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SEVEN-NIGHT FRENCH RIVER CRUISE

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 2018



23 Romantic Days
 in France's most-loved cities
 châteaux, gardens
 & wine-growing
 regions

including a
 luxury 5-star
 week-long
**RIVER
 CRUISE**
 on the Saône
 & the Rhône

midlife madness in
France

with your tour leaders

TOUR

John & Robyn Cooney



INFOPACK



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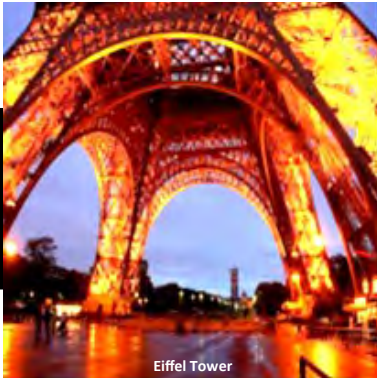
For all who love Paris, palaces, castles & gardens,
French food & wine,
and eye-popping scenery!



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The Big Idea ...

Let the Midlife Madness begin!

FRANCE IS THE WORLD'S MOST-POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATION, with 85 million visitors flocking to see it last year alone. They're drawn by its uniquely attractive culture ... its ravishing art and architecture ... its iconic cities ... its beloved landscapes ... its lilting, seductive accents ... its bistros and cafes, croissants and crepes ... its lush, impeccable gardens ... and the gentle rhythm of its village life.

They come because they just can't stay away. And France never disappoints them.

Following our highly successful visit to *La Belle France* (beautiful France) last year, we've scheduled a return visit in Aug/Sept 2018. **MIDLIFE MADNESS IN FRANCE** – that's what we're gonna have! And the No.1 highlight will be our 8-day pamper-you-rotten **River Cruise** – yeehaa!

Hassle-free travel: that's what we promise! So if France is on YOUR 'bucket-list' too, you ought to join us! If YOU love ooh-la-la Paris ... palaces, castles and gardens ... French food and wine ... eye-popping scenery – come adventuring too! You'll have the time of your life!



TOUR LEADERS – ROBYN & JOHN COONEY

Highlight after highlight ...

Our **MAD MIDLIFE ITINERARY in FRANCE** promises a romantic mix of sightseeing pleasures and unforgettable memories, with something different every single day. Join us and you'll ...

- ◆ fall in love with fantastic **Paris**, the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Tuilleries Gardens, etc
- ◆ eyeball the stunning palace of **Versailles**, with its stunning Hall of Mirrors & exquisite grounds
- ◆ wander Claude **Monet's Garden**, the painter's famous water-lily pond, Japanese bridge & home
- ◆ journey thru France's glorious **Loire Valley**, one-time home of dukes, nobles & feudal strongholds
- ◆ explore one fairytale **Château** after another, with their turrets, banquet halls & gardens to die for
- ◆ drive east to **Dijon & Beaun**, epicentre of Burgundy's wine-industry and the Côte d'Or vineyards
- ◆ visit **Macon**: lovely river-town with castles, vineyards, and oh-so-romantic Beaujolais scenery
- ◆ relax in **Lyon**, charming business powerhouse where gourmets indulge favourite food fantasies
- ◆ drop-in on **Tournon, Tain l'Hermitage** and **Viviers**, with its Old Town & Romanesque cathedral
- ◆ discover **Avignon**, its massive 800-yr-old ramparts, its nursery-rhyme stone bridge, its art & crafts
- ◆ wander **Arles** in the picturesque Camargue region, looking for Roman treasures & festive squares
- ◆ enter the heart of **Provence** at **St Remy** where Nostradamus prophesied & Van Gogh went mad



- ◆ climb to the beautiful hilltop village of **Gordes**, with its white-stone houses & Senanque Abbey
- ◆ roam **Aix en Provence**: leafy boulevards, gurgling fountains & the Cours Mirabeau atop ramparts
- ◆ follow the Grand Prix Circuit thru glitzy **Monte Carlo**, then zig-zag up to the clifftop village of **Eze**
- ◆ enjoy the resort city of **Nice**, with its palm-fringed Promenade des Anglais – plus nearby **Cannes**
- ◆ experience high-speed travel, French-style, aboard the **TGV Train**, as it whizzes us back to Paris

Three cheers for groups!

Travel is wonderful – and **GROUP TRAVEL** is doubly-wonderful! At least, that's been our experience, ever since we first launched **Midlife Madness Tours**. When you go adventuring with one of our groups, you end up doing stuff, going places, meeting people, grabbing opportunities, and trying things that you mightn't have the courage to try if you were travelling on your own. *Plus* you've got a great bunch of Kiwi friends to share these fantastic experiences with – and zero risk of feeling left out or lonely!

In short, there's no end to the fun that happens and the memories that are made when likeminded, young-at-heart midlifers go adventuring together.

We're old hands when it comes to touring. Plus we make a point of 'adding value' – with special Midlife Madness extras that make good tours GREAT! So come and share some **Midlife Madness in FRANCE** with us!

Don't delay: book & pay your deposit

We hope you'll decide to be part of this adventure, and would urge you to act promptly. This will be a select group, with places allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Cabin space aboard the **Avalon Poetry II** is likely to fill up fast – and when previous Midlife Madness tours have sold out we've had to turn some disappointed people away.

So please read this InfoPack carefully, then **secure your place by phoning Glen Armstrong (our booking agent at House of Travel Ellerslie) on 0800 323 333 ... or by emailing midlifemadnesstours@hotmail.co.nz ... and sending your booking form and deposit (plus a copy of the main page from your passport) to**

**House of Travel
PO Box 11164
Ellerslie
Auckland 1051.**

Don't miss out ... decide today to be part of our La Belle France Experience!

Here's hoping we'll see you in Aug/Sept next year ...

John + Robyn



Feedback ...

What people have said about our previous tours:

The prime requirement for each Midlife Madness tour is: WE'VE GOTTA HAVE A GOOD TIME! And the feedback we get from our fellow adventurers speaks for itself ...

- ✓ *"The trip was absolutely unreal – loved every bit of it – a new adventure each day!" (Sherrol)*
- ✓ *"You put a great deal of effort into organising this trip – thank you. We visited places we'd only dreamed about. The whole thing was the best 'away' experience we've ever had!" (Ray)*
- ✓ *"We have wonderful memories of another amazing adventure with you lovely people!" (Nola & John)*
- ✓ *"I congratulate you – I had a better time than I ever imagined. Everything went so smoothly, our group was so friendly, and no one felt left-out." (Zelda)*
- ✓ *"It was a totally magical experience. Thanks to you both for taking such good care of us." (Soon Ja)*
- ✓ *"A wonderful trip! I was hesitant at first about going on a group tour, but I'm so pleased I joined you. It all went so smoothly, without a hitch. I'd recommend your tours to anyone!" (June)*
- ✓ *"Thanks for being such kind and thoughtful friends, as well as delightful tour leaders." (Patty)*
- ✓ *"An amazing trip! Thanks for all the fun and laughter you instigated along the way. You're amazing!" (Shirley)*
- ✓ *"Thanks for always going the second mile! We appreciate your enthusiasm." (Marie & Warwick)*
- ✓ *"Particular thanks for your professionalism, your meticulous attention to detail (both prior to the trip and during it), and your many kindnesses. We will be happy to join you on another occasion." (Les & Marion)*
- ✓ *"It was all so much more than we had envisaged, and you really did make it fun." (Brian)*
- ✓ *"I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of our tour. Have bored everyone to tears since, raving on and on about the things we did and the wonderful friends we made." (Diane)*
- ✓ *"Thanks for all the advance planning you did to create this amazing tour. Thanks for being delightful tour leaders, and such kind and thoughtful friends. You take the stress out of travel. We can certainly understand why people choose to go with you again and again." (Maureen & Kevin)*





