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ARCHITECTURE TOUR OF EUROPE

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Ten world-famous architects

Aalto, Calatrava, Foster, Rogers, Piano, Nouvel, Le Corbusier,
Libeskind, Mangado and Gehry ... plus others

21 September to 8 October 2025



17
nights in
Europe

OUR 20th TOUR

*Limit of
32 participants,
so book early!*

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Guggenheim Museum Bilbao by Frank Gehry



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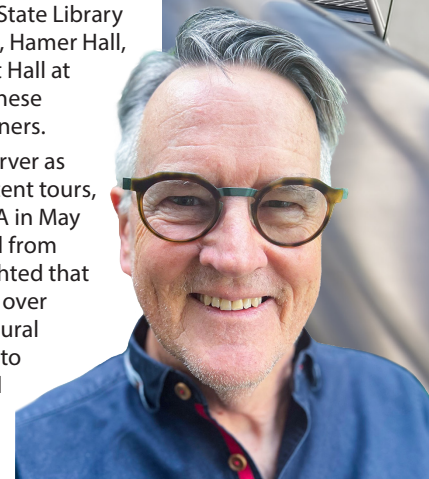
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Tour leader Tony Allen

Tony has 45 years of architectural experience, most of those leading teams on major civic projects in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. Some notable projects are Federation Square, Elizabeth Quay, and major redevelopments of the State Library of Victoria, Melbourne Central, Hamer Hall, and most recently the Concert Hall at the Sydney Opera House. All these projects were RAI A award winners.

Tony worked with Malcolm Carver as Tour Manager on our most recent tours, Japan in Nov 2023 and the USA in May 2024. Malcolm has now retired from tour leading, and we are delighted that he selected Tony Allen to take over the leadership of our architectural tours. Tony is looking forward to guiding you on this wonderful tour to Europe.



The tour at a glance... The tour concentrates predominantly on the works of Charles-Edouard Jeanneret - better known as Le Corbusier - in and beyond Paris, and Alvar Aalto's key works in Paris, Helsinki and Jyvaskyla, with a digression to visit Frank Gehry's Guggenheim Museum, and some of the important projects generated by and after it, in Bilbao. We will also be visiting many recent buildings in Berlin, including Norman Foster's Reichstag and Daniel Libeskind's Jewish Museum. Another highlight will be Foster's Millau Viaduct in southern France, the world's tallest bridge and one of the great engineering achievements of all time. We have also allowed adequate time for participants to enjoy the many galleries, museums and other attractions in the cities we visit. The tour provides a rare opportunity for architects, urban designers, landscape architects, students and graduates of these areas, and anyone else interested in buildings and architecture and how cities are made.

Tour Itinerary

DAY 1 Sunday 21 September 2025

Helsinki

Arrival day in Helsinki. Check in is available after 3:00pm (Flight and pre tour accommodation options are available). This evening join Tony for welcome drinks.

DAY 2 Monday 22 September 2025

Helsinki

In the morning, we visit the first of Aalto's major Helsinki works, the famed 1971 Finlandia Hall, plus Heikki and Kaija Siren's 1957 Otaniemi Chapel at the University of Technology. This afternoon we will visit four buildings within walking distance of our hotel, Steven Holl's 1998 Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, LPR's 2011 Helsinki Music Centre, K2S Architects' simple and moving 2012 Kamppi Chapel of Silence and Amos Rex Art Museum by local firm JKMM.

DAY 3 Tuesday 23 September 2025

Jyvaskyla

In the morning we visit two Aalto highlights, Aalto Studio (1954-55) and Aalto House (1935-36). In the afternoon we depart Helsinki by coach for Jyvaskyla.



Kamppi Chapel K2s Architects

DAY 4 Wednesday 24 September 2025

Jyvaskyla

Our guide for our day in Jyvaskyla will be from the Alvar Aalto Museum. We will be visiting four of Aalto's works, the Saynatsalo Town Hall (1952), the Muuratsalo Experimental House (1952-54) at Saynatsalo, the Museum of Central Finland (1956-61) and the Alvar Aalto Museum (1971-1973).

DAY 5 Thursday 25 September 2025

Helsinki

We depart by coach for Noormarkku to visit Aalto's Villa Mairea (1937-39), a delightful guesthouse and rural retreat built for Harry and Mairela Gullichsen, who told Aalto that he should regard it as "an experimental house" and Aalto seems to have treated it as such. After the visit we travel to Helsinki by coach.

DAY 6 Friday 26 September 2025

Berlin

We fly to Berlin in the morning. In the afternoon we have a guided tour of the city, followed by a visit to James Simon Gallery by David Chipperfield, Unite d'Habitation by Le Corbusier, Tchoban Foundation, Museum for Architectural Drawing by SPEECH and Axel Springer Campus by OMA.

