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February 2023

Chers Amis,

Almost every American who visits France will visit Versailles. More than any other secular monument outside the United States, Versailles has direct historical, political and artistic links to our country. The magic continues to captivate our imaginations. Versailles inspires the soul in all facets of the arts, architecture, gardens, fountains, paintings, sculpture, boiseries, furniture, tapestries, carpets, porcelain, fabrics, and objets d'art.

My personal love affair with Versailles began when I was seventeen years old, upon my first visit. I was delighted when asked if I would become a member of the Board of Les Amis de Versailles in the early 1990's by our good friend Le Vicomte de Rohan (Olivier). In 1997, he, my husband, David, and I were walking through the gardens when we came upon the Trois Fontaines Bosquet. It had lain in ruin since 1830 and was sad and longing to be restored. We hoped that there was perhaps some way we could help. After meeting with Hubert Astier, then President of the Château de Versailles, a seed was planted and the American Friends of Versailles was born. I founded it in 1998.

In addition to heightening the awareness of the Château de Versailles in the United States, to date the American Friends of Versailles, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, has continued to provide financial support as gifts to France from the United States, much in the same spirit as the Statue of Liberty was presented to America. The following are the various areas in which the American Friends of Versailles has provided funding:

- Replanting of Trees after the storm of 1999.
- The restoration of Le Bosquet des Trois Fontaines, which had lain in ruin since the 18th century.
- For a Pierre Arizzoli-Clementel project, Conservator of Versailles and other French museums.
- Cultural Seminar and Internet Project.
- Photo and painting exhibition in Palm Beach.
- In honor of Frank Schork, American GI who stayed in France and volunteered at Versailles.
- The restoration of Le Pavillon Frais at Marie-Antoinette's Petit Trianon.
- The complete restoration of the Ceiling of La Salle des Gardes de la Reine, on the main visitor's tour.
- The planting of Virginia Tulip trees and a bench in the Bosquet de la Reine.
- General management of the Château.

Since the inception of the American Friends of Versailles, nearly 25 years ago, I have been inspired, humbled, and honored, and consider it a great privilege to be part of this extraordinary international endeavor. My sincere gratitude to all of the Board of Directors and International Council Chairmen, hosts, supporters, contributors and to my family. Hand in hand we unite across the Atlantic in true friendship, to support our oldest ally and this great museum.

My enduring and heartfelt appreciation to you all,
Sincerely,

Catharine

Mrs. David R. Hamilton
President and Founder
The American Friends of Versailles



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THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF VERSAILLES

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A Rare Privilege for our 25th Anniversary Benefit

Includes contributions of \$25,000 per guest and 9 events with this symbol.



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Cercle de la Reine

Includes contributions of \$7,000 per guest and 4 events with this symbol.

It is important to note the benefit dinner will be in the Grand Trianon with limited seating. All subscriptions will be processed in the order in which they are received (AFV will not hold reservations without full financial contribution.) Itinerary subject to slight changes. In addition, many of the incredible and rare privileges afforded us, are exceptional gestures of friendship and are underwritten by our French friends in honor of Americans who love France and who have taken a special interest in one of their most treasured museums, the Château de Versailles.



Le Bosquet des Trois Fontaines was restored with the help of American Friends of Versailles. Copyright: Château de Versailles.

FRIDAY, June 9, 2023

10:30 am -
12:00 pm



H.E. SHAIKHA PAULA AL-SABAH OF KUWAIT WILL RECIEVE YOU IN HER BEAUTIFUL PARSIAN APARTMENT FOR A WELCOME RECEPTION. Shaikha Paula oversees the acquisitions and development of real estate for her family office, which invests. and develops assets in the United States, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe. Her numerous residences are built to bring her family together and showcase art that is curated to promote cultural understandings for her family to learn from, as well as for her guests to witness how art can provide inspiration and understanding. She has enjoyed creative collaborations with renowned designers and architects all around the world. Her beloved Dar Noor in Kuwait is an architectural feat with great works of art, selected to inspire and welcome guests from every corner of the world, to enable them to feel at home there. Shaikha Paula's philanthropic work is extensive, including a founding board member of Art Dubai and the Kuwait-based Early Learning Disability Center. In 1974, She moved to Kuwait from America with her husband, the diplomat Shaikh Mubarak Jaber al Ahmad al Sabah. Together they have six children and 16 grandchildren. She holds a degree in child psychology from New York University (NYU). We are extremely appreciative to her for hosting us in Paris. (Transportation to lunch immediately following is included, departing this reception at noon.)

