Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association presents

PROVINCIAL FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE

September 30-October 14, 2015

15 days from $5,896 total price from Boston, New York
($5,195 air & land inclusive plus $701 airline taxes and departure fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumnae/i & Friends of Bryn Mawr College

Featuring Catherine Lafarge, Professor Emerita of French
PROVINCIAL FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE

15 days from $5,896 total price from Boston, New York
($5,195 air & land inclusive plus $701 airline taxes and departure fees)

Experience the beauty, allure, and hospitality of provincial France, at an easy pace and in a unique style. Anchored by stays in vibrant Toulouse and enchanting Paris, the journey features diverse Languedoc, the remote Dordogne, the lovely Loire Valley, and historic Normandy as we stay in charming rural inns and small country hotels. It’s a small group tour de force!

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Toulouse, France

Day 2: Arrive Toulouse  After arriving in Toulouse today, our time is at leisure until we meet our tour director this evening for a welcome dinner and a briefing about the journey ahead. D

Day 3: Toulouse/Carcassonne  Today we tour nearby Carcassonne, the quintessential medieval town with the longest city walls in Europe. Sitting atop a hill overlooking vast green plains that stretch all the way to the Pyrénées, Carcassonne boasts battlements and ramparts dating to the 1st-century Romans. We return to Toulouse mid-afternoon. B

Day 4: Toulouse/Albi/Sarlat  We travel today to the historic market town of Albi in the Midi-Pyrénées. Hometown of Belle Epoque artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Albi was built with rose-colored bricks that cast a warm glow over the city’s medieval streets and ramparts. Our city tour here includes the Palais de la Berbie, an ancient fortress housing a museum devoted to the works of Toulouse-Lautrec. Leaving Albi, we continue to the rugged unspoiled countryside of the Perigord region and the Dordogne Valley. We travel on to Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of France’s prettiest villages and one of Europe’s best preserved medieval gems, with more registered historic sites than anywhere else on the continent. We’re in the land of the truffle and foie gras, so bon appétit! B,D

Day 5: Sarlat/Lascaux II  This morning we tour the Caves at Lascaux II, the reproductions of the original pre-historic cave paintings found nearby. After lunch at a charming local inn, we spend the afternoon on a leisurely cruise along the Dordogne River, life-blood of this fertile region and redolent with history. As we pass cliff-top castles and fortified medieval towns, the historical region of Aquitaine comes to life – this is where beloved Eleanor of Aquitaine reigned...
Discover Paris with its iconic Eiffel Tower.

in the 12th century. We return to Sarlat and our hotel, where we dine tonight. **B,L,D**

**Day 6: Sarlat/Rocamadour** This morning we take a brief walking tour then have time at leisure to visit one of Sarlat’s museums or art galleries on our own – or simply to wander the atmospheric cobblestone streets. After lunch on our own we visit nearby Rocamadour, a revered pilgrimage site and medieval village whose three tiers cling almost impossibly to a sheer limestone cliff. We take a guided walking tour then enjoy some free time before we return to our hotel mid-afternoon and dine there together tonight. **B,D**

**Day 7: Sarlat/Le Dorat/Saumur** This morning we depart for the Loire Valley, stopping in the small market town of Le Dorat for a typical country lunch at a local restaurant. From here we travel on to picturesque Saumur and our hotel, a converted 18th-century mansion on the banks of the Loire River. **B,L**

**Day 8: Saumur** Today is at leisure to enjoy this town of half-timbered houses and cobblestone streets as we wish. Options include exploring the town’s old quarter; visiting the Cavalry Museum; or tasting the renowned locally made sparkling wine – *méthode champenoise* – at Maison du Vin. **B,D**

**Day 9: Saumur/Chenonceaux** We’re in châteaux country, where England battled for control of France; where Joan of Arc triumphed; and where a great opulence reigned during the 16th century. Originally built as fortresses to keep intruders out, the Loire Valley’s grand châteaux now welcome visitors from around the world. We tour a most impressive one today: Chenonceau, the Renaissance masterpiece considered the most romantic château of all. Lunch today is at La Cave in Montlouis. **B,L**

**Day 10: Saumur/Mont-St-Michel/Crépon** Traveling north this morning, we stop at Mont-St-Michel, Normandy’s famed Gothic abbey that sits atop a 264-foot high rock formation at the edge of the sea and was constructed between 1017–1521 of granite, hauled stone by stone, from Brittany. After a guided tour and some free time for lunch and to explore on our own, we continue on to our lodgings in Crépon: a restored but rustic manor dating to the 17th century. **B,D**

**Day 11: Crépon/Bayeux/Caen** Miraculously spared wartime bombing, medieval Bayeux is our first stop today. Here we visit the Tapestry Museum, home of the 1,000-year-old Bayeux Tapestry depicting the exploits of William the

---

**Post-Tour Extension**

**October 14-16, 2015**

**PARIS — ON YOUR OWN**

3 days/2 nights for $595 total price

Single Supplement: $395

*Savor the City of Light on your own time, at your own pace.*

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- 2 nights’ accommodations at Hotel Château Frontenac (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport
Tour Departs: September 30, 2015

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York $5,896
Charlotte, Philadelphia, Washington, DC $6,096
Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa $6,196
Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle $6,296

Land Only (transfers not included) $4,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include air line taxes, fuel surcharges and departure fees of $701, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,195.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $3,895 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations and information please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765
Monday-Friday, 9:00am-7:00pm, Eastern Time

Your Tour Price Includes
• Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
• 13 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
• 26 meals: 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 9 dinners
• Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
• Luggage handling for one bag per person
• Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Day 12: D-Day Landing Beaches A poignant, inspiring day ahead as we travel to the very places where Allied forces overcame overwhelming odds to alter the course of World War II. We visit Pointe du Hoc, where American Rangers scaled towering cliffs to establish a beachhead; Utah Beach; and Ste-Mère-Eglise, where the 82nd Airborne Division successfully parachuted on June 5, 1944. We end the day at the American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach in Colleville. It’s a particularly moving site; row upon endless row of white marble crosses and Stars of David honor the nearly 10,000 soldiers buried here. B,L,D

Day 13: Crépon/Giverny/Paris This morning we visit the village of Giverny and the home and gardens of Impressionist artist Claude Monet. Here we see the familiar lily pond and Japanese footbridge of Monet’s paintings, as well as his home, now restored to its original design. Then we travel to Paris, reaching our hotel late afternoon. We’re free for dinner on our own in this culinary capital. B

Day 14: Paris Today we get acquainted with one of the world’s great cities, seeing the highlights on this morning’s city tour, including a visit to either the renowned Louvre Museum or the Musée d’Orsay of Impressionist artworks. This afternoon is free for independent exploration; tonight we gather for a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 15: Depart for U.S. This morning we depart for the airport and our connecting flights to the U.S. B

Conqueror. Later we visit the British Cemetery then continue on to Caen’s Memorial Museum devoted to “history for peace.” Time permitting, we may visit Arromanches late this afternoon. B,D

“I SING THE JOY OF WANDERING.”
– GUILLAUME APOLLINAIRE

Bryn Mawr Faculty Host

Leading your trip will be Catherine Lafarge, Professor Emerita of French at Bryn Mawr College. A native of France, Lafarge came to the United States in 1957 as a Fulbright scholar at Mt. Holyoke College, where she earned her bachelor’s degree. She began teaching at Bryn Mawr in 1966, immediately upon earning her doctorate from Yale University. She chaired the French Department from 1979 to 1984 and also from 1991 to 1996; she served as dean of the GSAS from 1985 to 1995. In October, 2004 Professor Lafarge was awarded France’s Ordre des Palmes Académiques in a ceremony in the Ely Room of Wyndham House. The order, instituted in 1808 by Napoleon I, honors those who have made significant contributions to the understanding of French culture throughout the world. Throughout her career, Lafarge has been active in numerous professional societies, particularly the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, which she served as treasurer. Among the honors she has won are grants from the American Philosophical Society and the American Council of Learned Societies, as well as the Mt. Holyoke Alumnae Association’s prestigious Sesquicentennial Award.
Dear Bryn Mawr Alumnae/i, Family and Friends,

Join us this fall on a comprehensive tour through provincial France. Traversing the country from south to north, our small group will enjoy breathtaking scenery, stay in charming hotels and inns, visit unspoiled villages, and tour cosmopolitan Paris.

Begin in Toulouse and see the longest city walls in Europe at medieval Carcassonne. Travel to the Dordogne region to tour the famous Caves at Lascaux II and take a leisurely river cruise. In the fabled Loire Valley, visit the beautiful château of Chenonceau. Further north in Normandy, tour the Gothic abbey at Mont-St-Michel and discover medieval Bayeux. Spend a moving day exploring the famous D-Day landing beaches and the American Cemetery. Walk amid Monet's glorious gardens in Giverny before concluding your journey in iconic Paris.

Space on this exclusive, air-inclusive tour for Bryn Mawr is limited to just 24 guests, and will be accompanied by Professor Emerita Catherine Lafarge. We anticipate that space will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,

Wendy Greenfield
Executive Director, Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association

---

BRYN MAWR RESERVATION FORM: PROVINCIAL FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Provincial French Countryside departing September 30, 2015. I/we understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail check (along with the completed reservation form) to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also fax your reservation to 617-454-9199. For more information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765.

Full Passport Name ____________________________________________ Date of Birth ___________ Gender ______
Full Passport Name ____________________________________________ Date of Birth ___________ Gender ______
Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________
City ____________________________________________________________ State ________ ZIP ___________________
Home Ph. (_____ ) _____________________ Bus. Ph. (_____ ) _____________________

Please book my air/our from ______________________________              I/we request a Business Class upgrade
I will share a room with ___________________________________       I request a single room (limited availability)

Please note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Provincial French Countryside, September 30-October 14, 2015 and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) ____________________________________________________________________ Date _______________

---

BRYN MAWR ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Method of Payment  ☑ Check  ☑ American Express  ☑ Discover  ☑ MasterCard  ☑ VISA
Account # ____________________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date _______________
Name of Cardholder _________________________________________________________________________________
Signature __________________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due by June 27, 2015 and is payable by check or credit card.
**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not included in tour price**

- Airfare when purchasing a Land Only tour package; costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only tour package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per day per traveler); travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

**Cancellations, refunds and changes**

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
- Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.

Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement.

**Responsibility**

The liability of Bryn Mawr College, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Bryn Mawr College and Odysseys Unlimited Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

**Air Transportation – Important Information**

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from your home city to your final tour destination and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in, Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own air reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.