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Presents Their

Normandy & Seine River Cruise Vacation

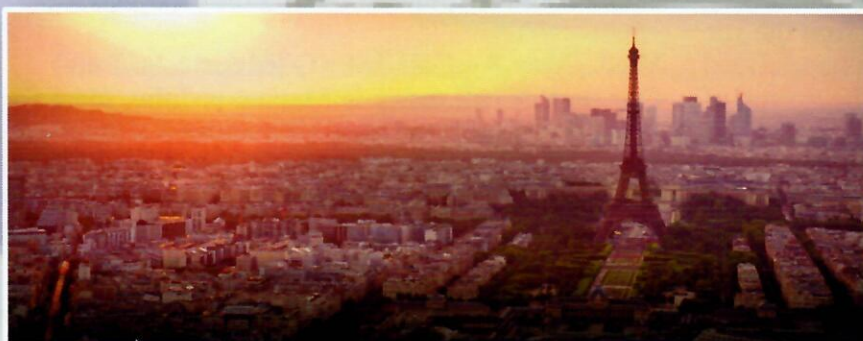
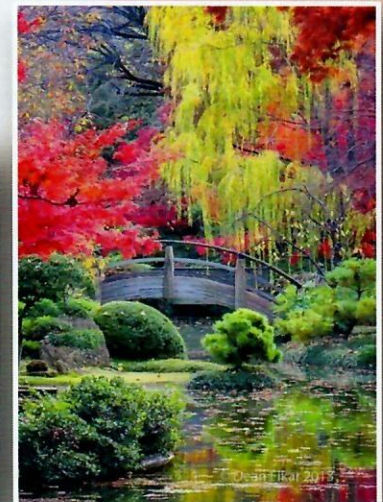
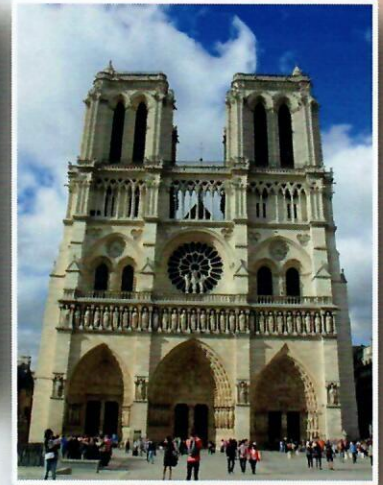
April 27 - May 6, 2023

\$4,355 Per Person, Double Occupancy, Lower Deck Cabin from Minneapolis

\$4,555 Per Person, Double Occupancy, Upper Deck Cabin from Minneapolis

Highlights include:

- 8-nights touring through France
- 22 Meals
8 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 7 Dinners
- First-class hotel accommodations
- 6-nights cruising aboard CroisiEurope's MS Botticelli
- **Sightseeing includes:**
- Normandy D-Day Beaches visiting
Arromanches Landing Museum
American Cemetery at Sainte-Laurent
Pointe du Hoc
Sainte-Mere-Eglise
- Bayeux & Bayeux Tapestry
- Honfleur
- Rouen - City of Joan of Arc
- Monet's Giverny
- Magnificent Paris "City of Lights"
- Chateau de Fontainebleau



Day by Day Itinerary

Thurs., Apr. 27 – MINNEAPOLIS / EN ROUTE

We depart Minneapolis this afternoon by scheduled airline service to begin our transatlantic overnight journey to Paris, France. (I)

Fri., Apr. – PARIS / NORMANDY

As the sun begins to rise on the French coast, we arrive in Paris and meet our Tour Guide who will introduce us to Normandy. Leaving the airport, we'll travel to the charming city of St. Lô, perched dramatically on a rocky spur above the Vire Valley. St. Lô was a key communications center that suffered so badly in World War II it became known as the "capital of ruins" following the Battle of Normandy. Despite wartime destruction, today St. Lô has become a modern day city while still preserving its heritage. (I,D)

Sat., Apr. 29 – NORMANDY (D-Day Beaches)

Today we explore the American landing sector of the D-Day beaches of World War II where in the early hours of June 6, 1944, forces began landing on the shores of Normandy. We'll begin with a visit to the village of Arromanches, overlooking Omaha Beach where the remains of one of the Mulberry Harbours can still be seen. We'll also tour the Landing Museum, a gallery of working models overlooking this historic site, which brings to life the Normandy Campaign. Then we'll travel to the American Cemetery at Saint-Laurent. One of fourteen permanent American World War II cemeteries constructed on foreign soil, this 173-acre cemetery marks the final resting place for over 9,000 American soldiers who died during the Battle of Normandy. From here we'll take in the bluffs at Pointe du Hoc, the symbol of the gallantry of the American Soldiers and one of the strong points of the German fortifications. Our last stop of the day will be in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, to view an exhibition dedicated to the night that American paratroopers dropped from the sky in a hail of gunfire. (B,L)

