

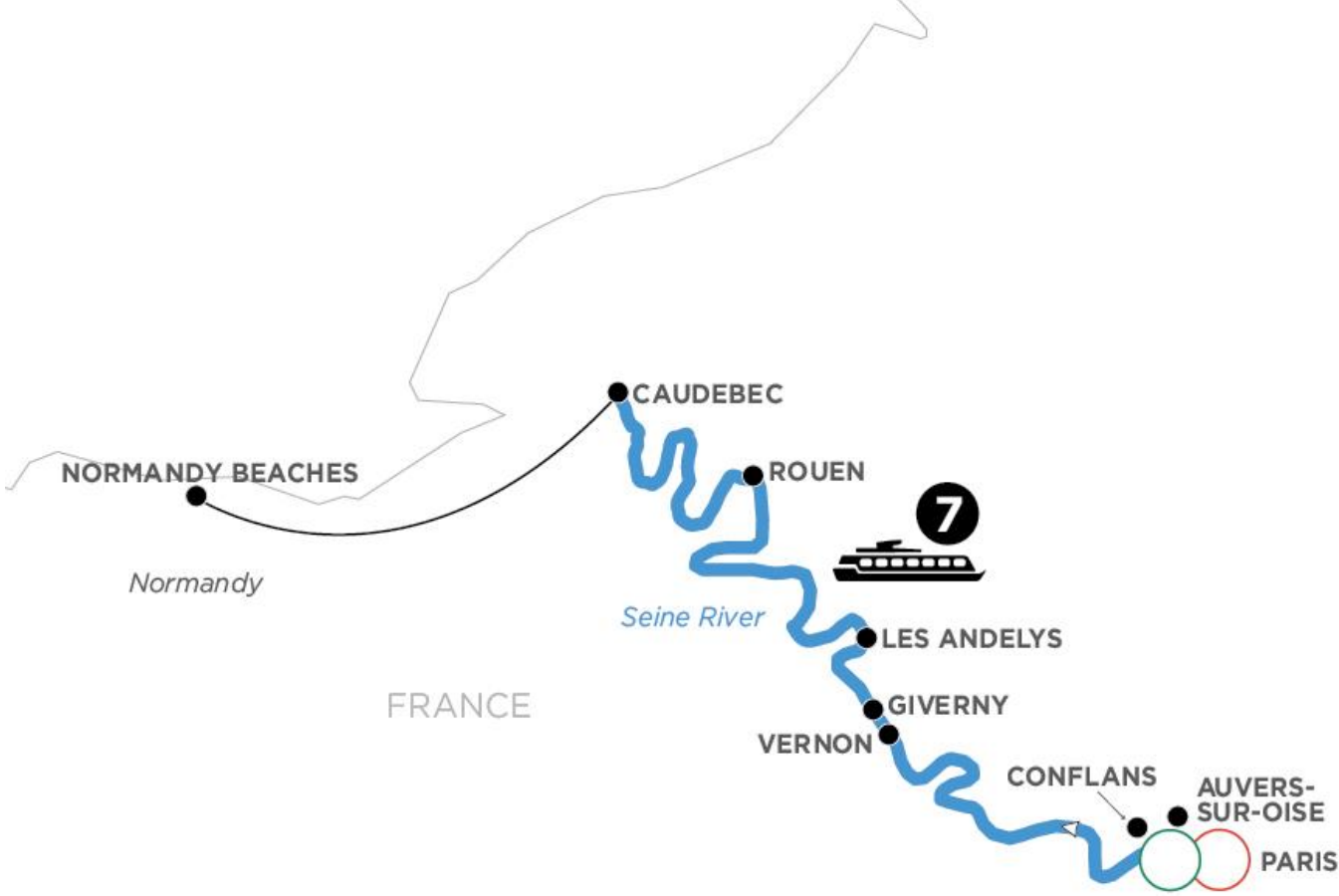
# Paris to Normandy's Landing Beaches Avalon River Cruises

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# Route Map from Avalon River Cruises



- 1 = Overnights
- = Start City
- = End City

# Cruise Features

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Panoramic windows
- Elegant, contemporary design & décor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day

# Dining

- Avalon FlexDining® for more venue and seating options, including flexible seating times in our Panorama Dining Room
- Avalon Fresh® healthy cuisine options at every meal
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with every lunch and dinner
- Daily a la carte breakfast with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options and daily specials
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options and rotating chef's features including carving & pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at our Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Daily Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, sweet treats & sandwiches
- Daily four-course a la carte dinner in the Panorama Dining Room with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrees and desserts. Includes selections of regional recipes, Western dishes and vegetarian options.
- Enjoy a tasting menu with a view in the Panorama Bistro - a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere while lingering over several satisfying selections
- Welcome & farewell cocktails with sparkling wine and canapés
- Panorama Lounge featuring premium spirits and Avalon specialty cocktails, along with local entertainment special guests
- Cocktails available on the Sky Deck
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day

