PARIS, NORMANDY & THE LOIRE VALLEY

This handcrafted itinerary will delight all your senses! Come for the magic and wonder of Paris, the City of Lights, but stay for the charm of the countryside and historic seaside. Join Cooper’s Hawk Host Carol Lekki of Carol’s Travel Service, along with Brand Ambassador and Francophile Kris Koenigsberg, and travel through some of the most historic, fascinating, and beautiful areas of France. Explore battlefields and beaches, cities and medieval towns, gardens and vineyards, châteaus and palaces. Taste French wines, ciders, cheeses, and delicious cuisines. This unique Wine Club tour offers you a moving journey through famous iconic sights, fairy-tale vistas, WWII history, and experiences you’ll never forget. There is limited space, so hurry to sign up for this amazing tour!
DEPART USA

Today you will board your plane to depart the USA for Paris, arriving the following day.

ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE

Bienvenue – welcome to Paris! A group transfer is provided from the airport to your hotel (normal check-in times apply). The wonder of Paris at night truly comes to life this evening at our incredible welcome dinner and sightseeing cruise on the Seine River. We’ll begin with a wonderful dinner at a local restaurant. Then, we embark on our ship for a relaxing and romantic illumination cruise along the Seine, where we’ll discover just why it’s called the City of Lights!

Meal Included – Dinner

Hotel – Mercure Paris Montmartre Sacré-Coeur or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Dinner

Illumination Cruise
PARIS – GIVERNY – ROUEN – BEUVRON-EN-AUGE – BAYEUX

After breakfast, we depart Paris and start the day with a visit to Giverny, home of painter Claude Monet. The famous Water Garden at Giverny was the inspiration behind some of Monet’s finest work. We will explore his beautifully restored home and the studio where he created some of his masterpieces. You also can stroll through the peaceful gardens past his iconic lily pond, surrounded by willows, wisterias, and bamboos, and you can stand on the Japanese bridge immortalized in some of his most beloved works. Then we continue to the city of Rouen to visit its great Cathedral. Twenty paintings of the Cathedral exist, and many today are in Paris’s Orsay Museum. We’ll have time to stroll along the lovely cobbled Rue du Gros-Horloge, leading to the square where Joan of Arc was martyred in 1431. We’ll stop for an included lunch in Rouen. Next, we head out of Rouen and stop in Beuvron-en-Auge along the Route du Cidre for a cider tasting before arriving in Honfleur, where we overnight.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel – Mercure Omaha Beach or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Giverny
Rouen City Tour
Cider Tasting
After breakfast, we visit the Caen Memorial Museum, a center for history and peace in Normandy. We’ll get an in-depth look during a guided tour of the museum. We return to Honfleur and enjoy an included lunch. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore on your own. Our Tour Hosts will be on hand for suggestions.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel – Mercure Omaha Beach or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Guided Tour of Caen Memorial Museum
BAYEUX
EXCURSION TO NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES

After breakfast, we head to the Normandy Beaches, scene of the Allied Forces’ landing on D-Day, June 6, 1944. First, we stop in Sainte-Mère-Église to visit the Airborne Museum, next to the church where John Steele’s parachute got caught in one of the steeples, as portrayed in the 1962 movie *The Longest Day*. Our next stop is Utah Beach, with a visit to the memorial, continuing on to Pointe du Hoc commemorating the Rangers’ Assault, and lastly to historic Omaha Beach. We continue to Arromanches, where we will see the remains of Mulberry Harbour in the bay, a temporary harbor built by the Allies to quickly offload men and cargo onto the beaches during the invasion of Normandy. We finish our tour at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel – Mercure Omaha Beach or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Utah Beach

Pointe du Hoc

Omaha Beach

Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial
After breakfast, we will visit the famous Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel, spectacularly perched on a rocky isle in the Gulf of Saint-Malo. Enjoy free time to explore the area on your own. Later we will visit the Hôtel de l’Abbaye for a tasting of some of their quality wines.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel – Mercure Front de Mer or similar
SAINT-MALO – LOIRE VALLEY AREA – BLOIS

