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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers who call this area home.

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The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Open a new chapter in your travels during a journey to fascinating Paris and the beguiling region of Normandy. From the spectacular, romantic thrill of the City of Light to the cliff-lined coast, discover the region's dramatic history, culinary wonders and natural beauty.

- ▶ Pay tribute to the sacrifice and valor of the Allied Forces while visiting **significant D-Day beaches.**
- ▶ Discover the impact of World War II at the **Caen Memorial Museum.**
- ▶ Explore the ruins of **centuries-old castles** and walk in the footsteps of Richard the Lionheart.
- ▶ See the sun dip behind Paris' most beautiful landmarks during an **evening cruise on the Seine.**
- ▶ Step into the life of world-renowned painter Monet while exploring his home and gardens in **Giverny.**
- ▶ Delight in the wonderful views along **Honfleur's picturesque harbor.**

Howdy, Ags!

Join us for a journey along the Seine! Together, we'll uncover the essence of Paris and Normandy and discover the region's remarkable past and pivotal role in history.

Begin in Paris where we'll witness the magnificent Cathedral of Notre-Dame and storied Latin Quarter. Delve into the life of impressionist painter Monet at his Giverny home, and stroll the streets of charming Honfleur, a lovely fishing port. And as the world marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day, visit Omaha Beach, the Caen Memorial and other sites associated with this crucial World War II battle. Along the way, customize your journey by choosing from a selection of included excursions.

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted by travel experts to include enriching cultural excursions, preferred access to popular attractions and an engaging educational component. These fascinating lectures by expert speakers provide meaningful context for what you will encounter during your travels.

Delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries. Space is limited and will sell out quickly, so make plans today!

Gig 'em!

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La Roche-Guyon





Day 1

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France.✈

Day 2

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Paris, France

Upon arrival in Paris, transfer✈ to the MS Renoir.

Free Time: After settling in your cabin, enjoy free time to discover the ship's many amenities.

Gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner on board.

Day 3

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Paris

Enrichment: *History of Paris.* Learn about the pivotal events and people that shaped Paris.

Discovery: *Notre-Dame and the Latin Quarter.*

Start a walking tour of Paris' storied Latin Quarter on the Île de la Cité, the historic heart of the city. Beginning at Notre-Dame, the city's most iconic cathedral, cross the Pont de l'Achevêché, the Archbishop's Bridge, for a fascinating look at the Latin Quarter, one of the most popular neighborhoods on the Left Bank and the intellectual hub of Paris for centuries. Along the way, learn about the quarter's history, architecture and famous residents.

Return to the ship for lunch.

Free Time: The afternoon is free to explore Paris on your own. You may wish to return to Notre-Dame or simply take in the rhythms of local life from a seat at a sidewalk café.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.



ELECTIVES | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Above: *Notre Dame Cathedral* | Right: *Monet's Garden, Giverny*

Discovery: Seine at Night. Tonight, savor a special encounter with the City of Light during an evening illumination cruise on the Seine. Marvel at Paris' many landmarks, including Notre-Dame Cathedral and the Louvre, and float under the graceful arches of centuries-old bridges.

Day 4 B | L | D

Paris | La Roche-Guyon

Free Time: Spend a morning at leisure in Paris.

 **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

- Versailles.** Journey to France's grandest palace and seat of the royal court from 1682-1789. Walk through the palace's opulent rooms, grand gardens and the Hall of Mirrors.

- Palais Garnier.** Step into the home of the Paris National Opera and the Paris Opera Ballet School, and witness the extravagant Grand Staircase and auditorium featuring a ceiling painted by Marc Chagall. The theater inspired many of Edgar Degas' paintings of ballerinas.

Return to the ship for lunch and set sail toward La Roche-Guyon. As Paris fades into the distance, settle on deck to relish views of rolling hills, forested riverbanks and storybook towns.

Day 5 B | L | D

La Roche-Guyon | Giverny | Les Andelys | Martainville-Épreville

Disembark in La Roche-Guyon, one of "Les Plus Beaux Villages de France," The Most Beautiful



Villages in France, and enjoy a scenic drive through this captivating, quaint town.

Discovery: Monet, His Life in Giverny.

Delve into Claude Monet's life at his home in Giverny. Raised in Normandy, Monet lived in this pink-washed house from 1883 to 1926. Admire the tranquil Japanese garden and pond filled with floating lilies, settings that inspired many of his paintings. See the green footbridge captured in his artistry, and visit the studio where Monet created his "Water Lilies" series.

Meet the ship in Les Andelys, a town formed from two villages, and indulge in a delicious lunch served on board.

