

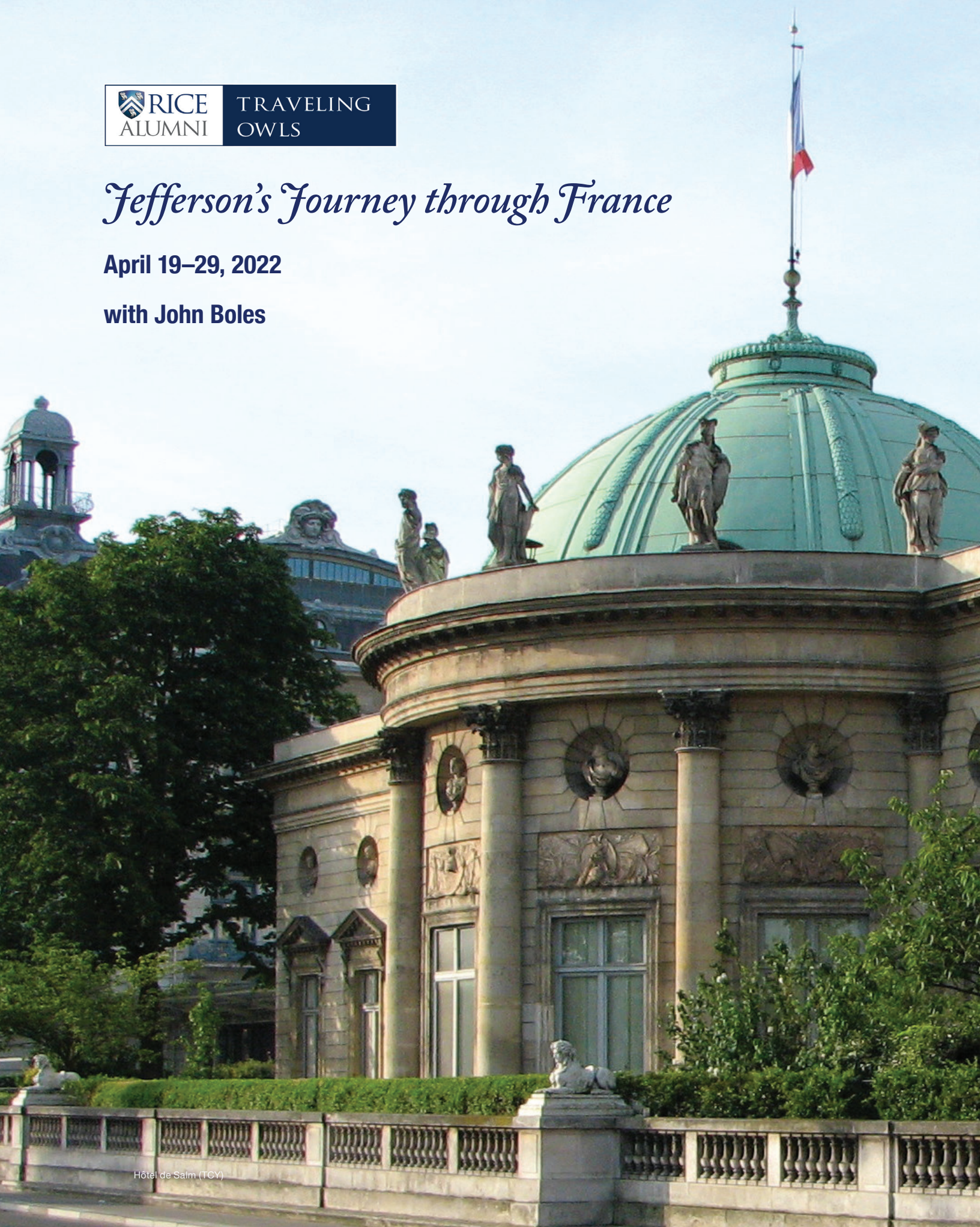


TRAVELING
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Jefferson's Journey through France

April 19–29, 2022

with John Boles





Travel with John Boles

John B. Boles, the William P. Hobby Professor of History at Rice and editor (1983–2013) of the *Journal of Southern History*, has written widely on various aspects of southern history and the history of Rice University; he authored the biography *Jefferson: Architect of American Liberty* (2017); he has been very active in training graduate students; and he has been a frequent lecturer both for the Glasscock School of Continuing Studies and for many alumni travel programs. He has won two Brown teaching awards, two graduate student association teaching awards, and the Meritorious Service Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Gold Medal of the Association of Rice Alumni.



With renowned historian and scholar, Dr. John Boles, immerse yourself in late 18th-century France by tracing the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson and other early American leaders, reliving their encounters and triumphs, and visiting the places that inspired them.

During the very formative years of the United States of America, many of our Founding Fathers found themselves thousands of miles from home in France. Their subtle diplomacy to the French court was key in obtaining military support and, later, helping our new nation gain a solid footing on the international scene. Perhaps foremost among these leaders was Thomas Jefferson, who spent five years in the City of Lights, mostly as American minister to France. Jefferson was in France at a fascinating and volatile time, with the winds of reform buffeting the ancient royal court, although few imagined the cataclysmic events of the French Revolution that were just around the corner. While in Paris, Jefferson exchanged ideas with preeminent French thinkers and experts about political economy, the fine arts, agriculture, trade, and fine food and wine.