After breakfast, our tour starts with a visit to a local goat farm and its cheese production. We’ll enjoy tasting local chèvre, a specialty of the Loire Valley. Our next stop is the lovely Chenonceau, the 16th-century château of Queen Catherine de Medici. Then we enjoy a guided tour of Château de Nitray and visit its wine warehouses, which have been operating for 250 years. We’ll hear about their winemaking process, and then partake in their Initiation to Oenology course with wine pairing, followed by dinner.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel – Mercure Blois Centre or similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Cheese Tasting
Château de Chenonceau
Château de Nitray
Wine-Paired Dinner
After breakfast, we’ll visit the quaint Friday market in Amboise set up along a tree-lined avenue. Enjoy free time to browse and shop. We then start our tour with the jewel of the French Renaissance, Château Chambord. At Château du Clos Lucé, we’ll marvel at an amazing collection of models of Leonardo da Vinci’s inventions, painstakingly reconstructed from the drawings of the great Renaissance genius. We will continue to Caves du Père Auguste, with its reclusive wine cellar, where we will enjoy a presentation of their winemaking processes, a tour of the cellar, and tasting of five AOC wines accompanied by local charcuterie and goat’s cheese.

Meals Included – Breakfast
Hotel – Mercure Blois Centre or similar
BLOIS – VERSAILLES – PARIS

After breakfast, we depart for the town of Versailles, built during Louis XIII’s reign. We’ll visit the Notre-Dame Market, the second largest market in France and the oldest market in Versailles. You will have some free time to explore the market. We’ll continue to visit the lavish 17th-century baroque Palace of Versailles, built by the Sun King, Louis XIV, with its magnificent State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, and Royal Chapel. Our guide will bring its history to life during our visit. Louis XIII originally purchased Versailles and its surrounding land to serve as his hunting lodge. Later, his son, Louis XIV, decided to make it his seat of government, and in 1682 he installed his impressive court and numerous noble visitors in sumptuous surroundings, a symbol of absolute monarchy. We’ll have time at leisure to stroll through parts of the elegant 250-acre gardens.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel – Novotel Paris Centre Gare Montparnasse or similar
PARIS

After breakfast, our morning guided sightseeing takes us to Notre-Dame Cathedral, where Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned emperor in 1804. We’ll admire the cathedral’s amazing 13th-century stained-glass Rose Window. The tour will then take us past the Latin Quarter, Les Invalides, the Opéra, Place de la Concorde, and Arc de Triomphe. We’ll drive by the Seine River with its beautiful bridges and stop to take photos of the Eiffel Tower from one of the best panoramic viewing points. The remainder of the day is free to explore on your own. Our Tour Hosts will be on hand for suggestions.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel – Novotel Paris Centre Gare Montparnasse or similar
**PARIS**

After breakfast, a group transfer is provided to the airport for your homebound flight.

*Meal Included – Breakfast*

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## INCLUDED

- 9 nights’ accommodations at superior first-class hotels
- Sightseeing, tours, activities & attractions as shown
- Breakfast daily, three lunches, six dinners
- Tour hosts, local guides
- Private coach throughout
- Taxes

**Gratuities for tour guide and driver**  
(local guide gratuities not included)

## NOT INCLUDED

- Meals when not mentioned as included
- Room service & personal room charges
- Excess baggage and porterage
- Local guide gratuities
- Private transfers if you do not arrive/depart with group
- Trip cancellation and travel insurance

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**Deposit & Final Payment**

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Forms of payment include cash, check, Mastercard, Visa, or American Express.

**Airfare**

Airfare is not included but we are happy to assist you in securing your air tickets. Arrive into Charles de Gaulle Paris Airport on October 19th by 10:15 a.m. to catch the group transfer. Depart from Charles de Gaulle Paris Airport at 12:00 noon or later on October 28th.

**Land Cancellation Policy**

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If we have a waitlist, we may be able to assist with a name change instead of a cancellation on land only. Name changes have a $100.00 per person administrative fee. There is no guarantee we will have someone to take your spot, in which case full cancellation fees will apply. Air tickets are non-refundable from the time of ticketing. Name changes are not allowed on air tickets.

Travel Guard trip cancellation and travel insurance will be quoted at the time of booking.

**Reservations**

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**Rates**

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Space is limited on this tour and will be sold on a first-come basis upon receipt of deposit. To make reservations, please call or email Carol or Karen (contact information below).
You must have a valid passport for travel to France. At this time, no visa is necessary for US citizens to travel to France.
This tour requires a minimum of 20 participants to operate.
Wineries, hotels, dinners, activities, and attractions can be subject to change.

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