

From Paris to the Norman Coast

Highlights

Optional tour of the chateau of Vascoeuil, a renowned arts centre - Rouen, a historic city - Honfleur and its incomparable charm – the Côte Fleurie and its string of seaside resorts

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PARIS – LES ANDELYS – ROUEN – HONFLEUR – CAUDEBEC EN CAUX – VERNON – PARIS

1st day: PARIS

Rendezvous is scheduled at the **Quai de Grenelle** for embarkation at 6:00 PM. There will be time to settle into your cabin prior to the introduction of the crew during a welcome cocktail in the lounge. Afterwards, dinner will be served on board. Depending on the water level on the Seine River, you will be able to admire the most wonderful locations of Paris by night as we sail through the city during dinner. Shimmering in 1001 lights, **Paris** exercises an almost magical power of attraction. We will glide silently past the **Eiffel Tower, the Grand Palais, the Orangerie, the Louvre and the Notre-Dame Cathedral** which dominates the **Ile de la Cité**. Overnight is in Paris.

2nd day: PARIS – LES ANDELYS – ROUEN

Breakfast is served on board while the ship sails west of the Seine River. An aerobics session is planned while cruising through a number of locks and towns such as **Conflans Ste. Honorine and Vernon**. At around 11:00 AM, the passengers are invited to get together in the lounge for games and aperitifs. Lunch is served on board the ship. Arrival in Les Andelys is scheduled for around 1:30 PM. This is followed by departure of motorcoaches for an **optional tour to the Chateau of Vascoeuil**. During this tour, the ship will sail to **Rouen** where the tour participants will join it at around 6:00 PM. Dinner is served on board. **In the evening, an optional guided city walking tour of Rouen is offered. Rouen is the former capital of Normandy. You will visit the historic neighbourhoods and the Place du Marché where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. After the tour, it is back to the ship with departure of the cruise for Honfleur sometime around midnight for an overnight sailing.**

3rd day: ROUEN – HONFLEUR

Breakfast is served on board. Exact morning arrival in **Honfleur** depends on the tides. Upon arrival, the morning will be devoted to the **optional** guided city walking tour of this beautiful fishing port. You will enjoy Honfleur's picturesque streets with their old timbered houses, the salt lofts and Saint Catherine's church, which was built entirely of wood. (NB: The order of the excursions may be modified depending on our arrival time). Lunch is served on board the ship after the walking tour. In the afternoon, an **optional coach** excursion is offered to the **Côte Fleurie, including the resort towns of Trouville and Deauville**, as well as, a tour of a distillery where the famous Calvados apple brandy is made. We are back on board the ship around 6:00 PM and dinner is served on board. We will then cast off to leave the port of **Honfleur**. After departing Honfleur, we will pass under the magnificent **Normandy** Bridge. There is an overnight sailing heading east back up the **Seine River**.

4th day: HONFLEUR – CAUDEBEC EN CAUX – VERNON

Breakfast is served during this morning's cruise and another aerobics session will be held in the company of our ship's hostess. Lunch is served on board with an afternoon sailing. We will pass through locks and beautiful landscapes along the way, and also through the town of **Conflans Ste Honorine. Dinner is served on board and the gala evening is planned with a special theme devoted to "the guinguette". A "guinguette" was a popular old-time caberet from the neighborhoods of Paris where people would dance, drink and eat.**

5th day: PARIS

Breakfast is served on board. At 10:00 AM, this magnificent cruise will come to an end. *End of our journey.*