

**You're cordially invited to  
celebrate 200 years of Lafayette College—in Paris!**



***May 21–28, 2026***  
***Optional Extension: May 28 – 31***



## Day 1: Depart U.S.

## Day 2: Arrival

*Arrive at CDG airport in the morning.*

Transfer to the [Hotel Royal Garden](#). Gather for a lovely group lunch before starting to explore Paris.



Our first visit will be to the [Musée Carnavalet](#). The museum is located in a former aristocratic mansion and has over 600,000 exhibits and more than 100 rooms. One of its collections is dedicated to the revolutionary period and includes paintings, photographs, and memorial items. Through our visit, we'll gain a deeper understanding of the aristocratic lifestyle and social circles in which Lafayette grew up.

This evening, we'll gather together for a delicious welcome dinner paired with wonderful views of Paris aboard a private boat on the Seine. *Meals: L, D*

## Day 3: Lafayette's Revolutionary Spirit



Today takes us out of central Paris to the [Château de Vincennes](#). This medieval fortress played a significant role in French military history. Lafayette served in the French National Guard here and played a part in quelling a mob uprising in 1789. Explore the castle and learn about its role during the French Revolution.

Later today, gather for a special visit to the Louvre Museum. Our guide will focus on the artists of Lafayette's era, including

portrait busts of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin by Houdon and paintings that tell the story of France during the time leading up to the Revolution. Dinner and the remainder of the evening is at leisure. *Meals: B*

## Day 4: La Roche-Guyon



Today, we venture out of Paris for Château de La Roche-Guyon, the ancestral home of the La Rochefoucauld family, an 18th-century residence perched above a bend in the Seine River. The young Duc de La Rochefoucauld, a philosopher and ally of the American cause, translated The Declaration of Independence into French. La Rouchefoucald had a close bond with Lafayette.

Return to Paris for an evening at leisure. *Meals: B*

## Day 5: Examining Lafayette in Paris



Today we set out on a walking tour exploring the early life of Lafayette. Along the way, admire Hôtel de Lauzun, where Lafayette spent his youth, surrounded by the ideals of the Enlightenment. Continue to the Hôtel de Ville, the city hall of Paris, which has been the site of many important events, including major events during the American and French Revolutions.

At the Place de la Bastille, the site of the famous Bastille prison storming, we will hear how the revolutionaries who took over the Bastille presented the key to Lafayette, who later gave this key to George Washington as a “token of victory by Liberty over Despotism.”

This afternoon, we’ll have lunch at a local restaurant in the fashionable district of the Le Marais, and then have a docent-led tour through the Archives Nationales for a special exhibition on Lafayette. *Meals: B, L*

## Day 6: Challenges and Exile



Today, we begin with a visit to the [Conciergerie](#). Continue to the nearby site of Lafayette’s residence before visiting the [Pantheon](#), where Lafayette is honored among France’s greatest figures. Reflect on his contributions to both France and the United States.

Proceed to Saint-Sulpice Church. Our final stop will be to [Picpus Cemetery](#), where Lafayette is buried.

Tonight, we dine in Saint-Germain-des-Pres, an intellectual and artistic neighborhood, where Adrienne de Lafayette might have socialized with Enlightenment figures alongside the Marquis.

*Meals: B, D*



## Day 7: Adrienne de Lafayette



Our last day in Paris will be focused on Adrienne de Lafayette, with our first stop at the Saint James & Albany Hotel. Formerly known as the Hotel de Noailles, it was the private townhouse of the family that married their daughter Adrienne to the 16-year-old Marquis. The newlyweds lived under her parents' roof until his departure for America. We'll next stop at Luxembourg Palace. Lafayette lived here before marrying Adrienne. The Palace was later turned into a prison where several members of Adrienne's

family were jailed.

We'll continue to the Musée de l'Armée at Les Invalides. Built to house veterans and wounded soldiers, this prestigious location now possesses one of the largest collections of military history and art, including the tomb of Napoleon. This afternoon is time for independent exploration.

Attend a final lecture to reflect back on your experiences during the week before a farewell dinner at [Le Grand Véfour](#) (or similar). *Meals: B, D*

## Day 8: Departure

Transfer to the airport for departing flights or stay in France for a 3-night extension.

Rate: \$5,865 per person based on double occupancy and a maximum of 30 travelers

Single supplement: \$1,395

*Winding Way Travel will be arranging a group flight out of JFK. Final pricing on airfare will be available approximately 10 months prior to departure. Estimated airfare for nonstop round-trip from NYC > CDG at \$1,200-\$1,400 per person.*

### **3-night extension:**

**Day 1** – Visit Versailles. Following lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Lyon. Stay at an old-world hotel at the heart of the city. Later today, begin to explore Lyon, one of the best-preserved Renaissance cities in Northern Europe.

**Day 2** – Travel by bus to Lafayette's birthplace, Chateau Chavaniac in the mountainous Auvergne region of France. Tour the chateau and see its collections of Lafayette memorabilia. Return to Lyon for a group dinner at one of the top restaurants of this "food capital" of France.

**Day 3** – Return to Paris for independent sightseeing and before your return flight home.

**Day 4** – Return home

\$2,925 per person. Single supplement: \$600

**Program Terms:**

**Inclusions:** 6 nights' hotel accommodations at the Hotel Royal Garden; Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners; All coaching as deemed necessary; Entrance fees to all sites in the itinerary; Expert English-speaking guide throughout.

**Exclusions:** International airfare; Passport/visa expenses; Medical expenses and immunizations; Private transfers and transfers outside of group arrival and departure days; Travel insurance (highly recommended and offered through Winding Way Travel; Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour; Excess baggage charges; Meals not specified in the itinerary; Other items of a personal nature.

**Payments:** A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required to reserve your space and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, or check made payable to Winding Way Travel. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only. Credit cards are subject to a 3% processing fee.

**Participant Cancellation Fees:** All participant requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations up to 91 days prior to departure are refunded less a cancellation fee of \$1,000 per person. After 90 days, any payments are nonrefundable. *Participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance for this and other reasons. Information will be provided with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.*

**Note:** Prices, itinerary, and accommodations are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation, and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

**Frequently Asked Questions:****If both trips fill, will a third trip be added?**

Unfortunately, we cannot offer a third excursion. However, the Lafayette Bicentennial exhibition at the National Archives of France is a public exhibition that will be open April 1, 2026 – July 14, 2026. Alumni and guests are welcome to plan a personal trip to France to view the exhibition.

**Who is invited to join this trip?**

This tour is open to alumni of Lafayette College and their spouses and/or family members 18 years of age or older.

**Who is organizing and supporting this trip?**

Lafayette College has contracted **Winding Way Travel** to provide expert organization and support for this adventure. A staff member from the Alumni and Family Engagement team will also travel with the group to assist guests throughout the journey.

**What are the physical requirements of the tour?**

To enjoy your travel experience, participants should be in overall good health and be able to keep up with the pace of the group. Participants should be capable of walking up to 3 miles per day over possibly uneven terrain, climbing stairs that might not have handrails, and climbing in and out of a variety of transportation vehicles. If you have any questions about the physical demands of a specific program, please contact Shoshana Altrichter at [shoshana@windingwaytravel.com](mailto:shoshana@windingwaytravel.com).