

France Magnifique

Highlights...

Versailles Palace & Gardens • Giverny* • Normandy • D-Day Landing Sites • Omaha Beach • American Cemetery • Le Mont St. Michel • Loire Valley • Winery Tour • Chenonceau Castle • Seine River Cruise • Eiffel Tower Dinner



12 Days • 16 Meals: 10 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 5 Dinners

Cultural Connections

- Delight in a tour and tasting at a winery in the Loire Valley (UNESCO).
- Immerse yourself in the private apartments of King Louis XIV in the Royal Palace of Versailles.
- Spend a reflective moment at the Normandy American Cemetery.

Must-See Highlights

- Admire famous landmarks from the water while cruising along the Seine River.
- Be mesmerized by the ever-changing colors of Monet's Garden in Giverny.
- Ponder history at Normandy's Memorial Peace Museum and Omaha Beach Cemetery.

Culinary Experiences

- Savor local flavors during dinner at a traditional French restaurant.
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on your tour through France. Bask in the rich history, art, culture, and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns.

Day 2: Paris, France - Versailles

Bienvenue en France, and to charming Versailles. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Celebrate the beginning of your tour with a savory French dinner in the culturally rich town of Versailles. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Versailles - Royal Palace and Gardens

Start your day with an exploration of the iconic Palace of Versailles (UNESCO). A guide will lead you through the Private Apartments of King Louis XIV, the Sun King, who transformed his father's hunting lodge into the resplendent seat of the Royal Court. Continue your visit independently through the lavish State Apartments. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in Versailles' most famous sights at your own pace. This afternoon, your exploration continues in the palace's grandiose formal gardens, where the Baroque fountains regularly spout water to the tune of classical music.** *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Versailles - Giverny* - Caen

Journey into Normandy and let the art scene leave its impression on you with a visit to Monet's countryside home at Giverny.* Stroll through the colorful living work of art that is Monet's Garden, where you'll see the source for the artist's inspiration, including the setting for his iconic *Waterlilies*. Then, set off through the rich pastures of Normandy to the city of Caen, your home for the next 2 nights. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Caen - Normandy American Cemetery - Arromanches - Caen

This morning, the exploration of the D-Day Landing Sites starts with a walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial. See where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Then, pay your respects at the Normandy American Cemetery & Visitor Center. See the Stars and Stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy and stop at Omaha Beach. Next, make your way to Arromanches-les-Bains and see the impressive concrete blocks remaining from Mulberry Harbour, the artificial port built by the Allies to resupply their lines during the liberation of France. Then, return to Caen. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Caen - Bayeux - Saint-Malo

This morning, explore the Caen Peace Memorial Museum, which provides a comprehensive history of the D-Day landings and Europe's post-war transition. Then, visit a local farm for a stroll through their apple orchards and a taste of their traditional cider. Afterward, enjoy some time in Bayeux to wander through its well-preserved medieval streets and get lunch on your own. Next, it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village. Immerse yourself among the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town. Tonight, enjoy a freshly prepared local dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo

Travel to Le Mont St. Michel*** (UNESCO), the "Wonder of the West." Resting on the border between Normandy and Brittany, this world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you stroll through the old village at the base of the Abbey before exploring one of the most beautiful monastic complexes in France, dating back to the 11th century. Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy time to relax or explore independently. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Loire Valley

Journey south to the Loire Valley, a UNESCO site brimming with châteaux and parks. Arrive in the medieval village of Chinon. Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII here and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years' War. Visit the market, abundant with fresh produce, flowers, and local products, and take time to enjoy lunch along the banks of the Vienne River. Next, tour a local winery and discover some of the Loire Valley's best wines. This afternoon, feel like royalty when you arrive at your 15th-century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois. Delve into the history of this site frequented by King Louis XIII as you enjoy some leisure time to explore the grounds or relax on the château's charming terrace. This evening, delight in gourmet French cuisine in the opulent dining room of your château. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Loire Valley - Chenonceau - Amboise - Tours - Loire Valley

