

PARIS 2026

ITINERARY DETAILS:

Day 1, PARIS. Check into your hotel and spend free time to explore the city at your own leisure. Then, prepare for your precruise land package in St. Malo.

Day 2, PARIS. Depart Paris and transfer to St. Malo. En route, visit Chartres Cathedral, an elaborate and beautifully designed Roman Catholic church that serves as the seat of the Diocese of Chartres. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the cathedral is considered a masterpiece and the high point of French Gothic art. (B)

Day 3, ST. MALO. Explore the walled city of St. Malo, the history of which is steeped in piracy. Gaze at turquoise waters and such sites as the castle and its towers, the Fort National, partially built by famed military architect Vauban, and the cathedral of Saint Vincent.

You'll also venture to Dinard, with its Belle Époque villas and

beaches, as well as to Dinan, one of Brittany's most beautiful and best preserved towns, known for its art galleries and crafts. (B)

Day 4, ST. MALO. Discover the magical island monastery of Mont St. Michel, built by the same Italian architect who designed Fécamp Abbey in Normandy.

Appearing as though out of a fairytale, Mont St. Michel served as the artistic inspiration for the Disney movie about Rapunzel, *Tangled*. (B)

Day 5, ST. MALO LE

HAVRE EMBARKATION.

Check out of your St. Malo hotel and visit Fourgeres in Brittany, known for its medieval fortress, which boasts

13 towers. Continue on to Le Havre, where you will board your ship for your *Impressions of the Seine & Paris* cruise. (D)

Day 6, LE HAVRE. There are several different choices of excursions, both during the morning and afternoon, depending on your interests. You can choose between an

excursion to the seaside town of Honfleur, renowned for its picturesque harbor, and for being an inspirational site for Impressionist painters. You can also choose a full day

excursion to see the historic Normandy Beaches, where you may visit such sites as the cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer,

Omaha Beach, the artillery battery at

Longue-sur-Mer

and the village of Arromanches, where the remains of the floating harbor used during the WWII landings can be seen. In the

afternoon, for guests who

have not chosen our full day

Normandy Beaches tour, you have the choice of a city tour of the UNESCO designated

Le Havre or a bike tour through Le Havre.

(B,L,D)

**Not combinable with other tours on this day.*

Day 7, LE HAVRE CAUDEBECENCAUX.

Visit Bayeux, with a medieval city center and the world renowned

Bayeux Tapestry, which depicts the 1066 Norman

invasion of England, followed by a visit to Caen, where one of the top sites is the Château de Caen, an 11th century

castle built by William the Conqueror. Or instead,

admire the 30-acre

Harcourt Arboretum, with its nearly 3,000 trees, as well as the palatial Château du Champ de Bataille and the commune of Le Bec-Hellouin,

known

for its 11th century

abbey. Later, enjoy a scenic cruise from Le Havre to Caudebec-en-Caux,

where you can visit Museo Seine, a museum focusing on the history of

the Seine River. Or immerse yourself in the enchanting history of Château d'Ételan, the first Italian Renaissance Château built in

France in 1494, where you may see a

wonderful chapel with original wall paintings and the guard house dating back to 1350 in an amazing landscape. (B,L,D)

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Day 8, ROUEN. Spend the morning enjoying medieval Rouen with a choice of several excursions. Join a walking tour past the

imposing Notre Dame Cathedral,

painted numerous times by Monet, and see the square where Joan of Arc was martyred, as well as the Medieval Quarter and Great

Clock. Alternatively, delve into the

once "haunted" Château de Bonnemare, a 16th century

medieval castle housing a historic cider press, a kitchen rotisserie inspired by the designs of Leonardo da Vinci,

and the inspiration for a tragic love poem written by Marie de France. Or go on the "Tastes of Normandy" tour, where you'll be

treated to the delicious flavors of the

region, including chocolate, macaron, Norman cheese and cider. Later in the day, ride through Rouen's history-filled

streets by bicycle to discover sites like the ossuary

of Saint-Maclou,

the grand Gothic Rouen Cathedral, and the idyllic trails along the city's moat and through its parks before concluding your peaceful

ride back to the

ship. (B,L,D)

Day 9, VERNON LA

ROCHEGUYON.

Take in the picturesque landscape on a scenic cruise before disembarking the ship to experience the colorful splendor of Claude Monet's magnificent gardens at his former home in Giverny, admiring the water lilies, Japanese bridges and graceful willow trees immortalized in his paintings.

For a more active adventure, pedal through Vernon on a guided bike tour. Or journey to the beautiful Gardens d'Acquigny, boasting waterfalls, bridges, canals and a

wide variety of trees and plant life. As part of your excursion, you will also venture within the borders of Vexin Francais Regional Nature Park to Château de la RocheGuyon,

a castle built against a cliff perched above the Seine that encompasses several centuries of architectural styles, with the ruins of its medieval tower dominating the

village beneath it. Then, explore the city at your own pace during your free evening in La RocheGuyon.

(B,L,D)

Day 10, LA ROCHEGUYON

MANTESLAJOLIE.

Watch the scenery go by as you sail to MantesLaJolie,

a historic center where French creatives produced

musical instruments and visual art. Experience the world through your taste buds and join a tasting tour during which you'll get a chance to try the region's famous cider and cheese at a local farm. Alternatively, go on a city tour during which you may see some of MantesLaJolie's

beautiful religious structures, like the Gothic Notre

Dame de Mantes, followed by a unique visit to a local bee farm. Or visit the distinctive Château d'Anet, an elegant Renaissance château built in the 16th century by

King Henri II for his mistress, Diane de Poitiers. (B,L,D)

Day 11, PARIS. Experience the "City of Light" from a unique perspective when you board a modern river boat at the Port de la Bourdonnais, located on the banks of

the Seine River near the Eiffel Tower. With exterior seating and viewing platforms, your onehour

cruise will be a dream come true as you glide along the river and

underneath Paris's ornate bridges. From the boat, you will take in panoramic views of the city's iconic buildings and monuments, including the Musee d'Orsay and the

Notre Dame Cathedral. Alternatively, cover more ground on a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

Day 12, PARIS DISEMBARKATION.

Disembark your ship in Paris. A world stage for art, fashion, gastronomy, culture and much more, the "City of Light" has a story to tell at every corner. Before transferring to your hotel, explore the Atelier des Lumières, Paris's "Workshop of Lights," a uniquely immersive digital art

experience. Here you will be treated to an unforgettable colorful multimedia exhibition, utilizing 140 video projectors and a stateoftheart

sound system to discover

famed artists' works. (B)

Day 13, PARIS. Discover some of the lesserknown

treasures of Paris on your guided tour. Legendary Montmartre – the Bohemian heart and soul of Parisian chic –

has long been a siren call to artists and revolutionary thinkers. Enjoy learning more about the premier artists' enclave that once was home to Pissarro and Jongkind. (B)

Day 14, DEPART PARIS. Bid farewell to Paris as you prepare for your return flight