12:15 pm -
2:00 pm



PRINCE AMYN AGA KHAN WILL HOST YOU FOR A LIGHT LUNCH in his enchanting Paris residence. He "is a Director on the Boards of many institutions of the Aga Khan Development Network: the Aga Khan Foundation, the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development, Aga Khan Agency for Microfinance and Aga Khan Trust for Culture. The Prince is also a Director on the Silk Road Board" that was initiated by the cellist Yo-Yo Ma in 1998, promoting collaboration among artists and institutions with multicultural artistic exchange. We remain grateful for Prince Aryn's continued support and this rare visit.

6:00 pm -
8:00 pm



COCKTAIL RECEPTION IN PARIS AT A WORLD RENOWNED, HISTORIC, GRAND HÔTEL PARTICULIER, with outstanding décor and a lovely garden on the FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ celebrating international volunteerism. You will enjoy meeting guest speaker Le Duc de Noailles, a diplomat, who will say a few words on the Marquis de La Fayette (1757-1834) and his friendship with President George Washington. In 1774 Lafayette married Marie Adrienne Françoise de Noailles. He "was a French aristocrat, freemason and military officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War, commanding American troops in several battles, including the siege of Yorktown. After returning to France, he was a key figure in the French Revolution of 1789 and the July Revolution of 1830. He has been considered a national hero in both countries." All guests are invited to attend this fabulous event that is not related to the fundraising activities. **OUR EVENT CHAIRMAN IS MRS. PETER JEFFERSON COOLIDGE (FAITH)**. (For subscribers of the Rare Privilege and Cercle du Roi levels, transportation from this event to dinner will be offered, departing this reception at 8:00 pm)

8:15 pm -
10:00 pm



DÎNER DE RÊVE, ONE OF A KIND! in an exceptional, beautiful residence in the Marais. **MONSIEUR JOSEPH ACHKAR AND MONSIEUR MICHEL CHARRIERE**, renowned architects and designers have graciously extended this rare, sensational dinner invitation. We are very, very thankful to them. They are former antique dealers and remain great collectors of the finest 18th century pieces. Most recently, they oversaw the historic restoration of the

exquisite Hôtel de la Marine, Ministry of the French Navy, on the Place de la Concorde in Paris. It's also known as the hôtel du Garde-Meuble and was designed and built from 1757 to 1774 by the King's architect, Ange-Jacques Gabriel. He was also the architect of the Petit Trianon and opera theater at Versailles. This dinner will, indeed, be a remarkable evening.

