

Normandy & the Gems of the Seine Scenic River Cruises

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Overview

- There are few superlatives that do justice to Paris, a city that oozes romance and is home to world renowned architectural wonders and iconic pieces of art.
- Beyond Paris, this incredible journey along the Seine and through Normandy will allow you to immerse in French culture, delve into its fascinating history, and see its beautiful scenery from the open waters of the English Channel to the rugged coast of northern France.
- Step back into medieval times with a visit to Les Andelys, home to King Richard the Lionheart's ruined castle; see where Joan of Arc saw out her last days; and learn about both World Wars with visits to the Somme Battlefields and D-Day Beaches.
- Balance out the history with meanders through storybook villages, sampling delicious French fare from cheese to calvados, and enjoy a final fling with Paris before returning home.

Map from Scenic River Cruises



Day 1 - Paris

- Welcome to Paris, the City of Lights.
- The French capital is home to some of the world's most famous monuments, from the Eiffel Tower to the Arc de Triomphe; museums that contain masterpieces such as Da Vinci's Mona Lisa and Van Gogh's Self Portrait; and iconic public spaces from elegant tree-lined Champs-Elysee to its urban oasis Jardin des Tuileries.
- Whether it's your first or fiftieth time to this romantic city, there is always something new to discover.
- Your journey will also culminate in Paris where you'll have the opportunity to scratch the surface a little more.
- Upon arrival, transfer to your Scenic Space-Ship where your friendly crew await to welcome you on board. Relax in your luxurious suite or take a beverage to the Sun Deck.
- **Meals Included:** Dinner

Day 2 - Les Andelys

- This morning will be spent cruising towards Les Andelys.
- This riverfront medieval town is set on one of the prettiest bends of the Seine, resplendent with well-preserved Norman-era houses and exquisite public buildings and overlooked by the imposing ruins of King Richard the Lionheart's castle, Château Gaillard.
- Take a stroll alongside the river, admiring the striking limestone cliffs rising from it, or through the charming centre of town where the buildings are a living catalogue through time.

Day 2 Excursions

- **Freechoice** Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Hike to Château Gaillard with 'Richard the Lionheart': Step back to the age of Robin Hood. This Medieval-themed walking tour will follow in the footsteps of King Richard the Lionheart. Explore the historical secrets of Les Andelys and venture up to Lionheart's castle of Château Gaillard to wander among the ruins. From here you will have a panoramic view of the river and surrounding countryside.

Cycling in Les Andelys: Cycle through this charming little town on the River Seine, dominated by King Richard the Lionheart's Château Gaillard. During this eight-kilometre ride you will cycle past some of the most breathtaking riverside scenery and will see the town's 13th-century Gothic church with its impressive glass windows that date to the 16th century.

Excursion to Lyons la Forêt: Today you will discover Lyons la Forêt, regarded as one of the most beautiful villages in France. This delightful town is surrounded by one of the largest beech forests in Europe and comprises half-timbered houses dating to the 17th and 18th century in typical Normandy style. After exploring the town, you will visit Le Pressoir d'or where you will learn how local cider is produced as well as enjoying a sample.

- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Château Gaillard

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Day 3 - Rouen

- Rouen is the vibrant capital of the Normandy region.
- With a fascinating history of Roman and Viking settlement, it has also played a pivotal place in history as the town where Richard the Lionheart was crowned Duke of Normandy and Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake.
- Much of Rouen was sadly destroyed in World War II, but much of the city has been faithfully restored, including the exquisite Old Town.
- It's an engaging and historically rich destination, packed with museums, stylish bistros and coffee shops, and a wealth of churches, including the famed 12th century Rouen Cathedral.

Day 3 Morning Excursions

- **Freechoice** Explore your way with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Rouen city tour: Victor Hugo once described Rouen as 'the city of a hundred spires' – find out why on a guided tour of the city, which takes you to the cathedral district, the old marketplace and Saint Maclou Quarter, home to a striking church.

- Feel as though you've stepped into a fairytale as you walk the winding medieval laneways and admire the half-timbered houses.
- Learn about Joan of Arc and see where she was tragically put to death after being tried for heresy and sorcery in 1431. Enjoy free time afterwards to explore on your own.

Guided tour of Rouen with Rollo the Viking: Authentically dressed as Viking warlord Rollo the Walker – who was famously too tall to ride a horse – your guide will take you around the city to learn about the Viking raiders who made Rouen their capital.

