

HISTORIC FRANCE PARIS, NORMANDY & THE LOIRE VALLEY

This handcrafted itinerary will delight all your senses! Come for the magic and wonder of Paris, the city of lights, but stay for the charm of the countryside and historic seaside. Join Cooper's Hawk CMO Tom Koenigsberg and travel through some of the most historic, fascinating, and beautiful areas of France. Explore battlefields and beaches, cities and medieval towns, gardens and vineyards, chateaus and palaces. Taste French wines, ciders, cheeses, and delicious cuisines. This unique Wine Club tour offers you a moving journey through WWII history, famous iconic sights, fairytale vistas, and experiences you'll never forget. There is limited space, so hurry to sign up for this amazing tour!



DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight from your home city.

friday, october 8, 2021

ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE

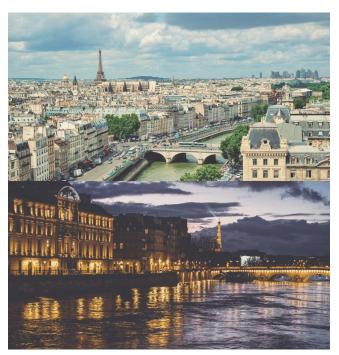
Bienvenue—welcome to Paris! A group transfer is provided from the airport to your hotel (normal check-in times apply). The wonder of Paris at night truly comes to life this evening at our incredible welcome dinner and sightseeing cruise. We embark our ship for a relaxing and beautiful cruise along the Seine River, where we'll discover just why it's called the "City of Lights"! Then we head to a local restaurant for our Welcome Dinner.

Meal Included – Dinner

Hotel – Les Jardins Du Marais or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Dinner
Seine River Cruise





PARIS – GIVERNY – ROUEN – BEUVRON-EN-AUGE – NORMANDY AREA

After breakfast we depart Paris and start the day with a visit to Giverny, home of painter Claude Monet. The famous Water Garden at Giverny was the inspiration behind some of Monet's finest work. We explore his beautifully restored home and the studio where he created some of his masterpieces. You can also stroll through the peaceful gardens past his iconic lily pond, surrounded by willows, wisterias, and bamboos; and stand on the Japanese bridge immortalized in some of his most beloved works. Then we continue to the city of Rouen to visit its great Cathedral. Twenty paintings of the cathedral existed, and many today are in Paris's Orsay Museum. We'll have time to stroll along the lovely cobblestoned Rue du Gros-Horloge leading to the square where Joan of Arc was martyred in 1431. We'll stop for an included lunch in Rouen. Next, we head out of Rouen and stop in Beuvron-en-Auge along the Route du Cidre for a cider tasting before arriving in the Normandy area where we overnight.

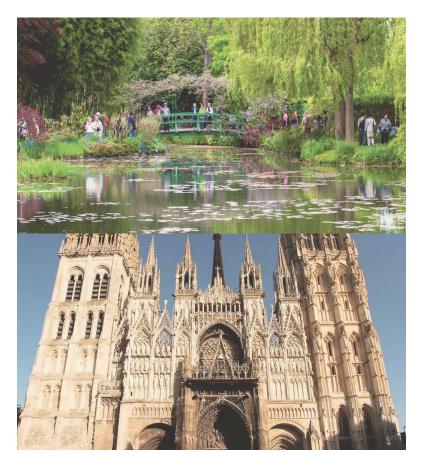
Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch Hotel – Mercure Caen Centre or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Giverny

Rouen City Tour

Cider Tasting





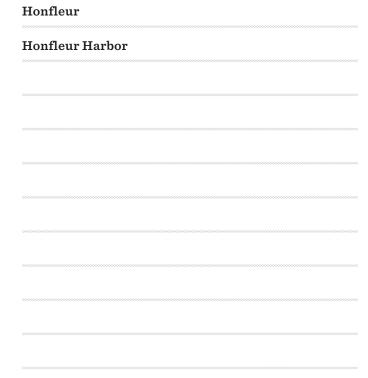
NORMANDY AREA

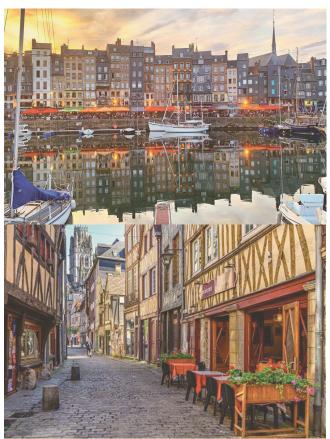
After breakfast we visit the Caen Memorial Museum, a center for history and peace in Normandy. We'll get an in-depth look on a guided tour of the museum. We continue to Honfleur and enjoy an included lunch. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore on your own. Our Tour Director will be on hand for suggestions.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch Hotel – Mercure Caen Centre or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Guided Tour of Caen Memorial Museum







