



France Tour April 2-11, 2024

The meals that are included on the tour are specified for each date: Breakfast (B) and Dinner (D).

DAY 1 - Tuesday, April 2

Flight on your own to Paris.

DAY 2 - Wednesday, April 3 (B, D)

After arriving in Paris, go to the hotel to drop your luggage or check in, if available. Our local Parisian guide, Geneviève, will meet with us to give an overview of Paris and to take us on a walking tour. The time and nature of this tour will be determined once all flights have been booked. Our hotel is in an excellent location for walking to many sites.

Lodging: The Chess Hotel for 3 nights – thechesshotel.com

DAY 3 - Thursday, April 4 (B)

Geneviève leads us on a walking tour to see many of the main monuments in Paris, including outside tours of the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and Notre Dame. After the tour, you will have time to explore Paris on your own. Our guide will give us suggestions for a local brasserie that serves authentic French cuisine in a relaxed setting.

DAY 4 - Friday, April 5 (B)

You are free to explore Paris on your own. A trip to Versailles is also an option.

DAY 5 - Saturday, April 6 (B)

Geneviève will guide us for the rest of the tour. We go to Claude Monet's beautiful and popular gardens in Giverny. Next, we travel to Rouen, capital of the northern French region of Normandy and a port city on the river Seine. It is important in the Roman era and Middle Ages, it has Gothic churches, such as Saint-Maclou and Saint-Ouen, and a cobblestone pedestrian center with medieval half-timbered houses. The skyline is dominated by the spires of Cathédrale Notre-Dame, which was often painted by Monet. We then travel to Bayeux, our base for the next four nights. Our hotel is in an excellent location for walking to many sites.

Lodging: Hotel Le Bayeux for 4 nights – hotellebayeux.com

DAY 6 - Sunday, April 7 (B)

We start with 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. On your own free time, consider seeing Museum of the Battle of Normandy and the Museum of Art and History.

DAY 7 - Monday, April 8 (B)

Today we head to Mont-Saint-Michel where we will 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.

DAY 8 - Tuesday, April 9 (B)

Geneviève will lead us on this memorable and moving day as we recall the sacrifices of those who fought and died on the beaches of Normandy in World War II. Our American Sectors D-Day tour includes Sainte Mère Eglise, Utah beach, Pointe du Hoc, Omaha beach and the U.S. cemetery.

DAY 9 - Wednesday, April 10 (B, D)

We go to one of France's most charming towns, Honfleur. Honfleur is especially known for its old and picturesque port, characterized by its houses with slate-covered frontages, painted many times by artists, including in particular Gustave Courbet, Eugène Boudin, Claude Monet and Johan Jongkind. We then go back to the Paris airport area for check in at the hotel. We say au revoir to Geneviève and our driver.

Lodging: Paris airport hotel

DAY 10 - Thursday, April 11 (B)

We fly home after a memorable time together in beautiful France!

Websites for our tour:

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

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

Mont-Saint-Michel - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mont-Saint-Michel

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

Saint Catherine - www.youtube.com/watch?v=sE0RtvOttmM&t=69s

TOUR PRICE

\$3,300 per person for a double occupancy room.

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Deposit - \$200 per person; please include your completed registration form with the deposit; Terms & Conditions and the Registration Form can be found at <https://internationaltourco.com/important-documents>
- Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

What is included

- Hotels each night
- Private transportation in France
- Various entrance fees
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- French guide
- Tips for the guide and driver

What is not included

- Flights
- Shuttle to and from the airport
- Drinks at dinner unless already a part of the meal
- Meals not specified above
- 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 or you may use any insurance company you choose

Other Important Information

- I suggest bringing \$300 in cash or less cash if you choose to use a credit/debit card. Call your card company to make sure your card is up to date to use in Europe and to let them know where you will be.
- You need a valid U.S. passport that expires no fewer than six months beyond our return date.
- You do not need a visa or any special shots or vaccines for this tour.

PAYMENT BY CHECK

Please make your check payable to International Tour Company and put 2024 France Tour in the memo line. Give the check to Aaron in person or mail your check to:

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

PAYMENT BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

Go to <https://internationaltourco.com/tour-payments-france> to make your payment. **Please note there is a 3.5% service fee added to the tour price when you pay by credit/debit card.** You may use a PayPal account or simply use your credit/debit card.

Claude Monet's garden at Giverny



Bayeux



Normandy American Cemetery & Memorial



Mont-Saint-Michel



Honfleur



Rouen Cathedral



Eiffel Tower from the Seine River



Louvre



Bayeux Tapestry