- This tour focuses on the city's medieval past, and you will enjoy some free time afterwards to explore.

Rouen

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Day 3 Evening

- Back on board this evening, listen to a fascinating lecture about WWI with an expert.
- WWI Lecture – Day in the life of Tommy: Join a lecture on WWI with a speaker who is dressed up in a soldier's uniform.
- During this interactive evening, you will be able to gain understanding into the life of a soldier on the Western Front and learn why this was known as 'the Great War'.
- From the curious 1914 Christmas armistice football match to the horrors of trench warfare involving machine guns, tanks, mining and the deadly flamethrower, you will experience the war through the eyes of an allied soldier, 'a Tommy'.
- Try on his equipment and weapons and taste his rations.
- This immersive journey is bound to be an emotional one that will bring the history of war to life.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Rouen

- Today you'll have the opportunity to join an excursion to the Somme Battlefields or take a walking tour from the ship to Rouen's Fine Art Museum.
- **Freechoice** Excursion to the Somme Battlefields including Newfoundland Memorial Park
Take a full day excursion to the Somme Battlefields, the location of the infamous Battle of the Somme which claimed the lives of more than 150,000 soldiers from Britain and the Commonwealth.
- This tour will take you to the Australian National Memorial (Sir John Monash Centre) to pay tribute to the 10,773 Australian soldiers killed in WWI in France who have no known graves (with the exception of Fromelles).
- Afterwards you will visit the Franco-Australian Museum, which pays homage to the close relationship between the French and Australians soldiers during and after the war.

Day 4 Afternoon Excursions

- After lunch, you will visit the Lochnagar Crater, which was created by a large mine placed beneath the German front lines on the first day of the Battle of Somme, and the Newfoundland Memorial Park, one of the largest areas on the Western Front where you can still see shell holes and trenches.

Please note: The Sir John Monash Centre is a state-of-the-art immersive sensory experience that uses technology to tell the story. In order to maximize your experience, we suggest you download the Sir John Monash Centre app from the Apple or Google Play store prior to embarking on your cruise.

- Museum of Fine Arts
Join an active walking tour from the ship to the Museum of Fine Arts with a local guide. See the extensive collection of paintings, sculptures, drawings and objects from every genre of art, ranging from the 15th century to today, including masterpieces by Rubens, Caravaggio, Poussin and Monet.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Full Day Excursion Option

- Excursion to the Somme Battlefields Including Thiepval
This full-day excursion will follow the same itinerary as the tour above, visiting the Somme Battlefields, the Australian National Memorial (Sir John Monash Centre) and the Franco-Australian Museum.
- After lunch, you will be transferred to Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, which contains more than 5,500 Commonwealth graves from WWI, then visit Thiepval Memorial to the Missing and Visitor's Centre, and Lochnagar Crater, which was created by large mine placed beneath the German front lines on the first day of the Battle of Somme.

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Day 5 Honfleur Overview

- This morning your Scenic Space-Ship will dock right in the center of Honfleur, a colorful coastal town that has been described as having one of the prettiest harbors in France, Le Vieux Bassin.
- Originally built for trade, the port was chosen for its strategic position on the southern bank of the Seine estuary.
- Over the years the town has captured the imaginations of countless artists and was the birthplace of impressionism. The bustling harbor and cobbled streets are a confection of half-timbered houses, restaurants, gourmet shops and art galleries.
- It's an easy walk from the ship to explore the harbor area and network of laneways beyond.

Day 5 – Honfleur Excursions

Freechoice Explore your way with one of today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Walking tour of Honfleur: From the ship, join a guided walking tour of Honfleur's harbor. You will see the Church of Sainte-Catherine, which dates to the 15th century and is France's largest church to be made entirely of wood with a separate belfry.

Then visit the Garden of Personalities, a 10-hectare landscaped garden that features the busts of important French figures over time, including painters and navigators.

Charming Norman Villages with tastings: Visit the picturesque town of Pont l'Eveque, the home of the traditional Pont l'Eveque cheese.

Take a short orientation tour of the town before a tasting at a local cheese producer.

Then continue to the village of Beuvron-en-Auge, where you will take short orientation tour before visiting the acclaimed Calvados producer Pere Magloire where you will have the opportunity to taste some of this delicious brandy.

