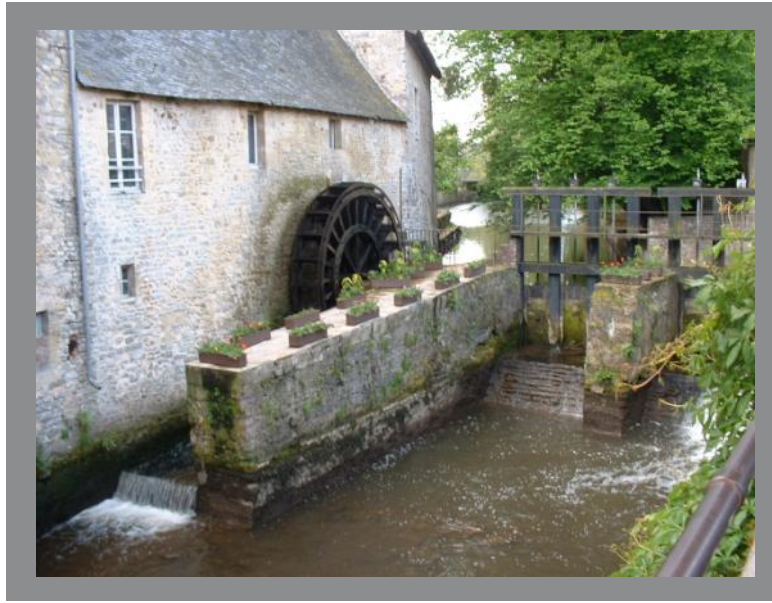




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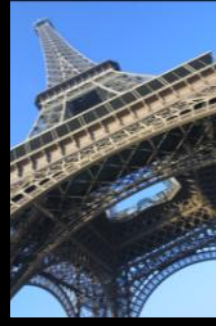
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Thursday, May 1, 2014 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Paris, France.

Friday, May 2, 2014 • Normandy



Upon arrival in Paris, we meet our tour director and motor coach and drive to the Normandy region of France. En route, we visit the village of **Giverny**. Here we visit the carefully restored gardens and home of impressionist painter, Claude Monet. Paintings of the

Japanese bridge and of water lilies come to life as we stroll amid the colors which inspired Monet. We also stop at the medieval city of **Rouen**, viewing the square where St. Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. **D**

Saturday, May 3, 2014 • Normandy

This morning we visit the **Caen Peace Memorial**, dedicated not only to the Normandy invasion, but to the international cause of peace. After lunch, we take an excursion to the invasion sites near Bayeux, including **Omaha Beach**, its cemetery and museum, the German artillery battery and observation post (used in the filming of “The Longest Day”) at **Longues-sur-Mer**, and the artificial harbor at **Arromanches**. **B/D**

Sunday, May 4, 2014 • Normandy

We set out on a second day of visiting D-Day invasion sights. We begin with **Utah Beach**, the westernmost of the 5 D-Day landing sites. We visit the **Utah Beach Museum** as well as the town of **Saint-Mère-Église**, where American paratroopers made an ill-fated drop. We also visit **Pointe du Hoc**, a bomb-cratered battlefield overlooking the Channel. A small band of Army Rangers courageously scaled the sheer cliffs, drove off the defenders, and then held this position for days until reinforcements arrived. Our day ends at the **Bayeux Tapestry** in Bayeux. The astounding 220 foot long tapestry recounts the story of the Norman invasion of England under William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The tapestry was created less than a decade later, which explains the amazing detail portrayed in the stitched images. **B/D**

Monday, May 5, 2014 • St. Malo

Departing Normandy, we drive to the Brittany region. En route, we stop in the town of **Villedieu-les-Poeles**, famous for its copper and brass manufacturing and for centuries a center for the production of pots and pans. Here we visit a **copper factory**. The spectacular **Mont St. Michel** awaits us this afternoon. This famous abbey seems to rise out of the

water off the coast and is one of France’s most dramatic sights. We tour the tenth century monastery and then have some free time to stroll through the ancient streets of the town. Our final destination of the day is the old, fortified port of St. Malo, whose city walls are still intact. **B/D**

