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Celebrate Bastille Day with a trip to France!

Bastille Day Celebrations

Celebrate the birth of French Independence in light of this year's Bastille Day in memory of the historic events which saw the controlling monarch double-act of King Louis XVI and his queen, Marie Antoinette, overthrown after the French prison of Bastille was stormed in the name of a fairer society and democratic government.

Explore our many French destinations flying from Manchester Airport, showcasing the sheer diversity the nation has to offer. Enjoy everything from family skiing holidays in **Chambery** or **Grenoble**, to the charms of the Parisian city streets, or even the marriage of urban bliss and French countryside found amongst the Southern French regions such as **Perpignon**.

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French City Breaks

Paris

Intimate romance cloaked in cultured grandeur

Paris is a European city icon for a reason. Instantly recognisable from a raft of romance fuelled movies, the Parisian streets are filled with unforgettable moments.

Walk hand in hand through the authentic village district of Montmartre leading onto a mesmerising view of the Parisian skyline. Sample wonderful cuisine to suit all tastebuds among its wealth of quintessential Parisian cafes and neighbourhood bistros, before taking in some of the finest art galleries and museums on the continent, where you can observe the esteemed works of both **Monet** and **Renoir** in the same visit.

Paris represents a magical experience for all walks of society, whether it's blossoming romance, an unforgettable family adventure or a creative muse you're seeking, Paris will provide the answer.

Book Paris

Nice

The crown jewel of the Côte d'Azur

Nice is almost biblically wrapped around the Bay of Angels as a year round sun-kissed French destination, which holds enduring appeal with travellers.

It would be entirely possible to while away hours on the famous palm-tree laden **Promenade des Anglais** along the extensive seafront. Venturing further into the city unravels a wealth of acclaimed attractions, merging the mystical pull of the old-world with the discerning cosmopolitan leanings of the nightlife and restaurants, serving fusion cuisine alongside authentic Côte d'Azur dishes.

The place to be seen as twilight lurches closer is undoubtedly the Old Town district. Visitors to **Vieux Nice** can immerse themselves in a veritable world-tour of bars and wineries, whether seeking contemplative relaxation while sipping a cold glass of Chardonnay, or seeking a livelier atmosphere at establishments such as the jazz infused **'Les Distilleries Idéales'**.

Book Nice

Marseille

The cultural trendsetter of France

Marseille is a culturally thrilling port city set along the picturesque Côte d'Azur coastline, cultivated over hundreds of years to the present day multi-cultural population, ever since the Greeks descended on the shoreline 2,600 years ago.

Having won the **European Capital of Culture** in 2013, the vibrant port city continues to pave the way in terms of entrepreneurial innovation and creativity. Visitors can enjoy the fruits of this multi-layered and enriching hub featuring world leading fusion cuisine, music festivals and retail therapy.

Saunter through the maritime heritage exuding from the Old Port, where fresh fish from the Mediterranean can be bought each morning. The palpable buzz of the trendy **La Belle de Mal** district, with its free DJ events and live of entertainment businesses showcases Marseille's dynamic underbelly.

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South Of France Holidays

Lyon

Gastronomical delights and avant garde landmarks

A period of extensive regeneration has seen Lyon transformed into a city brimming with sophisticated elegance. This powerhouse of gastronomy has the largest number of Michelin-starred restaurants in France outside of Paris, with notable chefs now calling Lyon their home.

Aside from delectable fine dining, including the must-try city speciality of the meaty **Saucisson de Lyon**, visitors have access to a growing number of arts and music festivals, including the **Biennale de Lyon** for art and dance and the **Lumière film festival**. The city will also play a pivotal role in the forthcoming **2016 European Championships**.

Lyon isn't short of jaw dropping landmarks either, particularly the striking beacon of redevelopment in the heart of the city, the **Musée des Confluences**' twisted steel and glass structure, that will peak the curiosity of anyone in the vicinity.

Book Lyon

Toulouse

Aerospace and Aviation Epicentre

Pink-hued bricks characterise a city home to one of the biggest rugby teams in Europe, Toulouse is a must visit city break when travelling to the southern reaches of the nation.