Like Champagne, this acclaimed liqueur must be produced in Normandy in order to be called Calvados.

Honfleur

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Day 5 Honfleur Evening Activities

- Back on board this evening, join a lecture about WWII to gain a better understanding ahead of your full-day excursions tomorrow.
- Lecture on WWII - History comes alive tonight with an interactive lecture on the battles of WWII.
- Discover what life was like during the campaigns of D-Day; learn about Operation Fortitude, the plan created to deceive the Germany Army on the location of D-Day; and see how technology had evolved since WWI.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Honfleur

- Why not ask your butler to wake you with a coffee delivered to your suite, followed by a leisurely breakfast at Crystal Dining before heading off on your Scenic Freechoice excursions.
- You could choose to learn about the D-Day Landings, where tens of thousands of allied troops came ashore to free north-western Europe from Nazi occupation. Six weeks of heavy fighting and losses followed, but this strategic campaign ultimately ended the war.
- **Freechoice** Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Excursion to the Normandy Beaches – US focus: Start at the memorial on Utah Beach, where more than 20,000 US troops landed on June 6, 1944, before a visit of Sainte-mere-Eglise, the town where 30 US Paratroopers landed during the Normandy Invasion.

- After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Visitor Center before a short stop at the Omaha Beach Memorial. Omaha Beach is often referred to as 'Bloody Omaha', as it resulted in the most casualties during the operation, with 2,400 dead.

Utah Beach

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Utah Beach on 5 June 2019

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Higgins Landing Craft Utah Beach



Paratrooper Gear ready for the jump Airborne Museum



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Airborne Museum



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Ste. Mere Eglise church steeple with the replica of a dangling PFC John Steele