SATURDAY, June 10, 2023

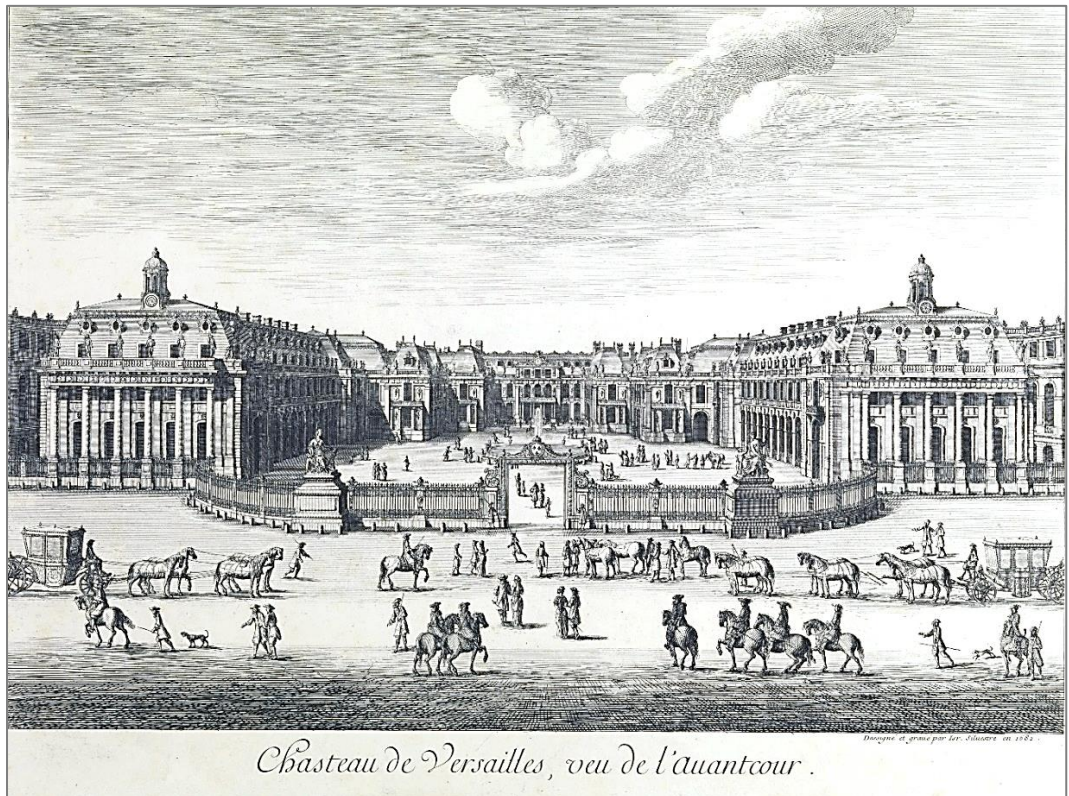
7:00 pm -

Minuit



THE GRAND TRIANON AT VERSAILLES, GALA BENEFIT DINNER IN CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF VERSAILLES, WITH ESTEEMED GUESTS OF HONOR HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIPPE ÉTIENNE, AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND S.A.R. LA PRINCESSE BÉATRICE DE BOURBON DES DEUX-SICILES, GRAND PREFECT OF THE SACRED MILITARY CONSTANTINIAN ORDER OF SAINT GEORGE.

PRESIDENT OF VERSAILLES, CATHERINE PÉGARD will welcome you to an elaborate dinner in the Grand Trianon's Galerie des Cotteles with its captivating décor of original 17th century garden bosquet paintings commissioned by Louis XIV, and la cuisine prepared by one of France's leading caterers followed by dancing and fireworks. In 1687, the Grand Trianon, set within its own park, was built at the request of Louis XIV, as a retreat where the King and invited guests dined away from the strict etiquette of the Court. After the Sun King's death in 1715, many Royals lived there for the next 100 years. Following the Revolution, Napoleon lived at Trianon with his second wife, Marie Louise of Austria. Today, it is one of the French Republic's Presidential residences used to host foreign dignitaries.



Engraving by Israël Silvestre, 1682, View of the forecourt. Outer envelope image.

It was 400 years ago in June 1623 that Louis XIII placed the first stone in construction of the château.

AFV is dedicated to maintaining the noble American tradition of patronage to world treasures in its continued service and commitment to restoration and preservation of the **Château de Versailles**. After World War I, Versailles was not a priority of the French government, whose foremost focus was to help its citizens, especially orphans and widows. That is why, after visiting France 100 years ago in 1923, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. wrote to France's president offering assistance. Thanks to his unparalleled generosity to France, from 1923 until 1936, the roofs of the palaces of Versailles and Trianon, as well as significant parts of its grounds, were restored. He also helped save the Cathedral of Rheims and the Château of Fontainebleau. He was awarded France's highest decoration, the Grand Croix of the Légion d'Honneur, in 1936 for his benefaction. It can be attributed to John D. Rockefeller Jr. that the world treasures should be an international responsibility to protect, restore, and preserve them for mankind. The American Friends of Versailles, in this spirit, moves forward in its support of international volunteerism and friendship. (Roundtrip coach transportation will be offered from the Hôtel Le Bristol, Hôtel Ritz, Hôtel George V, and Hôtel Plaza Athénée. Picking up in Paris at 6:00 pm and departing Versailles at 11:00 pm and Midnight.)

SUNDAY, June 11, 2023

1:30 pm -

3:30 pm



PRIVATE PIANO PERFORMANCE BY WARNER CLASSICS RECORDING ARTIST ANDREW VON OEYEN IN A SPECTACULAR LOCALE, THE SUMPTUOUS PRIVATE RESIDENCE OVERLOOKING THE SEINE OF H.R.H. PRINCE CHARLES OF BOURBON TWO SICILIES, DUKE OF CASTRO, HEAD OF THE ROYAL HOUSE, AND H.R.H. PRINCESS CAMILLA, DUCHESS OF CASTRO.