# Overview

- This fabulous river cruise combines time in France's unparalleled capital of Paris with beautiful scenery along the Seine River and the picturesque and historical region of Normandy.
- Embark on your adventure in Paris and sail to Vernon, where you'll choose between two exciting guided visits—Claude Monet's stunning gardens at Giverny or the remarkable Bizy Castle, known as "Normandy's Versailles."
- You may choose to go on an excursion to the historic Normandy Landing Beaches, including Omaha Beach, the Point du Hoc monument, and the American Cemetery.
- In Rouen, best known as the home of Joan of Arc, you'll go on a guided walk through the medieval quarter and visit the gothic Rouen Cathedral—once the tallest building in the world.
- From Conflans, go on an excursion to the quaint and inspiring town of Auvers-Sur-Oise—associated with several famous artists, including Vincent van Gogh—or visit Napoleon and Josephine's Malmaison.

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- On this French river cruise, you'll enjoy wine, cheese, beautiful scenery along the Seine River, and stops in charming and historical parts of France, but your adventure would not be complete without some time in Paris—one of the world's most romantic and vibrant cities!
- Discover the true heart of Paris on a guided walk through the sites of Paris' rich history or take a tour showing you the iconic sites of the Louvre Museum, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, and more.

# Day 1 **Paris (Embarkation):**

Onboard welcome reception

Welcome to France. Your Suite Ship<sup>®</sup> is Ready for Boarding

Flights into **Paris** must arrive by 2:30 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day is free to explore the world's most romantic city before starting your cruise on the Seine. Get acquainted with the City of Light today with some shopping, strolling, or with a croissant and café au lait to watch the world go by amid the Parisian cityscape.

## Day 2 **Vernon-Les Andelys**

- Choice of excursions to Giverny or Bizy Castle
- or walk with your Adventure Host; choice of guided walk or guided hike in Les Andelys;
- onboard crêpe tasting and Pastry Demonstration
- This afternoon, enjoy a beautiful cruise to the picturesque town of Les Andelys.



# Day 2 Options

- **Active** Explore Vernon's Chateau des Tourelles by foot with your Adventure Host, :
- **Classic** Take a Guided Tour of **Giverny**, home and inspiration of the master impressionist painter Claude Monet. Walk the grounds and see Monet's charming residence, and the flower and water gardens captured in his masterpieces,
- **Classic** Join a Guided Visit to Bizy Castle—called “Normandy's Versailles” for its magnificent courtyard, water garden, and stables.
- **Discovery** While sailing, enjoy a traditional French luncheon of authentic French crêpes, followed by a Pastry Demonstration.

## Day 3 **Caudebec:**

- Choice of excursion along the “Normandy Abbeys Route”
- or bike with your Adventure Host
- **Active** Join a Guided Hike up to the castle ruins of Château Gaillard—historic home of King Richard the Lionheart, OR:
- **Classic** Take a Guided Walking Tour of Les Andelys—one of France’s most picturesque spots on the Seine.
- **EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO CAUDEBEC**

## Day 4 **Caudebec:**

- Choice of full-day excursions to Normandy landing beaches
- or 'A Taste of Normandy' excursion
- **Classic** Join a Guided Tour of Normandy's WWII landing beaches, visit significant U.S. sites, including Omaha Beach, the Pointe du Hoc monument, and the American Cemetery, OR:
- **Classic** Take a full-day Guided Tour of the British and Canadian commemorative sites, including the British cemetery, Pegasus Memorial, the seaside town of Arromanches, the Juno Beach Center, and the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, OR:
- **Classic** Join "A Taste of Normandy" Guided Tour for an in-depth look at this rich agricultural region. See the famous Bayeux Tapestry, visit the beautiful village of Beuvron en Auge and taste Calvados at a local distillery.
- Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.
- **EVENING CRUISE TO ROUEN**



# Omaha Beach



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# Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument



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# Point du Hoc Ranger Bayonet Monument



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American  
Cemetery  
Normandy





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# American Cemetery Normandy



## Day 5 **Rouen:**

- Choice of guided sightseeing, see the Astronomical Clock and visit the cathedral
- or bike tour
- **Active** Take a Guided Bike Tour to discover and explore the most famous monuments and the lesser-known hidden gems of **Rouen** on two wheels, OR:
- **Classic** Take a Guided Walking Tour of **Rouen**—site of Saint Joan of Arc's martyrdom—and see the medieval quarter with its 16th-century Astronomical Clock, and Notre-Dame Cathedral.
- **EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO CONFLANS**