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American Cemetery Normandy

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Omaha Beach

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Normandy Statue



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Omaha Beach

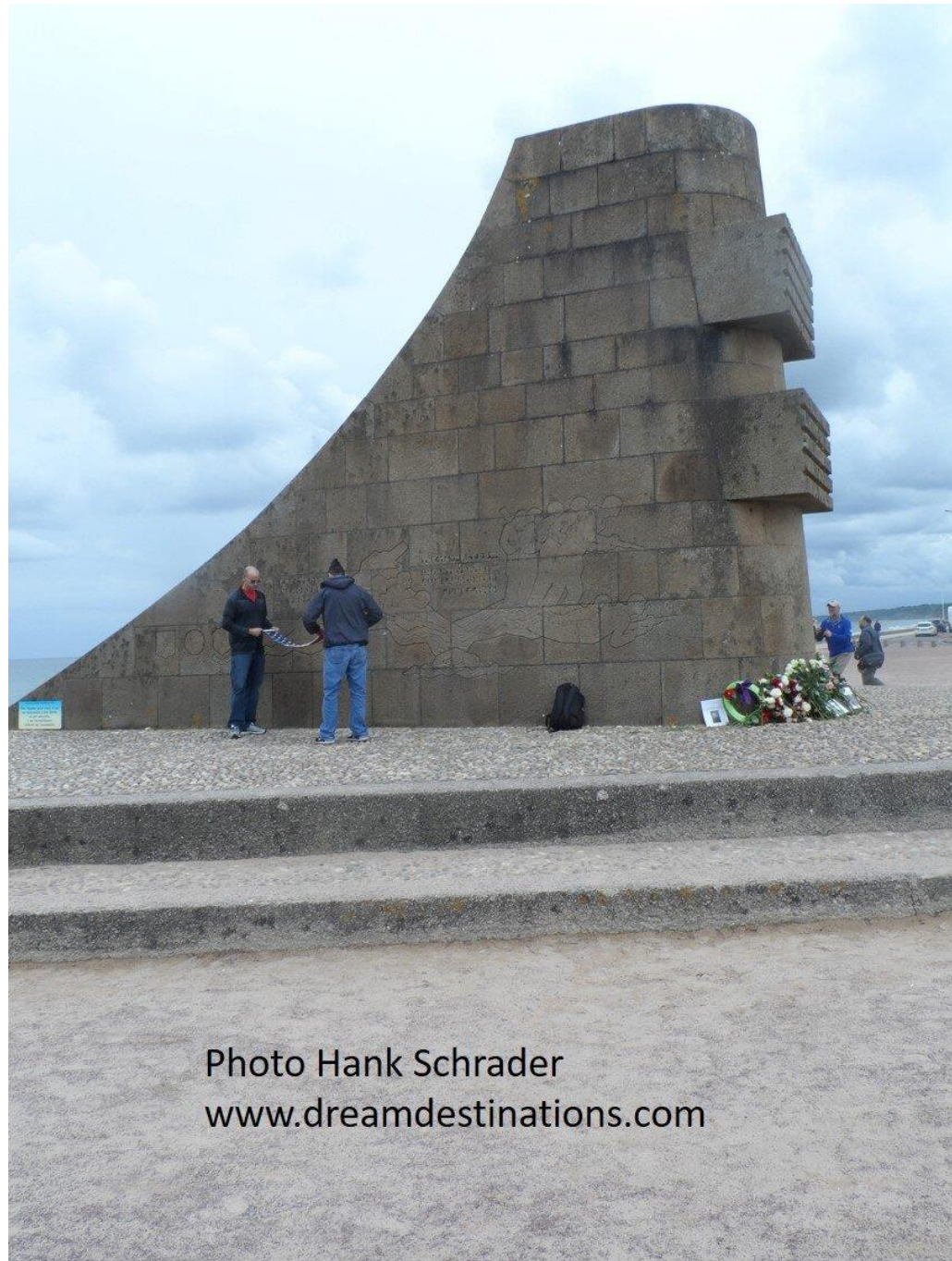


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Omaha Beach

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Day 6 - Honfleur Option 2 Normandy Excursion British Focus

- Excursion to the Normandy Beaches – British focus: The small town of Bayeux was the first town to be liberated after the D-Day Landings and became the French capital for the summer of 1944, until the liberation of Paris.
- Visit the Bayeux War Cemetery and the Museum of the Battle of Normandy, which describes the chronological events from D-Day in detail.
- Then explore the new state-of-the-art Landing Museum at Arromanches, located across the artificial harbor that was built to dispatch reinforcements.
- After lunch at a local restaurant, you will visit the British Normandy Memorial, which records the names of 22,442 fallen servicemen and women under British command; the Pegasus Bridge & Museum, site of an important battle; and stop at the Ranville War Cemetery.

Arromanches

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Arromanches Artificial Harbor

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Sherman Tank Outfitted to Swim Ashore



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Landing Museum at Arromanches

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Pegasus Memorial Museum

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Pegasus Memorial Museum



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Day 6 - Honfleur Option 3 Normandy Breaches Canadian Focus

- Excursion to the Normandy Beaches – Canada focus:
- Begin at Abbey d'Ardenne, which was founded in the 11th century and is now a memorial to the Canadian Prisoners of War from the D-Day landings.
- Next you will head to Juno Beach Centre, a memorial to where 20,000 Canadian troops landed on that day.
- After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Bény-sur-Mer Canadian cemetery where the 335 Canadian men who were killed in the D-Day Landings and the early stages of the campaign are buried.
- You'll also visit Pegasus Bridge & Museum, site of an important battle.

Canadian War Cemetery Normandy



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Canadian War Cemetery Normandy



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Canadian Forces Campaign Plaque

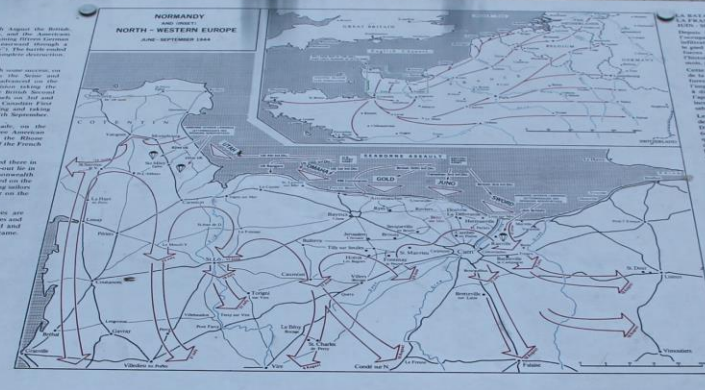
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THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY AND THE LIBERATION OF PARIS
The Battle of Normandy was the decisive battle of the Second World War in Europe. It was fought between the Allied forces and the German Wehrmacht from June 6, 1944, to September 19, 1944. The battle resulted in the liberation of France and the opening of a second front in Europe.

