

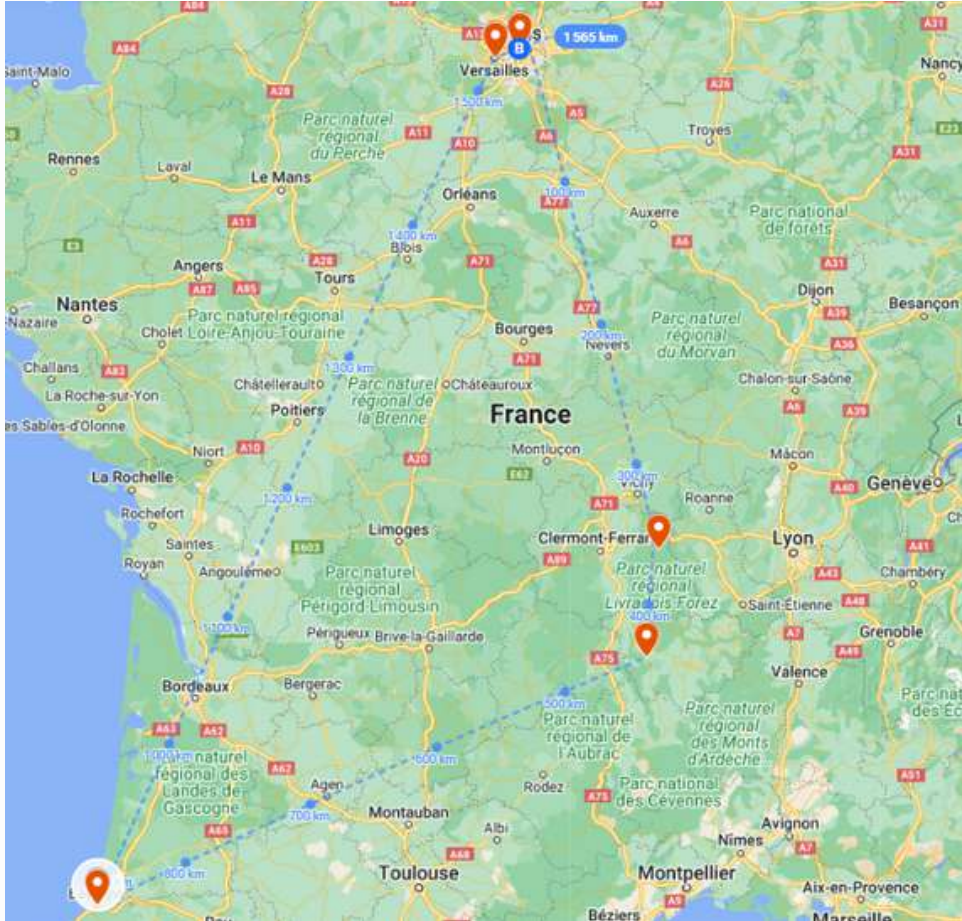


**On the road of the Marquis de Lafayette  
Discover this Frenchman,  
Hero of the American Revolution**

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From 01st of June to 08th of June of 2024

# Steps of the program



Day 2 : Vollore / Langeac

Day 3 : Langeac

Day 4: Langeac / Bayonne

Day 5: Bayonne

Day 6: Bayonne / Versailles

Day 7: Versailles / Paris

Day 8: Paris



### Day 1 - Saturday, 1st of June of 2024

Paris / Vollore ( 500 kms ) ( 05h00 drive )

Departure from Paris around 10:00 am by minibus.

Lunch in Bourges.

Quick guided tour of Bourges.

Arrival at the Castle of Vollore.

Installation at the hotel of the Castle.

Candlelight dinner at the castle.





**Day 2 - Sunday, 2nd of June of 2024**  
Castle of Vollore / Langeac

Breakfast at the Castle, then visit.

Vollore is known in the history of Auvergne since the 6th century when Thierry, the son of Clovis, the first king of France, came to besiege the place in 532.

The fortress, of which the imposing Romanesque keep remains today, was built in the 12th century by the old family of Vollore. The castle then passed to the Thiers and Chazeron families in the 17th century, the Montmorins transform it and give it its current appearance.

In the same family for more than 2 centuries, Vollore is today the living home in Auvergne of the descendants of General de Lafayette, where respect for the past knows how to accommodate the comfort and demands of modern life. The castle of Vollore belongs to those houses whose origins are thousands of years old, and which always remain in phase with their time. Lunch ( about 2 hours drive ). Installation at the hotel.

Within the framework of the 20th "Belle Journée" (Beautiful Day) Lecture given by Sabine Renault Sablonière and Laurent Zecchini on Lafayette.

Dinner and night on site.

**Conference at the Cultural Center of Langeac animated by :**



**Laurent Zecchini :**

**Author of the recent biography "Lafayette, Herald of Freedom".**

**( Fayard, 2019)**

**Journalist for more than 40 years,  
including 35 years at Le Monde newspaper.**

**Correspondent in many countries, notably the United States.**



**Sabine Renault Sablonière :**

**Descendant of the Marquis de La Fayette and author of the book**

**"Imaginary memories of Adrienne de La Fayette "**

**Administrator of the Hermione Association**

**Director of ActuPresseCoL**



### Day 3 - Monday, 3rd of June of 2024

Langeac

Breakfast,

Transfer to the castle of Chavaniac (10kms from Langeac)  
Welcome to the castle in costume by Lafayette, his family, the bourgeois and the population.

