

# TRAFALGAR

## Treasures of France including Normandy

### Your itinerary



● Start Location

✈ Plane

🚢 Cruise

① Over night

● Visited Location

● End Location

🚆 Train

🚢 Ferry

Day 1

## Bonjour Paris

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

 **Hotel** - Evergreen Laurel

 **Included Meals** - Welcome Reception

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. Arriving in Bayeux, we visit the Tapestry Museum. Here you'll Dive Into Culture and see the Bayeux Tapestry, depicting events before and during the Battle of Hastings in 1066. This evening, we dine at our hotel.

 **Hotel** - Mercure Omaha Beach

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3

## Explore the D-Day Landing Beaches


We begin the day visiting the American Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives on the D-Day Landing Beaches of Omaha, imagining the sense of terror and triumph felt the fateful day that Allied forces set foot on mainland Europe. We stop for lunch in the seaside setting of Arromanches, once at the heart of the Normandy landings, before visiting the D-Day Museum to learn about the artificial harbour used by the Allies. Finish the day on the beaches of Juno, where the Canadian forces came ashore in 1944.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 4

## Journey to Picturesque Mont-Saint-Michel

This morning, travel to the fortified island town of Mont-Saint-Michel. Here we'll join a Local Specialist for a tour of this impressive medieval Benedictine Abbey. Legend has it, the abbey was built after the Archangel Michael appeared to the Bishop of Avranches inspiring him to build a church atop the island. Consider an Optional Experience to the historic walled port city of Saint-Malo, once home to the famous French explorer Jacques Cartier.


 **Hotel** - Le Relais du Roy

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5

## Continue to the Beautiful Loire Valley

Journey through the 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 gardens. We journey to the Loire Valley, where we will spend the next two nights. You'll enjoy a perfect stop at Caves Duhard where we'll Dive Into Culture and enjoy the very best of Touraine vintages, learning about the five generations of Duhard family who've had a hand in its creation.

 **Hotel** - Novotel Amboise

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Be My Guest

Day 6

## Discover the Stunning French Châteaux


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.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

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 Lights' with free time to take in some of the sights. Celebrate with your Travel Director and newfound friends this evening at a Farewell Dinner with local wines at a Parisian bistro.

 **Hotel** - Renaissance La Défense

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

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. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers).

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

## All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

#### 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 to a Farmhouse Inn for a typical meal of traditional Norman flavours with drinks included.

Adult Price: **€64.00\***

**\* The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.**

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

#### 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 Price: **€32.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

#### Tours Old Town Discovery

Tours is truly one of France's classic cathedral cities. We'll visit its famous Basilica, built around the tomb of the storied Saint Martin. Then, our Local Specialist will take us past the storybook-like timbered houses in the city's charming Old Town and reveal all of its ancient secrets!

Adult Price: **€25.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

#### 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: King Francis the First. Our Local Specialist

will reveal some of da Vinci's most extraordinary inventions, from submarines to helicopters.

Adult Price: **€39.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

#### Dinner In The Loire Valley

Santé. Toast our new-found friends as we enjoy a typical French meal in an atmospheric Old World setting. Drinks are included.

Adult Price: **€66.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

#### Montmartre Village And Artists' Square

Dominated by the soaring Sacre Coeur Basilica, you'll join your Local Specialist to explore Montmartre's winding streets, unusual galleries and world famous Artist's Square - once home to the works of Toulouse Lautrec and Picasso. You'll have time to browse, barter for original art and taste local cuisine, for a real flavour of Montmartre life.

Adult Price: **€37.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

#### 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. In summer, this trip may take place before sunset.

Adult Price: **€38.00\***

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