

2026 - Impressions of the Seine & Paris

7-NIGHT CRUISE WITH 1 NIGHT PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE, 3 NIGHTS DINARD PRE-CRUISE AND 2 NIGHTS PARIS POST-CRUISE

Discover the most renowned sites in Paris as well as sites memorialized by famous Impressionist painters along France's Seine River. Meander through the renowned Gardens d'Acquigny and visit Monet's home and gardens in Giverny. Indulge in Norman chocolate, cheese and cider and enhance your best self on guided bike tours through charming cities like Le Havre and Rouen. With fairytale castles, châteaux and idyllic scenery at every turn, this cruise is sure to inspire your own art – or at least conjure beautiful memories and dreams for years to come!

OVERVIEW:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
1	PARIS	Hotel check-in
2	PARIS	Transfer to Dinard with a visit to Chartres Cathedral
3	DINARD	St. Malo, Dinard and Dinan tours
4	DINARD	Mont St. Michel excursion
5	DINARD	Transfer to Le Havre with Fourgères visit
EMBARKATION		
6	LE HAVRE	Honfleur excursion OR Full-day Normandy Beaches* Le Havre city tour OR Bike tour
7	LE HAVRE	Full-day Bayeux & Caen tours* OR Harcourt Arboretum, Château du Champ de Bataille and Le Bec Hellouin Scenic cruising Château d'Etelan OR Museo Seine
8	ROUEN	Medieval Rouen walking tour OR Tastes of Normandy OR Château de Bonnemare Bike tour
9	VERNON	Scenic cruising Monet's home and gardens in Giverny OR Château d'Acquigny Garden Tour & Château de la Roche-Guyon OR Bike tour Free evening
10	LA ROCHE-GUYON	Scenic cruising Farm Visit with cider and cheese tasting OR City tour with bee farm visit OR Château d'Anet
11	PARIS	Bateaux Parisiens tour

OR Bike tour

12	PARIS	<p>DISEMBARKATION</p> <p>Atelier des Lumières</p> <p>Hotel check-in</p>
13	PARIS	Hidden Paris & Montmartre tour
14	PARIS	Return flight home

ITINERARY DETAILS:

Day 1, PARIS. Check into your hotel and spend free time to explore the city at your own leisure. Then, prepare for your pre-cruise land package in Brittany.

Day 2, PARIS. Depart Paris and transfer to Dinard. En route, visit Chartres Cathedral, an elaborate and beautifully-designed Roman Catholic church that serves as the seat of the Diocese of Chartres. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the cathedral is considered a masterpiece and the high point of French Gothic art. (B)

Day 3, DINARD. Explore the walled city of St. Malo, the history of which is steeped in piracy. Gaze at turquoise waters and such sites as the castle and its towers, the Fort National, partially built by famed military architect Vauban, and the cathedral of Saint-Vincent. You'll also venture to Dinard, with its Belle Époque villas and beaches, as well as to Dinan, one of Brittany's most beautiful and best preserved towns, known for its art galleries and crafts. (B)

Day 4, DINARD. Discover the magical island monastery of Mont St. Michel, built by the same Italian architect who designed Fécamp Abbey in Normandy. Appearing as though out of a fairytale, Mont St. Michel served as the artistic inspiration for the Disney movie about Rapunzel, *Tangled*. (B)

Day 5, DINARD - LE HAVRE - EMBARKATION. Check out of your Dinard hotel and visit Fourgeres in Brittany, known for its medieval fortress, which boasts 13 towers. Continue on to Le Havre, where you will board your ship for your *Impressions of the Seine & Paris* cruise. (D)

Day 6, LE HAVRE. There are several different choices of excursions, both during the morning and afternoon, depending on your interests. You can choose between an excursion to the seaside town of Honfleur, renowned for its picturesque harbor, and for being an inspirational site for Impressionist painters. You can also choose a full-day excursion to see the historic Normandy Beaches, where you may visit such sites as 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. In the afternoon, for guests who have not chosen our full-day Normandy Beaches tour, you have the choice of a city tour of the UNESCO-designated Le Havre or a bike tour through Le Havre. (B,L,D)

