

C'est PARIS ! – C'est magnifique! – 2010 Tour

(UPDATED on Saturday 24th April 2010 – and subject to minor changes)

(SEMI FINAL) ITINERARY – FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY

The *C'est Paris, c'est magnifique!* tour slated officially for Thursday 14th through to Saturday 23rd October 2010 and organized by the Combermere School French Club, is geared primarily towards students studying the French language in the secondary and tertiary system and to all those who are interested in what the French culture (of France) has to offer.

Please see below, an overview of our flight details (round trip) – updated on **Saturday 24th April 2010**. (Please be advised that information below is **STILL** subject to change as this is the SEMIFINAL itinerary / schedule of activities).

This is therefore for reference purposes ONLY and so, printing is OPTIONAL. Please be sure however to use and **PRINT** the **OFFICIAL** itinerary for use in Paris once presented at the Saturday 29th May 2010 meet.

Thursday 14th October 2010

Barbados - London Flight No. [VS 030](#) – Virgin Atlantic Airways

Departure time : 4:45 pm

Airport: Barbados (Grantley Adams) - BGI

Check In: 2:15 pm

N.B You may watch the flight's departure from the Barbados Light Airplane Club or from the side of the runway – the area just prior to take off / landing.

Friday 15th October 2010 – (next day arrival)

Arrival Time: 5:50 a.m (15/10/10)

Airport: London (Gatwick) - LGW

Duration of flight: 8 hrs, 05 mins

Saturday 23rd October 2010

London - Barbados Flight No. [VS 029](#) – Virgin Atlantic Airways

Departure Time : 10:00 a.m

Airport: London (Gatwick) – LGW

Twilight Check In Service at Virgin Atlantic Desk (Fri 22 October @ 6:00 pm)

Arrival Time: 1:45 pm (23/10/10)

Airport: Barbados (Grantley Adams) - BGI

Duration of flight: 8 hrs, 45 mins

PROPOSED ITINERARY: (subject to change – to be finalized in May 2010)

Time is important! Please note all times indicated in yellow.

(TENTATIVE) PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY 15TH October 2010

1. Arrival into **London Gatwick Airport (LGW)** – South Terminal on **VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS – VS 030 @ 5:50 a.m**

*N.B – It is **strongly recommended** that you **sleep** during this 8+ hr flight. There is a five (5) hour time difference (ahead) between Barbados and London. In addition, it is also recommended that you buy gloves / scarf etc at one of the airport shops in London - if you have not already acquired some from Barbados.*

2. (Private) bus transfer from **London Gatwick Airport to London St Pancras International Train Station @ 9:30 a.m**

3. Snack / Brunch @ **London St Pancras International**

*N.B – It is advised that you have some **British currency** to cover this aspect of the journey (in cash) OR please use your RBTT travel money card.*

4. Onward connection to **Gare du Nord Station, Paris** on **EUROSTAR** (high speed train)

Suggested departure time (subject to change)

Departure: (London, St Pancras International) **12:29 p.m**

Please be on board by 12:00 NOON – at the very latest.

*N.B - **There is a bar & snack / light lunch service on board – for a nominal fee.** Please pay in **British OR (Euro)pean currency – in cash,** OR please use your RBTT travel money card.*

DO NOT USE AMERICAN DOLLARS !!

5. **Arrival:** (Paris, Gare du Nord) **@ 3:50 p.m**

*N.B - Please reset watches to: + 6 hours ahead of Barbados OR
+ 1 hour ahead of London*

6. **Ground Coach** transfer from Gare Du Nord to **HOTEL KYRIAD, La Villette** – Paris

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7. Check in to **HOTEL KYRIAD, Paris** (depends on street traffic conditions) –
5:00 pm (approx)

FRIDAY 15TH October 2010 (TOUR = 2hrs ; 30 mins)

8. "Paris Illuminations" NIGHT time - City tour - guided.

- HOTEL PICK UP: **7:15 pm**
- PHOTO STOP OPPORTUNITY @ Eiffel Tower
- DROP OFF AT HOTEL.

9. SATURDAY 16th October 2010 (TOUR = 4 hrs)

City of Paris DAY time - City tour - guided.

- HOTEL PICK UP: **11:00 a.m**

This experience will give you the opportunity to discover the historical centre of Paris with a **guided tour** where you will understand the history of Paris and admire its main squares, bridges, main streets and buildings, including:

- The Opera square
- Concorde
- Champs-Elysees
- Arc de Triomphe
Troadero, Eiffel Tower
- Invalides
- Notre-Dame Cathedral and more
- **DROP OFF AT HOTEL.**

PROPOSED ITINERARY: (subject to change – to be finalized in May / June 2010)

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10. SATURDAY 17th October 2010 (TOUR = 8 hrs)

Lunch Tour - guided.