Sun., Apr. 30 – NORMANDY / CRUISING

This morning we depart St. Lô and travel to Bayeux, the first town to be liberated by the Allies, fortunate to have escaped war damage. We'll visit the Bayeux Museum to view the famous Bayeux Tapestry. This masterpiece of wool embroidery on linen is a pictorial account of the events leading up to the invasion of England and led by William the Conqueror. Following our visit, free time will be set aside to explore the rue St. Martin and rue St. Jean, now pedestrian zones lined with shops and cafes, above which rise the spires of Bayeux Cathedral. This afternoon we'll return to the Normandy coast and take in sweeping views of the Allied invasion along Gold, Juno, and Sword Beaches, before crossing the Pegasus Bridge on our way to the

town of Honfleur, the embarkation point for our Seine River cruise aboard CrioisEurope's MS Botticelli. (B,D)

Mon., May 1 – CRUISING (Honfleur)

This morning begins with a walking tour of Honfleur. Still a fishing port, and now a popular yacht harbor, Honfleur has preserved its rich historic and artistic heritage with charming, cobbled streets lined with delightful craft shops, local artist's galleries, and sidewalk cafes. Afterward, you'll have an opportunity to set out on your own and explore Honfleur's old port, or if you prefer, enjoy an *optional* tour to the Côte Fleurie. From Honfleur to Cabourg, the Flower coast is a 25-mile stretch offering sandy beaches, cliffs, and charming seaside resorts. The numerous villas dating from the end of the 19th century provide wonderful evidence of the era's fashion. This small corner of paradise has inspired many an artist and is the birthplace of the Calvados brandy.

This afternoon it's time to sit back and relax as we begin our cruise along the Seine River Valley. What a wonderful way to discover the picturesque villages and breathtaking panoramas lining the banks of the river. (B,L,D)

Tues., May 2 – CRUISING (Rouen)

Today's port of call is the city of Rouen, the capital of Normandy. We'll enjoy a walking tour in the heart of the city, with 2,000 years of history it is one of the country's most ancient cities. Despite severe damage from World War II, Rouen boasts a wealth of historic sites in its Old Town filled with half-timbered houses and exquisite gothic architecture, the most noteworthy of which is the Cathedral Notre-Dame. This Gothic masterpiece is dominated by the famous west façade painted by Monet, which is framed by two unequal towers. We'll also see the thyme-covered mound in the Place du Vieux-Marche where Joan of Arc burned at the stake in 1431 while the English had control of the city. You also have an opportunity to take part in an *optional* tour of Abbey Road, featuring Normandy's famous abbeys, more than 100 of which once covered this region. The abbeys lie along the Seine Valley and evidence of the "Benedictine flowering" of the 11th century can be seen at Jumieges Abbey and the Abbey of St. Wandrille, to name just a few. (B,L,D)

Wed., May 3 – CRUISING (Mantes-la-Jolie)

Our port of call today is Mantes-la-Jolie, ideal for our visit to Giverny, the charming country village located at the meeting of the Epte and Seine Rivers. It is here where Claude Monet, the "Father of Impressionism," chose to settle with his family and indulge in his love

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of nature, art, his garden, and photography. We'll visit Monet's home and workshop studio that have been restored to their former colorful decor and intimate charm. However, it's the gardens that are magnificent; Monet transformed them over the years into the vision that he painted, essentially creating each work of art twice: once as a living garden and again as a painting.

This afternoon we'll notice the landscape slowly change from countryside to urban as we make our way toward Paris, France's storied capital and one of the world's most captivating cities. **(B,L,D)**

Thurs., May 4 – CRUISING (Paris)

This morning we will receive an introductory tour of Paris that will take us through the Tuileries and Opera Quarter, to the Ile de la Cite, into the Marais and through the Latin Quarter and St-Germain-des-Pres, as well as the Champs-Elysees, before ending in the Invalides and Eiffel Tower Quarter.

We'll begin our tour at the incomparable Place de la Concorde, one of Europe's most historic squares, with its 3,200-year-old Luxor obelisk marking the spot where King Louis XVI was guillotined. Then we'll see the neo-classic La Madeleine Church, the famous Opera House, and the Louvre Museum, containing one of the most important art collections in the world. From here we're headed to the Ile de la Cite, the island in the Seine River that is the birthplace of Paris, to see the gothic Notre-Dame Cathedral. Afterward, we'll travel to the Hotel de Ville, the 19th century town hall that is today the home to the city council, before making our way to the Latin Quarter where we'll see the Sorbonne, seat of the University of Paris, and the Pantheon. Just when you think we've seen it all, we'll travel along the Champs-Elysees, the most famous avenue in the world. Standing proud on the Place de l'Etoile, we'll see the Arch de Triomphe with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. And, saving the best for last, we'll enjoy lunch at the Eiffel Tower, Paris's best-known monument.

