



# NICHOLLS FOUNDATION **Trip to France, Switzerland** and Northern Italy

# March 30 to April 8, 2022



NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY



\$4,640 per person, double occupancy \$5,495, single occupancy

Airport taxes and fuel surcharges (approximately \$130.00) are included yet may vary slightly. Adjustments will be made at the time of final invoicing.

### **INCLUSIVE FEATURES**

- Economy class air transportation on scheduled airlines from New Orleans, Louisiana
  - 8 nights' hotel accommodation in 4\* properties, including buffet breakfast
    - 6 meals (1 lunch and 4 dinners at special selected restaurants,

and 1 lunch at Institute Paul Bocuse)

- Airport transfers and ground transportation by private, deluxe motor coach
- Guided sightseeing as detailed in the program, including headsets and entrance fees where needed
   Tour leader/guide assistance throughout

## **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 1: Wednesday, March 30 - NEW ORLEANS/LYON Depart from New Orleans International Airport to Lyon, France, on regular scheduled airline service. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board. (M)

#### Day 2: Thursday, March 31 - LYON

Upon arrival in Lyon, go through passport control, meet the tour leader, then board the private motor coach that will take you to the hotel. Settle in and adjust to the new time. In the afternoon, an orientation tour of the city will be followed by a welcome dinner at a selected restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Friday, April 1 - LYON

In the morning, take part in a special tour of **Institute Paul Bocuse**, followed by lunch. Afterwards, join a sightseeing tour of Lyon, including the **Basilica Fourviere** set in a dominant position overlooking the city, and the **Old Town** listed as Unesco World Heritage area. Tonight, explore on your own for a favorite restaurant. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Saturday, April 2 - LYON/GENEVA/MONTREUX

A scenic bus ride brings you to Geneva, Switzerland's most international city, hosting the headquarters of several organizations such as the United Nations and the Red Cross. Upon arrival, join an orientation tour highlighting the **Reformation Monument**, the **Flower Clock** and the **Jet d'Eau**, and take advantage of some free time for lunch. Afterwards, continue to the lake-side city of Montreux on the "Swiss Riviera". Tonight, savor dinner at a selected restaurant, possibly followed by a walk in this famous city, with its many cafes and small jazz clubs along the main street. If you feel lucky, you might risk an evening at the Montreux Casino, the original home of the Montreux Jazz Festival. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Sunday, April 3 - MONTREUX/GSTAAD/MONTREUX

Today, ride a vintage train through lush green meadows, traditional wooden chalets and the tall peaks of the Alps to reach the typical Swiss village of Gstaad. The day is at leisure to walk along the picturesque





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promenade, visit its shops and prestigious art galleries, and savor a scrumptious meal at one of the many gourmet restaurants. Return to Montreux in time for dinner on your own. (B)

#### Day 6: Monday, April 4 - MONTREUX/AOSTA/STRESA

After breakfast, ride the coach across the border to Italy and stop for a wine tasting lunch in the Aosta area. Continue to Stresa, the resort town on Lake Maggiore renowned for the Villa Pallavicino with its gardens and zoo and the Grand Hôtel des Îles Borromées, where author Hemingway once stayed. Upon arrival, take advantage of some free time to explore this quiet and fascinating little town before dinner, served at a restaurant near the hotel. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Tuesday, April 5 - STRESA/MILAN/STRESA

A daily excursion is scheduled to Milan, the fashion capital of Italy. Upon arrival, take part in a guided sightseeing tour starting with a visit to the alluring **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II** shopping gallery, a 19th-century glass vaulted shopping arcade, also known as the 'salotto di Milano' or 'Milan's drawing room' for its importance over the years as a common meeting point for the people of Milan. Continue to the medieval **Sforza Castle**, once seat and residence for the ruling family of Milan and now housing several of the city's museums and art collections. Next, tour the splendid **Duomo**, one of the world's largest, most striking Gothic cathedrals, and Milan's most famous Opera House, the fabulous **La Scala Theatre**, founded in 1778 and still in use. End the tour by admiring Leonardo Da Vinci's greatest masterpieces: the **Last Supper**, housed at Santa Maria delle Grazie. Take advantage of some free time before returning to Stresa in time for dinner on your own. (B)

#### Day 8: Wednesday, April 6 - STRESA/PARMA/STRESA

The day features an excursion to Parma in the nearby Emilia Romagna region, world-known for its gastronomic tradition. First, visit a Parmesan cheese and Parma prosciutto ham factory to learn how they are produced and taste delicious samples, then continue to the city center for an orientation tour and some free time to visit the spectacular 12th-century Romanesque **Cathedral**. Return to Stresa in time for an independent dinner. (B)