# Day 6 **Conflans:**

- Choice of excursions to Auvers-sur-Oise
- or Napoleon and Josephine's Château de Malmaison
- or bike with your Adventure Host
- **Active** Enjoy a relaxing bike ride along the Seine with your Adventure Host, OR:
- **Classic** Join a Guided Visit to Auvers-sur-Oise, home and resting place of Vincent van Gogh, OR:
- **Classic** Take a Guided tour of the opulent Château de Malmaison—home of Napoléon Bonaparte and his wife Josephine.
- Perhaps, join a Guided Optional Excursion to the Palace of Versailles—home to a succession of French kings.
- **EVENING CRUISE TO PARIS**

# Day 7 Paris

- Choice of guided sightseeing or historic sights on 'Heart of Paris' walking tour
- or walk with your Adventure Host
- **Active** Experience the Seine river by foot with your Adventure Host, OR:
- **Classic** Discover the ancient heart of Paris on a captivating Guided Walk featuring the Palais-Royal, Louvre pyramid, ancient sites on Île de la Cité, the Left Bank, bustling Latin Quarter, and more, OR:
- **Classic** Join a Guided City Tour, that shows you the iconic sites of Paris, such as the Louvre Museum, the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Opéra Garnier, and the famous Champs-Élysées.
- Stroll through Paris on your own or linger over wine in a literary café on the Left Bank.
- **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN**



# Outside of the Louvre Palace

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# Outside the Louvre





# Louvre



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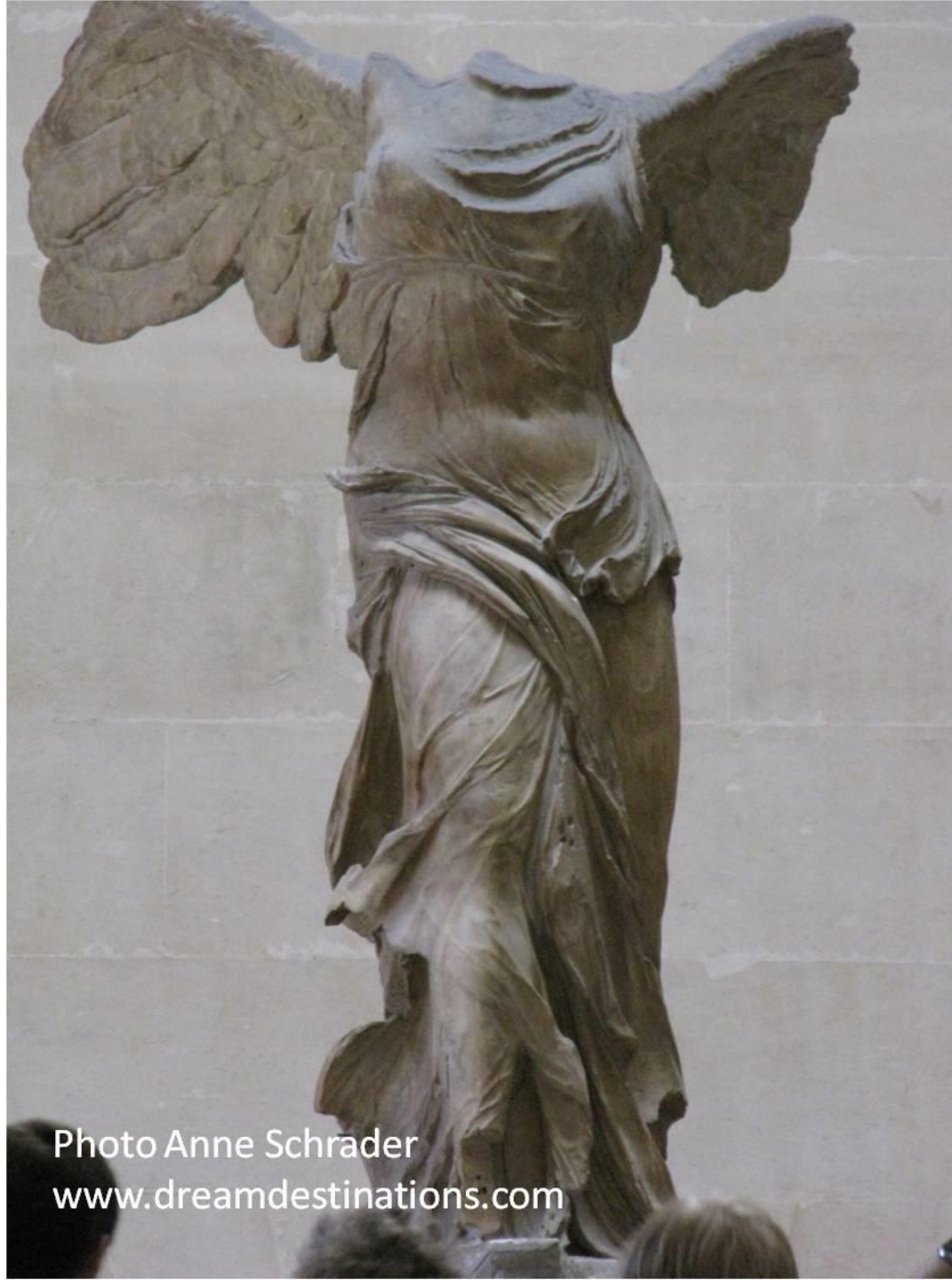