Experience the France in which Jefferson lived—tracing his footsteps, reliving his encounters and triumphs, retelling personal anecdotes in the very places they

occurred, and visiting the places that inspired him. Visit key places in the Parisian stays of our early diplomats: Versailles, the Hôtel de Salm, the palace where the Treaty of Paris was signed ending the Revolutionary War, even the locations of the homes of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and John Paul Jones.

In 1787, Thomas Jefferson left Paris to journey through France. Trace his journey along the Rhône River through Burgundy and Languedoc, and be impressed by the same beautiful landscapes, charming towns, and Roman ruins, such as the Maison Carré, the Arles' amphitheater and the spectacular Pont du Gard. Savor delicious regional foods and wines along the way.

See France through 18th-century eyes, taking in the art and architecture commissioned by the noble families of Jefferson's time. Between John Boles' lectures, this custom-created itinerary, lovely hotels, and memorable meals, this promises to be an unforgettable journey.

CUSTOM ITINERARY

This custom travel program has been created uniquely for Rice Alumni Traveling Owls.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

Departures

Depart the United States on independent flights to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

Welcome to Paris & the Left Bank

Upon arrival at the airport, meet your tour manager and take a private group transfer to Hôtel Rochester Champs-Élysées. In the late afternoon, immerse yourself in Jefferson's Parisian experience with a custom-designed walking tour of the city's timeless Left Bank. It was in this quarter that Jefferson studied new architectural designs that would later influence his own. Some of the highlights along the Seine include exterior views of the Hôtel de Salm that so intrigued Jefferson as it was being built and the Hôtel de York, where the Treaty of Paris was signed. Hear about the political climate of the time and the relationship between the Latin Quarter and the French Revolution. Finish with dinner at Le Procope, a café that was already historic when Jefferson began dining there. *Hôtel Rochester Champs-Élysées (D)*

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

Paris, the Louvre & the Right Bank

Following a lecture by John Boles, see the Bourse de Commerce exterior before a guided tour of the Louvre Museum that will focus on the artists of Jefferson's era, including portrait busts of Washington and Franklin by Houdon and paintings that tell the story of France during the time leading up to the Revolution. Enjoy free time for lunch and to explore the galleries independently. Meander back to the hotel by walking in the footsteps of our Founding Fathers on the Right Bank, and see many of the statues, plaques, and important monuments that commemorate the presence of Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin. Pass the stately Palais Royal, a hotbed of revolutionary thought in Paris and frequented by Jefferson, and the Hôtel de Coislin where the United States was recognized as an independent nation for the first time. *Hôtel Rochester Champs-Élysées (B)*

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

Versailles

During an in-depth tour of the Versailles palace complex, learn about the royal court that dominated Parisian high culture during Jefferson's time and discover King Louis XVI's views on the American Revolution. Go behind closed doors for an exclusive visit to the private apartments of Louis XV and Louis XVI. Enjoy a self-guided visit through the Royal Apartments, consisting of 17 rooms distributed around the grandiose Hall of Mirrors. Following lunch, be guided through Versailles' incomparable formal French gardens. Upon returning to Paris, see the still-existent Adams compound in Auteuil and the location of Franklin's former home in Passy. Enjoy a free evening. *Hôtel Rochester Champs-Élysées (B, L)*



SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

Paris/Beaune/Lyon

Depart Paris and drive to Beaune, situated in one of the most prestigious wine regions in France. At the Hôtel-Dieu, one of France's most extraordinary medieval buildings, admire the extraordinarily furnished rooms and Rogier Van der Weyden's *The Last Judgment*. After lunch over a glass of Beaujolais, continue to Lyon, France's third-largest city, renowned for its Roman remains, renaissance architecture, and gastronomy. Check into the Fourvière Hôtel for an evening at leisure. *Fourvière Hôtel (B, L)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

Lyon's Roman Ruins and Historic Center

Following a lecture by John Boles, spend the morning exploring Lyon's Roman amphitheater and Odéon Theater, listed as Historical Monuments since 1905. See Gallo Roman artefacts in the Lugdunum Museum and then take in breathtaking views of Vieux Lyon from the Basilique Notre Dame de Fourvière and take a peek at its ornate interior. After lunch walk through Vieux Lyon's maze of medieval and renaissance streets. Dinner is independent. *Fourvière Hôtel (B, L)*

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

Lyon/the Northern Rhône Valley/Nîmes

Check out of your hotel and drive through the scenic Northern Rhône Valley. Visit Tournon's imposing 16th-century castle and Roman ruins, with sweeping views over the Rhône River. In Tain-l'Hermitage, taste Hermitage and the more fragrant Côte Rôtie, local wines that were very highly prized by Thomas Jefferson. Following a relaxing lunch, tour the elegant old city of Orange, seeing the Roman theater and Arc de Triomphe, both visited by Jefferson. Arriving in Nîmes, an ancient city adorned with grand architecture and monuments of Gallo-Roman antiquity, check into the Maison Albar Hotels L'Imperator. Enjoy dinner together in a local restaurant. *Hotel L'Imperator (B, L, WT, D)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