#### Day 9: Thursday, April 7 - STRESA AND LAKE MAGGIORE

Today, explore the area surrounding Lake Maggiore, the second largest Italian lake, on the borders of Piedmont, Lombardy and Switzerland. Enjoy a panoramic boat cruise on the lake to visit the **Borromean Islands**. First, stop at the exotic **Isola Madre**, home to a 20-acre park renowned all over the world for the refined botanical collections, then head back in time to the simple life of **Isola dei Pescatori** where you will have free time to explore, shop or have a light lunch. Continue with the luxurious **Isola Bella** and admire the elaborate gardens of the Borromean Palace surrounded by boutiques and cafés housed in grand historic buildings. Finally, cruise back to Stresa. The rest of the day is open for independent sightseeing and shopping, before a special Farewell Dinner featuring local delicacies. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Friday, April 8 - STRESA/HOME

This morning, you will be accompanied by your tour leader by motor coach to the airport and assisted with check-in formalities to board your flight home. You will be asking yourself "where did the time go?" (M)



Legend: M = Meals served on board - B = Breakfast - L = Lunch - D = Dinner

### RESERVATION FORM - NICHOLLS FOUNDATION TRIP TO FRANCE, SWITZERLAND AND NORTHERN ITALY Reservation Form and Contract between Tour Participant and Tour Operator

ST.	ARAVE	LLE TOURS			4700 - Fax	6, Miami, FL 33160 : 305-9474400 tours.com
This form must be fully completed, in clear print, and returned with deposit no later than September 15, 2021. Please mail to the above address, <u>along with a copy of your passport.</u> SPACE IS LIMITED. Reservations will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.						
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<ul> <li>I will not be departing from New Orleans, LA. I would like a quotation for flights departing from*</li> <li>*please refer to "Air Transportation" under Terms and Conditions</li> </ul>						
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 $\square$  I will send a check for the final payment which is due by December 20, 2021.

□ I authorize Caravelle Tours to charge my final payment on the credit card listed above on December 20, 2021.

I/we have read the terms and conditions stated in the brochure, especially those regarding Tour Prices, Cancellations/Modification Fees and Air Transportation, understand the details of the tour and agree to be bound thereby for myself and anyone else registered on this form. <u>I am aware that travel protection is available and that I may find additional information and build a custom quote at www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/.</u>

Signature \_

\_ Date \_

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Tour Prices:** Prices are based on the exchange rate of the dollar in effect at the time of brochure distribution. Should the value of the dollar drop significantly, the prices will be adjusted accordingly. All efforts will be made not to alter prices, but should there be a need, Caravelle Tours reserves the right to communicate the amount at the time of final payment. Prices are also based on a minimum of 25 participants or the expected group size, advised by the organizer. The participant hereby agrees to an automatic adjustment on the price due to a variation of either of these conditions with a maximum of 5% of the group price. Written acceptance by the participant will be requested only in case of a greater increase.

**Reservation, Deposit and Final Payment:** A <u>non-refundable</u> \$400.00 per person deposit is required by the deposit due date in order to make reservations, along with a signed copy of the registration form as well as a copy of the passport/s. Final payment is due on December 20, 2021. Late payments are subject to a \$50.00 handling charge. Late registration (sixty days prior to departure) requires a full payment by credit card is subject to availability. All checks should be made payable to Caravelle Tours Inc. Bank fees resulting from returned checks or charges from a financial institution for denied payments will have to be covered by the client.

**Cancellation/Modification Fees:** The deposit is non-refundable. However, \$200 per person, plus any additional, documentable charges applied by the suppliers, will remain non-refundable should the pilgrimage require cancellation as a direct or indirect result of acts of God, act of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, or for any causes beyond the Operator's control. The following per person fees will apply in case of cancellation by the passenger: 50% of the total tour price from December 27, 2021 to February 24, 2021; no refund from February 25 up to departure. Name substitutions or reinstatement of a previously cancelled reservation may be possible up to 14 days prior to departure. A processing fee of \$50 per person will apply, in addition to any additional costs charged by the airline/s. <u>Cancellations/modifications can only be accepted in writing.</u> Travel protection is available and highly encouraged. Additional information may be found on our website under www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/.

**Passport and Visa:** All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport, with an expiration date of no less than six months from the date of return. A visa is not required to enter Europe for U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. citizens must check requirements with their respective consulate.