Von Oeyen "began piano lessons at age five in Los Angeles and made his solo orchestral debut at age ten. At age 16, he made his debut with Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He studied at the Juilliard School and Columbia University and won the Gilmore Young Artist Award (1999), and First Prize in the Léni Fé Bland Foundation National Piano Competition (2001).



Andrew von Oeyen

Andrew von Oeyen has performed extensively in recital and in orchestral appearances around the world, appearing as soloist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Dallas Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony, Saint Louis Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Singapore Symphony Orchestra, Utah Symphony, Chicago's Grant Park Festival Orchestra, Pacific Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Vancouver Symphony, Mariinsky Orchestra, Berlin Symphony Orchestra, Prague Philharmonia, Bilbao Symphony, Biel Solothurn Symphony Orchestra, Jerusalem Symphony, among others. On July 4, 2009, von Oeyen performed at the U.S. Capitol with the National Symphony Orchestra in "A Capitol Fourth." The concert was broadcast live by PBS both in the US and internationally. He signed with Warner Classics in 2016 and has released three albums: Saint-Saëns, Ravel, Gershwin: Piano Concertos, Ravel - Debussy - Bizet, and Bach – Beethoven. The first single from Bach – Beethoven reached the top of the Apple Music A-List in 2021. He has also recorded award-winning recital albums of Liszt, Debussy, and Stravinsky under the Delos label.” We are ever so thankful to Mr. von Oeyen for this very special recital.”

Our esteemed hosts of The Royal House of Bourbon Two Sicilies are descended from the French and Spanish Royal House of Bourbon, an ancient and glorious dynasty which ruled over many European countries and in particular in Southern Italy from 1734 to 1861. The current Head of the Royal House is His Royal Highness Prince Charles of Bourbon Two Sicilies, Duke of Castro, Grand Master of the Sacred Military Order of Saint-Georges, who, together with his wife, Princess Camilla, UN Ambassador of Women for Peace Association, are very active in promoting the cultural, artistic and historical identity of Southern Italy, including the Royal Palace of Caserta, one of the largest palaces erected in Europe during the 18th century. They have two beautiful and very accomplished young daughters, H.R.H. Princess Maria Carolina Duchess of Calabria and H.R.H Princess Maria Chiara, Duchess of Noto. Un Grand Merci to the Prince and Princess for their generosity to the American Friends of Versailles and also to H.R.H. Princess Béatrice of Bourbon Two Sicilies, the Prince’s lovely and talented sister. **OUR EVENT CHAIRMAN IS MR. GEORGE MICHAEL LEE.** (For subscribers of this Rare Privilege level, roundtrip transportation from your hotel is included.)

6:00 pm -

9:30 pm



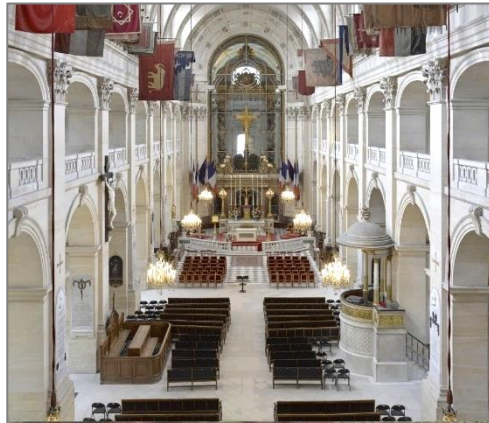
HÔTEL DES INVALIDES: PRIVATE ORGAN CONCERT IN THE CATHÉDRALE SAINT-LOUIS FOLLOWED BY A COCKTAIL RECEPTION IN THE GRAND SALON.

“In the 17th century, Louis XIV was the head of Europe's greatest army. Aware that soldiers were the primary guardians of France's greatness, the Sun King decided to erect a building for those who had served the royal army. The Cité des Invalides first opened to veterans in 1674. At once a hospice, barracks, convent, hospital and factory, the Hôtel was a veritable city, governed by a military and religious system. Over 4,000 boarders lived within the site's walls. Today, the Hôtel still fulfills its initial function by housing the Institution Nationale des Invalides.” The most notable tomb at Les Invalides is that of Napoleon Bonaparte.