This afternoon we'll cruise to the welcoming town of Melun, the historic capital of the Capetian Kings of France. It's a lovely place to stroll, with a pedestrian-only center and pleasant riverbank, and be sure to sample Melun's famous, strong-tasting AOC cheese, Brie de Melun. **(B,L,D)**

Fri., May 5 – CRUISING (Melun)

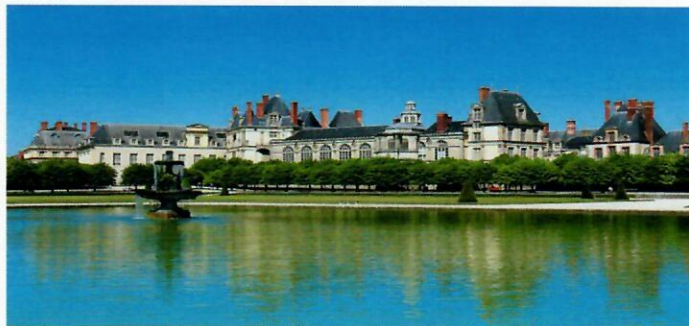
Today's port of call is Melun, the departure point for our tour to the historic castle of Fontainebleau, a 40,000-acre estate where Marie Antoinette, Catherine de Medici, and Napoleon all lived. In the 16th century,

Francois I transformed the castle into a Renaissance palace decorated by Florentine artists, and in the late 1870's the castle was turned into a national museum. We'll visit the palace lavishly built and furnished in the Renaissance period to serve as a favorite hunting residence of the French Kings and allow time to enjoy a walk through the gardens in one of the most beautiful forests in France. **(B,L,D)**

Sat., May 6 – PARIS / MINNEAPOLIS

Early this morning we disembark from CroisiEurope's MS Botticelli and transfer to Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport in preparation for our return journey home. No better time to reflect on memories of our Normandy & Seine River Cruise vacation to last a lifetime and new friendships made along the way! **(B,I)**

***** Welcome Home *****



The Vacation Price Includes:

Economy-class airline transportation from Minneapolis– St. Paul International Airport.

Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Tour Guide on pre and post-cruise days.

First-class hotel accommodations.

All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary.

Sightseeing as detailed in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees.

Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotel and piers.

Taxes for included ground services and airline fuel surcharge and taxes totaling \$390 per person.

The Vacation Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees and destination entry requirements; gratuities to the Coach Driver(s), Tour Guide, and shipboard personnel; luggage handling at airports; and Travel Protection.

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations may be made by check or major credit card. Credit cards can be accepted for payment(s); however, the vacation price reflects a 4% cash discount. Please call InterTrav at 630-377-5840 to arrange payment by credit card; 4% of the payment amount will be assessed on credit card payments. You will be invoiced for the balance of payment due on or before **Friday, January 27, 2023**. Reservation requests received after **Friday, January 27, 2023**, are subject to tour availability.

TOUR PRICING: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 20 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of October 1, 2022.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there is a cancellation charge equal to the per person deposit up to 100 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 99 and 60 days prior to departure, there is a cancellation charge equal to 50% of the tour cost. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, the cancellation charge is 100% of the tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: Wendinger Travel, P.O. Box 386, New Ulm, MN 56073, or emailed to sdhowk@yahoo.com.

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PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Your tour requires a passport valid for at least three months beyond the period of stay. If you do not already have your passport, or it will expire before your return date, we suggest you apply for it immediately. No visas are required for your tour. However, if you are a citizen of a country other than the United States, you must advise us in writing with your Reservation Application, as other travel documents may be required.

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The above tour conditions are provided in addition to the full terms and conditions of travel which can be found here grouptripsandtravel.com/booking-agreement-terms-conditions/. By booking this trip you are agreeing to be bound by the full terms and conditions of travel in addition to the tour conditions above. It is therefore vital that you read the full terms and conditions before making any booking. Making a booking is indicative of your agreement to be bound by all of the terms and conditions.

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Please return to: Wendinger Travel
P.O. Box 386
New Ulm, MN 56073

Telephone: 507/359-3111
Toll-Free: 888/363-9104

Please reserve _____ places for me/us on the *Normandy & Seine River Cruise* vacation.
Enclosed is my/our check in the amount of \$_____ (\$750 per person).

- I/we desire a Lower Deck Cabin @ \$4,355 per person
 I/we desire an Upper Deck Cabin @ \$4,555 per person

IMPORTANT: Please see the enclosed flyer for information regarding Travel Protection, and please complete the enrollment form on the reverse of this tour reservation application.

Please make checks payable to: **INTERTRAV CORPORATION**

Payments can be made by credit card; however, a 4% surcharge applies on all transactions.

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Security Code: _____ Amount to Be Charged: _____

Signature: _____

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
(PRINT FULL NAME - IDENTICAL TO PASSPORT)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
(PRINT FULL NAME - IDENTICAL TO PASSPORT)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Area Code Home Area Code Cell

E-mail: _____

I will room with (if other than spouse) _____

Name(s) of other passengers you are traveling with _____

- I do not have a roommate but will share. If a roommate cannot be found, I will pay the single supplement.
 I desire single room accommodations (subject to availability) at the supplementary charge of \$690.

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PHOTO PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOUR RESERVATION.