The Allies had planned for a long time to invade France. The operation was named "Operation Overlord" and was led by General Dwight D. Eisenhower. The main landing force consisted of the First Canadian Army, the British Second Army, and the American Third Army. The operation was supported by the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy.

The battle was fought in a series of stages. The first stage was the landing on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944. The second stage was the battle for the town of Caen, which was fought from June 7 to June 13, 1944. The third stage was the battle for the town of Cherbourg, which was fought from June 19 to June 26, 1944. The fourth stage was the battle for the town of Falaise, which was fought from August 12 to August 17, 1944. The fifth stage was the liberation of Paris on August 25, 1944.



LA BATAILLE DE NORMANDIE ET LA LIBERATION DE PARIS
La bataille de Normandie fut la bataille décisive de la Seconde Guerre mondiale en Europe. Elle fut livrée entre les forces alliées et l'armée allemande du Wehrmacht du 6 juin 1944 au 19 septembre 1944. Cette bataille aboutit à la libération de la France et à l'ouverture d'un second front en Europe.

Les Alliés avaient planifié pendant longtemps l'invasion de la France. L'opération fut nommée "Opération Overlord" et fut dirigée par le général Dwight D. Eisenhower. Les principales forces combattantes étaient la Première Armée canadienne, la Seconde Armée britannique et la Troisième Armée américaine. L'opération fut soutenue par la Royal Air Force et la Royal Navy.

La bataille se déroula en plusieurs étapes. La première étape fut le débarquement sur les plages de Normandie le 6 juin 1944. La deuxième étape fut la bataille de Caen, qui fut livrée du 7 au 13 juin 1944. La troisième étape fut la bataille de Cherbourg, qui fut livrée du 19 au 26 juin 1944. La quatrième étape fut la bataille de Falaise, qui fut livrée du 12 au 17 août 1944. La cinquième étape fut la libération de Paris le 25 août 1944.

The attack started on 25th July, the Allied land forces were comprising 48 divisions: 22 American, 11 British, 3 Canadian, 1 French and 1 Polish. Part of American Third Army drove south to take Brittany while British Second Army thrust southwest from Caumont. The remainder of the American Twelfth Army Group then wheeled east to take Laval and Domfront and on 7th August Canadian First Army, which included the Polish as well as three British divisions, attacked southwards towards Falaise. On the same day the Germans launched a major counter-offensive which, despite

REMY-SURMER CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY, REVERYS
It was on the coast just to the north of, and visible from, this cemetery that the 5th Canadian Division landed on 6 June. The 335 soldiers of the Division killed on that day are buried in this cemetery, with 1,094 other Canadian soldiers, and 15 of whom, who fell in the subsequent operations and advance inland.

CEMETIERE MILITAIRE CANADIEN DE RENVY-SUR-MER, REVERYS
La Troisième Division Canadienne a débarqué le 6 juin sur cette côte juste au nord de ce cimetière, à un endroit qui est de nos jours visible de la. Les 335 soldats de la Division qui ont été tués ce jour-là sont enterrés dans ce cimetière avec 1,094 autres soldats canadiens, et 15 soldats qui sont tombés dans les opérations ultérieures et lors de l'avance vers l'intérieur.

THIS CEMETERY WAS BUILT AND IS MAINTAINED BY THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION ARCHITECT : PHILIP HEPWORTH

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The cemetery was built on the site of a farmstead which had been completely captured by the Germans on 18 July. At that time the cemetery was in a state of complete ruin. The British and Canadian troops engaged the bulk of the German armoured forces, enabling the Americans to clear the Caumont Peninsula and push south taking St-Lô on 18th July.

Le cimetière a été construit sur le site d'une ferme allemande qui avait été complètement capturée par les Allemands le 18 juillet. Au cours des opérations autour de Caen, qui impliquaient le bombardement d'une percée vers Paris, les troupes britanniques et canadiennes combattirent le gros des forces allemandes ultérieures, permettant ainsi aux Américains de nettoyer le groupement de Caumont et de pousser vers le sud pour s'emparer de St-Lô le 18 juillet.

The ceremony was held on 25 July, the forces involved were 22 American, 11 British, 3 Canadian, 1 French and 1 Polish. The ceremony was held at the cemetery and was attended by the British and Canadian forces.

