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Treasures of France including Normandy



Your itinerary



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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 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.

Meals: Welcome Reception

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. 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Mercure Omaha Beach

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 Beach of Omaha, imagining the sense of terror and triumph felt on that fateful day when 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 finishing the day at Juno beach, where the Canadian forces came ashore in 1944.

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

Adult: 64.00 EUR

Day 4 | Journey to Picturesque Mont-Saint-Michel



Travel through Bocage country to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed bay of the Mont St Michel. Spend a leisurely afternoon here admiring the ever-changing natural backdrop to the rocky island and its medieval abbey, or perhaps join an Optional Experience to Brittany's Emerald Coast jewel of Saint-Malo, where you can walk the ramparts and learn about the historic walled port city from a Local Specialist. Tonight we dine at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Le Relais du Roy

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: 35.00 EUR

Day 5 | Continue to the Beautiful Loire Valley



This morning, we'll join a Local Specialist and explore Mont-Saint-Michel, then tour the 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. 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest

Hotel: Novotel Amboise

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.

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: 39.00 EUR

Dinner In The Loire Valley - An Old-World setting is the 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: 69.00 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' 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Hotel: Renaissance La Défense

Optional Experiences:

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: 43.00 EUR

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

Montmartre Village and Artists' Square - Many people go to Paris, but only a few are lucky enough to experience what it's really all about. Join us for a stroll with our Local Specialist through Montmartre – an artists' village once home to Picasso and Toulouse Lautrec, tucked away from the modern city. The paint will still be wet on the canvasses, as we watch apprentices work before our eyes in the famous Artist's Square. Mingle, barter, and stand in awe of Sacré

Coeur Basilica in this historic, bohemian neighbourhood.
Adult: 37.00 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. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast