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**ENGLAND
& FRANCE**

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS



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MEET THE TEAM



Lawrence McLean

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT
TRIP HOST**

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



Andrea McLean

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style. She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around, there is always laughter.



William McLean

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**


William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."

– Steve Jobs

THE ITINERARY

SATURDAY, OCT 12

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ARRIVE IN ENGLAND



LONDON HOTEL

3:00 PM CHECK IN

SUNDAY, OCT 13



TOUR OF LONDON

- 8:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR OF PARIS
- THE CROWN JEWELS
 - THE WHITE TOWER
 - TRAITORS' GATE
 - TOWER GREEN

4:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



DINNER CRUISE ON THE THAMES

6:00 PM DEPART FOR DINNER

8:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

MONDAY, OCT 14



WINDSOR PALACE & STONEHEDGE **(For those who booked)**

7:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

6:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

TUESDAY, OCT 15



FREE TIME

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16



FLY TO FRANCE

- 12:00 PM** CHECKOUT/ DEPART FOR AIRPORT
- 3:20 PM** DEPART FOR PARIS (EZ Jet Flight No EZY2437)
- 5:40 PM** ARRIVE IN PARIS TRANSFER TO HOTEL

THURSDAY, OCT 17



TOUR OF PARIS

- 8:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR OF PARIS
- 4:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



DINNER AT EIFFEL TOWER

- 6:00 PM** DEPART FOR DINNER
- 8:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

THE ITINERARY

FRIDAY, OCT 18



TOUR OF CHATEAU DE VERSAILLES

(For those who booked)

8:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

6:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

SATURDAY, OCT 19



TOUR OF CHAMPAGNE

(For those who booked)

7:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

- MOET & CHANDON
- VEUVE CLICQUOT

7:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

SUNDAY, OCT 20



COOKING CLASS

(For those who booked)

8:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

2:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



TOUR OF CATACOMBS

(For those who booked)

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

12:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



MOULIN ROUGE DINNER

(For those who booked)

7:00 PM DEPART FOR DINNER

10:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

FREE TIME

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

MONDAY, OCT 21



FLY BACK TO HOME



London

Nothing prepares you for your first taste of London. This great world city is far more than just the capital of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. London is bustling, vibrant, multicultural and cosmopolitan. London is both old and new, a place where traditional pubs rub shoulders with the newest cocktail bars. Its most ancient castle is right next door to its newest skyscrapers. London's energy, as 8.6 million people go about their everyday lives, is tangible in every journey on the Underground and every walk along the banks of the River Thames. From the palaces of shopping to the real Buckingham Palace, London really does have it all.



The White Tower

Instantly recognisable, the White Tower is the most famous castle keep in the world. It was built to awe, subdue and terrify Londoners, and to deter foreign invaders. It is an iconic symbol of London and Britain. Along with the rest of the Tower fortress, the White Tower is part of a World Heritage Site. Inside is a unique Romanesque chapel, the beautiful 11th-century Chapel of St John the Evangelist.



The Crown Jewels

The Crown Jewels are the nation's most precious treasures, including the sacred Coronation Regalia used at the Coronations of new monarchs. Comprising more than 100 objects and over 23,000 gemstones, the Crown Jewels are priceless, being of incalculable cultural, historical, and symbolic value. They are part of the Royal Collection, held in trust by the monarch for the nation. The Crown Jewels collection includes St Edward's Crown, which is only used to crown a new king or queen during the coronation ceremony and the Imperial State Crown, used by the monarch at state occasions such as the State Opening of Parliament. The Crown Jewels have been protected at the Tower of London since the 1660s, where they have attracted visitors ever since.



Traitors Gate

The gate was designed by the Medieval architect Master James of St George on the orders of King Edward I between 1275 and 1279 to provide a new water-gate by which King Edward could arrive at the Tower by river. In the proceeding centuries, as the Tower of London increasingly came to be used as a prison for enemies of the state accused of treason, it acquired its current name of Traitors Gate due to the the number of prisoners, accused of treason, who have passed through it. Prisoners were brought by barge along the Thames, passing under London Bridge, where the grisly heads of recently executed prisoners were displayed on pikes.



Cruise On the Thames

Glide by some of London's must-see landmarks on a sightseeing cruise from Westminster to Greenwich on the Thames River. Step aboard your comfortable cruise boat at Westminster Pier and listen to the entertaining live commentary as you pass sights such as Shakespeare's Globe, Tower Bridge, and the Tower of London.



Windsor Palace

The world's largest and oldest continuously occupied fortress, Windsor Castle is a majestic vision of battlements and towers. Used for state occasions, it's one of the Queen's principal residences; when she's at home, the Royal Standard flies from the Round Tower. The story of Windsor Castle began in 1071, when William the Conqueror ordered the construction of a hilltop, earth-and-timber fortress. A century later, his great-grandson Henry II replaced it with a stone round tower. Edward III added a Gothic palace; Elizabeth I, the sturdy North Terrace; and Charles II gave the State Apartments a baroque makeover, creating an 'English Versailles'. George III stuck on turrets and battlements, to make it look more medieval, while George IV inserted a modern palace into the ancient ensemble. After a thousand years of rebuilding, the 951-room castle thus displays an amazing range of architectural styles, from half-timbered fired brick to Gothic stonework.



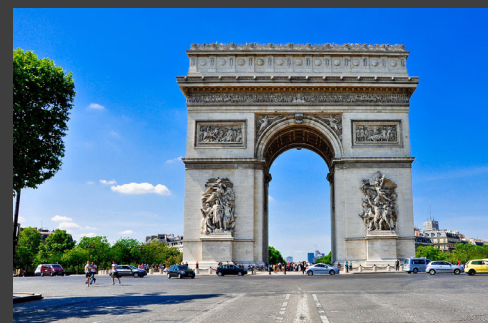
Paris

Paris is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is known worldwide for the Louvre Museum, Notre-Dame cathedral, and the Eiffel tower. It has a reputation of being a romantic and cultural city. The city is also known for its high-quality gastronomy and the terraces of its cafés.



The Louvre

Formerly a royal palace, the Louvre embraces eight centuries of French history. Intended as a universal museum since its creation in 1793, its collections – among the finest in the world – span several thousands of years and a territory that extends from America to the confines of Asia. The Louvre is a universal museum with eight curatorial departments: Egyptian Antiquities; Near Eastern Antiquities; Greek, Etruscan, and Roman Antiquities; Paintings; Sculptures; Decorative Arts; Prints and Drawings; and Islamic Art. Some 35,000 works of art are on display, including world-famous masterpieces such as the Winged Victory of Samothrace, the Seated Scribe, the Winged Bulls of Khorsabad, the Mona Lisa and Michelangelo's Slaves, and parts of the palace, such as the Napoleon III Apartments, are works of art in their own right.



Arc the Triomphe

The Arc de Triomphe of the Place de l'Étoile is one of the most famous monuments in Paris. It is situated at the center of the Place Charles de Gaulle (initially Place de l'Étoile), at the beginning of the Champs-Élysées. The Arc de Triomphe honors those who fought and died for France during the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars, with the names of all French victories and generals inscribed on its inner and outer surfaces. Under its vault lies the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier from the First World War.



Moulin Rouge Dinner

When its doors opened in 1889, the Moulin Rouge of Paris had one ambition: to become the universal symbol of femininity and the art of dance! A bustling hotspot of Parisian nightlife, immortalized by Toulouse-Lautrec and forever associated with the name of Mistinguett, the modern Moulin Rouge brings the French Cancan into the 21st century with its Revue Féerie, a sensational explosion of feathers, sequins and sparkles directed by choreographers Doris Haug et Ruggero Angeletti.



Chateau De Versailles

The Palace of Versailles was the principal residence of the French kings from the time of Louis XIV to Louis XVI. Embellished by several generations of architects, sculptors, decorators and landscape architects, it provided Europe with a model of the ideal royal residence for over a century.



Champagne

Champagne wine region is one of the most prestigious not only in France but also in the world. Renowned in the world, it has become a reference in sparkling wine. Champagne wine region is situated in the North-East of France and it is a large agricultural and industrial area. The territory is famous for its sparkling wines, which took the name from the region. In Champagne wine region, they produce different, unique bubbles, which is a result of their exceptional conditions of the region and the winemaking method that is known as the "Champagne method". This is what makes it the world's prominent sparkling wine.



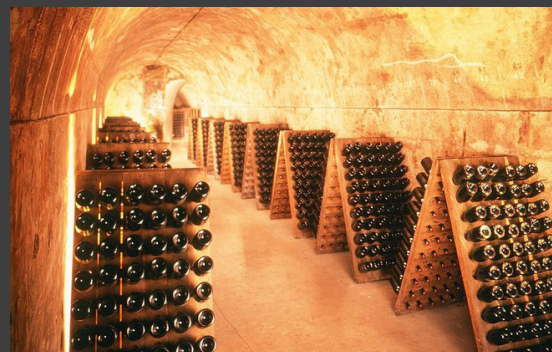
Paris Catacombs

the Catacombes de Paris are home to the bones of over six million late Parisians. Its narrow subterranean passageways date back to the 13th century, when they were used to mine the limestone that helped build the city. By the late 18th century, these old quarries were beginning to collapse under the weight of a rapidly expanding Paris. At the same time, the cemeteries at the center French capital were faced with overcrowding. The catacombs were seen as a solution that would solve both problems. Moving old remains underground into the mines prevented them from collapse and eased crowding at the cemeteries. The catacombs have been a site of fascination ever since they opened in the early 19th century and remain open today as one of the city's most unique attractions.



Moët & Chandon

It's the largest Champagne house in the world, producing close to 30 million bottles annually, including its signature Moët Impérial, Rosé Impérial, Ice Impérial (more below), Rosé Ice Impérial, and the Grand Vintage Champagnes, which vary from year to year. The signature style, found in the Moët Impérial, is both fruit-forward and elegant: fleshy soft fruit mingling with delicately nutty cereal notes, all tied together in heaven's own bubble wrap, the Champagne "pearl" carbonation.



Veuve Clicquot

The House Veuve Cliquot of has one of the most important Champagne vineyards in terms of size and quality: 390 hectares spread over 12 of the 17 Grands Crus and 20 of the 44 Premiers Crus in Champagne. This exceptional heritage has been built up over the centuries since the founder's time on an earlier base, then by the various owners of Veuve Clicquot. It particularly bears the imprint of Madame Clicquot

IN DEPTH



Cooking Class

Indulge in a true gourmet French experience: preparing, cooking, and enjoying your own 3-course meal. Set out to learn the tricks and techniques of French cooking. An instructor will help you through the steps of creating an appetizer, main dish, and dessert. French wine is also included with your gourmet lunch.

ACCOMODATIONS



Hilton London Bankside



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