HOTEL PICK UP : 9:30 a.m

Visit to:

- Louvre Museum
- Eiffel Tower on 1st Floor - (lunch included)
- "Bateau Mouche" - cruise on Paris' main river - La Seine

- DROP OFF AT HOTEL.

11. MONDAY 18th October 2010 (TOUR = 8 hrs)

Evening tour & dinner - guided.

HOTEL PICK UP : 3:00 p.m

Visit to:

- Notre Dame Cathedral
- Sacre Coeur Church
- Montmartre area
- Dinner at LA CREMAILLERE

- DROP OFF AT HOTEL.

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12. **TUESDAY 19th October 2010 - (6 hrs:30 mins)**

**Shopping Day on the trendy Champs Elysees Avenue – UNGuided.
(with possibility to visit the nearby L'Arc de Triomphe – weather permitting)**

HOTEL PICK UP: 10:30 a.m

- Shopping Day # 1 - on the famous and exclusive "Champs Elysees" Avenue!
- **PICK UP** from CHAMPS ELYSEES AVENUE : **5:00 p.m** **

**** (pick up point to be determined @ Champs Elysees.
EVERYONE should be ready for final boarding at least
20 minutes before scheduled departure time).**

- **DROP OFF AT HOTEL**
- **INFORM ORGANISERS** about your plans for Shopping Day #2 before proceeding to your room – **by 8:00 pm tonight** (at the very latest).

13 **.WEDNESDAY 20th October 2010 - UNGuided tour- 10 hours approx.**

OPTIONAL (for adults)**

- **Shopping Day # 2 @ the more INexpensive "Quatre Temps" Mall, La Defense and / or @ the more UPmarket "Galleries Lafayette" complex.**

DEPARTURE TIME FROM HOTEL: 9:30 a.m (based on weather conditions)

Transportation will be via the public "METRO" train system.

**You are asked bear in mind that the logistics of this day will require that the group be outdoors for a period of time in very cool weather (2C – 6C).
KINDLY DRESS WARMLY since we plan to return around **7:30 pm!****

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14. **THURSDAY 21st October 2010 - Rest Day**

Everyone is advised (*student travelers in particular*) to finalize the suitcase packing process by today. Please ensure that you can find ALL of your belongings and valuables in good time, as we would like to be ready to depart the hotel very early on Friday morning 22nd October by **5:00 a.m.**

No one is expected to be wandering out of the hotel on this day - except in an EMERGENCY or, unless you plan to go somewhere (nearby) with AN ADULT for snacks, fruit, supplies (such as bottled water) etc.

Please inform any of the organizers *in person* if you have any plans on leaving the hotel. STATE the purpose of your departure.

It is also recommended that you call by intercom or tell one of the organizers about your safe return.

Most importantly, **GET SOME REST!** Check out time is **4:00 am** the next morning!! **Do bear in mind that we will have a very long day ahead of us on Friday since our final activity is a half-day city tour of London, England.**

15. **FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2010**

CHECK OUT out of HOTEL KYRIAD, Paris @ 4:00 a.m

16. Ground Coach transfer to Gare du Nord Station @ 5:00 am

17. Departure from Gare du Nord Station, Paris bound for London St Pancras International on EUROSTAR @ 9:13 a.m

18. Arrival into London , St Pancras International @ 10:34 a.m
Friday 22nd October

N.B - Reset watches to: - 1 hour (behind) Paris

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FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2010 – cont'd

19. **Half day** tour of the city of LONDON, United Kingdom – with shopping on **Oxford Street, London. (11:30 am – 4:30 pm)** **

This tour of the city of London is expected to include - but are not limited to - short visits to famous tourist attraction sites (landmarks) such as:

- (a) London Bridge
- (b) London Eye
- (c) Houses of Parliament (River Thames)
- (d) Buckingham Palace
- (e) Trafalgar Square
- (f) St Paul's Cathedral
- (g) Westminster Abby

as well as

- (h) four (4) hours of shopping on Oxford Street, London

**** Travel logistics here are still yet to be finalized for this component of the tour.**

20. “Twilight” check in @ **VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS** counters – LGW, South Terminal – **6:00 pm**

21. Transfer from **LGW**, South Terminal (*via airport monorail service*) and check in to **SOFITEL “Le Meridien” HOTEL – LONDON GATWICK, North Terminal. 8:30 pm approx**

22. Overnight stay @ **SOFITEL – “Le Meridien” HOTEL, LGW – North Terminal. P.M – A.M**

SATURDAY 23RD October 2010

23. Complimentary (Full English) Breakfast – **6:30 am**
N.B Please arrive to breakfast EARLY to ensure an on time 7:30 am departure.

