

A GUIDED WALK THROUGH PARIS: EXPLORING AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

A virtual walk through Paris, France, to places that are related to America's Revolutionary War history ... a three-session "stroll" and history lesson.

See where Benjamin Franklin lived during his eight years in Paris negotiating French support for America's War of Independence ... and also view the grand building where 4,000 Parisians stood to mourn Franklin's death years later. Discover the bookshops and bouquinists along the Seine where Thomas Jefferson bought books that became the first volumes of our Library of Congress. The handsome statue of George Washington astride his horse, given as a thank-you to France by the women of the young United States, is in a busy Parisian roundabout. Learn where it is, and so much more.

I lead guided walks to these locations in Paris, and present this Powerpoint program at the American Library in Paris. You and your group will enjoy the same discussions as our American and French friends in Paris.

"I learned so much about our country's history," said a former student. "I don't remember studying any of these interesting facts in school. My next trip to Paris, I'll take the map we got in class and stop by a few locations that I learned about. The whole course was really enlightening."

More than twenty-three locations around that city are "visited," places where treaties were signed, statues erected, parks created, streets named, or plaques put on buildings – all relating to French involvement and support for the American Revolution.

A YEAR IN PARIS: LIVING AND LEARNING THE CITY OF LIGHT

Those who have been to Paris and those who wish to go will enjoy this course, which includes photos, memoirs, and interactive class discussion. I describe my observations and experience of "real" Parisian life beyond the usual tourist destinations. We learn about getting around in the City of Light; discover favorite neighborhoods and parks that typical tourists never see; find out where Parisians go during their long summertime vacations; how the French holidays are celebrated; how families, students, and children get along; how the metro works; and much more. The course is in four parts, based on the city's seasons, describing summer's sizzle, fall's color and city habits, winter's glistening long, dark days, and spring's numerous festivals. An intimate look at living well in Paris, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.