

**THE PARIS TOUR**  
*(6 DAY TOUR IN A LARGE EURO-COACH*  
*and with no overnight travel*  
Tuesday 5th to Sunday 10th October, 2010



ALL INCLUSIVE FARE - £647.25  
Hotel Single Room Supplement - £211.00 (Optional)

**In order to qualify for Members' Loyalty Discount on this tour –  
you must book by 30th July, with a Minimum Deposit of £165, and  
the balance must be paid by 27th August.**

One of our most popular tours and we hope that will be reinforced by this second of the year on which we eliminate overnight travel. Our first overnight is in Lille which will allow you the luxury of a late visit to Gare Du Lille Flandres and observations during the morning 'peak'. However, our stay clashes with a congress in the City, and the accommodation is more expensive as a result! Another 'down' is that the Paris Hotel, in the same manner as the Polish Hotels, are charging 'double' for single occupancy! This is a situation we will not tolerate and are taking steps to resolve it (and if it means a change of Hotel, so be it!) Very much on the 'plus side' formal authorisation for visits has been less problematic in the Paris area of late, and the tour includes coverage of all the 'usual' major locations, along with some which we seldom visit and, with one and a half days of free time, maximum sightings and enjoyment will be assured.

**STARS DISCOUNT FARE** - Again this is a tour where a **possibility to further reduce your fare** exists with the **STARS DISCOUNT FARE** scheme. We hope that the tour will 'fire' the imagination of enough members, and, if we receive sufficient bookings, we can make pro rata reductions on the base cost because the fixed costs of the tour will be spread over more participants. Here's how it will work for this tour. The base cost has been calculated on **20 Members** participating. **For every booking we receive over 20, the fare will initially reduce by £18.** If we finally run with **24 members**, that will bring the base fare down to **£591.09**, and so on. The maximum discount available is **£105.75** (resulting in a fare of **£557.24**) and achieved when **28 members** book (We have to halt the reductions at this point because the higher numbers will generate further fixed costs). The more who book the better it will be for everyone.

*Note: There will be further revision of these figures if we secure a reduction in costs by changing Hotel. In that case the participant will benefit from the reduction and ALSO the STARS DISCOUNT FARE if the numbers booked are over the 20 mark.*

#### TIMINGS

Out and return timings are set out at Timings Band 'B' – see page 8 of this brochure

#### ITINERARY

##### Day One – Tuesday 5th October

We make an early departure from 'base' and work our way through the pick up points to Dover for a late afternoon ferry departure. We will make a stop for lunch at Maidstone Services on the way. After leaving Calais we head directly Lille which will be our overnight stop. However, before we arrive in the City we call at **La Delivrance** for a view of the **Depot**. The Hotel is just a few yards from **Gare Du Lille Flandres**, which might warrant

investigation before you 'turn in'.

### **Day Two – Wednesday 6th October**

A 10am departure means that you can enjoy an unhurried breakfast and still take in 2 hours of the morning 'peak' on the Station. Once under way we are direct to Paris where we should arrive at our Hotel before 1pm. Once checked-in you are then free to follow your own 'agenda' including picking your spot for your first evening 'peak.'

### **Day Three – Thursday 7th October**

#### **YOUR FREE DAY**

### **Day Four – Friday 8th October**

Back to the Coach today and first up will be a visit to **La Chapelle Depot**. We follow that with a visit or view to **Montrouge Depot** and a view of **Chatillon Depot**. We continue to **Rungis, Massy (RATP)**, and **Trappes Yard & SP**. We then return to the Hotel but, if you intend to observe another evening 'peak', we can drop you off on route.

### **Day Five – Saturday 9th October**

A typical Paris Tour Saturday, and we start with a visit or view of **Sud Ouest Depot**. We continue to the large Depot and expanse of **Villeneuve St Georges**, along with the nearby **Triage**. We continue to **Valenton** followed by **Vaires Gare**, the **EMU SP** and **Vaires Loco SP**. **Noisy Le Sec** is next followed by **Drancy Triage** and the nearby Locomotive stabling point at **Le Bourget**.

### **Day Six – Sunday 10th October**

Time to leave Paris and start the homeward journey. However, there is plenty to see on the way and we start with the large **Acheres Depot**, which has become the 'repository' of nearly all Y's from the Paris area. We then call at **Pontoise**, on our way to **Lens** which will be our last full visit of the Tour. Back in Calais we include a view of **Frethun Depot** before we board our Ferry.