Avalon Cruise

The River Cruise

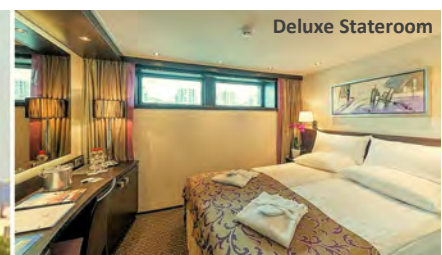
Premium-class luxury: Avalon Poetry II

Vessels in the **Avalon Waterways** fleet rank amongst the most beautiful ships cruising Europe's great rivers. The stylish, elegant **Avalon Poetry II** has every mod-con you can imagine – boasting premium class luxury with all the comforts you'd expect in a floating 5-star hotel ... plus incomparable views of the 'floating-by' scenery. In short, you'll be pampered to bits from the moment you step on board!

Unlike a coach tour, we won't waste hours each day on the road. Instead, we'll sail (mostly during the night) through the very heart of our destination. And with 'walk-right-off' access to these stunning French locations, we're promised a totally memorable immerse-yourself experience.

The **Avalon Poetry II** offers a delightfully intimate cruise setting. The spacious **Deluxe Staterooms** feature two picture windows ... premium beds with Egyptian-cotton linens ... under-bed luggage storage ... writing desk & chair ... flat-screen TV ... in-room safe ... large private ensuite with shower & L'Occitane bath products ... bathrobes, slippers & hairdryer ... ample closet space ... and complimentary WiFi. **Panorama Suites** feature large floor-to-ceiling windows that transform the living space into a unique open-air balcony, giving you the opportunity to wake each morning to the enchanting scenery and fresh breezes.

Gourmet pleasures of the highest standard (including healthy choices, vegetarian options, and allergy-free selections) are served at every meal in the spacious open-seating dining room ... full buffet **breakfast** with made-to-order egg station ... **lunch** buffet with carving and pasta stations (plus Sky Bistro lunch option on the Sky Deck) ... four-course **dinners** with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées and desserts or cheese ... plus complimentary



Deluxe Stateroom



Panorama Suite



Royal Suite



wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner

Here's a sample of what else awaits us on board:

- self-serve beverage station with complimentary tea, coffee, etc
- afternoon tea featuring tea, coffee & sweet treats
- happy hour every evening including featured drink specials
- friendly, English-speaking crew and Cruise Director
- sightseeing with certified local guides
- headsets for guided shore excursions
- onboard lectures, activities & nightly entertainment
- Sky Deck whirlpool & game area
- complimentary computer use in public areas
- English-speaking TV channels with over 100 free movie options
- hair salon ... well-stocked library ... fitness centre
- bicycles available onboard for complimentary check-out
- fresh fruit available throughout the day

As you can see, luxury river cruising is a tough way to travel. But someone has to do it – right? – and it might as well be **YOU!** Go on: decide now that **YES – YOU'RE GONNA COME!**

You won't regret it, that's a promise!





Who's Who?

Tour leaders: John & Robyn Cooney

International travel has featured high on our agenda for several decades now. In between kids and grandkids and publishing the family magazine **Grapevine** (which we established back in 1981), we've been privileged to visit many stunning destinations: Europe, the UK, Singapore, Vanuatu, the USA, Israel, Egypt, Africa (Kenya & Tanzania), China, Laos-Cambodia-Vietnam, the Mediterranean, the Baltic, India, China, South America, Canada, Alaska. And somehow, amongst all this rushing-around, we launched **Midlife Madness Tours**.

Travel, we've discovered, is an all-five-senses experience – a chance to see, feel, smell, hear and taste the world. And you've got to believe us: sightseeing as a group of laid-back Kiwis is **DOUBLE** the fun! We hesitate to call ourselves 'experts' – but we relish the chance to explore new countries, cultures and customs ... we're at-home in airports, hotels, cruise ships, and the like ... and we know how to make the most of a unique travel opportunity.

Our **2018 FRENCH ADVENTURE** can't come quick enough – lots of laughs, great company, and memories that will last forever. Here's hoping YOU will join us!

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Booking agent: Glen Armstrong at House of Travel Ellerslie

House of Travel Ellerslie is an IATA-bonded consultancy, serving passionate travellers like you since 2004. **Glen and his team** bring to Midlife Madness Tours extensive experience with group travel, plus a commitment to helping the Cooneys provide the very best by way of hassle-free adventures – so you can enjoy every minute and not worry about a thing! **House of Travel** is a New Zealand owned and operated travel company, established in 1987, with 65 outlets nationwide. Glen and his team look forward to talking with you about your booking arrangements ... travel insurance ... and any other touring queries or requirements.

- ◆ House of Travel, PO Box 11164, Ellerslie, Auckland 1051, NZ
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- ◆ Email: midlifemadnesstours@hot.co.nz ... Website: www.hotellerslie.co.nz





About You?

Age, health & mobility

This tour (as the name suggests) is a little different to most. And we're keen to attract like-minded, fun-loving, young-at-heart people in MIDLIFE (or thereabouts). So: **if you find yourself in your middle years or retired** ... AND you're fit, healthy and able to keep up ... AND you're keen to kick up your heels, go mildly wild, and laugh yourself silly with a bunch of fellow-Kiwis – then you'll fit in just fine!

If you're outside this age group, that's not necessarily a problem. In our experience, AGE isn't as important as ATTITUDE. Our groups usually include a good mix of singles and couples – and happily include some older members who enjoy good health, and often turn out to be the life'n'soul of the party.

However, this Midlife Madness tour will be busy, active, on-the-go – with lengthy flights, some early mornings/long days, lots of getting on-and-off our cruise-boat, and heaps to see-&-do ashore. Which probably makes this tour unsuitable for you if you have a disability ... mobility/balance problems or walking difficulties ... heart or lung or eyesight conditions ... or other health issues that could (i) place you at unreasonable risk, health-wise, (ii) require extra time/attention from the tour leaders, or (iii) adversely slow down the group as a whole.