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# Entrance to Orsay Museum

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# Model of the Statue of Liberty Orsay Museum



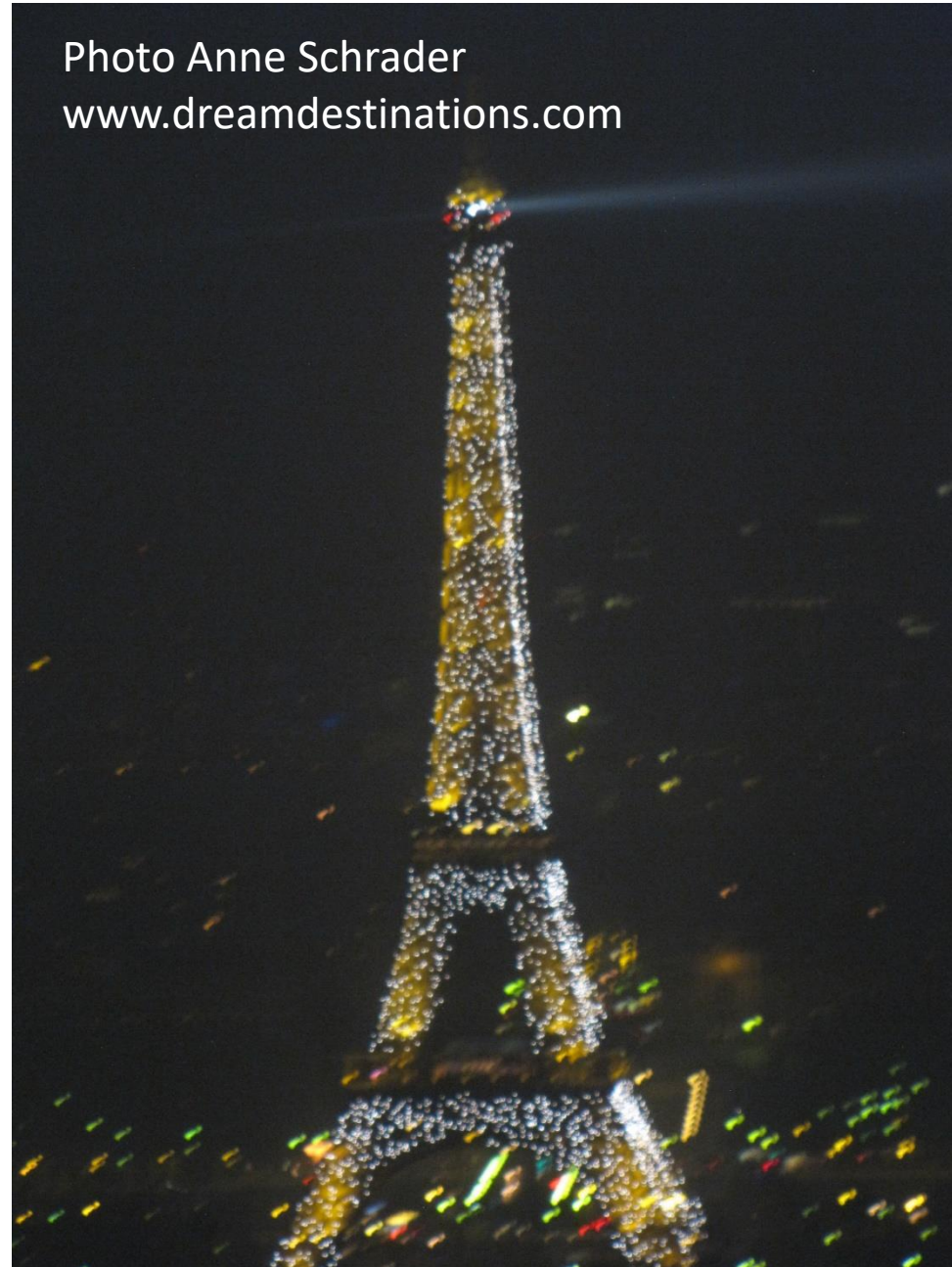
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# Eiffel Tower

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# Eiffel Tower at Night





# Arc de Triomphe



# Notre Dame Cathedral

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# Inside Notre Dame Cathedral



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# Army Museum & Napoleon's Tomb

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# Sorbonne





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# Paris Opera House

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# Place de la Concorde



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# Sacre-Coeur



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# Walking the Seine

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## Day 8 (**Disembarkation**):

- Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.



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