

ST-GERMAIN / WINCHESTER JUMELAGE 2024 TRIP PROJECT IN “HAUTS DE FRANCE”



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(Sept. 28 - Oct. 06)



Main features of our 2024 trip project:

- ✓ **Our 2024 Trip will take us to the « Hauts de France » including selected sites honoring the memory of the two world wars**
- ✓ **Discovery of new regions in North of France and exceptional trip to Bruges & Ypres memorials in Belgium**
- ✓ **8 nights with 4 nights in hotels including 2 nights in Lille**
- ✓ **Otherwise, our Winchester friends will be accommodated by St-Germain host families**
- ✓ **The Plan includes a Gala cocktail & dinner in St-Germain & our traditional Joint Board Meeting (in Lille)**
- ✓ **We will hire a private luxury coach for all our trips in « Hauts de France »**
- ✓ **Complete trip budget to remain reasonable**

2024 JUMELAGE TRIP PROECT OVERVIEW IN HAUTS DE FRANCE



- **Memorial of 1918 & 1940 world war
Armistice signatures in the Compiègne forest**
- **Franco-american museum of Blérancourt**
- **Beautiful city of Amiens**
- **Bay of Somme (St-Valery sur Somme)**
- **The « must see » sites of Arras**
- **Lewarde (Mine Museum)**
- **Lille (the old city)**
- **Day trip to Bruges and Ypres in Belgium**
- **Conflans Ste-Honorine (Battellerie Museum)**
- **Auvers-sur-Oise (Impressionists)**

SATURDAY 28/09

- **Arrival & welcome of our american friends
(Possible pick-up at airports, etc..)**
- **Settlement in St-Germain host families**
- **Rest day**

Evening:

- **Dinner on your own and/or with host families in Saint-Germain-en-Laye.**



Day 1: SUNDAY 29/09

Morning:

- Free time (and/or rest)
- Lunch with host families

Afternoon:

- Accompanied visit of Saint-Germain-en-Laye
- Meet members of the Town Council



Early evening:

- Welcome « Cocktail / Buffet » venue in St-Germain-en-Laye hosted by the St-Germain Jumelage Board



ROAD MAP SHOWING THE PLANNED TOURS



Day 2: MONDAY 30/09

- **Memorial Carriage museum in the Armistice Clearing in the Compiègne forest (signing in 1918 and 1940)**
- **Franco-american museum at Castle of Blérancourt**

Reconstructed castle by Ann Morgan in memory of the franco-american friendship during the first world war

- **Night in Amiens**



Day 2: MONDAY 30/09 (Cont'd)

More on Franco-american museum at Castle of Blérancourt

- The little town of Blérancourt, near Compiègne in Picardie, is home to the only Franco-American Museum in the world.
- The museum was founded by John Pierpont Morgan's daughter, Anne, in the remains of a 17th century castle. During WWI, Blérancourt was Anne Morgan's headquarters for a vast campaign of humanitarian aid in France, the "Comité Américain pour les Régions Dévastées" known as CARD. After the war, she bought and partly restored the château and the surrounding property, and in 1924, founded a museum.
- Today, the Museum collections hold paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, photographs, documents, and memorabilia tracing the history of Franco-American friendship. Both French and American patrons' organizations contributed to the project.
- Les Amis du Musée de Blérancourt was also founded by Anne Morgan in 1923. It mainly funds new acquisitions for the museum collections. It has a U.S. sister organization, the American Friends of Blérancourt (AFB), founded in 1985 by American citizen Didi d'Anglejean. The U.S. Ambassador to France and the French Ambassador to the U.S. traditionally serve as Honorary Patrons, showcasing the broad and deep historical ties of the Franco-American alliance.