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 • St. Malo

We drive up the Rance River for a visit to the lovely market town of **Dinan**. A walking tour here is like stepping back 500 years in time as we stroll down cobblestone streets and along the ramparts of its city walls. The attractive half-timbered buildings and this scenic valley setting make for a delightful morning. For a beautiful view, we can climb to the top of the clock tower. After free time and lunch here, we return to St. Malo where our afternoon is at leisure. Dinner is on our own tonight. **B**

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 • Loire Valley



Our drive from Brittany this morning takes us to the **Benedictine Abbey of Solesmes**, a vital community of monks whose lives are immersed in contemplation, prayer, and worship. Here we have an opportunity to hear

the Gregorian chants of the monks at the “Sext” prayer office, one of seven services held each day in accordance with the Rule of St. Benedict. Next we drive to **Angers**, one of the most beautiful cities in France. We enjoy a visit to the **Chateau d’Angers**, which is a masterpiece of medieval architecture. On display here is the **Apocalypse Tapestry** which was woven in 1375. It depicts seventy scenes from the book of Revelation. Our day ends in the Loire Valley, renowned for its many royal palaces or chateaus, summer residences of the French royalty. **BD**

Thursday, May 8, 2014 • Loire Valley

This morning we visit Amboise and one of the most historic chateaus in the valley. The **Chateau d’Amboise** was the setting for an uprising against the King and the Church by early French Protestants (Huguenots) in 1534. It created a deep mistrust between the faiths that eventually led to the tragic French Wars of Religion in the last half of the 16th Century. Later we tour the **Chateau de Chenonceau** and its gardens, one of the most elegant of the magnificent palaces in the region. Our afternoon concludes with a visit to the cellars of a winery near the village of **Vouvray** followed by a taste of some of the wines. Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant. **B/D**

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Friday, May 9, 2014 • Reims

After breakfast, we leave for Reims, enjoying a lovely, uniquely designed drive through the rolling countryside. As we approach Reims, we see the mammoth Notre Dame Cathedral in Reims. After a **tour of the cathedral** where the kings of France were crowned, we will visit one of the vast champagne cellars and enjoy a tasting followed by dinner in a local restaurant. We overnight in Reims. **B/D**

Saturday, May 10, 2014 • Paris



Our day begins with a locally-guided **panoramic tour of Paris** including its renowned landmarks: the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, and the Champs-Élysées. Our tour also includes an inside visit to

Notre Dame Cathedral. The afternoon is free to continue our exploration of this historically and culturally rich city. The possibilities are endless. Art lovers with an interest in Impressionism will want to visit the Museums *d'Orsay* and *de l'Orangerie des Tuileries* with their works by Van Gogh, Monet, and Cezanne among others. Photographers gain a spectacular city view from the top of the Eiffel Tower. For shoppers, there are the famed department stores Lafayette and Printemps. And for people watchers, a stroll along the banks of the Seine or seated at a sidewalk café in the Latin Quarter is just the ticket. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B**

Sunday, May 11, 2014 • Paris

We have a full day to continue our exploration of Paris. Our tour director is available to assist in giving recommendations for those with special interests. Those wishing to see one of the world's great collections of art, including Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* and the Grecian *Venus de Milo*, can visit the Louvre [*Closed Tuesday*]. A *Batobus* pass allows us to "hop on-hop off" along the Seine. Tonight we enjoy a special farewell dinner. **B/D**

Monday, May 12, 2014 • Return

Our journey draws to a close as we transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport and board our homebound flight. We return with life-long memories of fascinating cities and villages, scenic landscapes, and a new appreciation for the French people and their culture. *Au revoir!* **B**

Abbreviations for included meals:

B = Breakfast D = Dinner

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TOUR COST: \$2,999* per person, land only

Airfare prices available mid June 2013

**Price is based on a minimum of 25 participants, double occupancy*

Single supplement = \$700

Triples are available but not advised

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior 3 star hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout the tour
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and gratuity** for provided services, except as indicated below

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Air Transportation**, related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees
Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date
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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

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First Name: _____

Middle Name(s): _____

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(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

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Single supplement is an additional (\$700): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

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