Food lovers will embrace the hearty plates of cassoulet, while the vibrant food markets will appease all who desire the archetypal French shopping experience, where fresh breads and the finest regional produce can be found.

Budding astronomers will find the country's aerospace hub utterly thrilling, with galactic themed attractions, including the City of Space theme park and the Toulouse Observatory, available for a museum style visit complete with luscious garden space.

Maintaining an aeronautical theme, the city is also founded on a history of aviation based innovation, with the Airbus Factory Tour providing an intriguing insight into the process of aircraft building.

Book Toulouse

Biarritz

Spectacular coastal setting exuding age old French class

The Bay of Biscay jewel, Biarritz, represents glamorous coastal beauty harking back to old-school French class. Designer shops, high-end restaurants and luxurious hotels satisfy even the most discerning of visitors, while crashing waves and the golden sanded coastline provides an ideal setting for keen surfers, particularly on the lengthy high tide stretches of **Boulevard du Prince de Galles**.

Quieter coves and calmer waters can be found when seeking more privately inclined surroundings, offering a serene backdrop from which to enjoy relaxed family beach life, or isolated romantic bliss. Family-friendly excursions include the **Museum of the Sea**, displaying aquariums rich in intriguing aquatic life, ranging from sea anemones to sharks.

This regally enthused seaside resort naturally boasts enticing beach front areas, including the famous **Grand Plage** and the **Esplanade du Porte Vieux** which is particularly pleasant for swimming. After a day unwinding on the beach, Biarritz also comprises many exciting nightlife spots, with a wide range of nightclubs and quieter bar spaces.

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French Skiing Destinations

Grenoble

National Park dwelling city with Winter Olympics legacy

A legacy of winter sports dating back to Grenoble's hosting of the Winter Olympic Games in 1968, provides a desired location near the Parc Naturel Régional de Chartreuse and the Parc Naturel Régional du Vercors. The city also provides swift access to a range of skiing resorts and ski packages available for those flying into the airport.

The spectacular natural landscape means true immersion in nature on your doorstep. A range of adventure-filled activities including a wealth of walking tours and mountain day trips, while designated winter sport activity centres such as the Maison de la Montagne in the city centre, provide an outlet for those looking for extreme winter based feats, such as glacier hiking and ice climbing.

During downtime from the hills and slopes, Grenoble looks after its visitors to ensure an enjoyable visit. Savour a destination offering vibrant nightlife, great food and a transport network the envy of many capital cities.

Book Grenoble

Perpignan

France and Spain align in Pyranees pearl

Resting at the foot of the Pyranees, Perpignan life has one foot in Catalan culture and the other in France, providing travellers with an intoxicating blend of French and Spanish life as the last major town before reaching the Spanish border.

The town represents the Languedoc region at its most eye-catching, with multi-cultural leanings emanating from palm tree-laden squares during the summer months. Perpignan represents a French destination allowing visitors to ingratiate themselves in a tranquil environment, with many sumptuous delights among its range of Michelin-starred dining and local traditional eateries, serving local delicacies and fine wines.

Notable sights in the town include the impressive gardens and courtyard below the imposing presence of the **Palais des Rois de Majorque**, representing a symbol of the area's growth since its use as a king's residency in centuries gone by.

Book Perpignan

Chambery

The crossroads to the Alps

The transplanted chateau town and former capital of Savoy, Chambery, based in the Rhône-Alpes region, has long been known as the 'crossroads to the Alps'. Chambery is a prime base for skiing holidays where relaxation and a thriving cafe culture are paramount.

A mixture of French, Italian and Savoy rule has seen a multi-faceted cultural imprint, leaving Chambery in its present day state, as a picturesque town with traditional, meandering city streets running alongside crowd-free museums and exhibits irresistable to the culturally inclined.

The compact size of Chambery enables easy passage to key landmarks such as The Elephants Fountain, featuring on many picture postcards as a four elephant harbouring statue as the centrepiece of the Old Town.

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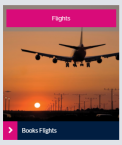

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