Explore the spectacular Château de Chenonceau at your own pace. As you wander through the château, you'll discover its rich history and admire the exquisite art and furniture collections. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, this romantic castle is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque center of Amboise. Enjoy some free time for exploring before reaching Tours, where a local expert will introduce you to the stunning medieval and Renaissance architecture, vibrant culture, and welcoming locals. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 10: Loire Valley - Paris

Travel the French countryside to France's capital, the City of Light – Paris. Pause for lunch at a modern *bistro*, before gliding under romantic bridges during a scenic cruise along the Seine River. Take in the city's most iconic landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral, the Conciergerie, and Île Saint-Louis peeking at you from the banks of the Seine (UNESCO). As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure in this incredibly walkable, world-famous city. Perhaps you will enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin**** for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 11: Paris

This morning, **it's your choice!** See the iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic tour, including the Arc de Triomphe and Champs-Élysées, complete with a Parisian treat of macarons - **OR-** hop on *Le Métro* to Montmartre to explore the hilltop neighborhood's charming streets, finishing at a cozy café for a delightful tasting. Take advantage of a free afternoon to write your own story in romantic Paris. This evening, celebrate the conclusion of your French tour during an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and panoramic views of the City of Light. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Paris - Tour Ends

Set out for home with many magnificent memories. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It! Normandy

Discover a place etched in history on June 6, 1944, the day when thousands of allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. Many brave men from the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and more gave their lives on this day known today as D-Day and often referred to as the “beginning of the end of the Second World War.” Reflect during your visit to the Landing Beaches, dotted with memorials and museums dedicated to the troops who fought here. One of the most poignant locations is the cemetery located in close proximity to Omaha Beach, which is the largest American burial site in the region with 9,000 gravestones set in perfect alignment. Throughout your time in Normandy, you will see many reminders of this tragic time and turning point for WWII.

Your itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Le Louis Versailles Chateau - MGallery, Versailles
Days 4, 5	Best Western Plus Le Moderne, Caen
Days 6, 7	Hotel Oceania, Saint-Malo
Days 8, 9	Château de Beauvois, Loire Valley
Days 10, 11	Hyatt Regency Étoile, Paris
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

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Important Tour Information:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Le Mont St. Michel, Saint-Malo, and the villages of Chinon and Amboise. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate tour with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect tour for you.

***Access to Mont St. Michel is via a shuttle bus requiring the ability to stand for the duration of the ride (approximately 10 minutes each way). The shuttle drops off 0.2 miles (350 meters) from the village walls. From that point, the visit is entirely on foot. Visiting the old village requires the ability to navigate cobblestone streets and steep inclines (between 8% and 15%). There are no handrails in the village streets. The visit to the Abbey requires the ability to climb up to 350 steps: around 200 are outdoors (to reach the top of the Grande Rue), then 150 are inside the Abbey. The steps range in height between 7.5 and 11 inches (19 to 28 cm). There are no elevators or escalators at Mont St. Michel.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Days of features are interchangeable.

****Paradis Latin cabaret show may be considered unsuitable for children – consult your Tour Manager.

Most shops in smaller towns are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Outdoor markets may not be available in case of adverse weather conditions or local holidays.

**The musical fountain show is available on Saturdays and Sundays between early April and late October. Depending on the season, there are different experiences. Please consult your Tour Manager while on tour as the exact starting date changes yearly depending on weather conditions and local holidays. If your stay is between the end of June to early September, a Night Visit with Fireworks Show (Les Grandes Eaux Nocturnes) may occur. If you are interested, we encourage you to consult the official Versailles site and program and buy the tickets in advance.

*Monet's Gardens in Giverny are open from April to October. If you are traveling at a different time of the year, you will visit Rouen instead.

Triple accommodations are not available due to hotel restrictions.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Our transfers will depart from/return to Paris airport.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our air travelers will arrive into and depart from Paris airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

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Important reservation information:

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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