



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.

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!



Included:

- Cruise: full breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions with sparkling wine and canapés; daily afternoon tea, daily night fare, farewell dinner, complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard
- Free bottled water daily.
- Club Lounge with 24-hour, self-serve beverage station with premium coffees, cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate & teas
- Cookies & fresh fruit available throughout the day.
- Free Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Premium L'Occitane bath products & hairdryer.
- Bathrobes & slippers.
- Flatscreen satellite TV with free movie channels.
- Individual climate control.
- Library with books, cards, and games.
- Onboard cultural & artisan experiences.
- Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes.
- Complimentary Bicycles available for time on shore.
- Included sightseeing with headsets by Certified Local Guides.

Highlights & Sightseeing:

CRUISE: Deluxe 7-night cruise in an outside stateroom

PARIS: welcome reception

VERNON-LES ANDELYS: choice of excursions to Giverny or Bizy Castle; choice of guided walk, or guided hike in Les Andelys

CAUDEBEC: excursion along the “Normandy Abbeys Route”, or hike in the Natural Park; choice of full day excursions to Normandy landing beaches, or “A Taste of Normandy” excursion

ROUEN: guided sightseeing, see the Astronomical Clock and visit the cathedral

CONFLANS: choice of excursions to visit Auvers-sur-Oise or Napoleon and Josephine’s Château de Malmaison

PARIS: choice of guided sightseeing, or “Heart of Paris” walk, visit Notre Dame Cathedral

Itinerary

Day 01 Arrive in Paris, France (Embarkation) (D)

Bienvenue en France! Your Suite Ship® 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 Lights today with some shopping, strolling, or with a croissant and café au lait to watch the world go by amid the Parisian cityscape.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VERNON

Day 02 Vernon-Les Andelys (B, L, D)

Monet's Muses, Castle Courtyards, and Crêpes du Jour

Start the day with a Morning Stretch with your Avalon 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, OR:

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.

This afternoon, enjoy a beautiful cruise to the picturesque town of Les Andelys.

LES ANDELYS

Serenity on the Seine's Most Beautiful Riverbends

Classic

Take a Guided Walking Tour of Les Andelys—one of France's most picturesque spots on the Seine, OR:

Active

Join a Guided Hike up to the castle ruins of Château Gaillard—historic home of King Richard the Lionheart.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO CAUDEBEC

Day 03 Caudebec (B, L, D)

Churches, Cherry Orchards, and White Cliffs of Normandy

Active

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a Morning Jog in Normandy's town of Caudebec.

Classic

Take a Guided Trip along the Normandy Abbeys Route—where more than 100 medieval Benedictine and Augustine abbeys and churches were built along the Seine, OR:

Active

Explore Boucles de la Seine Normande with a Guided Hike of Normandy's vast regional nature park in a region rich in apple, plum, pear, and cherry orchards.

This afternoon, you may choose a Guided Optional Excursion to the old seaside town of Honfleur.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN CAUDEBEC

Day 04 Caudebec. Excursion to Normandy (B, L, D)

Heroic Bravery on Normandy Beaches and French Farming Traditions

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

Day 05 Rouen (B, L, D)

The Cathedral of Notre-Dame and a Heroine for France

Active

Join your Adventure Host for a Morning Walk.

Classic

Take a Guided Walking Tour of Rouen—home of the martyred Joan of Arc—and see the medieval quarter with its 16th-century Astronomical Clock, and Notre-Dame Cathedral.

Spend free time this afternoon to explore Rouen's city markets, shops, and bike paths. Enjoy onboard entertainment before setting sail this evening.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO CONFLANS

Day 06 Conflans (B, L, D)

In the Footsteps of Van Gogh, Bonaparte, and Louis XIV

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 07 Paris (B, L, D)

Cafés, Cathedrals, and Canvases—The City of Lights Truly Shines

Active

Take a Morning Walk with your Avalon Adventure Host to see Paris at first light.

Classic

Take a Guided Walking Tour through the Heart of Paris to see the historic Île St. Louis, Île de la Cité, and Notre-Dame Cathedral, 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 PARIS

Day 08 **Paris (Disembarkation) (B)**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

B = Breakfast. L = Lunch. D = Dinner.

***NOTE:** In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or to alter the program. Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change becomes necessary, a substitute will be offered. Prices are per person, based on double occupancy, subject to change. Port charges are additional \$182 per person. Travel insurance is not included, we highly recommend you purchase the insurance for cancellation and medical protection. Please ask for details.



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