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2028 PARIS & NORMANDY
PRESENTED BY SMALL GROUP TOURS BY THE TRAVELING PROFESSOR

7 NIGHTS · ROUNDTRIP FROM PARIS, FRANCE

Paris always sizzles while Normandy beckons with its stunning coastline, incredible food and artistic beauty. Monet's Gardens and the charming harbor town of Honfleur, will inspire you the same way as they inspired the great Impressionists. For inspiration of a different kind, witness the site of Joan of Arc's historic martyrdom, or travel to the unforgettable beaches of Normandy where Allied forces landed during WWII's D-Day invasion. Relive the grandeur of royalty at Château de Bizy, once referred to as "the Versailles of Normandy." Blend a passion for the good life with culture, art, architecture and timeless landscape in Northern France.

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1	Paris	EMBARKATION
2	Les Andelys	Château Gaillard tour
		OR Château Gaillard hike
		OR Les Andelys bike tour
		Scenic cruising
3	Le Havre	Honfleur excursion
		Le Havre "UNESCO City of Architects" tour
		OR Bike tour
4	Le Havre	Normandy U.S. Landing Beaches
		OR Normandy British and Canadian Landing Beaches
		OR Full-day Pays d'Auge
	Caudebec-en-Caux	OR Seine Museum
5	Rouen	Medieval Rouen walking tour
		OR Rouen bike tour
		OR Tastes of Normandy
		Bonnemare Castle Visit
6	Vernon	Scenic cruising
		Monet's home and gardens in Giverny*
		OR Château de Bizy tour
		OR Giverny bike tour*
7	Paris	Artist's walk of Auvers-sur-Oise
		OR Château Malmaison excursion
		OR Bike tour
		Bateaux Parisiens tour
8	Paris	DISEMBARKATION

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Day 1, PARIS – EMBARKATION. Board the ship in Paris for your *Paris & Normandy* cruise. (D)

Day 2, LES ANDELYS. Uncover the history of Château Gaillard, the former stronghold of Richard the Lionheart, situated on the chalk cliffs high above the Seine, on a morning tour. Or, if you prefer a more active adventure, you can hike there from the banks of the Seine, admiring the scenic views along the way. For those who wish to explore the area on two wheels, join a guided bike tour through the charming town of Les Andelys. After your adventures, set sail along the meandering Seine for a scenic cruise. (B,L,D)

Day 3, LE HAVRE. During your time in Le Havre, set out on an excursion to the seaside town of Honfleur, renowned for its picturesque harbor, and for being an inspirational site for Impressionist painters. During the afternoon, you can join a city tour of the UNESCO-designated Le Havre. Alternatively, you have the choice of a bike tour through Le Havre. (B,L,D)

Day 4, LE HAVRE – NORMANDY BEACHES – CAUDEBEC EN CAUX. Experience the Normandy region with a variety of excursions. For those wishing to go to the American sector of the historic Normandy Beaches, you will visit the cemetery at Colleville-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. If you prefer, you can tour the Gold and 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 Courseulle and, finally, Arromanches. Alternatively, you can set out on a full day excursion to the delicious Pays d'Auge region of Normandy, where apple cider, Calvados and pommeau outrank French wine. If you wish to experience a different kind of inspiration in Caudebec-en-Caux, you can journey back in time with the interactive exhibits and vessels at the Seine Museum. (B,L,D)

Day 5, ROUEN. Spend the morning enjoying medieval Rouen with a choice of several excursions. Join a walking tour and see the square where Joan of Arc was martyred, as well as the Medieval Quarter and Great Clock. You also have the choice to go on the "Tastes of Normandy" tour, where you'll be treated to the delicious flavors of the region, including chocolate, Norman cheese and cider; or get active by going on a guided bike tour. Then visit Bonnemare Castle, a 16th-century architectural treasure lined with picturesque poplar trees. (B,L,D)

Day 6, VERNON. Enjoy scenic cruising around Vernon before disembarking the ship for your excursion. You will have a choice of three excursions, depending on your interests. Visit Claude Monet's home and gardens in Giverny. Art lovers will immediately recognize images immortalized in Monet's most beloved paintings—such as water lilies, Japanese bridges and graceful willow trees. Wander around his famous gardens and home where he lived for more than four decades. Or visit the regal 18th-century Château de Bizy, inspired by the opulence of Versailles. Enjoy an escorted tour of the palace and gardens. If you prefer a more active adventure, go on a guided bike tour, taking in the beautiful French countryside. (B,L,D)

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Day 7, PARIS. Travel to Auberge Ravoux in the heart of Auvers-sur-Oise, the last home of artist Vincent van Gogh. His spirit still lingers in his former attic rooms at the Ravoux Inn. The mere 70 days Van Gogh spent in Auvers-sur-Oise were astonishingly prolific as he painted more than 70 works here before his death. Or enjoy the exquisite architecture of the Château de Malmaison, the former home of Napoleon and Josephine Bonaparte, also known as "the most beautiful and curious garden in Europe." Alternatively, stay in Paris explore the "City of Light" on a guided bike tour. Later in the day, experience the "City of Light" from a unique perspective when you board a modern river boat at the Port de la Bourdonnais, located on the banks of the Seine River near the Eiffel Tower. With exterior seating and viewing platforms, your one-hour cruise will be a dream come true as you glide along the river and underneath Paris's ornate bridges. From the boat, you will take in panoramic views of the city's iconic buildings and monuments, including the Musee d'Orsay and the Notre Dame Cathedral. (B,L,D)

Day 8, PARIS – DISEMBARKATION. Bid farewell to Paris and prepare for your flight home. (B)

(B,L,D) – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are included on this day.

Itinerary is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the itinerary schedule provided with your final documents.