Visit of the castle by the guide of the departmental council.

12:30 pm : XVIIIth century meal under canvas in the gardens of the castle animated by the volunteers of La Belle Journée.

3:30 pm : departure for Le Puy : welcome at the Conseil Départemental followed by the visit of the city by a guide of the Pays d'Art et d'Histoire (the visit will end in front of the Lafayette status)

18h30 : return to Langeac : meal and overnight stay



**Day 4 - Tuesday, 04th of June of 2024**

Langeac / Toulouse / Bayonne

Breakfast, in Langeac Check-out.

Departure for Toulouse (4 hours drive)  
Lunch and quick guided tour of the city.

Continuation to Bayonne (2 hrs drive)  
On arrival, handing over of the keys, installation in the rooms

Dinner and night at the Mercure Bayonne Centre Le Grand Hotel.





**Day 5 - Wednesday, 05th of June of 2024**

Bayonne

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for Los Pasayas from where the Marquis first left on board the "Victory" to reach America.

Lunch in Saint Jean de Luz, at the Hotel de la Poste, where we will tell you the story closely linked to the Marquis.

After lunch, discover the famous frigate Hermione, a reconstruction of an 18th century three-masted ship. Take a tour of its maintenance workshops and the traditional boat restoration yard.

Dinner on board.

Night at the Mercure Bayonne Centre Le Grand Hotel.







The history of the construction of the frigate Hermione  
We are in 1779. In the heart of the Rochefort Naval Arsenal,  
Chevallard Aîné finished the plans for a series of frigates  
including the Hermione. Carpenters, blacksmiths and...  
convicts are busy. It is necessary to finish the construction of  
the frigate Hermione, "granddaughter of the ocean" according  
to Greek mythology.

Let us remember, on the other side of the Atlantic, the war of  
independence is rumbling... The Hermione, lighter than a  
warship, will be attached to a squadron to serve as a scout and  
assist warships in difficulty during a battle...

Hermione and Lafayette in the conflict  
for the independence of the United States.

Our Hermione, built at Rochefort, leaves the Arsenal in 1780,  
with Gilbert Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, on board, to take  
part in this fight for independence.

Under the command of La Touche-Tréville, the Hermione took  
part in decisive victories and became forever a symbol of  
freedom and Franco-American brotherhood.



## **Dinner on board the Hermione**

Welcome on board.

You will dine in Lafayette's dining room.  
Menu served at the table in this historical setting specially  
privatized for you.





**Day 6 - Thursday, 06th of June of 2024**

Bayonne / Versailles

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure.  
Departure for Bayonne airport. Flight to Paris.  
1:00 pm / 2:35 pm.

Upon arrival, welcome and drive to Versailles  
approximately 40 minutes.

On arrival, handing over of the keys, installation in the rooms.

Dinner at the hotel restaurant.  
Night at the Novotel Château de Versailles





**Day 7 - Friday, 07th of June of 2024**  
Versailles / Paris ( 20/ 25 mn drive )

Breakfast at the hotel.

Private visit of the royal apartments at the Palace of Versailles. Lafayette illustrated himself there during the famous balcony scene, which took place on October 06, 1789, when Queen Marie-Antoinette was forced to show herself on a balcony of the marble court in front of the angry people. Lafayette kissed the sovereign's hand, helping to calm the rioters.

Lunch in Versailles in one of the restaurants located in the gardens of the Château. Road to Paris.

Afternoon stroll in the district of Lafayette, stops on the buildings where he lived.

At the end of the day, installation at the hotel in the heart of Paris. Le Marquis Faubourg St Honoré 5\*.





The Palais Garnier, the Champs Élysées, the Louvre Museum, the Place Vendôme... in the heart of the most enchanting Paris, a discreet carriage entrance framed by two lanterns and topped by a mascarón signals the entrance to the Marquis Faubourg Saint-Honoré, in the Rue d'Anjou.

The architect and designer Michele Bönan has managed to revive this 18th century mansion where the Marquis de La Fayette lived. Selected drawings and photographs on the walls, unique furniture, delicate ivory-colored beams, charming bookcases; so many refined details from which emanates a subtly hushed atmosphere. As for the suites, solid wood doors and authentic Louis XVI marble fireplaces are the guardians of their cosy intimacy.

Dinner at the historic restaurant Le Procope in the Latin Quarter and night in Paris





**Day 8: Saturday, 08th of June of 2024**

Paris

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check-out at the hotel.

Morning discovery of Picpus.



## **Our conditions**

**Stay from June 1st to 08, 2024.**

**Price per person: € 3,600 / \$ 3,900**

### **This price includes :**

**Accommodation in double rooms in a 4 or 5 \* hotel  
throughout the circuit, 7 nights with breakfasts**

**Full board from lunch on day 1 to breakfast on day 8,  
based on breakfast and a 3-course menu for lunch and dinner,  
excluding drinks**

**All excursions and visits mentioned in the program**

**Minibus transfers throughout the tour from Paris to Paris**

**The flight between Bayonne to Paris in economic class,  
luggage and taxes included**

**The presence of Sabine Renault Sablonière and Laurent Zecchini  
throughout the tour**

**The presence of a bilingual guide from the 1st to the 8th day**

### **This price does not include:**

**The insurance**

**Services not mentioned and personal expenses**



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