



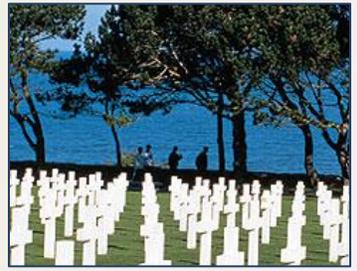
Paris and the Heart of Normandy

Experience the magic of Paris and the beauty of France's Norman countryside. Explore the historic beaches of Normandy, site of the famous Allied invasion on D-Day during its 70th anniversary year. Delight in the Gothic architecture of Rouen, and see where Joan of Arc was tried and executed. Lose yourself in the exquisite gardens of Giverny, whose rich palette inspired Impressionist Claude Monet to create some of his most famous and beautiful paintings. Walk the cobblestone streets of provincial Vernon. This fascinating journey offers something for everyone!

Date	Destination
Oct. 16	Depart from the St. Louis airport today for our overnight flight to Paris.
Oct. 17	PARIS - Arrive in Paris, the romance capital of the world. Transfer from the Charles de Gaulle airport to our ship, the beautiful <i>Viking Neptune</i> . After boarding, enjoy free time to explore Paris—or join the ship's "welcome walk" to stretch your legs and start getting oriented.
Oct. 18	PARIS - Wake up to a full day in Paris. After breakfast, embark on a half-day tour of this beautiful city and take in its most remarkable sights, including the iconic Eiffel Tower. Continue past the École Militaire, Orsay Museum and the Latin Quarter. See the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and then drive past the Louvre and Opera House and along the famous Champs Elysées. Return to the ship for lunch. The afternoon is free to visit the Louvre, shop in the many boutiques, visit the artists' district of Montmartre or enjoy a cruise along the Seine. As always, the ship's Program Director can help you plan your free time. Dinner is served aboard.
Oct. 19	GIVERNEY & VERNON - Arrive in Vernon before breakfast; take a short ride into the town of Giverny, where Claude Monet lived from 1883 until his death in 1926. Visit the beautiful gardens and charming stone farmhouse where he lived and worked; see the water garden with its Japanese bridge, water lilies, wisteria and azaleas that inspired many of his masterpieces. After lunch, spend some time with the Program Director in the provincial town of Vernon. Take a stroll to see the <i>Maison du Temps Jadis</i> (House of Past Times), Vernon's oldest house, and the 11th-century Church of Notre Dame. Dinner is served aboard.
Oct. 20	ROUEN - Enjoy a leisurely morning cruising along the Seine. The afternoon is spent in the medieval city of Rouen, historic capital of Normandy. Begin with a walking tour through the old town center, where you will see the spectacular Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral so often painted by Claude Monet, and the famous Gros Horloge, a 16th-century astronomical clock. As we walk among the half-timbered buildings, feel transported back through time; see the 14th-century courthouse where Joan of Arc was sentenced to death and the nearby Market Square where she was martyred. Enjoy free time to discover more of Rouen or visit one of its museums of art or antiquities. Dine aboard, or visit a sidewalk café—the ship remains docked overnight.
Oct. 21	NORMANDY BEACHES - After breakfast, begin a full-day tour to the historic beaches of Normandy during the 70 th anniversary year of the D-Day invasion. Drive past Gold Beach, Courseulles sur Mer and Juno Beach on the way to visit World War II landmarks such as Omaha Beach, the American Military Cemetery and Arromanches Debarkment Museum. Have dinner and then relax on board or take an evening stroll.



Oct. 22	LES ANDELYS & CONFLANS - Enjoy a leisurely morning cruise to the small town of Les Andelys, known for its imposing castle, Château Gaillard, built in 1196 by Richard the Lionheart. After lunch, join a guided walk to this fatally flawed masterpiece of Middle Ages architecture. Return aboard for scenic cruising and dinner. Late in the evening we dock in Conflans, a riverside town whose unique culture reflects its status as a local hub for barge transportation along the Seine and its tributaries.
Oct. 23	CONFLANS & PARIS - After breakfast, take a walking tour through the charming neighborhoods of Conflans. Or, join an optional tour to the luxurious Palace of Versailles, former home of Louis XIV. Enjoy lunch aboard as we sail back to Paris this afternoon. Dine aboard and then enjoy some free time in the <i>City of Light</i> .
Oct. 24	PARIS - After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the Paris airport for our return flight. We'll be taking with us warm memories of our wonderful trip!



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