



CLASSIC

*Small Group Adventure



Paris, Normandy, Brittany Coast & the Loire Valley

Few countries offer such an enticing combination of history, scenery and mouthwatering food and drink. Immerse yourself in WWII history on the beaches of Normandy. Visit iconic landmarks, such as the Eiffel Tower and Mont-Saint-Michel. Sample sauvignon blanc and feast on coq au vin. From the sights of Paris to the scenery of the Loire Valley, this is the France you've read about - now yours to discover.

October 3-13, 2023

\$5,229.00

per person. Based on double occupancy.
+\$750.00 for single.

Prices subject to change based on availability.

Package includes 9 nights in hand-picked hotels, 9 breakfasts, 5 dinners with beer or wine, 1 cheese and cider tasting, 7 sightseeing tours, expert tour guides and private deluxe motorcoach.

- \$500.00/person non-refundable deposit due with reservation.
- Price includes taxes and tips on services, luggage handling, motorcoach transportation, gratuities, airfare, group travel video app, Central Bank escort
- Cancellation/interruption insurance available: \$366 for double, \$416 for single.
- **No refunds after final payment June 03, 2023.**

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Travel Itinerary

**Tour schedule subject to change without notice.*

DAY 1: Travel Day

Board your overnight flight to Paris today.

PARIS - 2 NIGHTS

DAY 2: Arrival in Paris (D)

Welcome to France! Tonight, meet your tour director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

DAY 3: Sightseeing in Paris (B)

A guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery and history of the City of Lights' many neighborhoods, called arrondissements. Drive down the sycamore-lined Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe. Pass Pond Neuf and the legendary Notre Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River. See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house, and Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square. Marvel at the iconic architecture of the Louvre and Hôtel des Invalides.

Enjoy a free afternoon in Paris or add an excursion.

+ Versailles Palace and Gardens

NORMANDY COAST - 2 NIGHTS

DAY 4: Normandy Coast via Rouen & Honfleur (BD)

Travel through historic cities and pristine port towns on your way to the Normandy Coast. Visit Rouen, home to a large 16th century clock and the Gothic, two-towered Rouen Cathedral. Walk through the Old Market Square where Joan of Arc was executed. See the untouched Honfleur harbor, once an important port. Sample cheeses, including Camembert, Pont-l'Évêque, and Livarot, paired with cider and Calvados, the region's distinctive apple brandy.

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

DAY 5: Sightseeing Tour of Normandy (B)

Dive into WWII history with your tour director during a visit to Normandy, where the Allied troops landed in June, 1944. Travel to the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, the burial place for more than 9,000 American soldiers who lost their lives during the Battle of Normandy. Walk along Omaha Beach, the landing site of American troops on D-Day. Visit Pointe du Hoc to view the granite monument that honors the American 2nd Ranger battalion, which seized German cannons here before they could be used to fire on American troops. Stop in the seaside town of Arromanches, home to one of the main Allied landing harbors, and enjoy free time to explore. Pay a visit to Juno Beach and the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery (time-permitting).

BRITTANY COAST - 2 NIGHTS

DAY 6: Saint-Malo via Mont-Saint-Michel (BD)

Explore the striking 8th-century island of Mont-Saint-Michel on a guided sightseeing tour. See how the UNESCO-recognized site, perched high on a granite rock, is surrounded by water at high tide and quicksand at low tide. Pass by medieval houses and then enter the Benedictine Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel with your local guide. Then, continue your journey toward the Brittany Coast, where you'll sit down for an included dinner with your group.

DAY 7: Sightseeing Tour of Saint-Malo (B)

Take in Saint-Malo's narrow streets, tall granite homes and medieval ramparts on a guided tour. Walk along the city walls, taking in views of the ocean and



surrounding town. See the statue of Robert Surcour, a privateer who is closely linked to Saint-Malo's pirate legacy. Pass by Saint-Malo Cathedral and walk down the historic Rue du Collège.

Enjoy a free afternoon or add an excursion.
+ Brittany's Emerald Coast and Cancale Lunch

LOIRE VALLEY - 2 NIGHTS

DAY 8: Transfer to the Loire Valley (BD)

Make your way to the Loire valley today, known for its ornate Châteaux. Later, sit down for an included dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 9: Château de Chenonceau (B)

Get to know châteaux country on a guided tour of the Loire Valley Region. Step inside the extravagant Châteaux de Chenonceau and explore its gardens. Discover how the castle got the nickname "Château de Femmes" - some of its famous female residents included Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de' Medici.



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

DAY 3: Versailles Palace & Gardens

- \$135 (5 hours, departure time varies)
The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King", set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took over 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion you will see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then, stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 45 days prior to departure.

DAY 7: Brittany's Emerald Coast & Cancale Lunch

- \$109/\$119 (5.5 hours, departs in the morning)
Admire stunning ocean views as you take a short drive along the Brittany region's Emerald Coast toward Cancale. This small fishing town has earned a reputation as the region's oyster capital due to the world-famous Breton oysters it produces, and you'll learn all about the production during a visit to a nearby oyster farm with a local guide. Sip a glass of wine as you taste three types of oysters pulled from the surrounding waters. Then, continue on to Cancale to taste more local specialties during an included lunch at a French restaurant known as a creperie. Spend free time exploring the town before making your way back to Saint Malo. *Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs January through November.

DAY 9: Loire Valley Dinner & Wine Tasting

- \$99/\$109 (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
- Cap off your day in the Loire valley by taking in views of chateaux and greenery on your way to a local wine cellar. With its central location in the country, this area draws culinary influence from several parts of France, which you will experience during a wine tasting and dinner at a local restaurant.

