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LUXURY CRUISES & TOURS

## Normandy & Gems of the Seine



**Tour Name:** Normandy & Gems of the Seine

**Tour Code:** SEI

**Days:** 11

**Day 1**

**Mon, 12 Oct**

**Bienvenue to Paris (D)**

Enjoy a welcome dinner before cruising out of Paris with the beautiful city as a backdrop.

**Day 2**

**Tue, 13 Oct**

**Les Andelys (B,L,D)**

Enjoy the opulent amenities of your floating hotel as you glide peacefully through the Île-de-France region to Les Andelys.

**Freechoice:** Hike to King Richard the Lionheart's Château Gaillard, or journey to Lyons la Forêt, one of the most beautiful villages of France, and visit Fleury-la-Forêt Castle. Sample cider, the region's specialty, after touring this exquisite example of 17th century architecture. Alternatively, join your local guide for a walking tour of the quaint village of Les Andelys, or take a bicycle tour through this beautiful village, set on the banks of the Seine.

**Day 3**

**Wed, 14 Oct**

**Rouen (B,L,D)**

Enjoy a walking tour of Rouen, the capital of the Normandy region. Take in the famous sites relating to Joan of Arc and the historic Rouen Cathedral. Walk the winding medieval laneways and admire the city's half-timbered houses. This region is also the gateway to the historic Western Front, and you're able to gain fascinating insights into the Somme battlefields with an on board lecture from a local expert.

This evening a local patissier will come on board with a selection of their finest desserts for your dining pleasure.

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**Day 4**  
**Thu, 15 Oct**

**Rouen (B,L,D)**  
**Freechoice:** Get a glimpse of what the Somme battlefields might have been like for those caught up in this terrible World War I battle, which claimed the lives of more than 150,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers. This full-day excursion commemorates the 103 years since, and includes a visit to the Australian National Memorial, containing the newly built Sir John Monash Centre, and the Victoria School in Villers-Bretonneux. Alternatively, explore the collection of Impressionistic paintings, including masterpieces by Renoir and Monet, at the Museum of Fine Arts, which was founded by Napoleon Bonaparte.

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**Day 5**  
**Fri, 16 Oct**

**Rouen > Honfleur (B,L,D)**  
Relax on board as you cruise toward the open waters of the English Channel.  
**Freechoice:** Explore Honfleur, with its quaint architecture, relaxed coastal atmosphere and colourful fishing boats bobbing up and down on its waters. Alternatively, immerse yourself in the beautiful La Côte Fleurie region on France's northern beaches and discover dashing Deauville, playground of the rich and famous.  
**Sundowners**  
The estate of Manoir d'Apréval exclusively welcomes Scenic guests for a cocktail event showcasing their prestigious apple spirits. Celebrate your visit to the picturesque Calvados region with a beverage of the same name and let your eyes soak up the surrounding beauty, from the many flowering apple trees to the blue waters of the English Channel in the distance. Back on board, kick up your heels on the dance floor as a fabulous local swing band performs the best of the 1920s in the Panorama Lounge tonight.

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**Day 6**  
**Sat, 17 Oct**

**Honfleur (B,L,D)**  
**Freechoice:** Walk the historic Normandy beaches, the site of the D-Day landings, before visiting the Landing Museum at Arromanches. You'll be struck by the sombre ambience surrounding the 9,387 graves of the Normandy Cemetery. While there, take a moment to reflect on the momentous impact of that day, as you look out from your hilltop position above Omaha Beach. Alternatively, with steep limestone cliffs that plunge dramatically towards the emerald waters of the English Channel below, the beauty of the Alabaster Coast will leave you breathless. Sitting proudly atop this dramatic seascape is the town of Étretat, where you'll enjoy a guided tour and time at leisure.

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**Day 7**  
**Sun, 18 Oct**

**Honfleur > Caudebec-en-Caux (B,L,D)**  
**Freechoice:** Visit Fécamp and its mighty palace. Situated in spectacular surrounds the city's natural setting contrasts perfectly with its architectural centrepiece, the Benedictine Palace. Alternatively, travel to the hilltop village of Bolbec and view fabrics at the fascinating Textile Museum before visiting the Normandy Traditions Museum nearby. For the more adventurous, join a guided cycling tour to the charming village of Villequier and visit the Victor Hugo Museum.

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**Day 8**  
**Mon, 19 Oct**

**Vernon (B,L,D)**  
In a region rich in visual treasures, enjoy a full morning of relaxation and take in the incredible scenery as you cruise into Vernon. It's easy to understand why this region of France inspired beautiful paintings by many of history's most famous artists.  
**Freechoice:** Visit Giverny and Monet's former residence and gardens. If you're feeling more adventurous, you can explore by bike with a self-guided cycling tour that starts in Vernon. You can also discover Vernon with Scenic Tailormade at your own pace.  
**Enrich**  
Built into a steep rock face overlooking the Seine River and the small village bearing the same name, Château de La Roche Guyon is a sight to behold. Experience the opulence and grandeur of yesteryear as you enjoy a classical concert performed by the region's most reputable musicians. The château dates back to medieval times and you'll be sure to have fond memories of this special experience for a long time.

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**Day 9**  
**Tue, 20 Oct**

**Conflans > Paris (B,L,D)**

Cruise to the charming medieval town of Conflans, with its distinctive barge houses docked within reach of the quaint main square.

**Freechoice:** Discover the charms of Auvers-sur-Oise and see Vincent van Gogh's room, or step inside the magnificent Chantilly Castle for a guided tour of this remarkable château, set amidst beautiful parklands. Alternatively visit the great stables on the grounds of Chantilly, essentially a palace for horses living on the estate. The stables also house a museum dedicated to the relationship between man and horse throughout time.

After a leisurely afternoon of cruising, the evening will see us returning to Paris, the 'city of light', and you'll have the chance to view the beautiful illuminated skyline, and the soaring Eiffel Tower. Make sure you have your cameras at the ready.

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**Day 10**  
**Wed, 21 Oct**

**Paris (B,L,D)**

It's your choice today to either spend time exploring France's most celebrated city or embark on a discovery beyond the city limits.

**Freechoice:** Shop with a Chef when you visit one of Paris' local food markets, and enjoy exquisite tastings, or walk the city with a resident expert and hear tales that only the locals know. Alternatively, you may wish to explore beyond Paris and tour the 17th century estate of Château Vaux-le-Vicomte, Louis XIV's inspiration for Versailles Palace. Featured in the James Bond movie Moonraker, the Palace of Vicomte has been leaving visitors in awe of its magnificence for centuries.

With remarkable attractions at every turn, enjoy time at leisure this afternoon to explore Paris and create your own unique memories.

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**Day 11**  
**Thu, 22 Oct**

**Paris (B)**

Your trip concludes after breakfast as you disembark and transfer to Paris airport. Please note: Pre release itinerary subject to change.