Medical certificate please

1. You **must advise us**, at the time of booking (and later, should things change), if you have ANY relevant health or mobility problems we need to be aware of.
2. If you **have** any health or mobility problems – or if you're **70 years old (or more)** – you'll be asked to complete a Midlife Madness **Medical Certificate** (from House of Travel) – which may require some input from your doctor. (This information will be treated confidentially.)
3. If we believe this tour is unsuitable for you (for health or mobility reasons):
 - a. we may **decline** your booking, with regret (we'd encourage you to join a slower-paced, less-demanding tour) ... *or*
 - b. if you were intending to travel on your own, we may **request that you travel with someone else** (your wife/husband/partner, a family member, a close friend, a travel-buddy) – who can accompany you and provide any special assistance you may need.



Travel insurance – compulsory

Travelling with no (or inadequate) cover is highly risky – and, should an accident or illness occur while you're overseas, it can prove extremely costly! Which is why **we require everyone joining this Midlife Madness Tour to have adequate, up-to-date insurance** (including provision for emergency evacuation). *Regrettably, failure to attend to this could result in your booking being declined.*

Please, therefore, consider the following two options:



- 1** You can **sign up for our RECOMMENDED TRAVEL INSURANCE**. House of Travel Ellerslie offer a **valuable discount (up to 20%)** that you might like to take advantage of. Simply call **Glen Armstrong** on **0800 323 333** (toll-free) and ask for a quote ... or send Glen an email: **midlifemadnesstours@hotmail.co.nz**.

Please also tick the RECOMMENDED TRAVEL INSURANCE box on your Booking Form (down the right-hand side of the form).

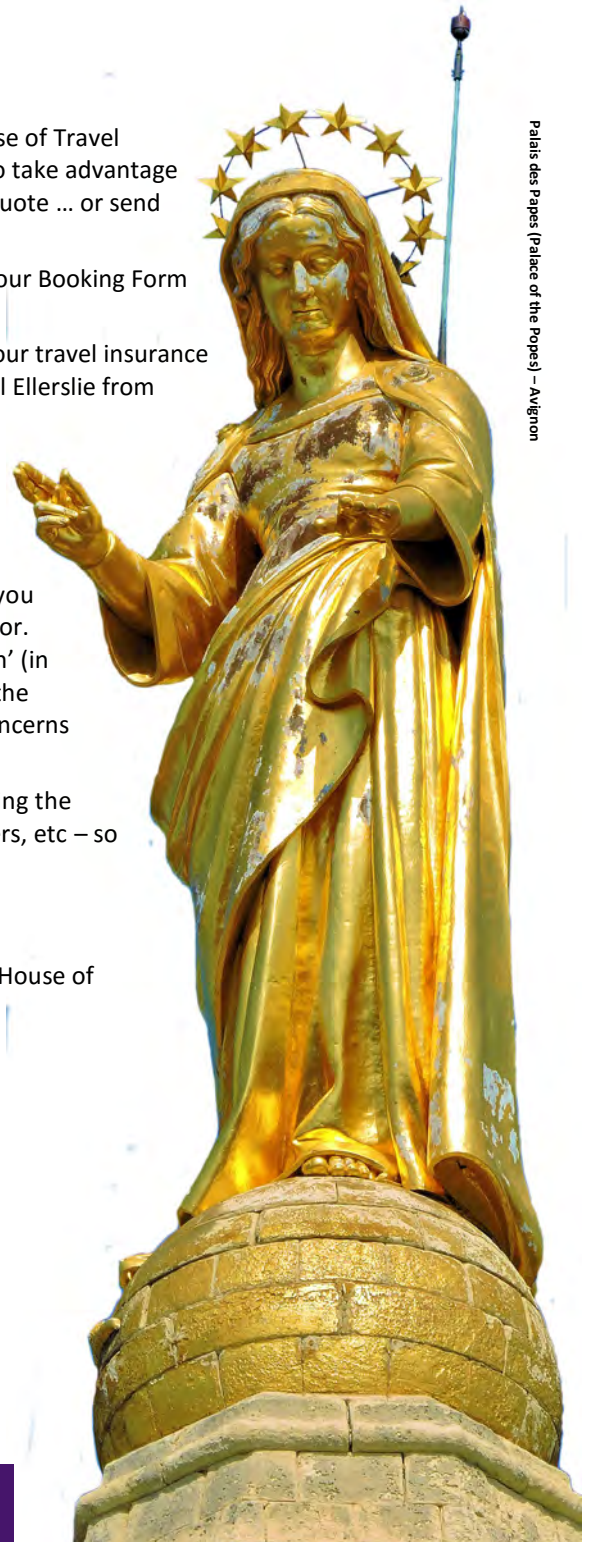
Glen will get back to you with a **quote**, plus further information. Your travel insurance **discount** (up to 20% off the premium) will be deducted by House of Travel Ellerslie from your final tour invoice.

- 2** Alternatively, **you can arrange YOUR OWN INSURANCE**, if you wish. However, to avoid any unpleasant or expensive shocks (in the unlikely event of an accident or illness):

- a. **please check your policy's fine-print** carefully and make sure you know what you're covered for – and what you're **not** covered for. For example, you **should be covered** for 'emergency evacuation' (in the event of serious injury or illness) and 'civil commotion' (in the event of riots and demonstrations). If in doubt, discuss your concerns asap with **Glen** at **House of Travel Ellerslie**.
- b. **please provide us with a copy of your policy document**, showing the insurance company, policy number, emergency contact numbers, etc – so we have this information on hand, should a situation arise.

CONFUSED?

If you need to discuss age/health/insurance matters, phone **Glen** (House of Travel Ellerslie): **0800 323 333** (toll-free).



Palais des Papes (Palace of the Popes) – Avignon



Lyon



Nitty Gritty

Cabin options:

