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- Dr. Braggs is a scholar in the humanities with a broad range of interests. She was awarded a Fulbright Global Scholar Award and co-awarded a UNESCO World Heritage Review. She was awarded a Ford Foundation Fellowship in Comparative Literature for the Humanities fellowship to support her research. She holds a Ph.D. in performance studies from Northwestern University and a B.A. in theater studies and communications from Boston University, and a Master of Fine Arts in performance from Northwestern University.

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Paris Discoveres Jazz

After World War I, Parisians realized the lives of jazz, a new sound introduced to France by African American soldiers. With jazz, love and unique, Paris found the perfect soundtrack to a fresh start, both for French music fans and African American jazzers. The 369th Infantry Regiment is credited with transforming Paris. The unit, famous for its literary and art band, led by Lieutenant James Reese Europe and Sergeant Henry Johnson, brought African American music to France. Attached to the French Army’s 1st Division, forces were still reeling from the war. By the time the 369th and several individual soldiers were singled out for France’s highest award for valor, off the battlefield, the band boosted morale across France with music that would soon fill Parisian clubs. For two decades, Montmartre hosted the flourishing jazz community, with new African American musicians and jazz owners from the U.S. Several musicians left Paris during Germany’s World War II occupation, but the city’s love of jazz never wavered. Jazz surged again after the war, and its African American musicans led the way, and the music still enthralles concertgoers today.

Re: 369th Infantry Regiment

The United States 369th Infantry Regiment, known as the “Harlem Hellfighters,” was an all-African American unit with an impressive record of bravery. The unit was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross more than any other African American regiment. The 369th was originally assigned to the French Army to undergo training. By the end of World War I, 369th and several individuals were awarded France’s highest award for valor. The band became famous for its role in transforming Paris. The unit was so successful that President Woodrow Wilson invited them to perform in the United States.

The 369th Infantry Regiment became known as the “Harlem Hellfighters” due to their bravery and their contributions to the war effort. The unit was commanded by Lieutenant James Reese Europe and Sergeant Henry Johnson. Despite facing discrimination and prejudice, the 369th Army Band provided entertainment for soldiers and civilians alike, boosting morale during a challenging time. Their success also paved the way for future African American musicians to gain recognition in the music industry.
You meet adventure in this 7-day Paris! This unique program revisits the iconic city that the French capital proudly reveals in modern history. From the banks of the Seine River to the Montmartre district, follow in the storied landmarks and beyond, understanding how African Americans helped shape the identity of this magical city.

**Day 1 | In Transit**
Depart your gateway city for Paris, France. Daytime is free at your leisure. On arrival in Paris, travel to the hotel in the historic Marais district.

**Welcome to Paris**
Join your Travel Director and fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

**World of Discovery**
Inspiring Moments

**Day 2 | Paris**

**Day 3 | Paris**
An African American Writer

Join a guide to the premier Musée d’Orsay. Listen to stories about great musicians and settle in for a special jazz concert.

**Day 4 | Paris**

**Day 5 | Paris**
French gastronomy during a walking tour and a special jazz concert.

**Day 6 | Paris**
Parisian sites. Witness the Notre-Dame Cathedral. The soldiers of the U.S. occupied Paris and saw the Hall of Mirrors, the room where the Treaty of Versailles was signed. Follow your tour, explore the grounds and see the Hall of Mirrors, the room where the Treaty of Versailles was signed.

**Day 7 | Paris**
In Transit

Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight. Your afternoon is at leisure to visit Jardin des-Prés and the Latin Quarter. Listen to stories about great musicians and settle in for a special jazz concert.

**Day 8 | Paris**
Paris, France

Your final day in Paris is free at your leisure. On departure, see you until next time!

### Itinerary Notes

- **Day 2**
  - American illumination tour
  - Visit of guides and drivers.

- **Day 3**
  - American illumination tour
  - Visit of guides and drivers.

- **Day 4**
  - American illumination tour
  - Visit of guides and drivers.

- **Day 5**
  - American illumination tour
  - Visit of guides and drivers.

- **Day 6**
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Day 3 | Paris
Start your day with a Metropolitan Museum of Art tour to see paintings by France's greatest Impressionists. Afternoon free to explore Paris.

Day 4 | Paris
Morning free to explore Paris. Join the pre-tour Wine, Food & France tour. In the afternoon, see a world-renowned resident of Paris in their artful home.

Day 5 | Paris
Explore Montmartre! Learn about the Latin Quarter. Walk in the footsteps of prominent Black musicians, writers and race. Enjoy lunch after the tour. Get ready for the evening exploring Montmartre. Enjoy an evening at a jazz club.

Day 6 | Paris
Enjoy a gastronomic walking tour of Paris and African American expatriates of Paris. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

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Join your Travel Director for an evening exploring Montmartre and the Latin Quarter. See where entertainers and writers from the African American expatriate community lived, including Tatiana St. James, Natalie, and Langston Hughes. Enjoy an evening at a jazz club.

Day 9 | Paris
End your journey with an Art and Artists held in 1956, featuring such participants. Free Time: Paris by Boat. Enjoy your last afternoon at leisure and unwind in the lush Luxembourg Garden. Pack and transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. Your AHI FlexAir transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.


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You’ll have the opportunity to visit the Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, and other famous landmarks. You’ll also enjoy a walking tour of Montmartre, the Latin Quarter, and the Seine River, and have the chance to experience the local cuisine.

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Day 1 | Paris

Arrive in Paris, the spiritual birthplace of Romanticism and modernism and the seat of the royal court. Walk in the footsteps of prominent Black musicians, writers and luminaries along the Champs Élysées, and discover the historic landmarks, museums and other sites. Visit the Musée du quai Branly, admired for its focus on the art and artifacts of Oceania, Asia, Africa, Americas, and the indigenous cultures of the Americas and Oceania. Join an expert guide for an enlightening tour focused on the Latin Quarter. See where entertainers and nightclubs owned by Bricktop and Eugene Baker, Langston Hughes and other African American musicians and scholars savor the flavors that define French cuisine.

Day 2 | Paris

Begin your day with a visit to Notre-Dame des-Prés and the Latin Quarter. Listen to stories about great musicians and settle in to savor the flavors that define French cuisine. Follow your tour guide to the Panthéon, the prominent landmark for Christian worship and a place of honor for notable French citizens.

Day 3 | Paris

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Day 4 | Paris

Your next adventure begins in chic Paris! This program explores the rich culture of the French capital and its influence on African American artists, writers and musicians. Enriching your understanding of Africa and African diasporas, your guide will show you where author Richard Wright lived with his wife and daughters. Take in the sights and sounds of the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, and sail beneath Pont Neuf, Paris’ famed bridge.

Day 5 | Paris

Venture out for an evening at a jazz club to enjoy a delicious dinner and a special jazz concert.

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Paris Discovers Jazz

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Paris, Banks of the Seine

Over the centuries, the Seine was a playground for Parisians. Today, its banks feature elegant restaurants, museums, and landmarks.

Dr. Braggs is also a scholar-performer who acts, dances, and performs spoken word. She is an alumna of Yale University, holds a Ph.D. in performance studies from Northwestern University, and a B.A. in theater studies and communications from Boston University, and a master’s degree in English from Skidmore College.

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