



Itinerary

La Belle Seine featuring Paris and Normandy

Sep 29, 2021 - Oct 6, 2021

For departures beyond Spring of 2022, please call to hold your space at standard 2021 prices*

Pre Night: Le Meridien Etoile Hotel

Set on the "Rive Droite" ("right bank") of the Seine in Paris, Le Méridien Etoile is nearby to the legendary Champs-Élysées. The hotel features 1,025 guest rooms.

Day 1: Paris, France - Tour Begins - Board Cruise Ship



Your journey opens in Paris, the "City of Light," where you will board your ship. Your home for the next seven nights, this beautifully appointed vessel has all the modern amenities you could need, such as the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, outstanding service, and delicious cuisine and wine with every dinner. Tonight, enjoy a cocktail before you're welcomed aboard with a lovely dinner.

Hotel

Paris, France

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 21°
Low 12°

Day 2: Conflans - Auvers-sur-Oise



Arrive in Conflans, situated at the meeting point of the Oise and Seine rivers. Spend time in the town of Auvers-sur-Oise, once home to several 19th-century painters including Paul Cézanne, Camille Pissaro, and Vincent Van Gogh. Walk in the footsteps of Van Gogh on a city tour that retraces his time here. Visit his home at Auberge Ravoux, see the idyllic fields that inspired his last masterpiece, and pause at his final resting place.

Hotel

Conflans

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 21°
Low 12°

Day 3: Rouen



Dock in Rouen, the historic capital of Normandy. Step into the past on a guided walking tour of this medieval city, visiting the cathedral, the Church of Joan of Arc, and the Gros Horloge astronomical clock. Enjoy some time to explore on your own, perhaps visiting the site where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. This afternoon, consider taking an optional excursion along the "Abbey Trail" with a local expert, heading to the ruins of St. Wandrille Abbey and Jumièges.

Hotel

Rouen

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 16°
Low 8°

Day 4: Le Havre - Honfleur - Le Havre



Journey to Le Havre, set on the English Channel at the mouth of the Seine River. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Étretat, a charming fishing village with stunning cliff-top views and a history of famous artists. Continue on to Honfleur and discover the narrow streets and 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 16°
Low 8°
Rain 1"

Day 5: Le Havre - Normandy Excursion - Caudebec-en-Caux



Travel through Normandy to visit significant D-Day Landing sites of World War II. Begin at Pointe du Hoc, a strategic German battery that defended beaches from the Allied invasion, and see the craters from the cataclysmic bombings. View Omaha Beach, one of the U.S. landing zones, before visiting the Normandy American Cemetery and visitor center. After lunch, head to Arromanche-les-Bains to see the Mulberry Harbor, a great WWII engineering feat for the Allies. Return to the ship in Caudebec-en-Caux.

Hotel

Le Havre

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 16°
Low 8°
Rain 1"

Day 6: Les Andelys - Château Gaillard - Giverny



Begin your morning in Les Andelys to visit the 12th-century Château Gaillard, constructed by Richard the Lionheart, and admire the views of the French countryside. Continue to Giverny, where tranquil gardens and shady paths inspired some of Monet's greatest works. As you tour his home and its surrounding gardens, a guide will share stories of the renowned artist's life. Back onboard, enjoy the Captain's Gala dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing.

Hotel

Les Andelys

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 16°
Low 8°
Rain 1"

Day 7: Paris



Take a panoramic coach tour of Paris, passing by beloved sites such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Les Invalides, and the Louvre. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you will select from two optional excursions – visit King Louis XIV's magnificent Palace of Versailles,* or join a guided walking tour of the Montmartre district. No matter how you spend your afternoon, toast to your French getaway at a farewell dinner where you will bid adieu to the illuminated "City of Light."

Hotel

Paris

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 16°
Low 8°
Rain 1"

Day 8: Paris - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many treasured memories of French waterways.

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