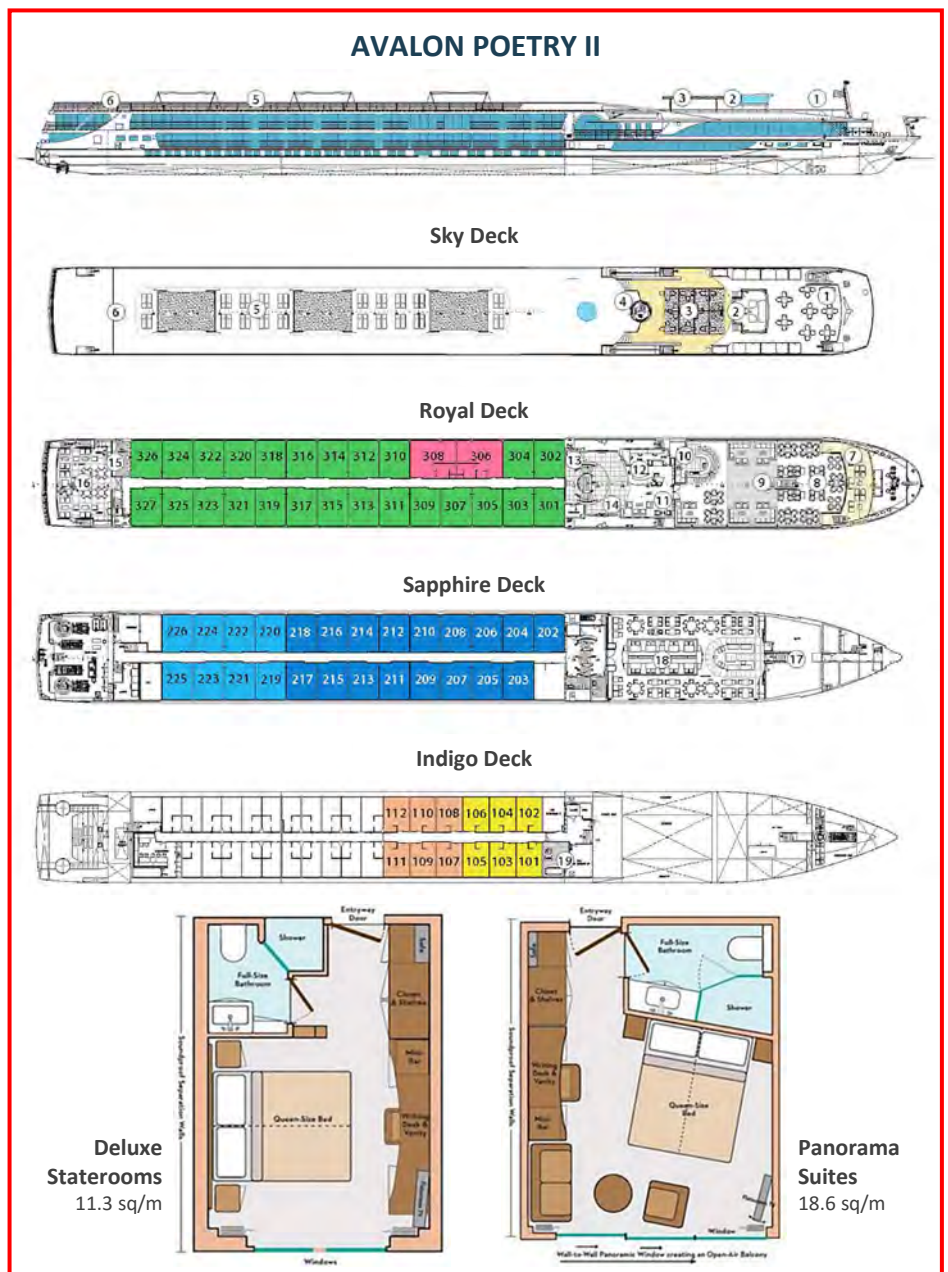
To help you make your cabin selection, we've requested allocations and prices for various options and deck-levels aboard the **Avalon Poetry II**:

- Panorama Suites on the ROYAL DECK** feature large floor-to-ceiling windows that transform into an open-air balcony ...
- Panorama Suites on the SAPPHIRE DECK** feature large floor-to-ceiling windows that open out into a balcony ...
- Deluxe Staterooms on the INDIGO DECK** feature picture windows which are fixed (i.e. don't open) ...

Other features:

- Each air-conditioned **SUITE** and **STATEROOM** faces out (offering river views), with a spacious 3-door wardrobe, flat-screen TV, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, and a double-bed (which can be made up as two singles).
- Cabin **LAYOUTS** may vary from those shown here.
- Two larger, more expensive **ROYAL SUITES** may also be available – ask Glen at House of Travel Ellerslie for details.

CONFUSED? Can't settle on your cabin preference? **Glen** at House of Travel Ellerslie can explain the deck plans and options and help you decide. Phone **0800 323 333** toll-free.





Estimated all-up prices: from \$16,499

These estimated prices include pretty much everything – airfares, transfers, hotels, river cruise, sightseeing, most meals, tips and more (*see below*). Prices will vary according to your choice of ship cabin, which deck that cabin is on (and if it's forward or aft), and whether you'll be sharing a cabin and hotel rooms with your spouse/partner/friend (*share-twin*) or travelling alone and require a cabin/room all to yourself (*single*).

Confirmed prices won't be known until later this year, and may be further influenced by currency exchange rate fluctuations

MIDLIFE MADNESS IN FRANCE		<u>Share Twin</u>	<u>Single</u>
INDIGO DECK – Deluxe Stateroom	from	\$16,499 pp	\$21,499 pp
SAPHIRE DECK – Panorama Suite	from	\$18,799 pp	\$24,699 pp
ROYAL DECK – Panorama Suite	from	\$20,199 pp	\$25,999 pp

- ◆ If you're **travelling alone and want to share-twin**, talk to Glen Armstrong on 0800 323 333 (toll-free) – there's a good chance he could match you up with another suitable single traveller.
- ◆ If you'd like to upgrade to a more expensive **Royal Suite**, ask Glen (House of Travel Ellerslie) about options and prices.

Deposits required & final payment

France is a super-popular destination ... our itinerary features the most sought-after French hotspots for tourists ... our accommodation is superb ... and luxury river cruises often sell-out fast. We must make early commitments (and group deposits) to be sure of the rooms and cabins we'll need.

If you want to be certain of a place, please complete the Booking Form (attached) and send it asap, with your first deposit, to **House of Travel, PO Box 11164, Ellerslie, Auckland 1051**.

- ◆ **1ST DEPOSIT** (with booking): **\$1,500 pp** – refundable up until Jan 31, 2018 (*less \$250 cancellation fee: see p21*)
- ◆ **2ND DEPOSIT** (due January 31, 2018): **\$1,500 pp** – non-refundable, to secure cabins, etc
- ◆ **FINAL PAYMENT DUE: May 1, 2018** (your final invoice will be sent out in March/April 2018)

*(Note: if you wish to pay your deposit **ONLINE** – by credit card or direct credit – please phone Glen at House of Travel Ellerslie for their bank account details: ph 0800 323 333).*



LOOK AT THIS:
EXPENSIVE EXCURSIONS & EXTRAS
ALL INCLUDED
in tour price

What's included in the price?

Like we say, **pretty much everything!** Why? Well, experience has taught us that Kiwi travellers prefer to know – *and pay* – up front and in advance ... rather than having to find substantial extra dollars during the tour for unplanned sightseeing, meals, tipping, etc.

Take **SIGHTSEEING EXCURSIONS**, for example – which, on a tour like this, can easily total **\$1500-to-\$2000 per person**. Most tour promoters don't include the cost of these in their advertised prices, but we do – selecting the very best options for our Kiwi group in advance. The same goes for **TIPPING** (a hassle, and a necessary evil, which can add hundreds of dollars to the cost of a trip) ... and expensive **MEALS** in nice restaurants ... **all included** in our Mad Midlife price.

So when you're trying to compare similar tours and prices being offered, remember: our 2018 France Tour price includes SO MUCH MORE! Here's what's covered:

- ✓ AIRFARES: Auckland to Paris, Paris to Auckland
- ✓ TAXES: airport taxes and airline security taxes
- ✓ HOTELS: including breakfast – as detailed in the final itinerary
- ✓ 8-DAY RIVER CRUISE: aboard the *Avalon Poetry II* – including all meals, entertainment & gratuities
- ✓ PORT CHARGES: and port taxes on all cruise stopovers
- ✓ TRANSFERS: between airports and hotels and piers
- ✓ SIGHTSEEING: all excursions and entrance fees as detailed in the final itinerary
- ✓ MEALS ASHORE: as detailed in the final itinerary
- ✓ LOCAL GUIDES: on all sightseeing tours
- ✓ TIPPING: all gratuities to local guides, drivers, porters, ship crew, etc
- ✓ TOUR LEADERS: all the help that John & Robyn can offer

What's not included?

