Paris, Normandy & Chateaux Country September 9-18, 2022

Isn't it time you nipped monotony in the bud? From fields of yellow sunflowers to cellars of pink roses, this colorful tour of France invites you to survey the sensuous land and pick the perfect bouquet. Fragrant gardens and aromatic wines are just the beginning of the sweet experiences that await from the City of Light to the sunlit regions of Normandy and the Loire Valley. Tiptoe through the tulips at Claude Monet's rainbow-colored gardens, float down the castle hallways in dreamy Châteaux country, and swirl and sip your way from the lively cafes of Paris to the storied wineries of the French countryside. Traveling from the Seine to the sea, we've handpicked the best coastal experiences—the resort town of Deauville, the famous Abbey of Mont St. Michel, and the poignant beaches of Normandy, site of the Allied Forces' D-Day invasions during World War II.

Day 1, Friday, Sept. 9: Depart the U.S. Depart the U.S. on your overnight flight to Paris.

Day 2, Saturday, Sept. 10: Paris. Welcome to "The City of Light," Paris, France! After getting settled, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions at 5pm for a welcome drink. Overnight at Le Meridien Etoile or similar for 2 nights.

Day 3, Sunday, Sept. 11: Paris. Enjoy some free time this morning before a guided tour of Paris. See the famous sights, including the Arc de Triomphe, les Champs-Elysées and a visit to the Courtyard of Les Invalides, commissioned in 1670 by Louis XIV to care for wounded soldiers. (B)

Day 4, Monday, Sept. 12: Giverny, Rouen & Deauville. You will start the day with a visit to Giverny, the home to Monet until his death in 1926. See his home and the gardens that inspired his art. Next, stop in Rouen for an orientation walk and lunch before continuing on to Deauville. Known for its famous wooden promenade that stretches



Tour Highlights & Inclusions

- Paris City Tour
- Monet Gardens and Home
- Normandy Beaches
- Normandy American Cemetery
- Mont St. Michel Abbey

- Wine Tasting in Loire Valley
- Chateau d'Angers
- Dinner River Cruise on the Seine
- Local Tour Director
- Daily Breakfast, 4 Three-Course Dinners

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almost half a mile, you will have free time to explore and take in the sea air. Overnight at Royal Barriere or similar for 1 night. (B)

Day 5, Tuesday, Sept. 13: Normandy Beaches & Caen. Today will be a fascinating and emotional day as you visit the beaches of Normandy, where on June 6, 1944, thousands of American, Canadian and British soldiers landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of coast. Visit Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery with the Monument to the Brave. Also see the Mulberry Harbor remains at Arromanches and the Canada House at Juno Beach. Overnight at Mercure Caen Centre Port De Plaisance or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

Day 6, Wednesday, Sept. 14: Bayeau & Mont St. Michel. Today you will visit Queen Matilda's tapestry museum in Bayeux to see this unique artifact of the 11th century that tells the story surrounding the conquest of England by William, Duke of Normandy. Next, you will have a guided visit to the Mont St. Michel Abbey, dating back to the 10th century. Overnight at Mercure Mont St. Michel for 1 night. (B,D)

Day 7, Thursday, Sept. 15: Angers & Loire Valley. A trip to Europe is not complete without a visit to a castle, which you will do in Angers. Enjoy the scenic drive en route to the Loire Valley and your overnight in Tours. Overnight at Océania L'univers or similar for 2 nights. (B)

Day 8, Friday, Sept. 16: Loire Valley. You will see a couple more castles today as we visit Chambord and Chenonceau followed by a wine tasting featuring the area wines. (B,D)

Day 9, Saturday, Sept. 17: Paris. Your last full day in France ends with some free time in Paris. See those last sights, have one last croissant or

pick up a few souvenirs. Tonight we will see the city of lights from a different perspective on your farewell dinner cruise on the Seine River. Overnight at Le Meridien Etoile or similar for 1 night. (B,D)

Day 10, Sunday, Sept. 18: Paris. It is time to say Au Revoir to France, but you will take away many memories, new friends and some French phrases. "Merci Pour Les Sourvnirs".....which translates to "Thanks for the Memories." (B)

Tour Price (double occupancy) \$2,640 per person

Airfare and airport transfers not included. Please speak with your Burkhalter Travel Advisor about options.

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