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## A PRIVATE CULTURAL TOUR OF FRANCE FOR THE NICOLAS MARTIAU DESCENDANT ASSOCIATION JULY 1-11, 2005

### DAY 1. Friday July 1: **MEET IN PARIS**

The base for our stay in Paris is a small hotel situated on the Left Bank in the heart of the Latin Quarter. Located on a quiet street, it is an ideal location for reaching most of the city's major attractions on foot. In the evening the group will have a welcome dinner together in a typical Parisian neighborhood bistro.

### DAYS 2 & 3: Saturday and Sunday July 2 & 3: **PARIS**

Because people have diverse interests, all of the time in Paris is free for exploration according to one's own preferences and pace. If you wish, on Sunday you can join your escorts on a morning visit to the food market of the Rue de Bucci, the flower and the stamp markets, and an afternoon visit to the great Parisian flea market. Dinners on your own.

### DAY 4. Monday July 4: **PARIS TO BAYEUX (NORMANDY)**

In the morning we will board the private bus which will take us around France. Our first stop will be in Giverny where one is free to visit Monet's home and/or the Museum of American Impressionism. Later we will visit Rouen and the site of Joan of Arc's execution and end the day at Bayeux. Dinner at a cozy restaurant with local specialties.

### DAY 5 Tuesday July 5: **REMEMBERANCE OF D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944**

Normandy is inextricably linked to the Allied liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany, and so we will visit the major sites of this event. The American cemetery and memorial at Omaha Beach reveals the sacrifices made far better than any verbal description. Then, there is the Pointe du Hoc, the major German gun emplacement breathtakingly scaled and taken by American rangers. In the afternoon we will visit Utah Beach, the other American landing area, and then the village of Sainte-Mère-Église which was liberated by airborne assault. Dinner on your own.

### DAY 6 Wednesday July 6: **SAMPLING NORMAN SPECIALITIES**

Normandy is renowned for many things, including its distinctive architecture. Crevecoeur is a superb example. Nearby we will visit one of the few remaining enterprises producing a traditional Norman product—camembert. Afterwards we return to Bayeux to view a 200 foot long tapestry recounting in images and text the invasion of England by William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy, in 1066, and created at the time of the event. Remainder of the afternoon free to explore the streets and shops of Bayeux. Dinner on your own.

### DAY 7 Thursday July 7: **TREASURES OF THE SEA**

We set out for Brittany today. Enroute is one of the most revered treasures of medieval architecture—Mont-St-Michel. Set on a rock just off the coast and once reachable only at low

tide, Mont-St-Michel remained intact for eight hundred years largely due to its isolation. Later we will settle into our chateau hotel and dine in its inviting dining room.

**DAY 8 Friday July 8: ST-MALO TO THE ILE DE RE**

In the morning we will visit St-Malo, once one of France's great maritime cities. Its distinctive granite buildings and all-encompassing fortifications explain why the entire town has been classified a national monument. In the afternoon we traverse the Brittany peninsula and go south to the Ile de Ré, the reputed ancestral home of Nicolas Martiau. Our French hosts here, the Nicolas Martiau Association, have a banquet planned to welcome us.

**DAY 9 Saturday July 9: ILE DE RE AND LA ROCHELLE**

Our French hosts have a full day of visits and ceremonies arranged to celebrate your visit, including a welcome by local dignitaries and officials. Nearby is the port town of La Rochelle, once one of the principal Protestant strongholds in France and most likely the port from which Martiau set out for England and then America, so we will visit its bustling harbor. Another dinner in the company of our French hosts.

**DAY 10 Sunday July 10: ILE DE RE TO THE PARIS REGION WITH A STOP AT A LOIRE VALLEY CHATEAU**

Today our bus takes us back to the Paris area by way of the Loire Valley, and it is obligatory that we pay our respects to this lovely area by visiting one of its fabled chateaux. This evening we stay at a chateau-hotel to absorb once again the distinctive essence of France, complemented by a tranquil farewell banquet.

**DAY 11 Monday July 11: RETURN TO THE U.S. OR CONTINUE WITH TRAVELS IN FRANCE OR ELSEWHERE**

Our night's lodgings are only twenty minutes away from Charles de Gaulle airport, so if you are returning to the U.S. today it will be easy to catch your flight. If you have other travel plans, it will be no problem to start from here since Paris is nearby.

**TOUR COST:** \$1975 per person double occupancy based on a minimum of twelve participants. Tour includes all hotels, breakfasts, six dinners, bus transportation away from Paris, tips, taxes, and entry fees for all visits while on the bus tour. Because tour participants come from so many different starting points with a variety of departure and return dates, it is not practical to try to arrange air travel. The tour will start in Paris on Friday, July 1.

The tour will be led by Dr. Julian Archer and Jane Archer. Professor of history at Drake University, specializing in French social and labor history and ancient Greek and Roman history which he has taught for the last twenty-five years, Julian has been Honorary Consul of France for Iowa since 1984 and a knight of the Ordre des Palmes Academiques (French government). Jane, holds the Diplome d'Honneur from the Ambassade du Vin in Beaune, is a Dame de la Jurade de St. Emilion and an Entonneur Rabelaisien de Chinon. The Archers have organized and led tours in Europe, primarily France, for the past twenty-five years.

Secure your reservation by December 20, 2004, with a deposit of \$500 per person to Lucullan travels, Ltd. 402 29th Street, Des Moines, IA 50312-4412. For more information and complete details call Jane Archer at (515) 243-4089 or fax at (515) 246-1427. The balance is due February 15, 2005.