- ✗ passport fees
- ✗ optional excursions and sightseeing not in the final itinerary
- ✗ meals, other than those stated in the final itinerary
- ✗ drinks with meals or otherwise (except tea or coffee, available 24-hrs a day on the ship – and complimentary wine with evening meals on cruise and included dinners)
- ✗ travel insurance
- ✗ items of a personal nature (e.g. medical expenses, laundry, phonecalls, souvenirs, etc)



Travel documents

All tour members need a current **PASSPORT** (valid for at least 6 months after return to NZ). A **RETURNING RESIDENT'S VISA** is also required for holders of other than NZ Passports. If you need assistance with either of these documents, contact **Glen** at House of Travel Ellerslie – phone tollfree 0800 323 333.

Singapore Airlines stuff-you-should-know

1. **BUSINESS CLASS UPGRADE:** If you'd like to fly Business Class (Auckland to Paris, Paris to Auckland), phone Glen on 0800 323 333 for an estimated upgrade price.
2. **AIRPOINTS:** To receive frequent flyer points for our upcoming flights you need to join Singapore Airlines KRISFLYER programme. Joining is easy and free: go to www.singaporeair.com ... click 'KrisFlyer' ... click 'Join Now' ... then fill in the form and hit 'send'. Alternatively, you can phone **0800 750 760**. Once you have your KrisFlyer number, please let Glen know. KrisFlyer points, can be used on Air NZ Domestic, Tasman or Pacific Islands flights – as well as on Singapore Airlines.
3. **COMING FROM OUTSIDE OF AUCKLAND:** If, when joining the tour, you'll fly from Wellington or Christchurch, ask about the special connect-to-Auckland or direct-to-Singapore flights offered by Singapore Airlines.

After the cruise: extending your trip

Our **MIDLIFE MADNESS** cruise/tour ends in Paris, France. Those who are returning home will transfer to the airport for our flight back to New Zealand. You could, however, spend some extra time in Europe or the UK. You could travel by air/coach/train/rental car – the possibilities are endless! And, with Singapore Airlines, you can fly home later from Rome, Amsterdam, Istanbul, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Zurich, Paris, Milan, Barcelona or London.

Phone Glen at House of Travel Ellerslie, tollfree 0800 323 333, to talk about your options.

Meanwhile, we'll keep you posted!

Between now and our departure, we'll keep you updated with **TOUR TEASERS** (giving you a background 'taste' of the places we'll be stopping at) ... plus occasional Midlife Madness **NEWSLETTERS** (giving you important details re our tour, France travel tips, what to pack, money-money-money, etc).

In short, we'll do everything we can to help you prepare for – and gain the MAX from – this fabulous travel experience!

So what are you waiting for? Decide now you're going to join us!





Our Itinerary ...

Let us explain ...

This Mad Midlife romp through *la Belle France* will get us up-close-and-personal with that country's familiar, seductive culture and iconic landscapes ... its beloved cities ... its café terraces and farmers' markets ... its world-class art and architecture ... its wines and croissants and take-no-prisoners gastronomy ... its magnificent châteaux and castles ... its magical waterways ... and the rhythm of daily life in its gorgeous countrysides. If you want eye-popping French highlights, a taste of village life in stunning boutique hotels, lip-smacking gourmet meals and heaps of fun ... you couldn't choose a better tour!

Out of a long list of sightseeing possibilities we've selected what we believe are the very best options for our Mad Midlifers, *plus* we've added some nice extra touches of our own. The overall goal is simply this: to experience, learn and enjoy as much as possible ... without getting bored or exhausted ... and with time in-between to kick back and relax!

Closer to departure we'll send you a **FINAL ITINERARY** – with full details of flight times, stopovers, sightseeing arrangements, cruise arrival/departure times, etc. But, in the meantime, read on ... because this **interim itinerary** is sure to whet your appetite:





Midlife Madness in France Itinerary August-September 2018

Thursday Aug 23

La Belle France ... here we come!

Yeehaa, it's actually happening! We depart Auckland International Airport mid-morning, arriving in **Singapore** early evening – where we transfer to our hotel for the night. It's easy to get to the picturesque Singapore River, or the famous Orchard Road and a zillion shops, so those of us who can't sleep can do some late-night exploring ...

Friday 24

(B)

Singapore: an eyeful of flowers

After a yummy hotel breakfast we head first for the stunningly colourful **Orchid Gardens** – then follow that up with a visit to Singapore's newest attraction, **Gardens by the Bay**, with its huge Supertrees, Flower Dome and Cloud Forest conservatories. Later in the day we have time for some shop-shop-shopping plus a freshen-up at the hotel before our overnight flight to Paris.

Saturday 25

(D)

Bonjour Paris!

Welcome to Europe's glorious **City of Lights!** Upon landing in France we'll meet **Gerard** (our French-speaking Tour Manager) and enjoy a panoramic introduction to the famous sights of Paris – like the **Tuilleries Gardens**, the **Arc de Triomphe**, the **Eiffel Tower**, the Avenue de **Champs-Elysees**, the **Cathedral du Notre Dame** on the Ile de la Cite, the **Louvre Museum** and the **Place de la Concorde**. We have free time this afternoon, once we've checked-in at **Hotel les Jardins du Marais** ... but don't get lost: tonight's our **Midlife Madness Welcome Dinner**.

Sunday 26

(B, D)

Palace of Versailles & night-time on the Seine

Following breakfast – *le petit dejeuner* – we drive out of the city to the magnificent **Palace of Versailles** (built by the 'Sun King' Louis XIV), with its famous Hall of Mirrors and exquisite gardens. Later, back in Paris, the afternoon is free – for some shopping, if you're keen, at **Galleries Lafayette**, or maybe a stroll down the **Champs-Elysees**.

Tonight's highlight is a **Bateaux Parisienne** dinner-cruise on the **River Seine**. Enjoy a classy meal, a glass of champagne and music-to-dance-to, while the dazzling 'City of Lights' floats gently by.

Monday 27

(B)

Monet's Garden & l'Orangerie's art

We have an art-appreciation day today, and our first destination lies 80km west of Paris in the village of Giverny. There we eyeball the house-and-garden scenes (like the waterlily pond and



the Japanese bridge) so faithfully represented by **Claude Monet's** famous paintings. Then later, on returning to Paris, we visit the **Musée de l'Orangerie** – an art gallery featuring impressionists and post-impressionist paintings by Monet (his dazzling '*Les Nymphéas*' series), Paul Cézanne, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Henri Rousseau, and other big names. The rest of the day and evening is yours to enjoy Paris and its food-attractions at leisure.

Tuesday 28

(B, D)

the glorious Loire Valley & Château Chaumont

We bid "*Au revoir!*" to Paris, and journey by coach to the green and golden landscapes of France's **Loire** – dubbed the "**Valley of 1000 Châteaux**". Sundry kings and queens and nobles chose this region as their royal playground – filling it with extravagant palaces or 'châteaux'. And, while there aren't 1000, there *are* more than 300!

