

7-day cruise

The Seine valley and its meanders

From Paris to the Norman Coast

Fabulous landscapes of chalky hillsides, steep riverbanks and flat riverbanks

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PARIS – LES ANDELYS – ROUEN – CAUDEBEC EN CAUX – THE COTE FLEURIE* – HONFLEUR

1st day: PARIS

Embarkation takes place between 6:00-7:00 PM. There is time to settle into your cabin prior to the presentation of the crew during a welcome cocktail in the lounge. Dinner is served on board. Overnight is in Paris.

2nd day: PARIS

Breakfast is served on board. This day will be entirely devoted to the city of **Paris**. **An optional half day panoramic coach tour is offered that** features the legendary sites of the city, such as; the **Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe** and the **Champs Elysées**. Lunch is served on board followed by a free afternoon in **Paris to sightsee on your own, now that you know the city**. Dinner is served on board while cruising through Paris “by night” (depending on the water level). Overnight is in Paris.

3rd day: PARIS – LES ANDELYS or VERNON

Departure of the cruise is scheduled for early in the morning with breakfast served on board. We begin by sailing past the futuristic Paris suburb of **La Défense** which will impress you with its interesting combination of concrete and glass architecture. Lunch is served on board before stopping in **Conflans-Sainte-Honorine**. Upon arrival there, an **optional coach tour** is offered to the **Chateau of Versailles** (closed on Mondays). The Chateau is among the most famous and prestigious monuments of World Heritage sites. It constitutes the most beautiful and complete work of French art of the 18th century. (On *Mondays, an optional tour to the Chateau de Malmaison is offered.*) After the tour, you arrive back on board the ship in **Mantes la Jolie**. Dinner is served on board with the continuation of the cruise for Les **Andelys** or **Vernon**, depending on moorings available at the piers. Overnight is in Les Andelys or Vernon.

4th day: LES ANDELYS (or VERNON) - ROUEN

Departure of the cruise is in the early morning with exact timing depending on the tides. Breakfast and lunch are served on board. Arrival in **Rouen, the former capital of Normandy**, is scheduled for around 2:00 PM. During the afternoon, an **optional guided city tour** of Rouen is offered. During the tour you will discover, among other things, **the Cathedral where Monet featured a series of paintings**, the historic city neighbourhoods, and the Place du Vieux Marché where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. We return back on board the ship for dinner and the gala evening. Overnight is in Rouen.

5th day: ROUEN – CAUDEBEC

Departure of the cruise is early in the morning. Breakfast is served while you journey through a magnificent landscape of steep limestone cliffs which overlook charming little Norman villages that are typical of the region. Lunch is served during the cruise. Arrival in **Caudebec is scheduled for** around 2:00 pm. This is followed by the departure for an **optional coach tour of The Road of the Abbeys**. **The tour includes a visit to Jumièges** where one of the most beautiful abbeys in France is to be found, and then it is on to the **Church of Saint Peter**, one of the finest examples of 10th century Norman architecture. The tour participants are back on the ship around 6:00 PM with dinner to follow. Departure time of the ship for Honfleur depends on the tides.

6th day: HONFLEUR

Breakfast is served on board with the exact arrival time in the port of **Honfleur** depending on the tides. The morning will be devoted to an **optional guided walking tour** of Honfleur, its fishing port, its narrow picturesque streets with their timbered houses, the salt lofts and the Church of **Saint Catherine**. This church was built in the 15th - 16th century in the shape of a ship. It is also the biggest church in France built entirely of wood. After the tour, it's back on board the ship for lunch. The afternoon will be devoted to an **optional coach** excursion to the **Côte Fleurie (the Flowered Coast)**. Stops will be made in the coastal resort towns of **Trouville** and **Deauville**, followed by a tour of a Calvados distillery where apple brandy is produced. We return back to the ship that evening for dinner on board. Overnight is in Honfleur.

7th day: HONFLEUR

Breakfast is served on board with disembarkation taking place around 9:00 AM. *End of our journey.*