**Air Transportation:** Transatlantic airfare is based on a special economy class contracted fare, on regularly scheduled airlines and other IATA carriers. Total cost of taxes, security/fuel surcharges will be advised in the final invoice, however, is subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure. Deviation of departure or return date/city is possible for a limited number of seats, <u>if the request is made at the time of reservation</u>. A \$50.00 deviation fee per person applies plus any additional costs applied by the airline.

Land Transportation: As specified in the itinerary. Ground transportation will be provided by deluxe, air conditioned motor coaches. Land only participants may take advantage of the group's airport transfers only if their flight schedule coincides with the group's and have informed Caravelle Tours of their air schedule. Please be informed that Caravelle Tours is unable to hold up the group should land only participants face any delays on arrival. In case of misconnection with the group, it will be land only participants' responsibility to arrange transportation to meet with the group, at their own expense.

**Hotels:** Accommodation will be provided at the hotel category described in the brochure. All rooms are with private bath. Occasionally, hotels may be substituted by others of a similar category or better at no extra cost to the passenger. All rates are per person. Single rooms, although assuring privacy, may be smaller in size and not ideally located.

**Meals:** Snacks and meals are served on all transatlantic flights and all other carriers as specified by the single contractor involved. Buffet breakfast at the hotels and other meals will be provided as noted in the program. Beverages are not included, with the exception of the lunch at Paul Bocuse Institute, wine tasting lunch near Aosta and Farewell Dinner.

**Tipping:** All gratuities and handling charges to hotel staff, porters, chambermaids and waiters are included. <u>Personal tipping to guides, tour directors and drivers are **not** included.</u>

**Baggage Handling:** Checked baggage will be limited to one piece per person, plus one carry on. The tour operator accepts no liability for loss and damage of luggage, although maximum care will be taken to ensure safe handling of your luggage. Travel protection is highly suggested.

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Travelers Who Need Special Assistance On Tour: You must report to Caravelle Tours any disability requiring special attention while on tour at the time the reservation is made. Caravelle Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so nor responsible for any denial of services by air carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Caravelle Tours cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance. If we are not notified at time of reservation of any disability requiring special attention, Caravelle Tours reserves the right to cancel your booking or terminate your tour if your special needs or disabilities are not suitable for the vacation, are incompatible with other travellers, or if you are not traveling with a companion who provides all the assistance you require. Caravelle Tours will not refund or cover any costs or expenses incurred for cancellation, booking, or termination of the vacation. Cancellation penalties, as above, apply. Not all sightseeing stops/sites accommodate wheelchairs, and some locations and sightseeing activities require extensive standing, sitting, or walking-sometimes on unpaved or cobblestone streets. Caravelle Tours will not refund or cover any cost or expense incurred for any missed activities due to a participant's inability to fully participate with the group. The Americans with Disabilities Act is only applicable within the United States, and facilities for disabled individuals are limited outside its borders. Most transportation services, including the touring coaches, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Motorized scooters and motorized wheelchairs are not suitable for international travel and are not permitted on Caravelle Tours tours.

**Exclusions:** Expenses and items not mentioned in this brochure are not covered, including but not limited to: passport fees, visas, meals (other than stated in the brochure), items of a personal nature and transportation to/ from home and home town airports.

Responsibility: The responsibility of Caravelle Tours Inc, herein after called the "Operator", his and or their agent is limited. They act only as agent for the passenger in regard to travel whether by railroad, motor coach, private car, boat, aircraft or any other conveyance, and assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by either reason of defect, through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or as a direct or indirect result of acts of God, dangerous incident to the sea, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, act of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, theft, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, or from any causes beyond the Operator's control, or from any loss or damage resulting from improper passport, visas or other documents. The airlines concerned are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not aboard the aircraft. The passenger contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole contract between you and airline. Anyone not utilizing the pre-arranged transportation is responsible for the subsequent transportation. No changes in the itinerary are expected but we reserve the right to make them if necessary. Because of unforeseen changes in transportation schedules, the land portion of your tour may be occasionally extended or curtailed. The Operator cannot be responsible for changes of itinerary. The number of days indicated for each itinerary begins with the day of scheduled departure and ends with the scheduled return arrival day, irrespective of the hour of departure or return, and may vary due to transportation schedule changes. The Operator reserves the right to accept or retain anyone as a passenger on its trip, or to cancel a trip. After refunding all partial and full payments, the Operator has no other obligations to passengers on cancelled trip. Unused portions of the itinerary are not refundable. Full or partial payment for a trip reservation constitutes agreement to all the provision of the brochure.



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