We're here to inspect five of the best, and first up is the amazing **Château Chaumont** with its sumptuous interiors and artistic gardens. Later, we head to the village of **Chenonceau** and our home for the next three nights: the **Hotel Auberge du Bon Laboureur** – where dinner awaits.

Wednesday 29

(B, D)

Château de Chenonceau & Château du Clos Lucé

Our hotel is only 900 metres from the gateway of the world-famous **Château de Chenonceau**, so you can guess where we're going today. This one-time royal residence is exceptional not only because of its design, furniture and decorations, but also because it was built, loved and looked after by a succession of extraordinary women! Later, this afternoon, we head to the town of **Amboise** to visit Palace #3: the **Château du Clos Lucé** and Gardens. **Leonardo da Vinci** lived here for the last three years of his life, devoting his time to perfecting his inventions and organising sumptuous festivities for the Court. Again, tonight, dinner is at our hotel.

Thursday 30

(B, D)

Château de Villandry & Château Azay le Rideau

On this morning's agenda is one of the most photographed gardens in Europe – six gardens, in fact, surrounding the **Château de Villandry** and featuring an artistic maze of decorative box-hedges. Then we're off to the last château on our short list, and the last large castle to have been built on the banks of the Loire River during the Renaissance: the magnificent **Château Azay le Rideau**, an architectural jewel and UNESCO World Heritage Site, set in romantic gardens and standing on an island in the middle of the Indre River. Dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

Friday 31

(B, L)

Dijon ... mustard, wines & gastronomy

Leaving the Loire, we travel cross-country, stopping for a yummy lunch en-route to **Dijon**, the ancient capital of **Burgundy**, and one of the most beautiful cities in France, offering far more than just its mustard (named after the town). In its restored medieval core lies one of France's



oldest museums, the Musée des Beaux-Arts, as well as the elegant Palace of the Dukes and the opulent 1614 mansion Hôtel de Vogue. **Burgundy**, of course, is famous for its wines and its gastronomic delights – and, with any luck, we'll get to sample both tonight.

Saturday Sept 1

all aboard – we're cruising at last!

(B, D)

This morning, after brekky, we drive down the road to **Beaune**, unofficial capital of the Côte d'Or region and epicentre of Burgundy's wine-trade. We visit the Hôtel Dieu, originally a 15th century almshouse (charity hospital), built in 1443 and paid for by the chancellor of Burgundy after the Hundred Years' War left many of the town's population destitute. Today it houses Van der Weyden's painting of *The Last Judgment*, and is one of France's architectural highlights.

This afternoon we continue to **St Jean de Losne**, where the *Avalon Poetry II* awaits our arrival. We're welcomed aboard our 'floating hotel' ... and shown to our cabins. Following a Cocktail Reception (where we meet the crew) and dinner, the ship casts off and departs for **Seurre**.

Sunday 2

Seurra to Macon: vineyards & wine

(B, L, D)

We kick back this morning and enjoy some leisurely cruising on the **River Saone**. Then, in the afternoon, we have the chance to visit a Chardonnay wine cellar, before our ship arrives in the lovely town of **Macon**, famous for its castles, vineyards, romantic scenery and a dedicated 'weinmuseum'. At some point later today, a Master of Wine will join us on board – and, over the next few days, introduce us to some of France's best wines.

Monday 3

Macon to Lyon

(B, L, D)

Ahh yes ... another leisurely morning on board, with time to enjoy the passing scenery. Come early afternoon, we arrive in **Lyon**, France's third-largest city and its gastronomic capital, founded by the Romans in 43 BC. The city's prosperity dates back to the 16th century and is due to commercial, industrial, and banking activities. Roman remains, excellent museums, and renaissance architecture delight visitors – and let's not forget restaurants: Lyon boasts more of these per sq/km than anywhere else on earth.

We survey the city from Fourvière Hill ... explore the Old Quarter with its maze of medieval alleyways ... and stroll Place des Terreaux, with a famous fountain often depicted on postcards.

Tuesday 4

Lyon & Beaujolais wine

(B, L, D)

We're free this morning to further explore this fascinating city. Early risers might like to visit the local produce market ... or stroll along the river and wander the city's parks ... or discover some of Lyon's strikingly colourful murals (there are over 100). This evening we're treated to a special onboard *Food & Wine Pairing Dinner* hosted by our Master of Wine.



Wednesday 5

Tournon – Tain l’Hermitage – Viviers

(B, L, D)

The twin cities of **Tournon** and **Tain l’Hermitage** lie nestled among vineyards between the Rhône and the granite slopes of the Hermitage Mountains. Our day starts in Tournon, one of France’s oldest medieval cities, with an imposing 16th-century castle and Roman ruins. During our afternoon cruise, we enjoy a tasting-with-a-difference: chocolate & wine. Then, later, we explore the charming town of **Viviers**, with its imposing Old Town and Romanesque cathedral.

Thursday 6

sur le pont d’Avignon ...

(B, L, D)

Our arrival after breakfast in **Avignon** may bring to mind that old folksong about an even older stone bridge (Pont Saint Bénézet) which has made this city’s name familiar to people all over the world. We eyeball the superbly preserved ramparts that encircle the entire city, with its cobblestone streets and squares ... its private mansions ... and its majestic **Palais des Papes**. Then we do some more exploring this afternoon at the **Pont du Gard** – an equally well-preserved Roman aqueduct that, for more than 2000 years, supplied water to southern France.

Friday 7

Avignon to Arles

(B, L, D)

We wake up early this morning to the tranquil vistas of **Camargue** National Park – where land and sea seem to merge and nature seems to reign. We arrive, after breakfast, in **Arles**, capital of the **Provence** region ... and a good example of how ancient cities adapted to medieval European civilization. Arles has plenty of historical buildings and Roman remains for us to inspect – including a first-century amphitheater that once seated 20,000 screaming spectators!

Saturday 8

St Remy & Les Baux

(B, D)

This morning we say a sad “*Au revoir!*” to the **Avalon Poetry II** and travel by coach to the picturesque village of **Saint Remy de Provence** – its Roman interior encircled by what’s left of a 14th century wall. This is where Van Gogh painted *Starry Night*, Nostradamus was born and Dr Albert Schweitzer was held prisoner. Later, after some free time and lunch on our own, we move to our next stop: the magnificent hilltop village of **Les Baux de Provence** – gifted in 1642 to the Grimaldi family (rulers of Monaco) as a French marquisate. Our home for the next two nights is the **Hotel l’Auberge de Noves** – near the lively feudal village of Noves.

Sunday 9

Isle sur la Sorgue & Gordes

(B)

With its scenic landscapes, azure seas, world-class art, wondrous food and incredible history, **Provence** has it all! And our sightseeing today begins in the magical medieval village of **Isle sur La Sorgue** – built on islands in the middle of the Sorgue River, and famous for its huge waterwheels, its floating Sunday market and its untold antiques shops. Next on our to-do list is



Gordes, the most beautiful hilltop village in all of France, with its white-stone houses, its labyrinth of ‘calades’ (narrow cobblestone streets), and its famous-name artists. Last but not least is an impressive Cistercian abbey, the **Notre-Dame de Senanque**, snuggled into a nearby valley and surrounded (in season) by vast fields of gorgeous purple lavender.

