



# Paris & Normandy Seine River Cruises AmaWaterways River Cruises

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# Overview

- Starting at Paris, you will sail the historic Seine River.
- You will visit Giverny, Monet's garden & home, where he created many of his most famous paintings and Honfleur, the charming harbor town, also scene of many impressionists paintings.
- Also, you will visit Rouen, a great medieval city, where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake.
- The highlight of the cruise is an all-day excursion to the Normandy Beaches.

# AmaLyra 110 meters

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# Ship Features

- Custom-Designed Ships
- Premium Experience—first class all the way
- 360 degree Riverside Views
- Award winning Dining
- Massage & Beauty Salon
- Complimentary Bicycles
- Innovative French Balconies
- Complimentary Internet & Infotainment System
- Fitness room

# French Balcony Cabin AmaLyra

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# Infotainment System

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# Main Lounge

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# Whirlpool 2009 Cruise



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# Main Lounge

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# The Dining Experience

- Only river cruise line inducted into La Chaine des Rotisseurs—one of the world's most prestigious culinary organizations
- Meals are great—champagne breakfast, tasty lunches, multi-course dinner accompanied by free flowing wine, beer or soft drinks.

# Restaurant





# Complementary Wine with Dinner



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# The Chef's Table Aft Dining Area

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# Aft Specialty Dining Room



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# Aft Specialty Dining Room Food



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# Small group excursions led by expert local guides

- **Daily tours & excursions**—most included with cruise at no extra cost—with professional guides & a personal headset included
- **Walking excursions are grouped**—fast walkers, normal walkers, gentle walkers & late starter groups.
- They always provide maps & info if you want to go off on your own or on state-of-the-art bikes included at no extra cost.

# Trip Map From AmaWaterways





# Day 1

- Arrive in Paris, one of Europe's most romantic cities, and board your luxurious ship.
- Meet your fellow travelers at the Welcome Dinner.
- (D) meal

# Day 2 LES ANDELYS

- Château Gaillard
- Or Les Andelys bike tour
- Or Château Gaillard hike
- Scenic cruising

## Day 2 Excursion Detail

- Uncover the history of Château Gaillard, the former stronghold of Richard the Lionheart, situated on the chalk cliffs high above the Seine, on a standard tour or on a hike.
- You may also opt instead for a guided bike tour through the charming village of Les Andelys.
- Set sail along the meandering Seine for a scenic cruise.
- (B,L,D)



# Château Gaillard

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# Les Andelys

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# Day 3 Le HAVRE

- Honfleur excursion
- Or Full-day Honfleur & Pays d'Auge
- Le Havre city tour in the afternoon
- Or Bike tour



# Day 3 Excursion Detail

- Excursion to the seaside town of Honfleur, a port with pastel-colored houses that was a favorite subject of artists such as Courbet, Boudin and Monet.
- Enjoy a full day excursion that includes Honfleur and the delicious Pays d'Auge region of Normandy
- Drive to Beamont-en-Auge and Pont l'Eveque.
- Afterwards, enjoy a cheese & Calvados tasting.
- Bike tour through Le Havre. (B,L,D)

# Honfleur

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# Day 4 LE HAVRE CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX.

- Normandy US Landing Beaches
- Or Normandy British and Canadian Landing Beaches
- Route des Abbayes
- Or Seine Museum

# Day 4 US Beaches

- Excursion Choice # 1. First, D-Day “Remembered” is a full day excursion to the US sector, where you will visit:
  - the US cemetery at Coleville-sur-Mer,
  - Omaha Beach,
  - the artillery battery at Longues-sur-Mer
  - and the village of Arromanches, where the remains of the floating harbor used during the WWII landings can be seen.



# Artillery battery at Longues-sur-Mer



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# Omaha Beach



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# American Cemetery

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# Omaha Beach



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# Arromanches

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# Arromanches Artificial Harbor

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# Day 4 British Sector

- Or Gold & Juno beaches in the British and Canadian sectors, where you will visit
- Ranville Cemetery,
- Pegasus Bridge,
- the Canadian cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer,
- the WWII museum in Courselle,
- Juno and Gold Beaches,
- and finally Arromanches.



# Pegasus Memorial Museum

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# Canadian War Cemetery Normandy



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# Canadian Forces Campaign Plaque

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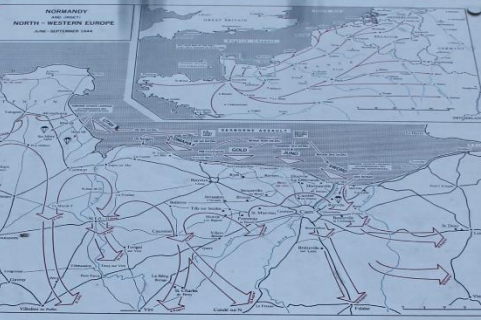
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## CEMETIERE MILITAIRE CANADIEN DE BENVENUE-REVIERS

Le cimetière a été construit par la Commission canadienne des sépultures de guerre. Il a été construit en 1946 et est maintenant entretenu par la Commission canadienne des sépultures de guerre. Le cimetière contient les restes de 11 soldats canadiens, dont 3 français et 1 polonois. Une partie de la Trésorerie Américaine Assurée...



# Royal Canadian Navy Monument Normandy



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# Arromanches Artificial Harbor

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# Day 4 Two Other Excursions

- After sailing in the morning, visit the Romanesque Normandy Abbey Route that will take you to one of the magnificent historic abbeys of the region.
- Or visit the interactive exhibits and vessels at the Seine Museum.
- (B,L,D)



# Routes des Abbayes—Valmont Abbey

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# Day 5 ROUEN

- Medieval Rouen walking tour
- Or Rouen bike tour
- Lyons-la-Forêt excursion
- Or Tastes of Normandy

# Day 5

- Enjoy a morning walk through the medieval city of Rouen & visit the imposing Notre Dame Cathedral, painted numerous times by Monet, and see the square where Joan of Arc was martyred, as well as the Medieval Quarter and Great Clock.
- Afterwards, you will have free time to explore Rouen on your own.



# Rouen

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# Day 6 VERNON

- Scenic cruising
- Monet's home and gardens in Giverny\*
- Or Château de Bizy Tour\*
- Or Giverny bike tour\*

# Day 6 Excursion Detail

- You start by cruising to the provincial town of Vernon on the scenic Seine River.
- You can visit Giverny and the enchanting home and gardens of Impressionist master Claude Monet, & his Impressionist Museum.
- Alternatively, you can visit the palace and lush gardens of Château de Bizy.
- Or take a guided bike tour of the French countryside.
- . (B,L,D) meals.



# Giverny

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# Palace & Gardens of Château de Bizy

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# Day 7

- “City of Light” tour
- Artist's Walk of Auvers-sur-Oise
- Or Chateau Saint-Germain-en-Laye tour
- Or Free time



# Day 7 Excursion Detail

- Visit the charming Latin Quarter, the famous Sorbonne University, and the stunning 400-year old Luxembourg Gardens.
- Or travel to Auberge Ravoux, the last home of Vincent Van Gogh.
- In the afternoon, visit the Musee du Vin, Paris's famous wine museum.
- Or cycle along the Seine River and travel along the hidden passages of Paris.
- (B,L,D

# Sorbonne



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# Luxembourg Gardens



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# Auvers-sur-Oise Auberge Ravoux, former home of Vincent van Gogh

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# Disembark—Day 8

- Already in Paris, sadly the cruise is over. You will say farewell to all your new friends and the crew.
- What an experience—memories of a lifetime!  
(B) meal

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