24. Check out of **SOFITEL** at **7:30 am (latest)** for Gatwick – South terminal – (on monorail)

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25. Depart **London Gatwick**, South Terminal for **Barbados** –
VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS – VS 029 @ 10:00 a.m

26. Arrive **Barbados, Grantley Adams Int'l.** – (**GROUP 1 = 80 PASSENGERS**)
@ 1:45 p.m

SUNDAY 24TH October 2010

27. Depart **London Gatwick**, South Terminal for **Barbados** –
VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS – VS 029 @ 10:00 a.m

28. Arrive **Barbados, Grantley Adams Int'l** – (**GROUP 2 = 20 PASSENGERS**)
@ 1:45 p.m

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Orientation Meeting –
Saturday 10th October 2009 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

(Classroom next to Photography Dark Room – Ground Floor)

- Detailed overview of Paris 2010 Tour proposals
- Questions & Answers / Suggestions

N.B - All meetings hereafter begin @ 5:30 pm – unless otherwise indicated.

1. First meeting –
Saturday 31st October 2009 (5:30 pm – 8:00 pm French Room - top floor)

*NB – Minimum deposit required - **\$ 400 . 00 BDS.**
If writing a cheque, please write to **The Combermere School Foreign Language Club**. All returned cheques attract a **\$ 60.00 BDS penalty**.*

- *Distribution and Completion of Registration forms*
- *Visit from Director of L'Alliance française de Bridgetown, Barbade.*

2. Second Meeting –
Wednesday 25th November 2009 (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm French Room)

*NB – **Minimum deposit required - \$ 300. 00 BDS**
- **Bring passports***

3. Third Meeting –
Wednesday 27th January 2010 (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
(Combermere School Hall)

*N.B - **Minimum deposit required - \$ 300. 00 BDS***

- *(a) **“Ping pongs” (x3) and parental consent letter to be submitted***
- *(b) **Distribution of punch cards to confirmed travelers***
- *© Last day for FULL REFUNDS*

Please be advised that **punch cards WILL NOT be administered** to student travelers unless ping pongs and consent letters have been submitted to the organisers.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE – cont'd

4. Fourth Meeting –
Saturday 27th February 2010 (5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Combermere School Hall)

*N.B – Luggage tag(s)& Wrist bands payment due
- Tour party Polo shirts sizings*

5. Fifth Meeting –
Wednesday 31st March 2010 (5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Combermere School Hall)

*N.B – Blood type due
- Passport **MUST expire AFTER** 14th April 2011*

6. Sixth Meeting –
Friday 30th April 2010 (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Combermere School Hall)

N.B – FINAL DECISION(S) making day about everything. Attendance at this meeting is crucial, as logistics will be finalized for the various companies in Barbados, London and Paris. The importance of this meeting cannot be understated.

SEMI FINAL proposed itinerary to be discussed (if ready).

Collection of information from passengers for travel insurance pricing with CGI.

7. Seventh meeting -
Saturday 29th May 2010 (5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Combermere School Hall)

N.B - Distribution of FINAL ITINERARY for final discussion.

- *Travel Insurance payment due*
- *Presentation on Echinacea and Immunity Twist Tubes Supplements (for protection against possible colds / flus in Europe)*

8. Eighth meeting –
Wednesday 8th July 2010 (5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Combermere School Hall)
- *Payment for London transfers and daytime tour due - \$ 169.00 BDS (this figure is NOT included in the overall price of the tour)*
 - *Payment for embroidery (only) on jacket due. (Price to be confirmed.)*

Please see therefore additional expenses sheet.

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9. **FINAL (DEPOSIT) MEETING –**

Monday 27th July 2010 (5: 30 pm – 7:30 pm Combermere School Hall)

*N.B – **ABSOLUTE Deadline** (final balance) payment due today.*

- Collection of travel jackets

10. **FINAL MEETING**

Wednesday 6th October 2010 – (5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Combermere School Hall)

N.B

- Distribution of airline tickets*
- Completion of departure / arrival documents*
- Submission of punch cards and p/c donation*
- ***Eichanecea for sale*** (for protection against possible colds / flu in Europe)*
- Issuing of outstanding wrist bands and luggage tags*
- Final Updates / Revisions (if any)*

11. **CHECK IN @ VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS TICKET COUNTER**

Thursday 14th October 2010 – (Grantley Adams International)

N.B

- Check In: 2:15 pm**
- Departure time for London : 4:45 pm**

N.B After check in, please assemble near the Chefette restaurant area.

