Restaurant

1930 hrs WE WILL ROCK YOU

Dominion Theatre
Tottenham Court Road
London WC2



After the performance we will catch the Tube back to our Hotel.

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER

0900 hrs After breakfast we will check out of the hotel and make our way to LONDON WATERLOO STATION (Central line 3 stops to Oxford Circus then change to the Bakerloo line and travel 4 stops to Waterloo)

1040 hrs One-way EUROSTAR train from London Waterloo to Gare du Nord.

Booking reference:

G78648

Then on to Paris....!

TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER

<http://www.photo.net/france/paris> Check out this site for some wonderful photographs of Paris, complete with tips for taking great photos of this beautiful city.

1417 hrs : Arrive in PARIS at GARE DU NORD.

On arrival at the station we will be met by coach and transferred to our hotel for the next three nights

HOTEL DE REUILLY
33 Boulevard de Reuilly
75012 Paris

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Fax: +33 1 4307 4158

Hotel de Reuilly is in the eastern part of the city on the right bank in the 12th arrondissement (12e)



The hotel is close to 2 metro stations, **Daumesnil** and **Dugommier**, from which we can easily access all the major sights.

Paris is a city for the senses – for art, for music, for fashion, for food and for history. The city's literary legacy is also legendary, with prominent and influential writers such as **Moliere**, **Voltaire**, **Balzac**, **Hugo**, **de Beauvoir** and **Camus**.

It has a population of 2.1 million and is divided into twenty neighborhoods called *arrondissements*. They are arranged in an outward spiral beginning at the city's center. The River Seine divides the city between north and south - the famous *rive gauche* and *rive droite* (left bank and right bank) romanticized in so many novels and films. Tradition has it that the left bank is the bohemian heart of the city, while the right bank is known for high-priced sophistication and the world's best shopping. The truth, however, is that you'll find that each neighbourhood has its own unique style and flavour. We will not visit them all, but try to be aware of the different look and feel of each neighbourhood as we move around Paris.

Paris arrondissements and landmarks



After unpacking we will set out on foot to explore the area around our hotel.

Perhaps a walk along the **Promenade Plantée** (Départ avenue Daumesnil) -a 4.5 km elevated walkway, offering wonderful views of the 12e. (Maybe some window shopping in the viaducts underneath.)

We will then meet and catch the Paris underground (METRO) to the **Marais** (4e), where we will enjoy our first French meal. After dinner we will cross the Seine to the bohemian left bank and explore the **Quartier Latin** (5e and 6e). As we cross onto the **Ile Saint Louis** we will see the famous **Cathédrale de Notre Dame** on our right. This is situated on the other Seine isle, **Ile de la Cité**, settled more than 2000 years ago.

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WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

0900 hrs

Hopefully the aroma of coffee and croissants will waft up to our rooms in time to enjoy a quick breakfast, before meeting our guide in reception and then boarding our coach for a **3-hour panoramic sightseeing tour of Paris**.

Victor Hugo wrote in Les Misérables
“All that can be found anywhere, can be found in Paris”

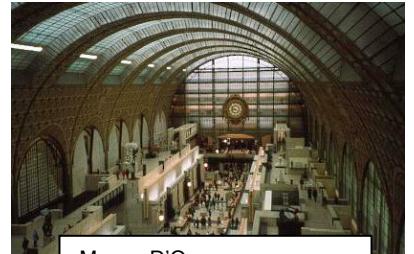
1200 hrs

FREE TIME for 2- 3 hours EXPLORING areas of interest to you
 Our bus will deposit us in the **2nd arrondissement**, close to:

Jardin des Tuileries



- The great department stores of Paris, **Printemps and Galeries Lafayette** which will be lit up for Christmas
- Musee du Louvre (€ 8.50)**
- Opera Garnier** of Phantom of the Opera fame. It was once the world's largest theatre and is famed for its 6-ton chandelier and the ceiling painted by Chagall .
- Musee d'Orsay (€5)** This former railway station houses a spectacular array of French impressionist and post impressionist works
- Jardin des Tuilleries** – a an elegant formal garden where Parisiens promenade. Don't miss the ferris wheel for wonderful views of Paris.
- Place Vendome** – this square exudes wealth and privilege – The Ritz Hotel, along with major banks and jewellers



