

## Highlights of Normandy & the Seine



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

**Tour Code:** SENE

**Days:** 8

- Day 1 Paris (D)**  
Welcome to Paris. Enjoy a welcome dinner before cruising out of Paris with the beautiful city as a backdrop.
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- Day 2 Conflans (B,L,D)**  
This morning we arrive into the charming medieval town of Conflans, with its distinctive barge houses docked within easy 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 amid beautiful parklands.  
This afternoon, enjoy the amenities of your luxurious Scenic Space-Ship. Perhaps relax on the Sun Deck with a drink in hand and enjoy the scenery as you cruise past charming riverside villages, or take the opportunity to visit the Wellness area.
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- Day 3 Rouen (B,L,D)**  
**Freechoice:** Enjoy a walking tour of Rouen, the capital of the Normandy region. Take in the famous sites of Joan of Arc and the historic Rouen Cathedral. Walk the winding medieval laneways and admire the city's half-timbered houses. Alternatively, join a guided cycling tour along the Seine River to the beautiful 19th century botanical gardens that boast a number of exotic and rare plants. This afternoon we set sail to the picturesque coastal village of Honfleur.
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- Day 4 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. From here, take a moment to reflect on the momentous impact of that day, as you look out from your hilltop position above Omaha Beach, or visit the Juno Beach Centre, a museum that focuses on the Canadian war effort. Alternatively, take the opportunity to explore Honfleur, with its quaint architecture, relaxed coastal atmosphere and colourful fishing boats bobbing up and down on its waters.
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- Day 5 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 through picturesque landscapes that were once dotted with over 100 abbeys, and along the way, visit some of the incredible abbeys still in operation. Or, learn about the Roman past of the town of Lillebonne. Interestingly it is said that William the Conqueror was in his castle at Lillebonne in 1066 when he decided to invade England. Back on board your Cruise Director will organise a special treat for you, with a tasting of Calvados, a locally produced Apple Brandy.
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- Day 6 Vernon (B,L,D)**  
In a region rich in visual treasures, it's easy to understand why this part of France inspired paintings by many of history's most famous artists.  
**Freechoice:** Visit Giverny and Monet's former residence and gardens. Admire the beauty of the landscape as you walk the paths exploding with colour and life. Or, if you're feeling more adventurous, you can explore by bike, with a self-guided cycling tour to Giverny.  
**Enrich**  
Built into a steep rock face overlooking the mighty Seine River and the small village bearing the same name, Château de La Roche-Guyon is a sight to behold. The château dates back to medieval times and you'll experience the opulence and grandeur of yesteryear as you enjoy a live classical concert.
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- Day 7 Paris (B,L,D)**  
Choose to 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 through the trendy Marais district 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 the Palace of Versailles. Featured in the James Bond movie Moonraker, the Palace of Vicoite has been leaving visitors in awe of its magnificence for centuries.  
With remarkable attractions at every turn, you'll have a chance to explore Paris at leisure this afternoon.
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- Day 8 Paris (B)**  
Your trip concludes this morning after breakfast, as you disembark and transfer to Paris airport. Make sure you remember to pack up all those wonderful memories before you leave. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above.