La cérémonie a eu lieu le 25 juillet, les forces impliquées étaient 22 américaines, 11 britanniques, 3 canadiennes, 1 française et 1 polonaise. Une partie de la Troisième Armée Américaine se composait à ce moment de 18 divisions dont 22 américaines, 11 britanniques, 3 canadiennes, 1 française et 1 polonaise. Une partie de la Troisième Armée Américaine se

Royal Canadian Navy Monument Normandy



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Day 6 - Honfleur Option 4 Bayeux Tour

- Bayeux tour with tapestry visit: If your interest sits in a different era in history, join a guided tour of Bayeux, including the Notre Dame Cathedral of Bayeux, built between the 11th and 14th centuries and considered a masterpiece of Norman Romanesque and Gothic architecture.
- You will also visit the Bayeux Tapestry, an 11th century embroidered cloth nearly 70 meters long and 50 centimeters tall, which tells the story of the conquest of England by the Duke of Normandy.
- You will have free time afterward to explore the town of Bayeux.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Bayeux Cathedral

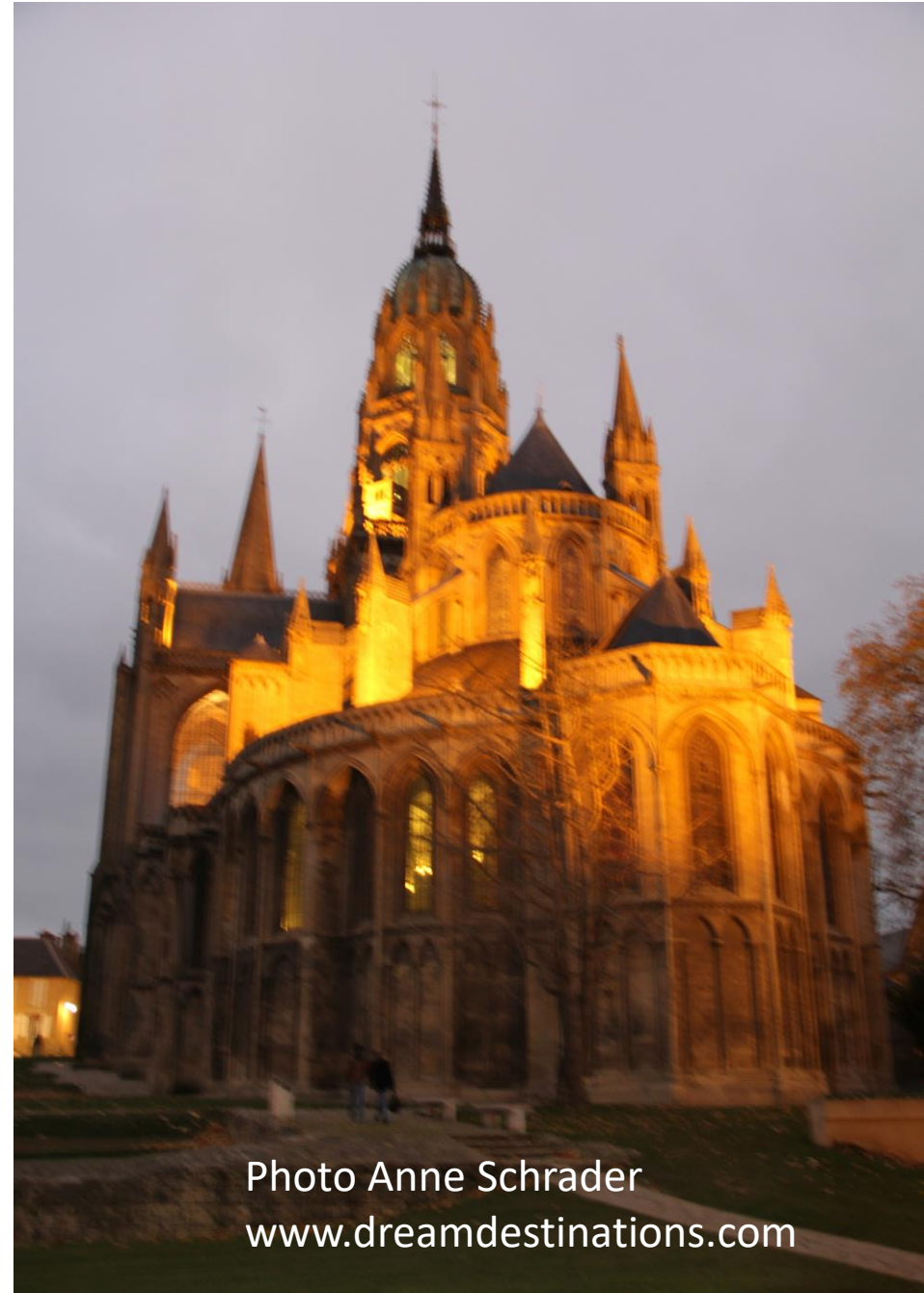


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Bayeux Tapestry Museum

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Entrance to the Tapestry Museum Bayeux



