



Historic Insights



by Gene Pisasale

Ten Days in Paris - An Historic Walking Tour



This lecture presentation takes the viewer on an historic “walking tour” along the streets of Paris, Dijon, Rouen and Versailles, yielding new insights about the people and events which make the region so fascinating and Paris the “*City of Lights*”. The tour brings you to ruins of ancient Roman baths, Napoleon’s Tomb, the Arc de Triomphe, the art enclave of Montmartre, the Eiffel Tower, watering holes of Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald, the Louvre, Notre Dame and several historic sites nearby. You’ll feel as if you’re right there- walking the streets and stopping in at some of the world’s greatest museums, enjoying superb works of art and architecture at places of cultural interest.

Lecture Outline:

- The Roman Baths- The roots of ancient Paris
- Picpus Cemetery- Final resting place of the Marquis de Lafayette
- The Louvre, Musee d’Orsay and Musee de l’Orangerie- Home to timeless treasures
- The Grand Dame of Paris- The cathedral of Notre Dame
- The Eiffel Tower- Historic engineering masterpiece
- Sacred Sites- St. Chapelle and St. Germain des Pres
- Napoleon’s Tomb- The conqueror’s last stand
- Closerie des Lilas and Les Deux Magots- Haunts of Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Montmartre and Sacre-Coeur- Hilltop art enclave and cultural attractions
- Rouen Cathedral and La Couronne- Must see spots to stroll and dine
- Versailles- Where a King lived and World War I ended
- Dijon- Home of great architecture and delicious mustard
- French street life- Places to relax and watch the world go by

About the Author:



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