EXCURSION TO NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES

After breakfast we head to the Normandy Beaches, scene of the Allied Forces' landing on D-Day, June 6, 1944. First, we stop in Sainte-Mère-Église to visit the Airborne Museum, next to the church where John Steele's parachute got caught in one of the steeples, as filmed in the movie *The Longest Day*. Our next stop is Utah Beach with a visit to the memorial, Pointe Du Hoc, Rangers' Assault, and Omaha Beach. We continue to Arromanches, where we will see the remains of Mulberry Harbor in the bay, a temporary harbor built by the Allies to quickly offload troops and cargo onto the beaches during the invasion of Normandy. We finish our tour at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Hotel – Mercure Caen Centre or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Utan Beach
Normandy American Cemetery







NORMANDY AREA - MONT ST. MICHEL - ST. MALO

After breakfast, we will visit the famous Abbey of Mont St. Michel, spectacularly perched on a rocky isle in the Gulf of St. Malo. Enjoy free time to explore the area on your own. Later we will visit the Hôtel de l'Abbaye for a tasting of some of their quality wines.

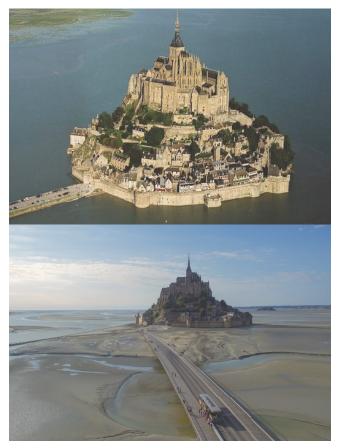
Meals Included - Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel – Le Nouveau Monde or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Mont St. Michel

Wine Tasting





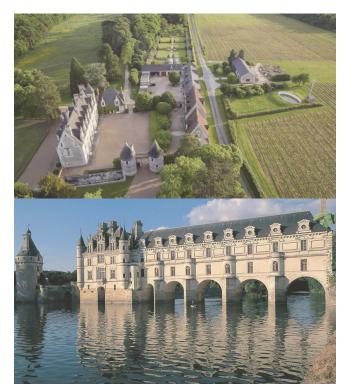
ST. MALO - LOIRE VALLEY AREA - BLOIS

After breakfast, our tour starts with a visit to a local goat farm and its cheese production. We'll enjoy tasting local chèvre, a specialty of the Loire Valley. Next is the 16th-century château of Catherine de Medici, lovely Chenonceau. Then we enjoy a guided tour of Château de Nitray and a visit to their wine warehouses, which have been operating for 250 years. We'll hear about their winemaking process, then partake in their Initiation to Oenology course with wine pairing, followed by dinner.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner Hotel – Mercure Blois or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Cheese Tasting
Wine-Paired Dinner
Château Chenonceau
Château de Nitray





BLOIS

After breakfast, we'll visit the smaller Thursday market in Amboise set up along a tree-lined avenue. Enjoy free time to browse and shop. We then start our tour with the jewel of the French Renaissance, Château Chambord. At Château du Clos Lucé we'll marvel at an amazing collection of models of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions, painstakingly reconstructed from the drawings of the great Renaissance genius. We continue to Caves du Père Auguste with its troglodyte wine cellar, where we enjoy a presentation of their winemaking processes, tour of the cellar, and wine tasting of 5 AOC wines accompanied by local charcuterie and goat's cheese.

Meal Included – Breakfast Hotel – Mercure Blois or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Château du Clos Lucé
Wine Tasting at Caves du Père Auguste







