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12 Days • 16 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Versailles Palace & Gardens, Giverny, Normandy, D-Day Landing Sites, Omaha Beach, American Cemetery, Le Mont St. Michel, Loire Valley, Winery Tour, 2-Night Château Stay, Chenonceau Castle, Amboise, Paris, Seine River Cruise, Eiffel Tower Dinner

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Le Louis Versailles Chateau - MGallery, Versailles
Days 4, 5	Le Best Western Hotel Moderne, Caen
Days 6, 7	Hotel de L'Abbaye, Saint-Malo
Days 8, 9	Chateau de Beauvois, Loire Valley
Days 10, 11	Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Thursday, September 28, 2023 Overnight Flight Embark on your journey through France. Bask in the rich history, art, culture and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns.

Day 2: Friday, September 29, 2023 Versailles, France - Tour Begins Your tour begins in the royal borough of Versailles. Celebrate the beginning of your voyage with a savory French dinner in the culturally-rich town of Versailles. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, September 30, 2023 Versailles - Royal Palace and Gardens Start your day with an exploration of the iconic Palace of Versailles (UNESCO). A guide leads you through the Private Apartments of King Louis XIV, the Sun King, who transformed his father's hunting lodge into the resplendent seat of the Royal Court. Continue your visit independently through the lavish State Apartments. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in Versailles' most famous sights at your own pace. This afternoon your explorations continue in the palace's grandiose formal gardens, where the Baroque fountains regularly spout water to the tune of classical music.* (B)

Day 4: Sunday, October 1, 2023 Versailles - Giverny - Caen Journey into Normandy and let the art scene leave its impression on you with a visit to Monet's countryside home at Giverny.** Stroll through the colorful living work of art that is Monet's garden, where you'll see the source for the artist's inspiration, including the setting for his iconic Waterlilies. Then, set off through the rich pasturelands of Normandy to the city of Caen, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 5: Monday, October 2, 2023 Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen This morning visit Omaha Beach and stop at the Normandy American Cemetery & Visitor Center. See the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy. Then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. (B)

Day 6: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Caen - Peace Memorial - Brittany Countryside Your exploration of the D-Day Landing Sites continues today with a visit to Juno Beach and to Arromanche-les-Bains, to see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built by the Allies to resupply their lines during the liberation of France. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Caen Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Then it's off to Brittany, France's westernmost region. Settle in for dinner and a 2-night stay at your rural hotel located on the banks of the Meleuc river. (B, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Brittany Countryside-Le Mont St. Michel-St. Malo-Brittany Countryside Travel to Le Mont St. Michel*** (UNESCO), the "Wonder of the West." Resting on the border between Normandy and Brittany, this world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you stroll through the old village at the base of the Abbey before exploring one of the most beautiful monastic complexes in France, dating back to the 11th century. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village. Immerse yourself in the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town before returning to your hotel. (B)

Day 8: Thursday, October 5, 2023 Brittany Countryside - Chinon - Loire Valley Journey south to the Loire Valley, a UNESCO site brimming with châteaux and parks. Arrive in the medieval village of Chinon. Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII here and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years'



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War. Visit the market, abundant with fresh produce, flowers and local products, and take time to enjoy lunch along the banks of the Vienne River. Next, tour a local winery and discover some of the Loire Valley's best wines. This afternoon, feel like royalty when you arrive at your 15th century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois. Delve into the history of this site frequented by King Louis XIII as you enjoy some leisure time to explore the grounds or relax on the château's charming terrace. This evening, delight in gourmet French cuisine in the opulent dining room of your château. (B, D)

Day 9: Friday, October 6, 2023 Loire Valley - Amboise - Loire Valley Explore the spectacular Château de Chenonceau at your own pace. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, this romantic castle is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque center of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture. (B)

Day 10: Saturday, October 7, 2023 Loire Valley - Paris Travel the French countryside to France's capital, the City of Light – Paris. Pause for lunch at a modern *bistro*, before gliding under romantic

bridges during a scenic cruise along the Seine River. Take in the city's most iconic landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral, the Conciergerie, and Île Saint-Louis peaking at you from the Banks of the Seine (UNESCO). As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure in this incredibly walkable, world-famous city. Perhaps you will enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin**** for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B, L)

Day 11: Sunday, October 8, 2023 Paris Take advantage of a free day to write your own story in romantic Paris. Perhaps you'll take an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre Museum***** or roam the shops in the elegant Opéra district. This evening, celebrate the conclusion of your French voyage during an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and panoramic views of the City of Light. (B, D)

Day 12: Monday, October 9, 2023 Paris - Tour Ends Set out for home with many magnificent memories. (B)

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IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are not available due to hotel restrictions.

Days of features are interchangeable.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*The musical fountain show is available on Saturdays and Sundays between early April and late October. During the months of early June and late September, the evening sound & light fountain show is available on Saturdays. The sound & light show begins at 8:30 p.m. and concludes around 11:00 p.m. with a firework display. If you chose to participate in the entire experience, you should expect to be walking and standing for approximately 2.5 hours. You can choose to shorten your experience – consult your Tour Manager while on tour. Exact starting date changes yearly depending on weather conditions and local holidays.

**Monet's Gardens in Giverny are open from April 1 to November 1. If you are travelling at a different time of the year, you will visit Bayeux instead.

Outdoor markets may not be available in case of adverse weather conditions or local holidays.

****Paradis Latin cabaret show may be considered unsuitable for children – consult your Tour Manager.

Please note that most shops in smaller towns are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Le Mont St. Michel, Saint-Malo, the villages of Chinon and Amboise. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

***Access to Mont St. Michel is via a shuttle bus requiring the ability to stand for duration of the ride (approximately 10-minutes each way). The shuttle drops off 0.2 miles (350 meters) from the village walls. From that point, the visit is entirely on foot. Visiting the old village requires the ability to navigate cobblestoned streets and steep inclines (between 8% and 15%). There are no handrails in the village streets. The visit to Abbey requires the ability to climb up to 350 steps: around 200 are outdoors (to reach the top of the Grande Rue), then 150 inside the abbey. The steps range in height between 7.5 and 11 inches (19 to 28 cm). There are no elevators nor escalators at Mont Saint-Michel.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

*****The Louvre Museum option must be purchased no later than 60 days prior to your departure date and is not available the first Sunday of each month.

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Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

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Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Paris

Showtime in Paris!

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Join us for a spectacular evening in one of Paris's most beloved institutions, the famous Paradis Latin. Situated in a building associated with Napoleon and rebuilt by Gustav Eiffel himself, the Paradis has been running here since 1889. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner with wine, then bring on the champagne and let the show commence! *Duration: Approximately 5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



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