**Not combinable with other tours on this day.*

Day 7, LE HAVRE - CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX. Visit Bayeux, with a medieval city center and the world-renowned Bayeux Tapestry, which depicts the 1066 Norman invasion of England, followed by a visit to Caen, where one of the top sites is the Château de Caen, an 11th-century castle built by William the Conqueror. Or instead, admire the 30-acre Harcourt Arboretum, with its nearly 3,000 trees, as well as the palatial Château du Champ de Bataille and the commune of Le Bec-Hellouin, known for its 11th-century abbey. Later, enjoy a scenic cruise from Le Havre to Caudebec-en-Caux, where you can visit Museo Seine, a museum focusing on the history of the Seine River. Or immerse yourself in the enchanting history of Château d'Ételan, the first Italian Renaissance Château built in France in 1494, where you may see a wonderful chapel with original wall paintings and the guard house dating back to 1350 in an amazing landscape. (B,L,D)

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Day 8, ROUEN. Spend the morning enjoying medieval Rouen with a choice of several excursions. Join a walking tour past the imposing Notre Dame Cathedral, painted numerous times by Monet, and see the square where Joan of Arc was martyred, as well as the Medieval Quarter and Great Clock. Alternatively, delve into the once "haunted" Château de Bonnemare, a 16th-century medieval castle housing a historic cider press, a kitchen rotisserie inspired by the designs of Leonardo da Vinci, and the inspiration for a tragic love poem written by Marie de France. Or go on the "Tastes of Normandy" tour, where you'll be treated to the delicious flavors of the region, including chocolate, macaron, Norman cheese and cider. Later in the day, ride through Rouen's history-filled streets by bicycle to discover sites like the ossuary of Saint-Maclou, the grand Gothic Rouen Cathedral, and the idyllic trails along the city's moat and through its parks before concluding your peaceful ride back to the ship. (B,L,D)

Day 9, VERNON - LA ROCHE-GUYON. Take in the picturesque landscape on a scenic cruise before disembarking the ship to experience the colorful splendor of Claude Monet's magnificent gardens at his former home in Giverny, admiring the water lilies, Japanese bridges and graceful willow trees immortalized in his paintings. For a more active adventure, pedal through Vernon on a guided bike tour. Or journey to the beautiful Gardens d'Acquigny, boasting waterfalls, bridges, canals and a wide variety of trees and plant life. As part of your excursion, you will also venture within the borders of Vexin Français Regional Nature Park to Château de la Roche-Guyon, a castle built against a cliff perched above the Seine that encompasses several centuries of architectural styles, with the ruins of its medieval tower dominating the village beneath it. Then, explore the city at your own pace during your free evening in La Roche-Guyon. (B,L,D)

Day 10, LA ROCHE-GUYON - MANTES-LA-JOLIE. Watch the scenery go by as you sail to Mantes-La-Jolie, a historic center where French creatives produced musical instruments and visual art. Experience the world through your taste buds and join a tasting tour during which you'll get a chance to try the region's famous cider

and cheese at a local farm. Alternatively, go on a city tour during which you may see some of Mantes-La-Jolie's beautiful religious structures, like the Gothic Notre Dame de Mantes, followed by a unique visit to a local bee farm. Or visit the distinctive Château d'Anet, an elegant Renaissance château built in the 16th century by King Henri II for his mistress, Diane de Poitiers. (B,L,D)

Day 11, PARIS. 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. Alternatively, cover more ground on a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

Day 12, PARIS - DISEMBARKATION. Disembark your ship in Paris. A world stage for art, fashion, gastronomy, culture and much more, the "City of Light" has a story to tell at every corner. Before transferring to your hotel, explore the Atelier des Lumières, Paris's "Workshop of Lights," a uniquely immersive digital art experience. Here you will be treated to an unforgettable colorful multimedia exhibition, utilizing 140 video projectors and a state-of-the-art sound system to discover famed artists' works. (B)

Day 13, PARIS. Discover some of the lesser-known treasures of Paris on your guided tour. Legendary Montmartre – the Bohemian heart and soul of Parisian chic – has long been a siren call to artists and revolutionary thinkers. Enjoy learning more about the premier artists' enclave that once was home to Pissarro and Jongkind. (B)

Day 14, DEPART PARIS. Bid farewell to Paris as you prepare for your return flight home. (B)

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