PALACE OF VERSAILLES

Guided tour of the Château de Versailles



Type: Classic

Departure by coach for a visit to the Palace of Versailles, magnificently enhanced as the festive season approaches. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the palace is one of the most prestigious achievements of 17th-century French art. Originally a hunting lodge of Louis XIII, it was transformed by Louis XIV, who made it the symbol of the grandeur of the French monarchy. Upon arrival, you will discover the King's State Apartments, a succession of richly decorated salons that once served as the setting for official ceremonies and court life. You will then continue to the famous Hall of Mirrors, a masterpiece of French classical architecture, whose reflections and play of light take on a particularly magical dimension at this time of year. The visit will continue through the Queen's Apartments, which offer an insight into the private life of the royal court, before you admire the elegant Christmas decorations that enhance the historic rooms of the palace. Depending on the seasonal arrangements, majestic Christmas trees, floral displays and refined illuminations help create a festive atmosphere while preserving the exceptional character of the site. You will then enjoy some free time to admire the perspectives of the French formal gardens designed by André Le Nôtre, whose pathways offer magnificent views over the royal estate. Return to the ship by coach after this immersion in the sumptuous world of Versailles dressed in its Christmas splendour.

PLEASE NOTE

- Good walking shoes are recommended.
- Pre-booking only. If the minimum of 25 participants isn't met, the excursion will be replaced with a visit to the Château de Malmaison.
- Flash photography is forbidden inside the Château.
- The Versailles Palace is closed on Mondays, visit to the Château de Malmaison instead.
- The order of the visits can change.
- Times are approximate.