

EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING PARIS, FRANCE

Wednesday 4 – Sunday 8 December, 2024



SOCIAL PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER Walking Orientation Tour for All (Neighbourhoods of the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel) 2.30 – 4.30 pm US \$45

An English-speaking guide will take you around the surrounding areas of the Westin Hotel. This is a two hour walk to get you familiar with all that Paris has to offer on your doorstep.

Walk into history tour along the Seine, stroll around the Jardin des Tuileries, or indulge in some idle flânerie (aimless wandering through an urban environment). The rue du Faubourg St Honoré will not only open your eyes to Paris' charm and beauty but will enable you to discover the city's rich history.

Paris is full of surprises and hidden treasures.

This tour does not include any inside visits to buildings.

Depart the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel at 2.30 pm on foot for the 120 mins walk.





WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

Welcome Reception & Buffet Dinner at the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel for All 6.30 – 10.30 pm No charge, cost included in the registration fee

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER The Perfumer's Apprentice at Fragonard Perfume Museum Tour for Accompanying Guests and Non-Practising Fellows 9 am – 12.00 pm US \$130

Fragonard - Perfume Museum:

This collection, gathered over many years, is housed in a luxurious 1860 private mansion and ranks among Europe's richest. Bottles in extraordinary forms, pomanders, scent holders and perfume fountains bear witness to the skill of artisans from ancient times to the present. The work of glassmakers, crystal makers, and goldsmiths serves to remind visitors of an often forgotten but essential component of the perfumer's art: the container.

Fragonard's Olfactory Workshop - Fragonard invite you to unveil the history, the origin and the culture of this very special flower and the way it is used in perfumery. A moment of sensory and olfactory memory development, with the explanation of the olfactory pyramid. The recognition of 3 blended compositions that enter into the Flower of the Year eau de toilette. During the workshop, you will create and customize, following the advice of our teacher, your own Eau de Toilette (12 ml in a spray).

A refreshment stop is included.

Depart the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel at 9 am, on foot (approx.20 min walking distance).





THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER Walking Tour Opera Garnier for All 2 - 4.30 pm US \$60

A walk through the very animated district will take guests through Haussmann's Paris. Baron Haussmann completely reshaped Paris during the second half of the 19th century by creating grand boulevards and commissioning buildings such as the Opera with ornamental facades and monumental interiors.

A masterpiece of architecture, the Palais Garnier is known around the world. Discover this beautiful temple where all types of operas and ballets take place, going from contemporary to classics.

Due to theatre activities, the auditorium is regularly inaccessible to visitors, and some areas may be closed.

Depart the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel at 2 pm on foot (approx. 25 min walking distance).





THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

Happy Hour at the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel for All 6.30 – 7.30 pm No charge, included in registration fee

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

Dinner at Brasserie Bofinger

for First Timer Fellows, IAFL Executive Committee and European Chapter Management Committee

> 8 – 10.30 pm US \$160

This dinner is organised exclusively for IAFL Fellows who are attending their first meeting. The dinner provides an opportunity for our First Timers to meet the IAFL leadership in an intimate setting.

Make your own way to and from the Brasserie Bofinger at 7.30 pm (no transportation provided).

Brasserie Bofinger address: 5-7 Rue de la Bastille, 75004 Paris (approx. 50 minute walk from the hotel).

Dinner at Leisure

(restaurant suggestions can be found on the IAFL Website)

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

12.30 – 1.15 pm at the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel

Community Support Activity - Stuff a bag for Barreau des Rues

After the great success of the Stuff a Bag activity in Boston and in the true spirit of Saint Nicholas we will be stuffing bags on Friday 6 December 2024 for Barreau des Rues, a social action by Parisian lawyers to help the most vulnerable and detainees.

More information on the organization of Barreau des Rues can be found here: <u>www.barreaudesrues.org</u>

Attendees will be sent details of how you can help in advance of the meeting, but we hope in particular that new Fellows of the Academy will join us for the afternoon where we can contribute to the Barreau des Rues Association vital work.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

Light lunch at the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel for All 1.15 – 2.15 pm No charge, included in registration fee

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

Walking Tour Sainte Chapelle or Conciergerie & Cour de Cassation visit 2.30 – 6.15 pm US \$95

Discover the Sainte-Chapelle, jewel of the radiant gothic architecture. The chapel is famous for its stained-glass windows and holy relics. Enshrined within the city's original, 13th-century Palais de Justice (Law Courts), this gem-like Holy Chapel is Paris' most exquisite Gothic monument, completed in 1248.

Half of the group will visit the Saint Chapelle and other half will visit the Conciergerie.

La Conciergerie: Explore the exceptional Gothic rooms of this medieval Royal palace, later a Revolutionary court and the prison of Marie-Antoinette.

From a Royal residence to a Palace of Justice. The Kings of France abandoned the palace at the end of the 14th century to settle in the Louvre and in Vincennes. It then took on a judicial role, and part of the palace was converted into prison cells.

The Court of Cassation is the highest court in the French judicial system. Experience the magnificent Palais de Justice on the IIe de la Cité. During the tour, you'll discover the immense galleries that make up this complex, the impressively large "Pas Perdus" room (once a huge royal reception room) and the Saint-Louis gallery, which leads to the highly prestigious Supreme Court.

Court tour duration is 1.5 hours which includes a tour of the court and a glass of Champagne.

Depart the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel at 2.30 pm by coach.





FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER Happy Hour at the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel for All 7 – 8 pm No charge, included in registration fee

Dinner at Leisure (restaurant suggestions can be found on the <u>IAFL Website</u>)

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

Visit to Versailles for All (including light lunch at the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel) 12.30 – 6.15 pm US \$ 220

The magnificent domain of Versailles, historical and luxurious home of Louis XIV (the Sun King) forms Europe's finest ensemble of Regal splendor.

When the château was built, Versailles was a country village; today, however, it is a suburb of Paris, some 20 kilometres southwest of the French capital.

The court of Versailles was the centre of political power in France from 1682, when Louis XIV moved from Paris, until the royal family was forced to return to the capital in October 1789 after the beginning of the French Revolution. Versailles is famous not only as a building but also as a symbol of the absolute monarchy of the Ancien Régime.

Guests will be driven to Versailles (approx. 50 min), visit the famous palace: the Queen's apartments, the Hall of Mirrors and the King's apartments. The visit will start with a short walk in the gardens, which were created by André Le Nôtre.

Sandwich lunch at the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel at 12.30 pm.

Depart the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel at 1.30 pm by coach.





SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER President's Dinner at Automobile Club for All 7.30 – 12.30 am US \$299

The Automobile Club is a distinguished members only club. In addition to its exclusivity, the Automobile Club enjoys a privileged location on the world's most beautiful square, the Place de la Concorde. Founded in 1895 as the world's first car club and promoters of the first international exhibition.

A seated dinner with a view directly over the square, which is especially beautiful at night. After dinner, the dancing will commence!

Depart the Westin Paris Vendôme Hotel at 7.30 pm on foot (approx. 10 min walking distance).