OVERVIEW

\$ 4,245.20 BDS per person inclusive of: * @ 27th Jan.2010

**subject to minor modification due to increased fleet requirements, personnel and hotel rooms*

- Airport departure taxes from Grantley Adams International
- Round trip airfare via VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS (Barbados – London – Barbados)
- Round trip rail connections (London - Paris – London) via EUROSTAR (high speed “non-stop” train service)
- Ground (Coach) transfers (Gare du Nord station– Hotel – Gare du Nord station)
- Seven (7) nights hotel accommodation @ HOTEL KYRIAD, Paris (***Two star rated***) – x3 / x4 occupancy
- Daily complimentary (French) continental breakfast
- A/C Ground Coach tours with entrance fees and bilingual (English/French) Tour Guide service (where applicable) to:

Champs Elysées, L’Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Louvre Museum, Place de la Concorde, Invalides, Montmartre, Pigalle, Sacre Coeur Cathedral, Opéra and more....(see itinerary)
- Lunch on the 1st floor - Eiffel Tower, Paris
- River Seine Tour - Boat Cruise
- Dinner – (“out on the town” in Paris)
- One (1) night’s accommodation @ SOFITEL – (***Four Star rated***) “Le Meridien” HOTEL, LONDON Gatwick - North Terminal (x 3 / x 4 occupancy)
- Complimentary (Full English) Breakfast from 6:30 a.m
- Airport departure taxes from London Gatwick International

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IMPORTANT NOTES re: "Out of pocket" additional (MISC.) expenses - cont'd

- (a) **Ping pong photos (x 2 required)** (Secretarial Express - 4 ping pongs)
\$ 9.99 BDS
- (b) **BARBADOS Wrist bands** - \$ 10.00 BDS
- (c) **BARBADOS Luggage tag** (optional if you already possess one)
\$ 10.00 BDS (Virgin Atlantic only allows ONE piece below – free)
- (d) **Group Travel Insurance with CGI (to be confirmed by May's meeting)**
\$ 80.00 BDS - \$ 175.00 BDS approx.
- (e) **Blood type** (can be done for **free** @ Polyclinics / QEH) **OR**

Contact Dr Kathy Ellis @ PHYSIOCARE Inc, Whitehall Main Road and book an appointment *in advance* for **any Thursday**.

There is a nominal fee for this quicker service.
Tel: 424 – 7845

PLEASE NOTE (EUROSTAR POLICY re: delays)

- (f) **In the unlikely event that our flight is significantly delayed for whatever reason, we may miss our pre-reserved EUROSTAR carriage for our onward connection from London to Paris. As a result, you are asked to retain at least £ 55.00 British pounds sterling in order to REPURCHASE YOUR EUROSTAR train ticket.**

(You will be required to retain your EUROSTAR receipt and then reclaim the amount paid from C.G.I upon return to Barbados.)

- (g) **RBTT travel money card (mandatory security in the event of an emergency)**
\$ 40.00 BDS (first timer fee) - \$ 30.00 BDS (reloading fee)
- (h) **Triple Guard Echinacea Spray (protection especially in cold weather)**
\$ 34.00 BDS – (optional)
- (i) **Immunity Health Twist Tube (Strawberry) \$ 40.00 BDS - (optional)**
- (j) ***London transfers and four (4) hour day time tour***
\$ 169.00 BDS per person
- (k) ***Payment for embroidery on travel jacket (price to be confirmed)***

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CONTACT US

It is always in your best interest to attend as many of the monthly meetings as you can so as to get all the information that you need – first hand.

However, there are occasions where we know that due to circumstances beyond your control, you may not be able to attend such meetings. If this is the case, please understand that you will not be provided with very *detailed* information regarding what transpired, but we will endeavour to “fill you in” as best as we can.

Consequently, you may get in contact with us through any of the following means so that you may be updated.

We do not expect however, that you will abuse this alternative arrangement and not come to meetings!

1. Faculty Advisor & Paris 2010 Tour Coordinator
Mr Nicolas Vaughan - 429 - 3454 / 425 - 2989
2. French Teacher - Chaperone
Ms Rhea Henry – 429 – 3454
3. Secretary Treasurer's office
Mrs Grace Headley – 429 – 3431 / 432 9879
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(Combermere School Department of Modern Languages)