Louis XIV Visiting the Hôtel Royal des Invalides 1706

He was initially interred on Saint Helena, but King Louis Philippe arranged for his remains to be brought to France in 1840. Napoleon's tomb was dug in the center of the Dome of the Cathedral. Prior to enjoying cocktails in the beautiful Grand Salon, you can listen to a private organ concert in the Cathédrale Saint-Louis des Invalides. "In 1676, the Secretary of State for War, Marquis de Louvois, entrusted the young architect Jules Hardouin-Mansart with the construction of the chapel. He designed a building which combined a royal chapel, the "Dôme des Invalides", and a veterans' chapel achieving consistency and harmony. In this way, the King and his soldiers could attend mass simultaneously, while entering the place of worship through different entrances, as prescribed by etiquette. This separation was reinforced in the 19th century with the erection of the tomb of Napoleon I, the creation of the two separate altars and then with the construction of a glass wall between the two chapels. **The organ case was made between 1679 and 1687.**" Architect Jules Hardouin-Mansart also designed the Grand Trianon of the Palace of Versailles, the locale of our 25th Anniversary our benefit dinner. His monumental work was, indeed, designed to glorify the reign of Louis XIV.



Cathédrale Saint-Louis des Invalides



Hôtel des Invalides, Le Grand Salon

OUR EVENT CHAIRMEN ARE MS. ALICIA BRYAN AND THE HONORABLE KATHERINE HARRIS.
(One way, return coach transportation from this reception to the Hôtel Le Bristol, Hôtel Ritz, Hôtel George V, and Hôtel Plaza Athénée will be offered, departing at 9:30 pm.)

MONDAY, June 12, 2023

10:30 am -
Noon



GUIDED TOURS OF THE CHÂTEAU DE VERSAILLES. Begin with a visit to La Salle des Gardes de la Reine, the Queens' Guards Room. The American Friends of Versailles remains honored and humbled to have helped restore the exquisite ceiling frescoes and other architectural details in this room to their original beauty.



The ceiling of the Queen's Guards Room was restored with the help of the American Friends of Versailles.

“When Louis XIV installed the Court in Versailles in 1682 he chose other rooms for his personal use, so the King’s Grands Appartements became the designated setting for the ceremonies of the Court. The Queen’s Grands Appartements, however, remained her living quarters (or the Dauphine’s) until the departure of the royal family in 1789. The Queen’s Guards Room is the last room of the Queen’s Grands Appartements whose paintings and architectural features have not yet been fully restored. In 1680, it became a transition area between the Queen’s staircase and the Appartements as such, used as a vestibule in which the officers in charge of the protection of the Queen stationed day and night.” ***Over 4 million people view this significant room annually. Our visit is on a Monday when the Château is closed, truly a rare privilege.**

12:30 pm -

3:00 pm



DEJEUNER SUR L’HERBE IN THE BOSQUET DE LA REINE (PICNIC). The American Friends of Versailles supported the replanting of trees in the center of the Queen’s Grove, along with funding a bench. With its prominent location at Versailles, this grove replaced the famous Labyrinth Grove originally created in 1665-1666 and enhanced in 1677 with thirty-nine, painted lead fountains featuring enchanting animals from Aesop’s fables. This incredible maze wonder was torn down during the replanting of the Palace gardens in 1775-1776 and changed to the current grove, initially called the Grove of Venus and then the Queen’s Grove, reserved for Marie-Antoinette. This ornamental garden, extending the orangery Parterre, was



Le Bosquet de la Reine. Trees replanted with the help of the American Friends of Versailles. Copyright: Château de Versailles.