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Day 7 - Caudebec-En-Caux

- Your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive in Caudebec-En-Caux this morning.
- This small town is set on a curve of the Seine and the riverfront is lined with handsome homes, stately gardens and crumbling stone walls. Caudebec -En-Caux dates back to the Middle Ages and a handful of historic buildings survived the bombardments of WWII, including the ornate 15th century Notre Dame Caudebec-En-Caux.
- From where you'll set out to explore more of the Normandy region.

Day 7 - Caudebec-En-Caux Excursions

- **Freechoice** Explore this morning with one of these 4 Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Excursion to Bolbec and Normand Farm: Transfer by coach to the town of Bolbec and visit the textile museum, which tells the story of the flourishing textile industry in Bolbec.

- You will also have an opportunity to visit a typical Norman Farm and learn about everyday farming life in the Normandy region.

Cycle to Villequier with Victor Hugo Museum: Enjoy an active biking tour to the charming village of Villequier, cycling along the banks of the River Seine, following a flat eight-kilometer-each way route.

- Visit the museum dedicated to Victor Hugo, the famous French poet, playwright and novelist before returning to the ship.

Day 7 - Caudebec-En-Caux Excursions

- Fecamp and Benedictine Palace: Take a coach transfer to Fecamp, an historic seaside town surrounded by some of the tallest cliffs in Normandy.
- You will join a guided tour of the Benedictine Palace, an architectural masterpiece built in the 19th century, famous for the Benedictine liquor that is produced on site and is said to contain 27 plants and spices. Enjoy a tasting during your visit.

Visit to Etretat: Transfer by coach for a guided tour of Etretat, famous for the Alabaster Coast, which comprises of white limestone cliffs that have been carved out by nature into ethereal shapes, including natural arches and a needle that juts out into the English Channel.

- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 - Vernon > La Roche Guyon

- This morning your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive in Vernon, an historic border town between the Duchy of Normandy and the Kingdom of France.
- Today it's a great base to explore nearby Giverny, known for its most famous resident, artist Claude Monet, who turned this quiet riverside town into an artist pilgrimage.

Day 8 - Vernon > La Roche Guyon

Freechoice Monet's House and Garden: Claude Monet is renowned as the founder of French Impressionist painting and today you will visit his house and gardens.

Built by Monet, the gardens comprise a Japanese-inspired water garden with lilies, which inspired his most famous works.

Journey via coach from Vernon to Giverny, on arrival you will enjoy a guided tour of the town and visit Monet's residence, followed by free time to explore at your own leisure.

The town is surrounded by hillsides and features many walking paths that are fringed by wildflowers.

Self-guided cycle from Vernon to Giverny: Take a self-guided biking tour from the ship in Vernon to Giverny (approximately five kilometers each way).

When you arrive, you may wish to visit Monet's House and Garden or wander about this charming town, before returning to the ship.

Giverny

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Day 8 - Vernon > La Roche Guyon

- After exploring these beautiful gardens during this morning's touring, you may feel inspired to create a masterpiece of your own during an on-board painting class.
- This afternoon your Scenic Space-Ship will sail towards La Roche Guyon, where this evening's exclusive Scenic Enrich experience will take place.
- **Enrich** Château de La Roche Guyon: Take a short walk from the ship to Château La Roche Guyon, which is built into a chalk hillside and dates to the 16th century. It features decorative walls and ceilings as well as tapestries, and during WWII was the headquarters for German field marshal Erwin Rommel, known as Desert Fox.
- On your way to the château, you will pass through the manicured orchard and vegetable gardens, which are kept by nine on-site gardeners.
- On arrival you'll enjoy a drink and sit for a splendid classical concert that focuses on music by French composers.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - Conflans > Paris

- Wake this morning in Conflans-Saint-Honore, a medieval town located at the confluence of the River Seine and Oise.
- Though it's just a short distance from the center of the city, it feels a world away.
- A castle was built here by monks in the 9th century to protect the relics of Saint Honore, from whom the town gets its name.
- It became a popular pilgrimage site in the 11th century, a practice which lasted for more than 700 years.
- Wander the quiet streets and the riverside pathway, sip coffee at an open-air café, and admire the beautiful ancient church.
- From here, you can explore some of the outer regions of Paris.

