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The Louis XIVth highway

3 days/ 2 nights – A tale of Versailles...



You may join us the day before departure, we'll meet you at the SNCF railway station of Saint Rémy les Chevreuse and we'll proceed to the Magny les Hameaux guesthouse.

Orly airport to St Rémy les Chevreuse: board Orlyval (automatic shuttle) to the Antony RER station, then RER B to St Rémy les Chevreuse: 45 mn

Charles de Gaulle airport to St Rémy les Chevreuse: RER B line non-stop: 1h35 mn

Gare Montparnasse to St Rémy : subway line 4 to Denfert-Rochereau, then RER B to St Rémy : 50 mn



Day 1 :

Breakfast at 8, departure on horseback at 9.30. It's hard to realize that we are so close to Paris. We are not far at all from the turmoils of the big city for today's ride. We leave Magny les Hameaux to ride through the ate forest of Versailles and reach St Cyr l'Ecole and the royal gates of the Versailles palace. Majestic, impressive, extremely large, we'll ride through the portal of the most celebrated king of France. We'll ride along the Grand Canal, get close to the Grand Trianon. Have picnic by the Saint Antoine nursery. Afternoon: we'll go to the Place d'Armes, rhe Swiss Guards basin and the State forest of Versailles. Back to our guesthouse, dinner and night at Magny les Hameaux.

Day 2 : breakfast at 8, departure on horseback at about 9.30. Riding in the Chevreuse valley, we'll circle the city of Chevreuse and its 11th century castle. Picnic and visit of the Breteuil Castle, built in the 16th century in the Louis 12th style; the castle is beautifully furnished, the site is enhanced by 50 Musée Grévin wax figures. Perrault tTales exhibition. Back to the guesthouse, dinner and night at Magny les Hameaux.

Day 3 : Breakfast at 8, departure on horseback at about 9.30. We'll ride towards the remains of the Port Royal Abbey, which we'll circle along wooded pathways. We'll proceed through a variety of landscapes, forests, flatlands and marshes; we'll go towards the Dampierre castle and we'll see the strange iron house on our way. This house was designed by Bibarrios Duclos, an engineer who worked with Gustave Eiffel. It was built at the end of the 19th century and displayed at the 1889 Exposition Universelle of Paris. We'll go inside the castle park to have picnic. We'll visit the castle after the meal. Back to the guesthouse through flatlands, dinner and night at Magny les Hameaux.

At 6 o'clock, we'll take you to the St Rémy les Chevreuse railway station, or you may stay another night at the guesthouse.



Melun --> Charles de Gaulle :1.35 mn

Take the RER D line up to Gare du Nord and then the RER B line up to Charles de Gaulle

Melun --> Orly Airport :1.35mn

Take the RER D line up to Chatelet-les-Halles, then the RER B line up to Antony and then the ORLYVAL shuttle up to Orly Airport.

Melun --> Montparnasse : 1.00

Take the RER D line up to Chatelet-les-Halles and then the Metro 4 line up to Montparnasse train station.