Musee D'Orsay

1500hrs

We will return to our hotel this afternoon to get changed for our night out on the town

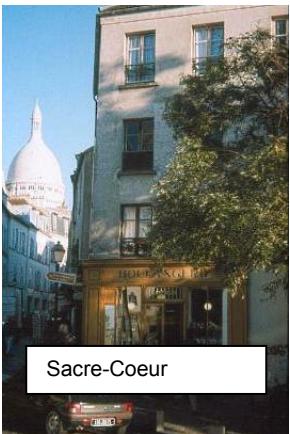
1700 hrs

We will travel by Metro to **Montmartre** and spend **an hour** exploring the streets before **dinner**. Historically, this is the home of Paris' great revolutionaries.

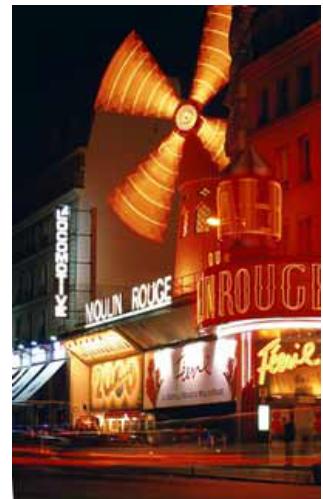
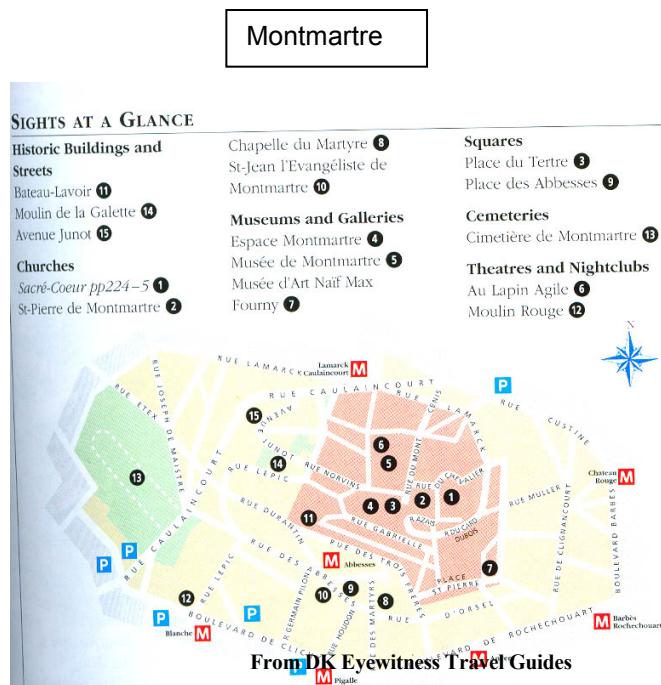
Our walk will take in **Sacré-Coeur** and the artist's square, **Place du Tertre**.

2100 hrs

After dinner in **Montmartre**, we will attend a show at the celebrated **Moulin Rouge**, one of Paris' oldest cabarets made famous by Toulouse Lautrec and home of the French Can-Can!



Sacre-Coeur



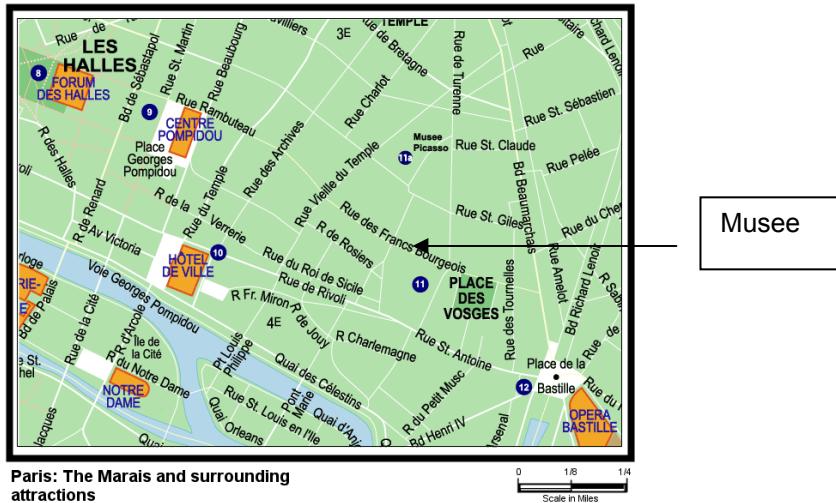
THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER - What a lot of excitement we have planned for you today!!

