



2021 France Tour September 24 – October 3

Below is the itinerary for the 2021 tour to France. The meals that are included on the tour are specified for each date: Breakfast (B) and Dinner (D).

*****There is some interest in a Paris pre-tour starting as early as September 21. Paris is normally very crowded, but it is not quite so bad right now. It is a great time to go. If you are interested in the pre-tour, let me know.*****

This is a small group tour with a maximum of 12 people.

DAY 1 – Friday, Sept. 24

Flight on your own to Paris.

DAY 2 – Saturday, Sept. 25 (B, D)

PARIS

We take an afternoon tour of Paris with our local Parisian guide, Geneviève. I have worked with her before, and she is excellent. The tour will include outside visits to the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Louvre, and Arch of Triumph. We will eat dinner as a group.

Lodging: Paris

DAY 3 – Sunday, Sept. 26 (B)

PARIS – GIVERNY – ROUEN - HONFLEUR

Geneviève will guide us as we discover Normandy through this amazing overnight private tour, learning about the history, heritage, and culture of the region. The first day of this adventure will feature sights such as Claude Monet's home in Giverny and the historic cathedral and market of Rouen where Joan of Arc was burned alive in 1431. We will spend the night in the beautiful town of Honfleur.

Lodging: Honfleur

DAY 4 – Monday, Sept. 27 (B)

HONFLEUR – POINT DU HOC – OMAHA BEACH - BAYEUX

Geneviève leads us as we see some of the actual battlegrounds from the Second World War. Our visit includes Point Du Hoc, the Normandy American Cemetery, and Omaha Beach. We will take a walking tour of historic Bayeux, including the marvelous cathedral and the world-famous tapestry. The Bayeux Tapestry is an embroidered cloth nearly 230 feet long and 20 inches high, which depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England concerning William, Duke of Normandy, and Harold, Earl of Wessex, later King of England, and culminating in the Battle of Hastings.

Lodging: Bayeux

DAY 5 – Tuesday, Sept. 28 (B)

BAYEUX - MONT-SAINT-MICHEL – DINAN – NANTES

Today we head to Mont-Saint-Michel where you will have time on your own to explore this magical island topped by a gravity-defying medieval monastery. Mont-Saint-Michel is among France's most stunning sites and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then go to Dinan, a charming medieval town that is in the Brittany region. You are on your own to enjoy Dinan's medieval ramparts, cobblestone streets, and half-timbered houses. Finally, we go to Nantes.

Lodging: Nantes

*****If you prefer to return to Paris at this point or see other sites instead of the quilting show, let me know.*****

DAY 6 to DAY 10 – Wednesday, Sept. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 3 (B all days, D on Oct. 2)

Pour l'Amour du Fil Quilting Show that features...

- ❖ **13,600 visitors** will be expected in 2021 for our 12th show.
- ❖ **6,000 m²** of surface filled, including 1,700 m² available for art galleries!
- ❖ **More than 30 exhibitions** featuring our guest artists and designers.
- ❖ **800** antique, traditional and contemporary **textile works**.
- ❖ **About 100 classes and workshops** taught by artists and designers over show's four days.
- ❖ **120 hand-picked exhibitors** from all around the world (Europe, Japan, Australia, USA...), some of whom you can only meet at our show.
- ❖ **Lectures with translations and a big TV screen** in the demonstration area to bring new products and techniques close up to the audience!

Lodging: Nantes

DAY 10 – Sunday, Oct. 3 (B)

We fly home from the Nantes airport after a memorable time together in France!

What is included?

Hotels, land transportation, meals, entrance fees, and guide as noted in the itinerary

What is not included?

Airfare; Drinks at group dinners; Tips for the local guides and drivers in France

Trip cancellation and trip medical insurance - it is best to purchase this when you make your deposit to get the full benefit; Aaron is an agent with Allianz and can help you with your insurance

Websites for our tour:

Monet's Gardens and Home - www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjWx2WNXFF4

Honfleur - www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdhvG5I-p18

Bayeux - www.bayeux.fr/en

Bayeux Tapestry - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayeux_Tapestry

American Sector Normandy Tour - www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zPJy2dmKYc

Mont-Saint-Michel - www.youtube.com/watch?v=znNMDaq5TtE

Dinan - www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqwQRZk1WBA

Nantes Quilting Show – www.pourlamourdufil.com/en

Tour Price

\$2,300 per person for a double occupancy room.

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Payment

Payment in full for this tour is now due. Please include your completed registration form with the payment. Terms & Conditions and the registration form can be found at

<https://internationaltourco.com/important-documents>

Payment by check

Please make your check payable to International Tour Company and put 2021 France Tour in the memo line. Mail your check to:

International Tour Company
P.O. Box 23
Cloverdale, VA 24077-0023

Payment by Credit/Debit Card

An invoice will be sent upon request, and you can safely and easily pay with your card. **Please note there is a 3% service fee added to the tour price when you pay by credit/debit card.**

Eiffel Tower



Louvre



Claude Monet's garden at Giverny



Bayeux



Normandy American Cemetery & Memorial



Mont-Saint-Michel



Dinan



Honfleur



Nantes Quilting Show

