



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 Light, then stay for the charm of the countryside and historic seaside. Join Tom Koenigsberg, chief marketing officer of Cooper's Hawk, as he travels through some of the most historic, fascinating, and beautiful areas of France. Explore battlefields and beaches, cities and medieval towns, gardens and vineyards, and châteaux and palaces. Taste French wine, cider, cheese, and delicious cuisine. This unique wine club tour offers a moving journey through World War II history, iconic sights, fairytale vistas, and experiences you'll never forget. Space is limited, so sign up now for this amazing tour!



SEPTEMBER 5 - 15, 2022



monday, september 05, 2022

DEPART U.S.

Board your overnight flight from your home city.

tuesday, september 06, 2022

ARRIVE IN PARIS

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 comes to life this evening at our incredible welcome dinner and sightseeing cruise on the Seine River.

We embark our ship for a relaxing and beautiful cruise along the Seine, where we'll discover why it's called the City of Light.

Then, we head to a local restaurant for our welcome dinner.

Meals Included – Dinner

Hotel – Les Jardins du Marais or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Arrive in Paris

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 Impressionist painter Claude Monet. The famous water garden at Giverny was the inspiration behind some of Monet's finest works. 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 — which is surrounded by willows, wisteria, and bamboo — 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, of which Monet created a series of paintings. Today, several are exhibited in Paris' Orsay Museum. We'll have time to stroll along the cobblestone Rue du Gros-Horloge, which leads to the square where Joan of Arc was burned 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 Port de Plaisance or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Giverny

Monet's Gardens

Rouen City Tour

Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen

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 into the area's history during a guided tour of the museum. We return 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 Port de Plaisance or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Guided Tour of Caen Memorial Museum

Honfleur



EXCURSION TO NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES

After breakfast, we head to the Normandy Beaches, the scene of the Allied Forces' landing on June 6, 1944, known as D-Day. First, we stop in Sainte-Mère-Église to visit the Airborne Museum, located 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 stops are Utah Beach, where we visit the memorial; Pointe du Hoc; and Omaha Beach. We continue to Arromanches, where we will see the remains of Mulberry Harbour in the bay — a temporary harbor built by the Allies to quickly offload men 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 Port de Plaisance or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Utah Beach

Pointe du Hoc

Omaha Beach

Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial



NORMANDY AREA – MONT-SAINT-MICHEL – SAINT-MALO

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

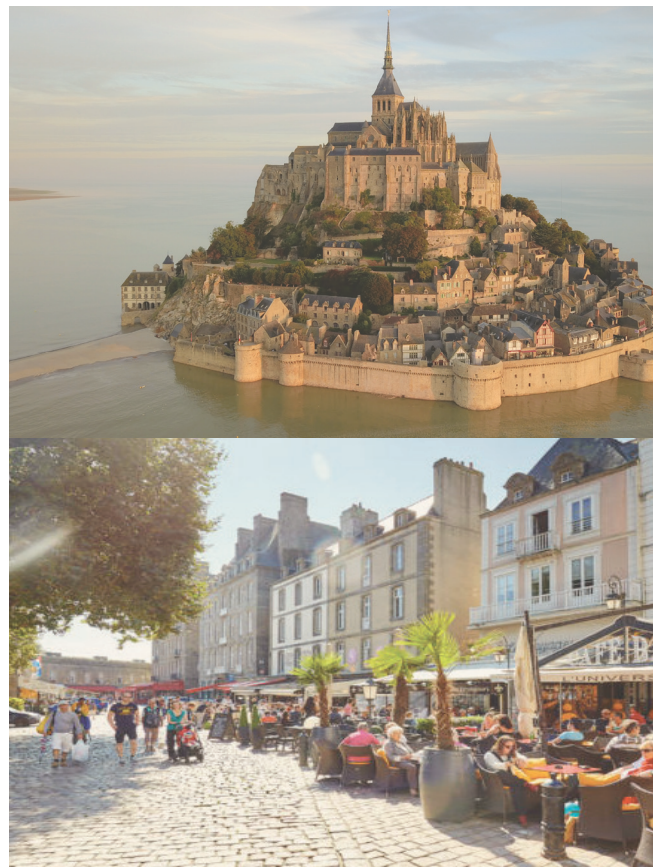
Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel – Hotel Le Nouveau Monde or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Mont-Saint-Michel

Wine Tasting



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

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel – Hôtel Mercure Blois Centre or similar, 2 nights

HIGHLIGHTS

Cheese Tasting

Château de Chenonceau

Château de Nitray

Wine-Paired Dinner



BLOIS

After breakfast, we visit the smaller Friday market in Amboise that's 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 de 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 and its troglodyte wine cellar, where we enjoy a presentation of its winemaking processes, tour of the cellar, and wine tasting of five Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée wines accompanied by local charcuterie and goats cheese.

Meals Included – Breakfast

Hotel – Hôtel Mercure Blois Centre or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Château de Chambord

Wine Tasting at Civray-de-Touraine

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 the reign of Louis XIII. We'll visit the Marché Notre-Dame, the second largest market in France and the oldest market in Versailles. You will have some free time to explore the market. We continue to 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 Versailles' history to life during our visit, and we'll have leisure time 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 – Le Méridien Etoile or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Marché Notre-Dame

Palace of Versailles Tour



PARIS

After breakfast, our morning guided sightseeing takes us by Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris, which still remains closed and under repair. The tour will then take us past the Latin Quarter, Les Invalides, the Place de l'Opéra, Place de la Concorde, and the Arc de Triomphe. We'll drive by the Seine River and 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

Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris

Paris City Drive Tour

Arc de Triomphe



DEPART PARIS

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

inclusions

INCLUDED

9 nights' accommodations at first-class hotels as shown or similar

Sightseeing, tours, activities and attractions as shown

Breakfast daily, three lunches, six dinners

Tour Director, local guides

Private coach throughout

Taxes

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

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare

Meals when not mentioned as included

Room service and personal room charges

Excess baggage and portorage

Local guide gratuities

Private transfers if you do not arrive/depart with group

Trip cancellation and travel insurance

Additional pre/post nights



rates

\$3,897

Double occupancy (per person)

\$4,997

Single occupancy

Space is limited on this tour, and it will be sold on a first-come basis upon receipt of deposit. To make reservations, please call or email Carol (contact information below). You must have a valid passport for travel to France. Currently, no visas are necessary for U.S. citizens to travel to France. This tour requires a minimum of 26 people to operate. Wineries, hotels, dinners, activities, and attractions can be subject to change. Please read through the attached booking terms and conditions for further details and important information. You must be fully vaccinated and boosted for COVID-19, completed at least 14 days prior to departure, to participate in the tour. Additional health protocols may apply.

deposit & final payment

\$500 DEPOSIT (NON-REFUNDABLE)

per person, due upon making reservations

FINAL PAYMENT

due by June 22, 2022

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 at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport on September 6, 2022, by 10:15 a.m. to catch the group transfer. This means you will depart the U.S. on September 5, 2022. The group transfer will align for flights departing from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport on September 15, 2022, at 11 a.m. or later. If you cannot meet up with the group transfer, a separate transfer can be provided at an additional cost.

land cancellation policy

This tour is non-refundable. Trip cancellation and travel insurance is recommended and will be quoted at the time of booking. 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 \$200 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. No name changes are allowed on air tickets.

reservations



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