Discovery: Chateaux of Normandy. Spend the afternoon uncovering Norman history and culture. In Les Andelys, see the ruins of the once-grand Château Gaillard. Some 3,000 stone masons, quarry workers, carpenters, blacksmiths and other tradesmen built this castle at the end of the 12th-century. From the castle's perch, take in a lovely view of Les Andelys and the Seine. In

75th Anniversary of D-Day



Seventy-five years ago, one of the largest and most complex military invasions in history unfolded along a 50-mile stretch of Normandy's coastline. It began on D-Day, June 6, 1944, when more than 160,000 American, British and Canadian forces arrived by air and sea, landing in German-occupied territory. Under the command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Allied troops faced fierce resistance and sustained thousands of casualties, but they succeeded in securing the beaches and marching on to Paris to free France from German control. A tactical and psychological blow to Hitler and his troops, D-Day will be remembered forever as the moment of World War II when the tide began to turn against the Nazis.

Le Petit Andelys, witness St. Sauveur Church, built shortly after the completion of Château Gaillard.

Continue to the Château de Martainville, a 15th-century castle and one of the first French fortifications built in the Renaissance style.

Through its exhibits of furniture, housewares and farm implements, gain valuable insight into life in Normandy between the 16th and 19th centuries.

Return to the ship for dinner and sail to Rouen.

Day 6

B | L | D

Rouen

 **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

•**Rouen.** Embark on a walking tour of Rouen's historic city center, stopping to visit Notre-Dame de Rouen, the city's grand cathedral that is the subject of many of Monet's paintings.

•**Abbey de Jumièges.** Visit the ruins of the Benedictine Abbey of Jumièges, one of the most powerful abbeys in medieval France. Known for its charity toward the poor, it was one of several monasteries built along the Seine. Enjoy lunch on the ship.

Free Time: The afternoon and evening are at leisure to enjoy Rouen on your own. You may wish to explore more of the historic quarter.

Day 7

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Caudebec | Caen | D-Day Beaches

After breakfast, disembark the ship for a day of exploring Normandy's historic D-Day sites.

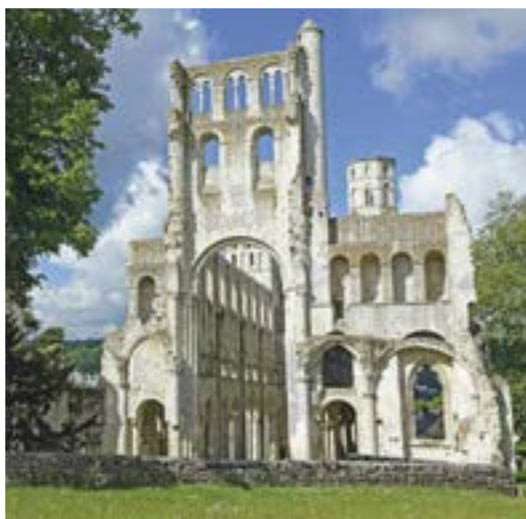
Discovery: Normandy and D-Day. Begin a memorable journey into World War II history at the Caen Memorial Museum. Regarded as

Above: *The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves, Normandy American Cemetery* | Below: *Château de Martainville*





Left: Church of Sainte-Catherine, Honfleur
Below: Hall of Mirrors, Versailles | Lower: Abbey de Jumièges



the premier World War II museum in France, the site features engrossing exhibits, photos and videos that explore the impact of the war.

Enjoy lunch at the museum before continuing to Omaha Beach, where U.S. forces valiantly advanced across the heavily fortified shoreline under devastating fire to overcome German troops. Then, visit Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers courageously scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy German artillery that posed a threat to troops coming ashore. Learn more about this treacherous mission from your guide.

In Colleville-sur-Mer, pay a poignant visit to the Normandy American Cemetery, set on a beautiful bluff overlooking Omaha Beach. The cemetery contains 9,385 graves of Americans who died in the invasion and subsequent battles, as well as a serene memorial garden honoring those missing in action. Pause and listen to the lull of waves as you pay tribute to the fallen.

Rejoin the ship in Honfleur and savor a delicious dinner of regional flavors.

Day 8

B | L | D

Honfleur

Discovery: Honfleur. Explore the Vieux Bassin, the historic harbor in Honfleur's vibrant town center. From the 16th to the 18th centuries, Honfleur was a lucrative fishing and trading port, and wealthy ship owners built the tall townhomes that surround the harbor. Stroll through the inviting harbor and along the narrow side streets, passing Honfleur's landmarks. The wooden Church of Sainte-Catherine, crafted by 15th-century shipbuilders, is a special standout. The building's ceilings over its two naves resemble upturned hulls!

Free Time: Spend the rest of the day exploring Honfleur on your own. You may want to venture along the Vieux Bassin or visit a Calvados cellar. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9

B

In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the Paris airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

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B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

ACCOMMODATIONS



MS Renoir

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The Louvre



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Air Program dates: June 22-30, 2019

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CRUISE PROGRAM

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1. Paris, Banks of the Seine
2. Cathedral of Notre-Dame



Gros-Horloge clock, Rouen

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 - Follow a historic path while visiting the splendid chateaux of Normandy.
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 - Visit D-Day beaches, battle sites and the Normandy American Cemetery.
 - Explore Honfleur, a colorful harbor city.

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