Day 9 - Conflans > Paris

- **Freechoice** Today, choose one of our 3 Scenic Freechoice activities:

Visit to Auvers-Sur-Oise: Transfer to the village of Auvers-Sur-Oise, the place where Vincent Van Gogh painted his final masterpieces, by coach.

- Throughout the town guests will see landmarks that were immortalized by Van Gogh in some of his well-known artworks such as the famous Notre Dame de l'Assomption church.
- The tour includes entry to Van Gogh's room, an attic that he rented during his final months. The artist was the last occupant of this room, which has sat empty since 1890. Enjoy free time afterwards to wander through the village.

Auvers-sur-Oise Auberge Ravoux, former home of
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Day 9 - Conflans > Paris Excursions

- Chantilly Castle and Gardens: Château de Chantilly is a magnificent tribute to France's cultural heritage, built by Henri D'Orleans, the son of the last King of France.
- Take a guided tour of the castle and gardens, including some free time to explore the grounds.
- The château showcases some of the fine collections D'Orleans amassed during his life, which you can see displayed elegantly in the large gallery as well as the grand living areas used by this family.

Kayaking on River Oise: Explore this beautiful region from a different perspective as you glide along the River Oise, which flows into the River Seine at Conflans.

- Paddle past impressive landscapes and estates via kayak.

Day 9 - Conflans > Paris

- This afternoon you'll spend time on board as your Scenic Space-Ship cruises back to Paris.
- Relax with a regional wine or beer in the Panorama Lounge & Bar, take some time out in the wellness center, where you can enjoy a massage, or head to the state-of-the-art gym for an invigorating workout.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 Paris

- Welcome back to Paris, where you will spend the day exploring this great city.
- First timers will love the highlights tour, which allows you to tick off bucket-list items such as the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral, while return visitors may want to discover the trendy Marais District or Opera Garnier, an opulent architectural masterpiece built in the 19th century.
- Or take a tour south-east of the city to an exquisite château.

Day 10 Paris

Freechoice Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice options:

Trendy Marais with a local Parisian: Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Marais district with a Parisian guide.

A melting pot of cultures, fascinating history, opulent architecture, an eclectic arts scene and high-end fashion, the Marais is one of the most diverse districts in Paris.

Highlights of Paris city tour: Join a local guide on a coach tour of the city to see some of its most famous sites.

Marvel at Paris' most iconic landmark, the Eiffel Tower, which was built in 1889 for the World Exhibition; drive along the famous Champs Elysee, the world's most beautiful avenue; and see the Arc de Triomphe and Concorde Square.

You will also view the 1163-built Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral, which has been closed since the 2019 fire and is currently undergoing a painstaking restoration process.

Eiffel Tower

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Arc de Triomphe



Place de la Concorde



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Notre Dame Cathedral

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Day 10 Paris Excursions

Opera Garnier: Located in the theatrical heart of Paris, the spectacular Opera Garnier is resplendent with ornately decorated rooms, grand staircases, and glistening chandeliers.

Tour this opera house and learn about the magnificent building that was commissioned by Emperor Napoleon III.

Château Vaux-le-Vicomte: Take a coach to the Château Vaux le Vicomte, located an hour's drive from Paris.

This château is credited as the founding French formal garden that was the inspiration for Versailles.

The property is laid out in a typical symmetrical fashion with its stunning gardens creating a theatrical setting.

Paris Opera House

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Day 10 Afternoon Free Time

- This afternoon is free to explore Paris at your own leisure.
- Perhaps you'd like to people-watch on the Champs-Elysee from a sidewalk café, head to the top of the Eiffel Tower for a bird's-eye view of the city, or venture to Montmartre, the artist's district and where the famed Moulin Rouge is located.
- Otherwise, you can relax back on board your luxurious Scenic Space-Ship.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 Paris

- After breakfast, transfer to Paris airport or train station for your onward journey.
- This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water.
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- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

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