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Start Location

Plane

Cruise

Over night

Visited Location

End Location

Train

Ferry

Day 1 | Bonjour Paris



Bienvenue! The 'City of Light' welcomes you as you prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey through France. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director this afternoon for an orientation drive to admire the glittering cityscape of Paris – past grand boulevards and iconic sites like the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe and get to know your travelling companions over dinner this evening.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Evergreen Laurel

Day 2 | Admire Normandy's Colourful Honfleur and the Bayeux Tapestry



This morning, we depart Paris and venture to the city of Rouen, the tragic site where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. We travel to the enchanting harbour town of Honfleur – its narrow lanes and colourful shopfronts have long attracted artists who have immortalised its beauty on canvas. This evening, we dine at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Mercure Omaha Beach

Day 3 | Explore the D-Day Landing Beaches



Today we explore the poignant D-Day Landing Beaches in the company of our Local Specialist. We begin with a visit to the American Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives at Omaha Beach, imagining the mingled sense of terror and triumph felt on the fateful day when Allied forces set foot on mainland Europe. We stop for lunch in the seaside town of Arromanches, the setting for the Mulberry Harbour, once at the heart of the Normandy landings.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mercure Omaha Beach

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Cider Farm Visit and Gastronomic Norman Feast - Experience true Norman hospitality with a visit to a family-run cider farm. We'll discover their secrets and have the opportunity to taste the newest cider batch. Then, we'll head off for a typical meal of traditional Norman flavours with drinks included.

Adult: 69.00 EUR

Day 4 | Journey through Picturesque Normandy and Brittany



Travel through the Normandy countryside admiring the land of calvados before exploring the UNESCO World Heritage-listed bay of the Mont-Saint Michel. Our Local Specialist reveals the history of the impressive medieval Benedictine Abbey perched on the hilltop. In Brittany enjoy the afternoon your way or perhaps, discover the beauty of the port city of St. Malo with a Local Specialist on the Jewels of St. Malo Optional Experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: De l'Abbaye Le Tronchet

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Jewels of St. Malo - Take in the stunning natural beauty of the Emerald coastline and learn about the privateer past of Saint-Malo. This port town is known for its striking medieval ramparts, handsome aristocratic houses and its famous son, Jacques Cartier, who claimed what is now Canada for the French. Join our Local Specialist to uncover the secrets of this "Jewel of Brittany."

Adult: 38.00 EUR

Day 5 | Continue to the Beautiful Loire Valley



Journey onward through scenic countryside, stopping to Connect With Locals at a lunch with wine in a 17th-century château during a Be My Guest experience set within beautiful grounds. Later, continue to the beautiful Loire Valley, where we will spend the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Novotel Amboise

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Tours Discovery - Join our Local Specialist for an enchanting excursion to rival the greatest fairy tales, discovering the dream-like Old Town of Tours, including the Basilica of St. Martin and the history of Renaissance Kings.

Adult: 29.00 EUR

Day 6 | Discover the Stunning French Châteaux



In the morning, you are invited to taste hand-crafted chocolate at Maison Bigot for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience. Afterwards, we spend our day admiring the beautiful châteaux of the Loire Valley and join a Local Specialist for a visit to the Amboise Royal Château. It is here that King François I hosted Leonardo da Vinci, whose tomb now lies in the Chapel of Saint-Hubert adjoining the château. We continue with a visit to Château de Chenonceau, built on the Cher River. The château is often referred to as the 'Ladies Castle', due to the many women who influenced its construction and development. Today it contains priceless collections, including Renaissance furniture, tapestries and masterpieces by Rubens and Tintoretto.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Novotel Amboise

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

In The Footsteps Of Leonardo Da Vinci - Truly one of the giants of history, Leonard da Vinci left behind many marvelous treasures in the Manor house and gardens where he spent his final years, close to his patron: François I. Our Local Specialist will reveal some of da Vinci's most extraordinary inventions, from submarines to helicopters.

Adult: 44.00 EUR

Dinner in the Loire Valley - A perfect place to toast new-found friends. The Loire Valley, known for its romantic chateaux and stunning natural beauty, is often called the Garden of France thanks to its sublime produce and top restaurants. Tonight, we'll enjoy a meal together and savour typical French cuisine.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

Day 7 | Continue to Chartres and Paris



Our first stop today is the town of Chartres and its beautiful Roman Catholic cathedral, regarded as one of the most authentic and complete works of religious architecture from the early 13th century. We journey back to Paris this afternoon and spend the rest of our day in the 'City of Light'. Celebrate with your Travel Director and newfound friends this evening at a Farewell Dinner with local wines at a Parisian bistro.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Renaissance La Défense

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Latin Quarter and Luxembourg Gardens - With your Local Specialist, you'll be en route to the iconic Latin Quarter. Where you'll stroll through the Luxembourg Gardens, admiring a replica of the Statue of Liberty and the garden's famous beehives before enjoying free time to explore the Latin Quarter and view Notre Dame Cathedral.

Adult: 37.00 EUR

Seine Cruise and Paris Illuminations - To truly see Paris in all its glory, you need to see it from the Seine. Enjoy a cruise along this famous river and take in unmatched views of the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower. Afterwards, we'll drive through the City of Lights to see some of the fascinating sights this beautiful city has to offer.

Adult: 47.00 EUR

Day 8 | Farewell Paris



For now it's time to say a fond au revoir to France and your fellow travellers at the end of a memorable trip.

Meals: Breakfast