



MEDIEVAL PARIS

November 3rd - 6th 2006



Paris is perhaps the ultimate medieval city, the city of Peter Abelard, St Louis and the Capetian kings, of Notre Dame and the Sainte Chapelle. Despite the ravages of the Revolution, much of it is still very well preserved.

The tour starts at the the Musée Carnavalet which is devoted to the history of Paris. We will then explore the old quarter of the Marais, and the Hotel de Sens, a very rare survival of Parisian medieval civic architecture. An afternoon will be devoted to exploring the Louvre.

The Louvre has some outstanding works of art from the Middle Ages including the treasury of St Denis. A remarkable bi-product to the completion of the Grand Louvre project, was to expose the foundations of the medieval castle on which the later palace was built. These foundations are clearly visible along with models showing the medieval layout. The birth and flowering of Gothic art in Paris is perhaps nowhere better exemplified than in the collections of the Hôtel de Cluny, including the world famous *Lady and the Unicorn* tapestries.



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We also explore Notre Dame and the St Chapelle, several of the early medieval churches in the St Germain area, and spend an afternoon at the great abbey church of St Denis, just to the North of Paris. This is where the Gothic style in architecture was born. Throughout the tour we will penetrate the modern city Paris to discover the medieval city. We will discover the reason why the Gothic style was invented in Paris.

Cost **£490** *Per person sharing a twin/double room.*
£132 *Single suppl.* **£95** *1st class suppl. Eurostar*

THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- 3 nights B&B accommodation in a 3*** Hotel in St Germain Des Pres
- Eurostar London to Paris return
- All transfers by private luxury coach
- 1 special lunch + 1 special dinner
- Expert guiding by a professional Art Historian
- All entrance fees
- An introductory lecture including visit at the British Museum, London



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