

# Save the Date



Basilique du Sacre-Coeur, Paris

## PARIS: FITZGERALD & THE GREAT GATSBY March 16 – 23, 2025

We are delighted to announce the History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff's immersion into F. Scott Fitzgerald's Paris in the Spring of 2025. Join this once-in-a-lifetime experience and step back in time with the lead scholar on Fitzgerald, Yale Professor Emeritus **James L. W. West**, and **Carol Summerfield**, Executive Director of the History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff.

After the austerity and bloodshed of World War I, France longed for joy and lightheartedness. People embraced new lifestyles and technologies and discovered a lust for extravagance and partying that had the era named *Les Années Folles* (the Roaring Twenties, or the "mad years"). Paris was at the heart of it all and artists, musicians, and writers flourished in the City of Light, including many American expats. Fitzgerald, no stranger to luxury, arrived in Paris as an established author with his wife Zelda. While there, he finished *The Great Gatsby* and began writing *Tender is the Night*, two novels that would cement his position as the leading chronicler of the Roaring Twenties. On this five-night journey to France's fascinating capital, celebrate the artistic legacy of this glamorous era.

- Step back in time to the Roaring Twenties through a guided walking tour around trendy Montparnasse and Le Marais and dine at favorite hangout spots and Art Deco restaurants
- Enjoy a curator-led visit of the Musée d'Art Moderne to see some of the city's most celebrated artists of the era, including Modigliani, Georges Braque, and Marc Chagall
- Immerse in one of the world's most thrilling collections of design and decorative arts at the exquisite Musée des Arts Décoratifs, the second-oldest museum in Paris after the Louvre
- Make the most of the city's jazz legacy at a historical jazz club
- Enjoy a private visit to one of the most influential Couture House of the 1920s
- Attend an evening salon conversation with a historian to dive into the lives of American writers and artists in Paris that have shaped the global literary landscape
- Discover the secrets of the Champagne method during a private tasting at an exceptional champagne cellar near Reims
- Go backstage at the Palais Garnier, the Opéra National de Paris, and visit the costume workshop

**Optional Postlude to the French Riviera** (*to be announced soon*)  
**More information will be available in the coming weeks**

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