

# TRAFALGAR

## Treasures of France including Normandy

### Your itinerary



● Start Location

✈ Plane

🚢 Cruise

① Over night

● Visited Location

● End Location


🚆 Train

🚢 Ferry

## Day 1

### Bonjour Paris

Bienvenue! The 'City of Lights' welcomes you as you prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey through France. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director this evening for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive to admire the glittering cityscape of Paris – past grand boulevards and iconic sites like the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe.

 **Hotel** - Evergreen Laurel

 **Included Meals** - Welcome Reception

## Day 2

### Admire Normandy's Colourful Honfleur and the Bayeux Tapestry

This morning, we depart Paris and venture to the city of Rouen, the tragic site where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. We travel to the enchanting harbour town of Honfleur – its narrow lanes and colourful shopfronts have long attracted artists who have immortalised its beauty on canvas. Arriving in Bayeux, we visit the Tapestry Museum. Here you'll Dive Into Culture and see the Bayeux Tapestry, depicting events before and during the Battle of Hastings in 1066. This evening, we dine at our hotel.

 **Hotel** - Mercure Omaha Beach

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 3

### Explore the D-Day Landing Beaches


We begin the day visiting the American Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives on the D-Day Landing Beaches of Omaha, imagining the sense of terror and triumph felt the fateful day that Allied forces set foot on mainland Europe. We stop for lunch in the seaside setting of Arromanches, once at the heart of the Normandy landings, before visiting the D-Day Museum to learn about the artificial harbour used by the Allies. Finish the day on the beaches of Juno, where the Canadian forces came ashore in 1944.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

## Day 4

### Journey to Picturesque Saint-Malo and Mont-Saint-Michel

Travel along the Emerald Coast to stunning Saint-Malo, one of the most charming places in France. At leisure, wander around the ramparts of the thick city walls, see beautiful views over the old town and the bay. Consider an Optional Experience with a Local Specialist and discover the historic past of the walled port city of Saint-Malo, once home to the famous French explorer Jacques Cartier. Later, we journey to our overnight hotel in Mont-Saint-Michel.

 **Hotel** - Le Relais du Roy

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 5

### Continue to the Beautiful Loire Valley

This morning, we'll join a Local Specialist and explore Mont-Saint-Michel, then tour the impressive medieval Benedictine Abbey. Legend has it, the abbey was built after the Archangel Michael appeared to the Bishop of Avranches inspiring him to build a church atop the island. Journey through the scenic countryside,

stopping to Connect With Locals at a lunch with wine in a 17th-century château during a Be My Guest experience set within beautiful gardens. We journey to the Loire Valley, where we will spend the next two nights. You'll enjoy a perfect stop at Caves Duhard where we'll Dive Into Culture and enjoy the very best of Touraine vintages, learning about the five generations of Duhard family who've had a hand in its creation.

 **Hotel** - Novotel Amboise

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Be My Guest

#### TODAY'S INCLUDED HIGHLIGHT EXPERIENCE

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## Day 6

### Discover the Stunning French Châteaux


We spend our day admiring the beautiful châteaux of the Loire Valley and join a Local Specialist for a visit to the Amboise Royal Château. It is here that King François I hosted Leonardo da Vinci, whose tomb now lies in the Chapel of Saint-Hubert adjoining the château. We continue with a visit to Château de Chenonceau, built on the Cher River. The château is often referred to as the 'Ladies Castle', due to the many women who influenced its construction and development. Today it contains priceless collections, including Renaissance furniture, tapestries and masterpieces by Rubens and Tintoretto.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

## Day 7

### Continue to Chartres and Paris

Our first stop today is the town of Chartres and its beautiful Roman Catholic cathedral, regarded as one of the most authentic and complete works of religious architecture from the early 13th century. We journey back to Paris this afternoon and spend the rest of our day in the 'City of Lights' with free time to take in some of the sights. Celebrate with your Travel Director and newfound friends this evening at a Farewell Dinner with local wines at a Parisian bistro.

 **Hotel** - Renaissance La Défense

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

## Day 8

### Farewell Paris

For now it's time to say a fond au revoir to France and your fellow travellers at the end of a memorable trip. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](http://trafalgar.com/freetransfers).

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

## All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

### Cider Farm Visit and Gastronomic Norman Feast

Experience true Norman hospitality with a visit to a family-run cider farm. We'll discover their secrets and have the opportunity to taste the newest cider batch. Then, we'll head off to a Farmhouse Inn for a typical meal of traditional Norman flavours with drinks included.

Adult Price: €64.00\*

**\* The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.**

AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

### Jewels Of St Malo

Take in the stunning natural beauty of the Emerald coastline and learn about the privateer past of Saint-Malo. This port town is known for its striking medieval ramparts, handsome aristocratic houses and its famous son, Jacques Cartier, who claimed what is now Canada for the French. Join our Local Specialist to uncover the secrets of this "Jewel of Brittany."

Adult Price: €32.00\*

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

### Tours Old Town Discovery

Tours is truly one of France's classic cathedral cities. We'll visit its famous Basilica, built around the tomb of the storied Saint Martin. Then, our Local Specialist will take us past the storybook-like timbered houses in the city's charming Old Town and reveal all of its ancient secrets!

Adult Price: €25.00\*

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

### In The Footsteps Of Leonardo Da Vinci

Truly one of the giants of history, Leonard da Vinci left behind many marvelous treasures in the Manor house and gardens where he spent his final years, close to his patron: King Francis the First. Our Local Specialist will reveal some of da Vinci's most extraordinary inventions, from

submarines to helicopters.

Adult Price: €39.00\*

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

### Dinner In The Loire Valley

Santé. Toast our new-found friends as we enjoy a typical French meal in an atmospheric Old World setting. Drinks are included.

Adult Price: €66.00\*

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

### Montmartre Village And Artists' Square

Many people go to Paris, but only a few are lucky enough to experience what it's really all about. Join us for a stroll with our Local Specialist through Montmartre – an artists' village once home to Picasso and Toulouse Lautrec, tucked away from the modern city. The paint will still be wet on the canvasses, as we watch apprentices work before our eyes in the famous Artist's Square. Mingle, barter, and stand in awe of Sacré Coeur Basilica in this historic, bohemian neighbourhood.

Adult Price: €37.00\*

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

### Seine Cruise and Paris Illuminations

To truly see Paris in all its glory, you need to see it from the Seine. Enjoy a cruise along this famous river and take in unmatched views of the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower. Afterwards, we'll drive through the City of Lights to see some of the fascinating sights this beautiful city has to offer. In summer, this trip may take place before sunset.

Adult Price: €38.00\*

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