



Itinerary

La Belle Seine featuring Paris and Normandy

Oct 13, 2020 - Oct 21, 2020

Pre Night: Pullman Paris Tour eiffel



Start your trip early with a 3-night stay in London, a world within a city. Enjoy time to discover the city's secrets. Consider venturing through the shopping district, exploring the National Gallery, admiring the regal palace of the Royal Family, or even taking in the skyline from the top of city's famous Ferris wheel – the London Eye. Or extend your stay with an additional night in Paris.

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Depart for Paris, France to start your journey through the Normandy region. Bask in the rich history, art, culture and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns.

Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins - Board Cruise Ship



Your journey opens in Paris. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise. Your beautiful vessel offers outstanding features: the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, delicious cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and exceptional service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the Panorama Bar where you will meet your fellow travelers before a lovely welcome dinner.

Hotel

Paris, France

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 56°
Low 38°
Rain 3"

Day 3: Conflans - Auvers-sur-Oise



This morning, arrive in Conflans, situated at the confluence of the Oise and Seine rivers. Visit the town of Auvers-sur-Oise, once home to several 19th-century painters including Paul Cézanne, Charles-François Daubigny, Camille Pissaro, and perhaps most famously, Vincent Van Gogh. Embark on a tour of Auvers-sur-Oise that retraces Van Gogh's time here. Visit Auberge Ravoux, where he rented his room, the idyllic fields that inspired his last masterpiece, and his final resting place. This afternoon, cruise past lovely French countryside scenery as your journey continues.

Hotel

Conflans

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 56°
Low 38°
Rain 3"

Day 4: Rouen



Today your ship docks in Rouen, the historical capital of Normandy. Enjoy a guided walking tour of this medieval city highlighting its many monuments and architectural treasures. Visit the cathedral and the Church of Joan of Arc before viewing the Gros Horloge astronomical clock. Spend time at leisure to continue exploring the city; perhaps you will visit Place du Vieux Marché, the site where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in the 15th century. This afternoon, you may take an optional excursion with a local expert along the "Abbey Trail" to the ruins of both St. Wandrille Abbey and Jumièges. Learn about the rich history of the churches, castles and abbeys that once populated this region.

Hotel

Rouen

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 56°
Low 38°
Rain 3"

Day 5: Le Havre - Honfleur - Le Havre



Continue on to Le Havre, a city located on the English Channel at the mouth of the Seine River. Perhaps you will join an optional morning sightseeing tour to Étretat, a charming fishing village situated on the Normandy coast with stunning cliff-top views, where a guided walking tour highlights the various artists who have visited and painted there through the years. This afternoon, journey to Honfleur, a remarkable maritime city. Explore the narrow streets and the old port with a local guide. View the Lieutenancy, the Old Salt Stores and St. Catherine's Church before enjoying time to shop or explore independently.

Hotel

Le Havre

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 56°
Low 38°
Rain 3"

Day 6: Le Havre - Normandy Excursion - Caudebec-en-Caux



A full day of remembrance awaits; travel through Normandy to visit some of the significant D-Day Landing sites of World War II. Begin at Pointe du Hoc, a strategic German battery that defended Utah and Omaha beaches from the Allied invasion, where craters from cataclysmic bombings occupy the landscape to this day. View Omaha Beach, one of the U.S. landing zones of the invasion of Normandy. Next, visit the Normandy American Cemetery and visitor's center. Enjoy an included lunch locally before traveling on to Arromanche-les-Bains to view the Mulberry Harbor, one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII and a massive coup for the Allies. This evening, rejoin the ship in Caudebec-en-Caux.

Hotel

Le Havre

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 56°
Low 38°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Les Andelys - Château Gaillard - Giverny



Begin your morning with a stop in Les Andelys to visit Château Gaillard, constructed in the 12th century by Richard the Lionheart. Admire the striking views of French countryside from the château's vantage point on a promontory along the Seine. Next, continue to Giverny, where tranquil gardens combining flora and water elements inspired Monet's greatest works. A guide will share stories of Monet's time here as you tour his home and its surrounding gardens. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing.

Hotel

Les Andelys

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

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Low 38°
Rain 3"

Day 8: Paris



This morning, take a splendid panoramic coach tour that features views of the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Les Invalides, the Louvre Museum, the famous Champs-Élysées and the Jardin des Tuileries. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to continue exploring this great city. Or, perhaps you will select from two optional excursions: choose to visit King Louis XIV's magnificent Palace of Versailles,* the largest in Europe, for a guided tour of the palace and stroll the magnificent gardens which are amongst some of the world's most famous. Or, choose to join an optional guided walking tour of the Montmartre district highlighting its narrow winding streets that have drawn artists to them for hundreds of years. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner where you will bid adieu to the illuminated "City of Light."

Hotel

Paris

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

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Day 9: Paris - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure.

Post Night: Pullman Paris Tour eiffel



Would you like to end your vacation with an additional Hotel in Paris?