



**LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS
PARIS, NORMANDY & THE RIVER SEINE**

(Paris ~ Le Havre ~ Paris)

WITH AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES ON THE AMADEUS DIAMOND

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ APRIL 21 – 28, 2021

Air departs US on April 20th to arrive in Paris on April 21st

This week-long cruise aboard the AMADEUS Diamond, which starts and ends in Paris, combines what is probably the most romantic city in the world with a fascinating journey into the past of the Impressionist masters. Follow the footsteps of van Gogh, Cezanne and Gauguin on this tour along the winding Seine River into Normandy (without doubt one of the most beautiful regions of France), up to Le Havre on the rugged Atlantic coast.

Normandy is also an important part of European history due to events that took place there during the Second World War. Visits to idyllic Normandy villages, the “museum town” of Rouen and the picturesque harbour town of Honfleur are only some of the wonders to be explored on this cruise program.

DAY 1 | PARIS

Depart 8:00pm

This afternoon, embark the vessel and get settled into your cabin. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a specially-prepared Welcome Dinner.

DAY 2 | CONFLANS

1:30pm – 5:00pm

Arrive in Conflans, at the confluence of the Oise and the Seine. Visit the little town of Auvers-sur-Oise, an inspiration to many of the famous Impressionist masters, including Cezanne, Pissarro and Daubigny. The most famous of these artists is Vincent van Gogh, whose final resting place is located here. Visit Auberge Ravoux, where Van Gogh lived in a very simple and small room only lit by sky light. Inspired by the picturesque site with its inhabitants and surroundings, Van Gogh painted close to 80 canvases here, which come alive in the winding streets of the village. **Included excursion to Auvers-sur-Oise.**

DAY 3 | ROUEN

8:00am – 5:30pm

This morning we reach Rouen, often called the “Ville musée” (Museum Town). If you enjoy museums, visit one of the many art, history, and antiquities museums scattered through the city. Visit the cathedral that inspired Claude Monet and the modern Church of Joan of Arc with its magnificent 16th-century stained-glass windows. See the “Gros Horloge,” the astronomical clock, and the Parliament of Normandy. Also in Rouen is the “Place du Vieux Marché”, the site where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. This afternoon venture down the romantic “Abbey Trail” for a view of countless churches, castles, and abbeys. **Included excursion: Rouen walking tour**

DAY 4 | LE HAVRE

Arrive 3:30am

Although the harbor of Le Havre was greatly destroyed in World War II, it was rebuilt and continues to be an important port city in Normandy. Explore the Normandy coastline with a walk along Ètretat’s cliff-top paths for a view of steep chalk rocks with impressive needle-like formations, which have inspired many well-known artists. Nearby, is the city of Honfleur, where the Seine meets the Atlantic. This harbor town is regarded as a jewel on the Côte Fleurie and is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. **Included excursion to the cliff paths of Ètretat.**

DAY 5 | LE HAVRE (Depart 9:00am) > CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX (3:00pm – 10:00pm)

Today, join us on a fascinating Norman journey, a land of farmlands, beaches, towns. It is a land with a rich culinary tradition, based on its fine local produce like world-famous cheeses and apples from which cider and the brandy Calvados are made. Normandy also boasts many historic landmarks, such as the Normandy landing beaches and the city of Arranches, the closest harbour linked with the liberation of Western Europe after D-Day. At the end of this excursion, rejoin the ship in Caudebec-en-Caux. **Included full day excursion: “Fascinating Normandy” with lunch included**

DAY 6 | LES ANDELYS (8:00am – 9:00am) > VERNON (11:30am – 1:30pm)

Today, your vessel anchors in the little town of Les Andelys in the shadow of Chateau Gaillard, the one time home to Richard the Lionheart. Relax in town or venture farther afield to nearby Giverny, home to Impressionist Claude Monet, until his death in 1926. The beautiful surroundings and vivid flora, were inspiration for some of his most famous works. Return to the ship in Vernon for lunch. Round out your Normandy experience with a visit to the spectacular Palace of Versailles. Originally a small hunting lodge, the palace was extended to its current size by the “Sun King” Louis XIV and is now one of Europe’s largest palaces. Onboard, the Captain’s Gala Dinner is a wonderful finish to a fantastic day. **Included Excursion to Chateau Maimason**

DAY 7 | PARIS (Arrive 3:00am)

In the early morning, it is once more “Bienvenue” to the French capital. Explore the sights of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, and the bustling Champs-Élysées. Another interesting area to explore is quirky artists’ district of Montmartre and the Sacré-Coeur, located on the highest hill in northern Paris. As an alternative, you can also join an excursion to the Palace of Versailles, the sumptuous, grandiose and opulent palace of Louis XIV, which became the architectural manifestation of absolute monarchy in France (only bookable in advance). **Included Excursion: City tour of Paris.**

DAY 8 | PARIS

After breakfast we bid you “adieu” and hope to see you again soon!

Outside Cabin Category	C1	\$4,846
French Balcony Cabin Category	B1	\$5,716
French Balcony Cabin Category	A1	\$6,151

Rates are per person double occupancy and include roundtrip airfare from Memphis, cruise, port charges, government fees, taxes and transfers to/from ship. AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES HAS ADVISED THAT ALL AIR PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

Optional motorcoach transportation to/from the cruise pier is additional and based on the number of paying passengers.

PASSPORT REQUIRED

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$500 per person double occupancy or \$1000 per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final payment is due by October 20, 2020. **\$100 OF YOUR DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE UP UNTIL TIME OF FINAL PAYMENT. THEN NORMAL CANCELLATION PENALTIES APPLY. Those who book early get the best prices and the best cabin locations.**

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