made especially for the Queen so that she could have somewhere to walk that was away from the many visitors. Its composition reflects the taste of the period for landscaped gardens, combining the precision of the French formal layout which was so popular at the French Court, and the twists and turns of the paths inspired by new English designs. In 1784, it was the backdrop for the infamous night-time meeting between Cardinal Rohan and an imposter posing as Marie-Antoinette, the key episode in the affair of the Diamond Necklace. Her new garden paths, simple but elegant, were designed to showcase, in the grove’s center, her favorite tree, which she also had planted in her gardens at Trianon, the fragrant Virginia tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*). It’s native to the southern and eastern regions of the United States. Introduced into France at the beginning of the 18th century, this majestic tree can live for up to 500 years and usually grows to a height of 40 to 60 metres. It is distinct for its heavily perfumed tulip-shaped flowers and broad leaves which turn red and gold in autumn. Today’s sculptural decoration was added in the late nineteenth century. **Wear your favorite hat and comfortable shoes. OUR EVENT CHAIRMAN IS MS. CLAIRE DWOSKIN.** (Roundtrip

coach transportation will be offered from the Hôtel Le Bristol, Hôtel Ritz, Hôtel George V, and Hôtel Plaza Athénée. Picking up at 9:30 am and departing Versailles at 3:00 pm)

The Board of Directors of the American Friends of Versailles would like to honor and extend its deepest appreciation to the members of the French Board of Directors since its inception 25 years ago. Their continued, important support and friendships have made the funding of our restoration projects at the Château de Versailles and its magnificent park possible. AFV looks forward to the future together and welcoming new French Directors. **OUR GUESTS OF HONOR ARE:** Le Vicomte de Rohan, Princesse Béatrice de Bourbon des Deux-Siciles, Madame Anne-Marie de Ganay, Madame Marie de Noailles, Monsieur et Madame Jean de Yturbe, Monsieur et Madame Jérôme Fouan, Comtesse Serge de La Bédoyère, Madame Nicole Salinger, Madame Caroline Sarkozy, Monsieur Didier Wirth, and in memory of Comte et Comtesse Charles-Louis de Mortemart and Monsieur Frank Schork.

7:30 pm -

9:30 pm



FAREWELL FÊTE IN THE EXQUISITE RESIDENCE OF VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE BOARD, MONSIEUR JUAN PABLO MOLYNEUX, RENOWNED INTERIOR DESIGNER, AND HIS LOVELY WIFE, MADAME PILAR MOLYNEUX. They will generously host us for a cocktail party in their historic residence in the Marais. The Molyneux are charming, delightful and accomplished. They entertain with delectable innovation, warmth, fun and are the pinnacle of great style. Juan Pablo, who studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, is one of the world's most talented and well known interior designers. The Hôtel Claude Passart with its lovely garden, is the magnificent 17th century private residence in Paris of the Molyneux. This exquisite hôtel particulier was built from 1618 to 1620 and designed by Gabriel de Soulignac for Claude Passart, the King's Secretary and Notary. The amazing interior and garden are stunning, not to be missed! It has been lovingly and beautifully restored by Pilar and Juan Pablo. We are most appreciative to them for their continued kindness to the American Friends of Versailles. **This Farewell event is also for those who have attended at least one previous benefit in France for the American Friends of Versailles.**



Hôtel Claude Passart



Foyer, Hôtel Claude Passart

UN GRAND MERCI TO ALL OUR HOSTS THIS YEAR, AS WELL AS TO ALL OF OUR PAST HOSTS SINCE 1998!! The American Friends of Versailles truly appreciates your magnanimous kindness and generosity.

MISSION STATEMENT

The American Friends of Versailles (AFV) was established on June 30, 1998 as a charitable corporation for improving and promoting a positive American-French relationship. We serve as a sister organization to Les Amis de Versailles. AFV was and continues to be designated as the official representative for Versailles in the United States. The express purpose of the corporation is to encourage support of the Palace of Versailles and its gardens focusing on cultural interchange between the United States and France in the fields of education, architecture, fine and decorative arts, garden architecture and musical endeavors. AFV raises funds for the support of seminars, educational exchange and specific restoration projects within the Palace and its magnificent gardens.

The Palace of Versailles has always had a special place in the Franco-American relationship beginning with Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson. The French extended their friendship and financial support to the American Revolution; these negotiations took place at Versailles. The Treaty of Versailles, ending the First World War, was signed in the Hall of Mirrors on June 28, 1919. The French attribute John D. Rockefeller Jr. with saving Versailles with his visits and major restoration donations in 1924, 1927-28, and 1932-33. Gerald Van der Kemp, former Chief Curator from 1953 to 1980, with his dynamic American wife, Florence, provided a guiding light, encouraging continuing American involvement with substantial restoration and preservation projects. The Château continues to be the stage where the French greet American Presidents and heads of state hold meetings of world consequence. It is important to note that Americans more than any other foreign nationality visit the Palace regularly.