9000 hrs

After an early breakfast we will catch the metro to the **Marche d'Aligre**. This is one of the city's most interesting flea markets. It's a great place to get an insight into life in the capital. You might like to buy some food here to take with you for your lunch.

1030 hrs

We will continue on to the **Marais** - one of Paris' most colourful districts and also one of the oldest, packed with history, culture and classic 17th-18th century mansions. A very lively quarter with clothing boutiques, antique shops, boulangeries / pâtisseries, tea shops and bistros. Lots of very trendy shops for men (and boys).



You will have 2 hours free time to enjoy the sights, choosing from:

- **Centre Pompidou**— Premier gallery of 20th century art and design. A must see, if only for the ultra modern and unusual design of the building. (*No charge to enter building. To see the collection € 8*)
- **Musee Carnavalet** - history of Paris museum (*free*)
- **Place des Vosges**— an extraordinarily beautiful square of 36, symmetrical 17th century mansions. The great French writer, Victor Hugo lived at no 6
- **Maison de Victor Hugo (€3)**
- **Forum des Halles** – underground shopping mall (FNAC department store)



1230 hrs . We will cross the Seine for an afternoon of sightseeing

We will have two hours for sightseeing in the HEART of the city – **Ile de La Cite**

Our options are:

- **Notre Dame Cathedral** – climb the 387 steps to one of the towers, the haunt of Quasimodo, Victor Hugo's Hunchback of Notre Dame. (*Cathedral is free, Towers are €5*)
- **Saint Chapelle** - an exquisite example of Gothic art, shimmering with hundreds of stained glass panels (*€5*)
- **Conciergerie** – The famous prison where Marie Antoinette and the nobles were imprisoned during the French Revolution, before being carried off to the guillotine (*€5*)
- **La Samaritaine Department Store** – facing the Seine on the rive droit, near Pont Neuf
- **Stroll around the Ile Saint Louis.** Despite the cold you MUST sample an ice-cream from the most famous ice-cream shop in Paris – BERTHILLON
- **Vedettes du Pont Neuf** for a 1 hour cruise on the Seine. Departure at 12.00, return at 1.00 (*€ 10 for full commentary and a guide book* <http://www.vedettesdupontneuf.com/va/>)

Thursday (cont)



1430 hrs

Together we will catch the Metro to the Champs Elysees.
You will have 2 hours free time exploring this great boulevard



Meet at 1630 hrs

We will ascend the **Arc de Triomphe** together (**€5**)
This triumphal arch was commissioned by Napoleon in 1806. It was completed in 1836. From the top of the Arc there is a wonderful view of the 12 grand boulevards which radiate from it. Among the armies which have marched triumphantly through the Arch and down the Champs Elysees were the Germans in 1940 and the Allies in 1944.

This will be one of the highlights of our time in Paris. The views from the top will be particularly wonderful because of the Christmas Lights Today it is a symbol of the French National spirit.

1900hrs

“Farewell to Paris” dinner in the Champs Elysees

Travel back to our hotel on the METRO

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

0800 hrs After breakfast check out of the hotel and board our coach for transfer to **CHARLES DE GAULLE airport**.

0900 hrs Check in to **MALAYSIAN AIRLINES** flight **MH021** to **KUALA LUMPUR**

1200 hrs Flight departs.

SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER

0650 hrs Arrive **KUALA LUMPUR**

0950 hrs Depart **KUALA LUMPUR** on **Malaysian Airlines Flight MH 129**

2030 hrs Arrive **MELBOURNE**