Monday 10

Aix en Provence to Cannes & Nice

(B, D)

En-route to the Mediterranean’s **Cote a’Azur** (azure coast), we stop in the quaint French town of **Aix en Provence** (*aix* pronounced like our letter x) – birthplace of painter Paul Cezanne – to wander down the **Cours Mirabeau** (a wide avenue built on top of the town’s medieval ramparts) and ogle the leafy boulevards, gurgling fountains, public squares and 500-year-old mansions – plus the thermal springs that once impressed the Romans. Later, we continue on to **Cannes** (film-festival capital of the world) and the resort city of **Nice**, where we have two nights at the **Splendid Hotel & Spa**. We dine together tonight

Tuesday 11

Monte Carlo, Eze & Nice

(B)

Today, we head for the glitzy harbour of **Monte Carlo** in the tiny principality of **Monaco** – famous for its super yachts, Formula One racing and Casino. We follow the Grand Prix Circuit, then head along the Middle Corniche (the ziggy-zaggy road up the cliff-face) to **Eze** – an isolated village that clings to a rocky spike towering above the sea. Leaving the coach, we huff-&-puff up the narrow cobblestone streets, and browse in the dinky little shops. (Nougat, anyone?)

Then, following the spectacular coastline of the French Riviera, we return to **Nice**, with it’s beautiful palm-laced **Promenade des Anglais**. There we can meander through the Old Town with its buildings painted in hues of pink, ochre, tangerine and lemon. You may want to explore Nice some more this evening and dine at a local bistro.

Wednesday 12

Nice to Paris

(B, D)

After breakfast at our hotel, we transfer to the station and catch a TGV fast train to Paris. Our final night in Romantic France will feature a **Midlife Madness Farewell Dinner** at a nice restaurant – and a welcoming bed in our Parisienne hotel.

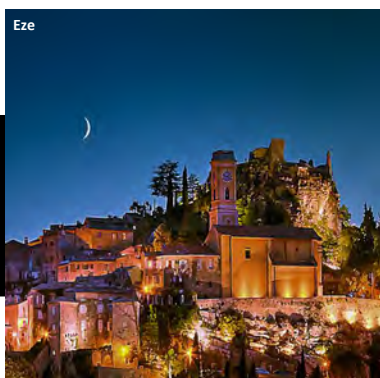
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all good things come to an end ...

(B)

Our **Mad Midlife Adventure in France** is, sadly, over ... and the time has come for us to part. Those staying on in Europe will head in different directions. The rest of us will transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport for our midday departure on Singapore Airlines.

Is everybody happy? You bet your life we are!



The Fine Print

How to book:

1. Read the Booking Conditions (below).
2. Complete the Booking Form (one per person, carefully filling in your passport details).
3. Mail the following to House of Travel, PO Box 11164, Ellerslie, Auckland 1051:
 - ◆ your [Booking Form](#)
 - ◆ your [First Deposit Cheque](#) (\$1,500 per person, fully refundable until January 30, 2018)
 - ◆ plus a photocopy of your [Passport's main page](#)
4. If you want House of Travel's discounted [insurance](#), please tick that box on your Booking Form.
5. If you're paying [online](#) (by credit card or direct credit) please phone House of Travel Ellerslie – tollfree on 0800 323 333 – for their bank account details.
6. House of Travel Ellerslie will confirm your booking in writing and send you a [receipt](#) for your deposit.
7. If the tour's already full, you'll be advised (with regret) and your deposit will be returned immediately.

Booking conditions:

TOUR PRICE: MIDLIFE MADNESS IN FRANCE

share twin – from \$16,499 per person
single* – from \$21,499 per person

*A limited number of single cabins are available on request.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

1. economy class airfares from Auckland to Paris ... Paris to Auckland
2. airport taxes and airline security taxes
3. hotels (breakfast included) as detailed in the final itinerary
4. 8-day river cruise aboard Avalon Poetry II (including all meals, entertainment, and onboard gratuities)
5. all port charges and taxes at cruise stopovers
6. transfers between airports and hotels and piers
7. all sightseeing, shore excursions and entrance fees as in final itinerary
8. meals ashore, as detailed in the final itinerary
9. services of experienced Local Guides on all sightseeing tours
10. tipping to local guides, drivers, porters, etc
11. assistance of Tour Leaders, John & Robyn Cooney

TOUR PRICE EXCLUDES

1. passport fees
2. optional excursions and sightseeing not in the final itinerary
3. meals, other than those stated in the final itinerary
4. drinks with meals or otherwise (except complimentary wine with evening meals on the cruise and included dinners)
5. travel insurance
6. items of a personal nature (e.g. medical expenses, laundry, phonecalls, souvenirs, etc)

PAYMENTS

1st DEPOSIT DUE – \$1,500 pp, payable with booking
2nd DEPOSIT DUE – \$1,500 pp, payable January 31, 2018
FINAL PAYMENT DUE – May 1, 2018

1. Your tour reservation will be confirmed on receipt of deposit and booking form.
2. Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made after May 31, 2018.

3. If payment is not made by this date, bookings may be cancelled.

4. Travel documents and instructions for joining your tour will be sent to you approximately two weeks before departure from New Zealand (providing full payment has been received).

MINIMUM NUMBERS

Tour costs are based on a minimum of 20 tour members. House of Travel Ellerslie reserves the right to cancel the tour if this number is not reached. If this happens, you may claim cancellation charges against your loss-of-deposit travel insurance. This action will relieve House of Travel Ellerslie of any further liability to the client. All indications are that this tour will be well supported.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:

If you find it necessary to cancel your Midlife Madness tour, monies will be refunded less a cancellation fee per person as follows:

- If you cancel after 1st deposit paid, but before 2nd deposit (generally up to 180 days prior to departure) – less cancellation fee of \$250.
- If you cancel between 2nd deposit and full payment (generally from 180 to 100 Days) – less cancellation fee of 50% (or as advised, due to commitments made to suppliers).
- If you cancel after full payment has been made (generally 90 to 105 days prior to departure) – no refund, sorry.

- NOTE:
- i. We commit to offering you as much of a refund as possible whenever possible.
 - ii. We will retain a minimum of \$500, plus any cancellation fees levied by suppliers, where your cancellation affects the cost to the group, or affects the size or viability of the group.
 - iii. Cancellation conditions may vary by supplier.

NO REFUND IS AVAILABLE for cancellation after commencement of tour arrangements or on any services not used. Should you encounter any problems on your tour it is always better to try and solve it on the spot with the operator of the tour. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge

a complaint, this should be done in writing within 30 days of completing your tour.

SIGHTSEEING: No refunds will be made to passengers who elect not to partake in shore excursions included in the itinerary.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Cancellation fees will apply as required by Airline Tariff Regulations and will vary dependent upon the type of airfare utilised. Travel insurance is compulsory for everyone on this tour.