The American Friends of Versailles has, thus far, restored the 'Trois Fontaines Bosquet, the Pavillon Frais, the baroque, frescoed ceiling of the Queens' Guards Room, and the replanting of Virginia Tulip trees in the Queen's Grove. AFV has also donated financial support for the trees after the devastating storm in 1999, the research center at Versailles, international cultural seminars hosted there, as well as supporting traveling exhibitions of photographs and art from the Château. The American Friends of Versailles is dedicated to maintaining the American support and an active interest in this UNESCO-designated world-treasure in order to help preserve its history and beauty for future generations.



Le Pavillon Frais was restored by the American Friends of Versailles.. Copyright: Château de Versailles

RESPONSIBILITES: Prices do not include flights to Europe, airport transfers, hotels, personal expenses, trip insurance, and personal tips. Included meals are as listed in the invitation. Roundtrip coach transportation is included from these four major hotels in Paris to Versailles for the 25th Anniversary benefit gala dinner on Saturday, June 10 and for the Château visit and picnic on Monday, June 12, 2023: Hôtel Le Bristol, Hôtel Ritz, Hôtel George V, and Hôtel Plaza Athénée. All other transportation not included, unless noted otherwise.

TRIP INSURANCE: Subscribers should consider getting private trip cancelation insurance.



LIABILITY: The American Friends of Versailles is not liable for the safety of the locations that we visit or for the risks attendant to various means of transportation, and in no event bear any responsibility or liability for injury, death, damage, loss, accident or delay and we are not responsible for personal injuries or loss of property. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the subscribers.

CANCELTATION POLICY: Again, we suggest to all participants to arrange personal travel insurance. If a subscriber desires to cancel, prior to May 1, 2023, AFV will be able to refund the subscriber 50% of the amount paid; otherwise, there will be no refunds. If the benefit trip is unable to proceed as scheduled, due to a force of nature circumstance, such as an epidemic lockdown, the benefit trip may be rescheduled by European law, to later dates through an 18 month credit voucher, but no financial refunds and without any surcharge.

Le Grand Bal de Versailles. Copyright: The American Friends of Versailles

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Please remember to check your passport's expiration date. That expiration date cannot be within 6 months of your United States' departure date. Be sure to also check with your airlines for any specific documents they may require.

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MERCI MILLE FOIS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

RECOMMENDED HOTEL INFORMATION

Should you need to reserve a room, it is imperative that you contact a hotel now, as Paris is extremely busy in June. **Roundtrip coach transportation to Versailles will depart very close to the Bristol, the Ritz, the Four Seasons George V, and the Plaza Athénée.**

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31 Avenue George V, 75008 Paris
<https://www.fourseasons.com/paris/>

La Réserve Hotel and Spa Paris
42 avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris
<https://www.lareserve-paris.com/en/>

Hôtel Plaza Athénée
25 avenue Montaigne, 75008 Paris
<https://www.dorchestercollection.com/en/paris/hotel-plaza-athenee/>

The Peninsula Paris
19 Avenue Kléber, 75116 Paris
<https://www.peninsula.com/en>

Waldorf Astoria Versailles Trianon Palace
1, Boulevard de la Reine, 78000 Versailles
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cdgtppwa-waldorf-astoria-versailles-trianon-palace/>

Airelles Le Grand Contrôle
12 rue Indépendance Américaine, 78000 Versailles
<https://airelles.com/en/destination/chateau-de-versailles-hotel>

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED HOTELS

We realize that your needs may vary and recommend the additional hotels listed below.

