Join Case Western Reserve University’s Institute for the Science of Origins and Siegal Lifelong Learning to explore southwest France and Geneva, Switzerland. Enjoy historic and cultural sites, the nature and landscape, the food and wine, and a tour of CERN, known for the Large Hadron Collider—the world’s most powerful particle accelerator.

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- CERN and the Large Hadron Collider
- Walking tour and winetasting in Geneva
- Avignon and the Papal Palace
- Chauvet cave facsimile Caverne Pont d’Arc
- The medieval citadel of Carcassonne
- Cirque de Gavarnie, Tourmalet & Lac de Gaube
- Pic du Midi Observatory with overnight stargazing
- Optional nature hikes and excursions
- Dining experiences from rustic to Michelin-starred
- Cooking workshop with world-famous chefs!
- See the original prehistoric cave paintings inside the actual Niaux, Pech Merle & Gargas caves!

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**ITINERARY**

Tuesday 4 June: Depart USA to arrive the next morning in Geneva.

Wednesday 5 June: Arrive Geneva, and proceed to our hotel in Cernobbio. After lunch, we have a walking tour of the city, then, relaxing dinner.

Thursday 6 June: Take CERN’s Large Hadron Collider, the largest precision machine ever created, including discussions with scientists and tours of the 2 largest experiments, ATLAS and CMS, which in 2012 independently discovered the Higgs boson. Afterward, we will have a walking tour of the magnificent Chateau de Cernobbio, which was home to the many natural wonders of this extensive cave system. Our coach then carries us to St-Cirq-Lapopie and lunch on own. The town, rising exquisitely from the top of 17th century engineer Pierre-Paul Riquet to create a continuous waterway across the continent, is restricted to persons 16 & older, without pacemakers.

Saturday 8 June: A drive through the countryside to the Casteauneuf du Pèil, a picturesque, reconstructed village bastide. We stroll down the old lanes to the ankle-deep wading river (Oustau), sample local produce, and visit the market. Afternoon, we take a tour of the castle, or your fancy might turn to a carriage ride around the citadel. After lunch we head back to our hotel in Cernobbio, where we have a walking tour of city, then a relaxing dinner.

Sunday 9 June: Start the morning at the Thermes de Carcassonne, where we will enjoy a traditional French breakfast in the hotel’s restaurant, or your preference might turn to a leisurely stroll around the castle. We then tour the 12th-century fortress built by the counts of Carcassonne, which is one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe. We are rewarded with a walk down the river to the city gate, then a gentle hike leads us through the steep-sided valley to Lac de Gaube. There we can lunch on the lake’s edge with a magnificent view of the castle. We have two options for the afternoon: go back to the hotel for dinner and a leisurely walk along the river or walk to the Pont d’Espagne for a self-guided picnic on the bank before a relaxing return to the hotel. (12 miles) or Christ on a space available basis with payment in full only.

Tuesday 11 June: A quick coach ride brings us past the village of Cabrerets, between St-Gour and Carcassonne, en route to the village of Roquefort. There, the cheese is made in newly remodeled scientists’ quarters.

Sunday 16 June: Arrival at the edge of the Cevennes, a rocky plateau of steep canyons and narrow valleys, and the fertile valley of the river Gardon. We stroll in the ancient amphitheater. Its summit extends across 10,000 feet with walls rising 5000 feet above the valley. We return another second afternoon as car park to the summit of Puech de Bigues where we enjoy our picnic lunch.

**COST**

Cost per person, double occupancy: $6,995 (119 single supplement included)

Deposit: $1,500 to reserve your spot today, Space is limited.

**Registration Information**

**Deposit & Final Payment:** A deposit of $1,500 per paying participant is required to guarantee participation in the program plus single supplement if applicable. Insurance premium is non-refundable once purchased. Charges are calculated as of the day notification is received in writing by CWRU. Registration fee has to be purchased within 5 days of arrival. Final payment balance will be invoiced and is due on April 15, 2019. Registrations will be accepted beyond this date on a space available basis with payment in full only.

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