DAY 7 Saturday 27 September 2025

Berlin

A day at leisure to visit such attractions as the Berliner Dom, Pergamon Museum, Egyptian Museum, Charlottenburg Palace and Park or the Museum of Design devoted to the artists of the Bauhaus School.

DAY 8 Sunday 28 September 2025

Berlin

In the morning we visit Daniel Libeskind's 1999 Jewish Museum, followed by Norman Foster's reinvention of the Reichstag, 1999, built to commemorate the move of Germany's capital from Bonn to Berlin. The afternoon will be free.

DAY 9 Monday 29 September 2025

Bern

We fly to Luzern in Switzerland in the morning. In the afternoon we visit Jean Nouvel's 1999 Culture & Congress Centre which occupies a magnificent site fronting onto the lake. A guided tour of the building's interior is subject to the Centre's event schedule. We then take the coach through mountain scenery to Bern.

DAY 10 Tuesday 30 September 2025

Lyon

In the morning we visit Renzo Piano's 2005 Paul Klee Gallery in Bern. We then cross into France to see Le Corbusier's masterwork, the 1955 Chapelle Notre-Dame-du-Haut at Ronchamp. The first pilgrimage Chapel on this



hill overlooking the small town of Ronchamp was destroyed by lightning in 1913 and its replacement was then ruined by shellfire in 1944. The Chapel at Ronchamp is one of western civilization's most spiritually and emotionally intense buildings. We then travel across France by coach to visit Santiago Calatrava's stunning 1994 Lyon- Saint Exupery (previously Satolas) TGV Station. This is followed by a short trip to our hotel in Lyon.

DAY 11 Wednesday 1 October 2025 **Toulouse**

This morning we see the Euronews Headquarters & the Orange Cube both by Jakob & MacFarlane, La Tourette Convent by Corb and the Musee des Confluences by Coop Himmelblau. We then travel by coach to the world's tallest bridge and one of great engineering achievements of all time, Norman Foster's 2004 Millau Viaduct. The tallest part of the bridge is 343 metres above the ground. The road deck is a maximum of 270 metres above ground. We then take the coach to the delightful town of Toulouse.

DAY 12 Thursday 2 October 2025 **Bilbao**

In the morning we cross into Spain by coach on our way to Bilbao. We meet our Bilbao guide at the remarkable 1893 Vizcaya Bridge at Pais Vasco, the oldest hanging transporter bridge in the world. The bridge was designed by Alberto de Palacio, one of Gustave Eiffel's disciples. In 2006 the bridge was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We then move to Artxanda for a view overlooking Bilbao, before we visit Calatrava's 1997 Zubizuri pedestrian bridge over the Nervion River close to the Guggenheim Museum and our hotel.

DAY 13 Friday 3 October 2025 **Bilbao**

Another highlight this morning, probably the most famous building of the second half of the 20th century and one that created the understanding that architecture can reinvent cities (the Guggenheim Effect), Frank Gehry's gleaming Guggenheim Museum (1997) which sits on the edge of Bilbao's Nervion River. This Basque city had once thrived on the steel and shipbuilding industries but had been in such deep decline that it was nicknamed El Boxtó, The Hole. A new life for the city was led by a determined and imaginative mayor, and now Bilbao thrives again, its life, streets and skyline dramatically altered by a collection of remarkable architecture. After visiting the museum we take in some of the impressive nearby architecture including Casa Montero (Luis Aladren), Isozaki Atea (Arata Isozaki), Iberdrola Tower (Cesar Pelli) and Euskalduna Concert Hall (Soriano & Palacios).

DAY 14 Saturday 4 October 2025 **Paris**

Prior to our flight to Paris, we have a tour of Santiago Calatrava's magically made and landscaped 2000 Bilbao Airport. We commence our time in Paris with a visit to I M Pei's 1989 Louvre Pyramid, the entrance to the gallery, followed by a visit to the Immeuble Molitor apartment (1931-34), Le Corbusier's apartment, studio and workshop, which takes up the two top floors of the Molitor building.

DAY 15 Sunday 5 October 2025 **Paris**

In the morning, we visit Le Corbusier's most famous house, and one of the finest examples of 20th century architecture, the 1929 Villa Savoye at Poissy. It is a startlingly simple white cube set on a green lawn and encircled by a deeper green forest. Villa Savoye has been completely restored and is a joy to see. We then visit Alvar Aalto's 1959 Maison Louis Carré, built for a French art dealer and collector. This masterpiece of modern architecture combines buildings, garden, furniture and interior design in a total work of art. It is Aalto's only remaining building in France and one of his most remarkable private villas. Lastly we visit the 1977 Pompidou Centre designed by Richard Rogers, Renzo Piano and Gianfranco Franchini.

