

# VIKING CRUISES PARIS & THE HEART OF NORMANDY

October 24 - 31, 2025  
8 Days | Roundtrip Paris

Explore Giverny and visit the beautiful gardens and charming farmhouse where Claude Monet lived and worked. Trace the footsteps of Joan of Arc in Rouen. Walk hallowed ground at Normandy's American Military Cemetery and World War II beaches. Savor Normandy cuisine. This 8-day cruise along the Seine River celebrates history, art, food and customs in the country's most dazzling urbane and pastoral settings.



**Dock in the heart of Paris, admiring views of the Eiffel Tower and a replica of the Statue of Liberty from your ship. Experience history firsthand at the Normandy beaches and delight in Rouens Gothic architecture.**



## RATE:

Standard Cabin: \$3,474 pp  
French Balcony: \$4,674 pp  
Veranda: \$5,374 pp

*(Call for best rates)*

**Deposit \$50 per person**

**Airfare, Gratuities & Travel Insurance Additional**

**INCLUDES:** 6 guided tours; Visit 1 UNESCO Heritage Site; all onboard meals; Culture Curriculum; Beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner; Free Wi-Fi; Port taxes & fees

## PRE/POST Night Options:

PARIS | 3 Nights  
PARIS PREMIUM | 3 Nights  
OXFORD & HIGHCLERE CASTLE | 3 Nights  
THE LOIRE VALLEY | 3 Nights  
PARIS: A CULINARY EXPERIENCE | 3 Nights

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# PARIS & NORMANDY CRUISE - *ITINERARY*

## **DAY 1, PARIS, FRANCE.**

Arrive in Paris, romance capital of the world. Transfer from the airport to your ship, docked in the heart of the city, just a short stroll from the Eiffel Tower.\* After boarding, take free time to explore Paris, or join our “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and get oriented. (Dinner)

## **DAY 2, PARIS, FRANCE**

After breakfast, embark on a tour of this dazzling city and marvel at its most remarkable sights, including the iconic Eiffel Tower. Take in the École Militaire (Military Museum), Orsay Museum and Latin Quarter, and resilient Notre Dame Cathedral. Then drive past the Louvre and Opera House and along the famed Champs-Élysées. This afternoon, you may join an optional tour to explore Montmartre Hill and the Sacré-Coeur or sample the delights of French cuisine during a food tour. Return on board for dinner and start your cruise on the Seine this evening. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## **DAY 3, LA ROCHE-GUYON & VERNON, FRANCE**

Arrive in La Roche-Guyon before breakfast and enjoy a morning at your leisure to explore. The village is officially classified as one of France’s most beautiful; you will see why as you stroll through the town’s narrow streets lined with picturesque houses with wood-paneled facades. After lunch, join an included tour to the town of Giverny, where Claude Monet resided 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 the recognizable Japanese bridge, water lilies, wisteria and azaleas that inspired many of his masterpieces.† Dinner is served on board. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## **DAY 4, ROUEN, FRANCE**

Indulge in leisurely morning cruising along the Seine. Spend the afternoon in the medieval city of Rouen, preeminent capital of Normandy. Begin with a walking tour through the center of Old Town, where you see the spectacular Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral, often painted by Claude Monet, and the famous Gros Horloge, a 16th-century astronomical clock. As you walk among the half-timbered storybook buildings, allow yourself to be 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.

Use your free time to discover more of Rouen or visit one of its museums of art or antiquities. Dine on board or at a sidewalk café. Your ship remains docked overnight. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## **DAY 5, NORMANDY BEACHES**

After breakfast, begin your full-day tour to the historic beaches of Normandy. Visit World War II landmarks, such as Omaha Beach, the American Military Cemetery and the Caen Memorial Museum. Alternatively, take a tour of Bayeux, where you can admire the magnificent tapestry that chronicles the pre-Battle of Hastings events. Afterward, head to Normandy’s coast and enjoy free time at Juno Beach after your visit to the museum; then visit the Pegasus Museum. Return to your ship for dinner and relax on board, or take an evening stroll through Rouen. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## **DAY 6, LES ANDELYS, FRANCE**

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. Disembark and join a guided walk to this fatally flawed masterpiece of Middle Ages architecture before returning to your ship. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## **DAY 7, LE PECQ & PARIS, FRANCE**

After breakfast, disembark for a visit to Château de Malmaison, where Napoleon Bonaparte spent his final days in France. Along with the Tuileries, this elegant manor house, purchased by the emperor’s wife Josephine in 1799, served as the seat of Napoleon’s French government from 1800 to 1802. This afternoon, join an optional tour to the luxurious Palace of Versailles, former home of Louis XIV. This evening, you can take in the illuminated sights of Paris during a panoramic drive. Your ship remains docked in Paris overnight. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## **DAY 8, PARIS, FRANCE**

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight.\* Or, extend your time in France’s romantic capital with a 3-night Paris extension. (Breakfast)

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## *PRE/POST NIGHT OPTIONS*

### **PARIS | 3 Nights**

Become enchanted by the romance of France's capital. Browse the art collections in the Louvre or stroll along the Champs-Élysées. Ascend the Eiffel Tower for a breathtaking view of the "City of Light."

### **PARIS PREMIUM | 3 Nights**

Indulge yourself with a stay at the Sofitel Le Scribe, an elegant hotel with a historic heritage. Your included tour – in an intimate group – allows you to discover more and gain tips to make the most of your stay. On your own, stroll along the Seine or delight in a taste of France's famed cuisine.

### **OXFORD & HIGHCLERE CASTLE | 3 Nights**

Spend three days amid the rolling hills of England's countryside. Explore the historic University of Oxford, Blenheim Palace and the Cotswolds. And enjoy an exclusive visit to Highclere Castle, recognized by fans worldwide as the "real Downton Abbey."

### **THE LOIRE VALLEY | 3 Nights**

Enjoy three additional days in France, exploring the châteaux of the Loire Valley with guided tours of the region's most spectacular cities, estates and cathedrals including Orléans and Chartres Cathedral, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

### **PARIS: A CULINARY EXPERIENCE | 3 Nights**

Explore the culinary scene of the French capital and discover the importance of fresh produce in every Parisian kitchen. Get hands on during a baking class and learn the art of table etiquette at the Jacquemart-André Museum. Savor delectable cuisine as you experience the gastronomic delights of Paris.



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