Day 3: TUESDAY 01/10

➤ AM: Guided tour of Amiens

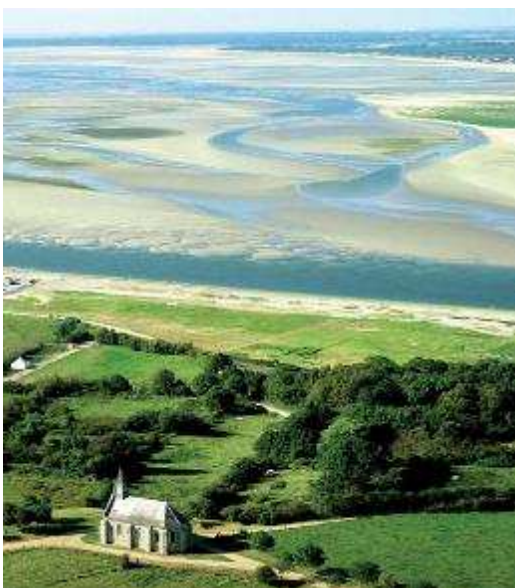
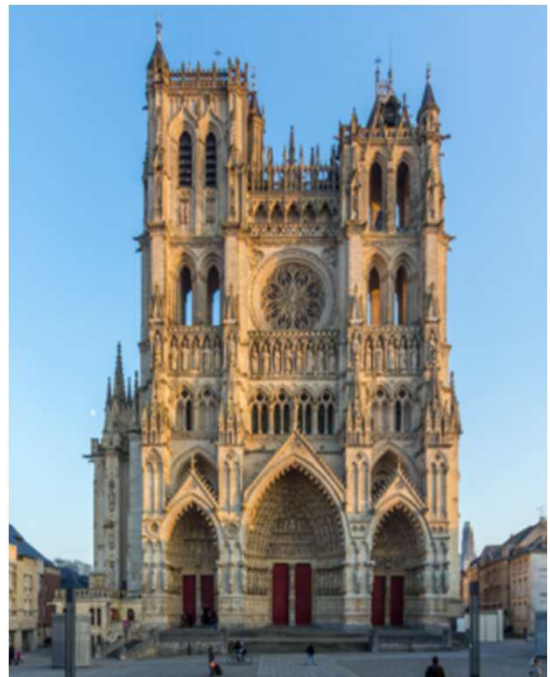
- The capital of Picardy, also known as
- « Petite Venise du Nord »
- « Notre Dame » Gothic Cathedral
- The house of Jules Verne
- The « Hortillonnages » (promenade on barge)



➤ PM: Bay of Somme (St-Valery/Somme)

- With Dinner in the Bay

➤ Night in St-Valery



Day 4: WEDNESDAY 02/10

- **AM: Guided tour of the City of Arras**
- **The Belfry; The Boves; The Squares; The Citadelle**



- **PM: Visit of the Mine Museum in Lewarde**



- **Drive to Lille and spend the next 2 nights**

Day 5: THURSDAY 03/10

- **AM: Early departure for Bruges in Belgium (Guided tour in Bruges)**



- **PM: Departure & guided visit of war memorials in Ypres**



- **Drive back to our Hotel in Lille**

Day 6: FRIDAY 04/10

- **Guided tour of « vieux Lille » including the native home of General de Gaulle**
- **Free time for shopping in Lille & possibly see unique near-by Wazemmes market**



- **PM: Leave Lille and drive back to St-Germain-en-Laye**
- **Later PM: Jumelage Joint Board Meeting in St-Germain (board members only)**
- **Evening, dinner and night spent with host families in St-Germain-en-Laye**

Day 7: SATURDAY 05/10

- **Guided visit of the Museum of « Batellerie » in Conflans Ste-Honorine**



- **Lunch in Auvers-sur-Oise**
- **Discovery of the Impressionnist Village of Auvers-sur-Oise**

Nestling in the peaceful, picturesque Oise valley is the village of Auvers-sur-Oise, which welcomed and inspired many famous artists, including Van Gogh, Cézanne, Corot and Daubigny.



- **Evening: Farewell Cocktail Reception & Gala dinner in St-Germain-en-Laye**



Day 8: SUNDAY 06/10

(DEPARTURE DAY)



- Possible Brunchs in small groups
- Rides to Airports or Train stations

End of Program

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR
ATTENTION**