NAME CHANGES may require the cancellation and rebooking of your airfare portion at your expense. Amendment fees and fare differences may be incurred.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

1. Prior to confirming your travel arrangements, you should check that your **Passport** will remain valid for at least 6 months after your return to New Zealand). You must carry your Passport with you throughout the entire duration of the tour.
2. A **Returning Resident's Visa** is required for holders of other than NZ Passports. Talk to House of Travel Ellerslie about this.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is compulsory for everyone on this tour. You agree that we will have no liability for any loss or damage of any kind (direct, indirect, consequential or otherwise) you may suffer resulting from cancellation, loss of luggage and personal property, medical expenses, and the effects of accident, however it is caused. It is your responsibility to insure yourself fully with a comprehensive policy that includes provision for emergency evacuation.

YOUR HEALTH AND FITNESS

PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS: We strongly recommend a visit to your doctor and dentist before your holiday. You must ask your doctor about current inoculation requirements. Full details of pre-existing medical conditions must be forwarded to House of Travel Ellerslie when you book. Failure to do so is a breach of these conditions and may result in your being excluded from the tour and all funds paid being forfeited. Clients 70 years old (or more) and/or with pre-existing medical conditions require a medical certificate from their doctor clearing them for this tour, and House of Travel Ellerslie reserves the right, at its discretion, to cancel your booking and refund the money paid by you. During your holiday you are under the control of your tour leader, who has the authority to determine your suitability to continue with the tour.

ILLNESS OR ABSENTEEISM: In case you have to withdraw from the tour after it has begun for reasons such as illness, be sure to obtain a medical certificate to support any insurance claim. House of Travel Ellerslie regrets that they cannot make refunds for absences from the tour, including but not limited to missed meals or sightseeing. If a promotional airfare is broken or extended for any reason, an additional fare may be payable.

PHYSICAL DISABILITIES: If you need any form of assistance or are physically disabled, you must be accompanied by a passenger who will take full responsibility for any assistance needed during the cruise, associated land arrangements and in the event of an emergency. You must notify us in writing prior to booking of any disabilities, medical apparatus, or special medical assistance you may need. We reserve the right to decline anyone for any reason who, in the opinion of House of Travel Ellerslie, is unsuitable for travel or whose condition may affect the health, safety or enjoyment of other passengers.

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

House of Travel Ellerslie reserves the right to withdraw tour membership from anyone whose behaviour is deemed likely to affect the smooth operation of the tour or adversely affect the enjoyment or safety of other passengers, and House of Travel Ellerslie shall be under no liability to any such person.

INFORMATION PACK VALIDITY

Considerable care has been taken to compile this information pack but circumstances may necessitate changes in itinerary and costs, in which case you will be informed as soon as possible. House of Travel Ellerslie cannot be held responsible for any changes which may occur and reserves the right to increase the price of any travel arrangements up to the date of departure. This includes adjustment for devaluation, fuel surcharges, airfare increases as well as international exchange rate fluctuations. Singapore Airlines does not, by virtue of their endorsement to this information pack represent themselves as either contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from House of Travel Ellerslie or as having any other legal relationship with such purchaser.

CHECKING YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

It is important that you check all of the documentation handed to you in relation to your proposed travel and accommodation to ensure that it fully meets with your requirements and to ensure that there have been no misunderstandings.

BOOKING CONDITIONS:

1. **THE GUARANTEES UNDER THE CONSUMER GUARANTEES ACT 1993 WILL APPLY TO SERVICES SUPPLIED BY US EXCEPT WHERE THEY ARE ACQUIRED, OR ARE HELD OUT AS BEING ACQUIRED, FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES:**

1.1 The services that House of Travel Ellerslie supply consist of arranging and coordinating travel, entertainment and accommodation, and making bookings, issuing tickets and vouchers to be redeemed by Suppliers. We will not be liable for any loss or damage of any kind (direct, indirect, consequential or otherwise) which you may suffer resulting from selection of those suppliers, or your use or consumption of, or inability to use or consume those facilities or services.

1.2 We undertake to perform these services with reasonable care and skill. We will not be liable for any loss or damage which results from the act, default or omission of any person other than ourselves, our employees or agents, or any cause independent of human control. This includes (but is not limited to), loss or damage which arises directly or indirectly from any act of God, weather disruptions, dangers incidental to the sea, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Governments or other authorities de jure or de facto, wars whether declared, or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, terrorist incidents, deaths, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines or medical or customs regulations.

1.3 We are not able to exercise control over services we do not supply directly, therefore we will not be responsible for any loss or damage arising from:

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- any services which are not provided by us and which are additional to those described in this information pack.

2. **SUPPLY OF TRAVEL, ENTERTAINMENT, ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES:**

2.1 When we make your bookings with the Suppliers of travel, entertainment and accommodation facilities or services, we are acting as a booking agent for the Suppliers.

2.2 All travel, entertainment and accommodation facilities or services are supplied directly to you by the Suppliers. We have no control over the facilities or services themselves, or the manner in which they are provided by the Suppliers. Therefore you should be aware of the following conditions:

- We will not be liable for any loss or damage of any kind which may arise from your use of, consumption of, or inability to use or consume those facilities or services.
- The provision of those facilities or services is subject to the terms and conditions of your contract with each Supplier.
- Where for any reason, a Supplier is unable to provide particular facilities or services, then that Supplier may be entitled, under its contract with you, to substitute those services or facilities with comparable or equivalent facilities, or services without incurring any liability to you. You should check your contract with each Supplier.
- All facilities or services described by us are subject to availability from the Supplier.
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3. **BUSINESS PURPOSES:**

You agree that where our services are acquired for business purposes, or where you hold yourself out for acquiring our services for business purposes, the Consumer Guarantee Act 1993 will not apply to any supply of goods or services made under these conditions and we will not be liable or responsible for any loss or damage of any kind to you, including any consequential loss or damage however it may be caused.

4. **PRICES:**

4.1 Events beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations, taxes, changes to the price of aviation fuel or changes to the cost of services or facilities may result in the prices charged to you being different from those shown in this information pack. You should check all prices with House of Travel Ellerslie before making reservations and your final payment.

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5. **LEGAL CLAIMS:**

Any claims or legal action in connection with the provision of our services to you will be governed by the laws of New Zealand. Any claim or legal action against the Suppliers is likely to be subject to the terms of your contract with them, and may be governed by the laws of other countries.

Midlife Madness in France

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Please book my place on the August 2018
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(please circle)

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Passport No Expiry Date

Name you prefer to be called by

Address

Phone hm / wk Mobile

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I am interested in a **BUSINESS CLASS UPGRADE** on Singapore Airlines flights YES-NO
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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Please arrange (tick one) single room (I will pay the extra SINGLE price)
 share double (room with double bed – available on request)
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SHIP CABIN CATEGORY (aboard the Avalon Poetry II)

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DEPOSIT ... (please sign and date)

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Please acknowledge my booking, and send me my receipt.

Signed

Date

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I enclose my **cheque** for \$.....

Please charge my **credit card**

\$.....

VISA/MASTERCARD (please circle)

Card No:

Name on Card:

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