Centuries-old architecture in Nîmes

Following a final lecture by John Boles, set out on a guided tour of Nîmes and admire the beauty of the centuries-old architecture. See the Maison Carrée, an ancient temple built in 5 BC that inspired Thomas Jefferson's design of the Capitol Building in Richmond, Virginia; the Arena of Nîmes, a Roman amphitheater built in the first century that is still in use today for bullfights and sporting events; and the Temple of Diana, with a basilica floor plan. At the Musée de la Romanité, explore thousands of years of Roman history in France with its collection of priceless sculptures, artifacts, and fine art from the Roman era, including outstanding Roman mosaics. Over lunch, enjoy spectacular views over the Maison Carrée square and the rooftops of the historical center. See the Jardins de la Fontaine created in 1745 by King Louis XV's military engineer. The evening is at leisure. *L'Imperator (B, L)*



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

Arles through the Ages

Experience Arles, exploring its history from the Roman Empire to its role as a haven for artists seeking inspiration from the Provençal sun, including Vincent van Gogh who painted *The Night Café* while living here. At the Musée de l'Arles antique, admire a captivating collection of ancient treasures. During a guided walking tour, see the city's unique monuments of Roman and medieval fame and the charming streets that inspired van Gogh's work. At the magnificent two-tiered Roman Les Arènes, still intact more than 1900 years after its construction, imagine the gladiatorial combats once held here. Enjoy free time for an independent lunch and sightseeing, such as Frank Gehry's twisting aluminum tower that serves as the main building of the LUMA Arles complex. Return to Nîmes for an evening at leisure. *L'Imperator (B)*

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

A Wonder of the Ancient World

Drive to the Pont du Gard and, like Jefferson, be awed by this mighty aqueduct, one of the "Wonders of the Ancient World" and a UNESCO World Heritage site. This stunning example of Roman architecture is built of masonry blocks weighing up to six tons, and its three tiers of arches span the valley and reach a height of more than 150 feet above the river. On an excursion to a family-run vineyard, savor a special tasting of local wines paired with seafood in this bucolic setting. Return to Nîmes and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. This evening indulge in a luxurious farewell dinner at a top restaurant. *L'Imperator (B, L, WT, D)*

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

Au revoir France

Take a group transfer to the Marseille Provence Airport (MRS) for independent flights home. *(B)*





Paris Bridge (Pixabay)

Selected Hotels

Hôtel Rochester, Paris

The elegant 4-star Hotel Rochester in Paris offers an upscale location near the Champs-Élysées and the Grand Palais. The hotel's cozy lounge bar is a popular gathering spot in the 8th arrondissement while the property's Turkish baths and wellness spa make for relaxation during free time.

Fourvière Hôtel, Lyon

The one-of-a-kind upscale 4-star Fourvière Hôtel is housed in the converted 1850s Convent of the Visitation on the hillside above the roman theaters. It is within walking distance of the old city's charms, yet happily ensconced in its own quiet oasis. With only 75 guest rooms spread over a huge historic property, the hotel offers plenty of space and personalized service.

Maison Albar Hotels L'Imperator, Nîmes

L'Imperator is a grand but casual 5-star hotel located in a parklike section of Nîmes' picturesque historic center. A favorite haunt of Hemingway and Picasso, it remains one of the top urban hotels in Provence, a member of the Leading Hotels of the World. The luxurious Art Deco themed rooms, elegant spa, multiple fine restaurants, and round-the-clock service make this a memorable final base.

TRIP INFORMATION

JEFFERSON'S JOURNEY THROUGH FRANCE

DATES: April 19–29, 2022

TOUR COST:

Land Package \$5,995
Single Supplement \$1,195

Tour price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 20 paying participants.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate, good overall mobility required.

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which \$500 is nonrefundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa or MasterCard. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on January 10, 2022 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check only.

FLIGHTS: Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for all aspects of their round-trip air arrangements into Paris (CDG) and out of Marseilles (MRS).

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before January 10, 2022: full refund minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between January 11 and March 4, 2022: full refund of any recoverable land costs, less \$2,950 (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after March 5, 2022: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by ISDI and the Association of Rice Alumni due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be emailed to you from the Traveling Owls upon receipt of your registration. For additional information, please contact Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS.

TOUR INCLUSIONS: Hotel accommodations as listed in the itinerary; breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 3 dinners, 2 wine tastings; 2 glasses of wine or beer with included dinners and reception; one group transfer upon arrival from Paris Charles De Gaulle International Airport (CDG); one group transfer upon departure to Marseilles International Airport (MRS); land transportation by private motor coach as outlined; entrance fees to sites per itinerary; services of an ISDI tour manager; expert guides for sightseeing activities; gratuities to local guides and drivers; bottled water on daily excursions by motor coach; taxes, services, and portage fees.

TOUR EXCLUSIONS: Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portage; airport transfers; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

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