Hôtel Westminster
13, rue de La Paix, Place Vendôme, 75002 Paris
<https://www.warwickhotels.com/hotel-westminster>

The Westin Paris – Vendôme
3, Rue de Castiglione, 75001 Paris
www.thewestinparis.com

Le Dokhan's
117 Rue Lauriston, 75116 Paris
<https://www.hotelledokhansparis.com/>

Le Pavillon de la Reine
28 Place des Vosges, 75003 Paris
<https://en.pavillon-de-la-reine.com/>

Hôtel D'Aubusson
33, rue Dauphine, 75006 Paris
<https://www.hoteldaubusson.com/>

Hotel Lutetia
45 Boulevard Raspail, 75006 Paris
<https://www.hotellutetia.com/>

Le Pavillon Des Lettres
12 rue des Saussaies, 75008 Paris
<https://www.pavillondeslettres.com/>

Meliá Paris Vendôme
8 Rue Cambon 75001 Paris
<https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/france/paris/melia-paris-vendome>

TRAVEL SERVICES: Should you need assistance with flights, hotels or drivers, there are numerous travel companies available to help you. You may wish to contact the following for further information.

Currie & Co Travel Unltd. in Atlanta, member of Virtuoso, jessica@curriecotravels.com Luxury travel advisor.

KerryON Travel in Denver, awarded top 1% of advisors for Travel by Virtuoso. <https://travel.kerryon.net/>

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF VERSAILLES

980 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1400 Chicago, Illinois 60611

Tel: 312.943.0173 info@americanfriendsofversailles.org



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Cercle du Roi

() \$15,000 Individual Subscription: Includes all 8 events June 9 – 12.



Cercle de la Reine

() \$7,000 Individual Subscription: Includes 4 events with this symbol June 9 – 12.

Please secure my Reservation(s). I have enclosed a check payable to the American Friends of Versailles in the amount of \$ _____

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Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Amount _____

I/We are unable to attend but would like to contribute. Please find my check payable to the American Friends of Versailles enclosed for: \$ _____

• Wire transfer and ACH information available upon request. Reservations will be processed in the order in which they are received. Subscriptions are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law. Several events and favors are generously underwritten by our French hosts and friends, resulting in higher tax-deductible portions of subscriptions. The estimated value of goods and services to be received is \$3,500 for the *Rare Privilege* level, \$3,400 for the *Cercle du Roi*, and \$3,000 for the *Cercle de la Reine*. AFV is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and its Employer Identification Number is 36-4237214.

Subscriber Information. Please Print.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Email _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If purchasing a table for ten guests on Saturday June 10, 2023 at Versailles, please print guest names here:

1) _____

6) _____

2) _____

7) _____

3) _____

8) _____

4) _____

9) _____

5) _____

10) _____ *Continued on back

Responsibilities: Prices do not include flights to Europe, airport transfers, hotels, personal expenses, trip insurance, and personal tips. Included meals are as listed in the invitation. Roundtrip coach transportation is included from these four major hotels in Paris to Versailles for the 25th Anniversary benefit gala dinner on Saturday, June 10 and for the Château visit and picnic on Monday, June 12, 2023: Hôtel Le Bristol, Hôtel Ritz, Hôtel George V, and Hôtel Plaza Athénée. All other transportation not included, unless noted.

Trip Insurance: Subscribers should consider getting private, trip cancellation insurance.

Liability: The American Friends of Versailles is not liable for the safety of the locations that we visit or for the risks attendant to various means of transportation, and in no event bear any responsibility or liability for injury, death, damage, loss, accident or delay and we are not responsible for personal injuries or loss of property. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the subscribers.

Cancellation policy: Again, we suggest to all participants to arrange personal travel insurance. If a subscriber desires to cancel, prior to May 1, 2023, AFV will be able to refund the subscriber 50% of the amount paid; otherwise, there will be no refunds. If the benefit trip is unable to proceed as scheduled due to a force of nature circumstance, such as an pandemic lockdown, the benefit trip may be rescheduled by European law, to later dates through an 18 month credit voucher, but no financial refunds and without any surcharge.

Itinerary: It is important to note the benefit dinner will be in the Grand Trianon with limited seating. All subscriptions will be processed in the order in which they are received. AFV will not hold reservations without full financial contribution. The invitation itinerary is subject to slight changes. In addition, many of the incredible and rare privileges afforded us, are exceptional gestures of friendship and are underwritten by our French friends in honor of Americans who love France and who have taken a special interest in one of their most treasured museums, the Château de Versailles. AFV is extremely thankful to all the hosts and in-kind donors.

Travel documents: Please remember to check your passport's expiration date. That expiration date cannot be within 6 months of your United States' departure date. Be sure to also check with your airlines for any specific documents they may require.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you in June!