DAY 16 Monday 6 October 2025 **Paris**

In the morning we visit two works by Le Corbusier at the Cité University. The Pavillon Suisse (1932) indicates the development of Le Corbusier's "Five points of architecture". Over two decades later, with Brazil's Luis Costa, Le Corbusier added the 1953 Maison du Bresil to the campus. In the afternoon we visit Le Corbusier & Pierre Jeanneret's 1925 Maison La Roche-Jeanneret (Foundation Le Corbusier), followed by Tadao Ando's Bourse de Commerce and La Seine Musical by Shigeru Ban.

DAY 17 Tuesday 7 October 2025 **Paris**

A day at leisure provides the opportunity to visit Versailles, Giverny, the Eiffel Tower, Musee d'Orsay, Notre Dame, Champs Elysees, Montmartre, Arc de Triomphe, Chartres Cathedral, Jardin des Tuileries and countless other highlights in and around Paris. We have our farewell dinner in the evening.

DAY 18 Wednesday 8 October 2025 **Departure**

The tour concludes after breakfast.



Participants should be aware that there may be minor changes to the itinerary as it is enhanced and refined prior to the tour.

The following comments were from participants on our previous Europe tour:

- I've always wanted to visit these buildings and would never have done so if I hadn't joined this tour. Thank you so much for the opportunity.
- Leaders very active and excellent in fostering group unity.
- A dream tour of architectural heaven.
- Enjoyed tour immensely.
- I will recommend this trip to family, friends and colleagues.
- This tour was outstanding in its organization and atmosphere. The attention to detail and provision of advance information were greatly appreciated and added to the enjoyment.
- Our fantastic tour is now but a happy memory, and what an amazing memory. You have given us an experience we have waited 40 years for!
- We really enjoyed meeting all the participants and felt great camaraderie on the journey. Congratulations on a fantastic tour.



Ronchamp Chapel. Le Corbusier

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The price for the 17-night tour

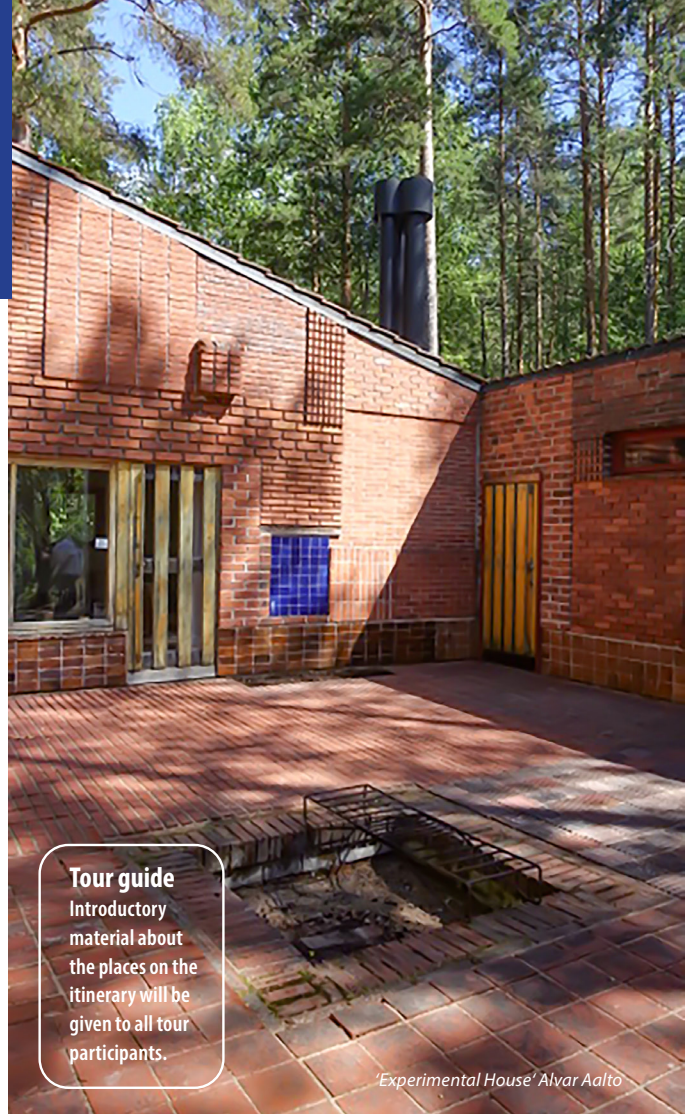
Per person twin-share \$ 11,900
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Tour guide

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'Experimental House' Alvar Aalto

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