

DRAFT 2018 ISF CONVENTION AND TOUR
26th September to 6th October (11 days and nights)

Wednesday 26th September: Arrive Paris to stay 2 nights, have Salers farm visit, evening Seine boat cruise, tourist highlights and free time for shopping, etc.

Friday 28th September: Travel to Normandy (North) for 2 farm visits. On the way, go through the Somme where there still are many Frenchmen grateful for what distant Countries like New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and Australia did to liberate their fore-fathers in 1914-1918. There is a general celebration in the Somme about the Centenary of those sacrifices. We would stop at the New Zealand War Memorial and then the Australian ANZAC Memorial at Villers Bretonneux. The latter Memorial is being extended substantially and that work will be completed by ANZAC Day, 25th April, 2018. It does commemorate what British Empire Countries did and suffered. There is also a German Memorial Cemetery in the area which can be visited.

We then travel on to the Salers farms in Normandy and end up at the famous resort town, Deauville, for 1 night.

Saturday 29th September: Travel to Limoges for 1 night and see the tourist attractions in that area, including 1 or 2 of the famous Enamel Museums/Shops and perhaps, the elegant 13th Century Gothic Cathedral. There are also spas in Limoges.

Sunday 30th September: Travel from Limoges to the famous Lascaux Caves and visit the excellent replica caves exhibition. (*The original 15,000 year old caves are closed for visitors.*) Then we arrive at the Village of Salers for 2 nights.

Monday 1st October: Visit the Bull Test Station and Headquarters of Groupe Salers Evolution and Herd Book Salers and Maison de la Salers and also visit some Salers farms.

Tuesday 2nd October: We travel leisurely to Clermont-Ferrand and visit another Salers farm in Puy-de-Dôme on the way, booking in at Clermont-Ferrand for 4 nights to the morning of Saturday 6th October.

Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th October: There will be Salers Judging at the Sommet de l'Élevage on each day, culminating in the final Salers Championship Judging on the afternoon of Friday 5th October. During this time there will be, as usual, 2 very good Salers farm visits for the ISF attendees and those visits will be open to any International Visitors at the Sommet. At the Sommet, there are copious Meeting Rooms and the ISF will have its General Meeting and election of the Executive for the next 3 years. Also, the Salers Breed will have, on at least one half day, an open presentation about our Cattle, including ISF Member Country Presentations.

Saturday 6th October: All participants are free to do anything else they wish, including flying from Clermont-Ferrand to Paris or travelling by bus or train to Lyon (which has an International Airport).