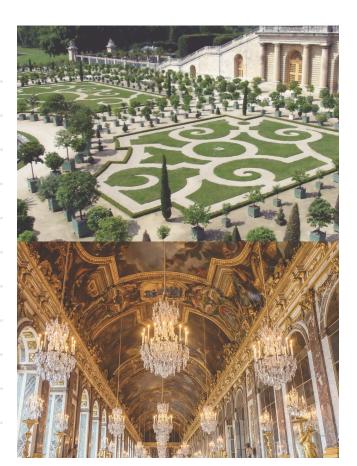
BLOIS - VERSAILLES - PARIS

After breakfast we depart for the town of Versailles, built during Louis XIII's reign. We'll visit the Notre-Dame Market, the second largest market in France and the oldest market in Versailles. You will have some free time to explore the market. We'll continue to visit the lavish 17th-century baroque Palace of Versailles, built by the Sun King, Louis XIV, with its magnificent State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, and Royal Chapel. Our guide will bring its history to life during our visit. We'll have time at leisure to stroll through parts of the elegant 250-acre gardens. Louis XIII originally purchased Versailles and its surrounding land to serve as his hunting lodge. Later, his son, Louis XIV, decided to make it his seat of government, and in 1682, he installed his impressive court and numerous noble visitors in sumptuous surroundings, a symbol of absolute monarchy.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner Hotel – Les Jardins du Marais or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Notre-Dame Market
Palace of Versailles Tour





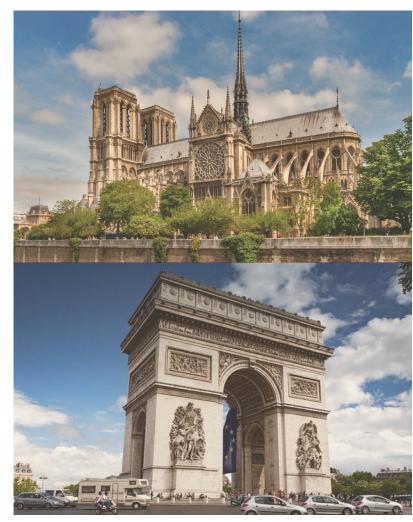
PARIS

After breakfast, our morning guided sightseeing takes us to Notre Dame Cathedral, where Napoleon was crowned emperor in 1804; we'll admire its amazing 13th-century, stained-glass Rose Window. The tour will then take us past the Latin Quarter, Les Invalides, the Opéra, Place de la Concorde, and Arc de Triomphe. We'll drive by the Seine River with its beautiful bridges and stop to take photos of the iconic Eiffel Tower from one of the best panoramic viewing points. The remainder of the day is free to explore on your own. Our Tour Director will be on hand for suggestions.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner Hotel – Les Jardins du Marais or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Notre Dame
Arc de Triomphe





DEPART ROME

After breakfast, a group transfer is provided to the airport for your homebound flight.

Meal Included – Breakfast

inclusions

INCLUDED

9 nights' accommodations at superior first-class hotels

Sightseeing, tours, activities & attractions as shown

Breakfast daily, three lunches, six dinners

Tour director, local guides

Private coach throughout

Taxes

Gratuities for tour guide and driver (local guide gratuities not included)

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare

Meals when not mentioned as included

Room service & personal room charges

Excess baggage and porterage

Local guide gratuities

Private transfers if you do not arrive/depart with group

Trip cancellation and travel insurance

Additional pre/post nights



\$3,747

Double occupancy (per person)

\$4,757

Single occupancy

Space is limited on this tour and will be sold on a first-come basis upon receipt of deposit. To make reservations, please call or email Carol or Kelly (contact information below).

You must have a valid passport for travel to France. At this time, no visa is necessary for US citizens to travel to France.

This tour requires a minimum of 26 participants to operate.

Wineries, hotels, dinners, activities, and attractions can be subject to change.

deposit & final payment

\$500 DEPOSIT (NON-REFUNDABLE)

per person, due upon making reservations

FINAL PAYMENT

due by July 23, 2021

Forms of payment include cash, check, Mastercard, Visa, or American Express.

airfare

Airfare is not included, but we are happy to assist you in securing your air tickets. Arrive into Charles De Gaulle Paris Airport on October 7, 2021 by 10:15 a.m. to catch the group transfer. Depart from Charles De Gaulle Paris on October 17, 2021 at 12:00 noon or later. Transfers outside of the group times will be available for an additional cost.

land cancellation policy

DEPOSIT - JULY 23, 2021

JULY 24. 2021 - DEPARTURE

\$500 per person penalty

non-refundable

This tour is non-refundable. Trip cancellation and travel insurance is highly recommended. Travel Guard trip cancellation and travel insurance will be quoted at the time of booking. Travel Guard Vouchers can be used toward these new dates of travel. Modification costs may apply. If we have a waitlist, we may be able to assist with a name change instead of a cancellation on land only. Name changes have a \$100 per person administrative fee. There is no guarantee we will have someone to take your spot, in which case full cancellation fees will apply. Air tickets are non-refundable from the time of ticketing. Name changes are not allowed on air tickets. Future Travel Credits (Line of Credit) are non-refundable and non-transferable although we will do our best to negotiate this if the situation arises.

reservations



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