Cruise Details

Name:	Paris & Normandy (Smithsonian Journeys)
Reference:	AMAFE280511PPJ
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaLyra
Regions:	Seine
Departs On:	11 May 28
Departs From:	Paris
Arrives On:	18 May 28
Arrives At:	Paris
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Paris (France)

EMBARKATION - PARIS, FRANCE. Settle into your journey through Northern France as Paris dazzles with its vibrant energy, Monet’s Gardens and the charming harbor of Honfleur inspire your creativity, and Normandy’s dramatic coastline, historic D-Day beaches, and grand châteaux immerse you in art, history, and beauty.

Arrives On: 11 May 28

Day 2: Les Andelys (France)

LES ANDELYS. In Les Andelys, the dramatic cliffs above the Seine reveal Château Gaillard, Richard the Lionheart’s legendary fortress. Learn about medieval military strategy and architectural ingenuity as you explore the site, or take a guided hike or bike ride along the river, discovering the region’s history and landscapes. End your day with a leisurely Seine cruise, reflecting on Normandy’s rich heritage and the stories etched into its rolling hills and historic towns.

Arrives On: 12 May 28

Day 3: Le Havre (France)

LE HAVRE. Cross the Seine to Honfleur, a charming fishing town whose picturesque harbor inspired artists like Monet, Corot, and Boudin. In the afternoon, return to Le Havre to discover the city’s post–World War II reconstruction and UNESCO-protected architecture by Auguste Perret. Alternatively, spend a full-day exploring Normandy’s Pays d’Auge region, with its timeless villages and historic half-timbered houses

Arrives On: 13 May 28

Day 4: Le Havre (France)

LE HAVRE – NORMANDY BEACHES – CAUDEBEC EN CAUX. Let Normandy’s landscapes tell their stories, from the artillery battery at Longues-sur-Mer to the village of Arromanches, where the remains of the floating harbor used during WWII landings can be seen. Discover maritime treasures at the Seine Museum, or admire the quiet cemeteries and wartime relics that mark the bravery of another era.

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Day 5: Rouen (France)

ROUEN. History comes alive in Rouen. Take a guided walk through its medieval center, from the Joan of Arc memorial square to Monet’s beloved cathedral, or delve into the city’s Jewish heritage at the Maison Sublime. Later, choose between sampling regional craftsmanship on a Normandy tasting tour or discovering the city by bike before visiting the elegant 16th-century Château de Bonnemare.

Arrives On: 15 May 28

Day 6: Vernon (France)

VERNON. Sail into Vernon for a day of enriching discovery, where you can explore Claude Monet’s preserved home and the gardens that inspired his most iconic works. Tour his studio, view his collection of Japanese prints, and wander the landscapes he carefully designed. Or, revel in the grandeur of Château de Bizy and embrace adventure on a guided bike ride through its sweeping countryside.

Arrives On: 16 May 28

Day 7: Paris (France)

PARIS. Enhance your understanding of art and culture with a visit to Auvers-sur-Oise, where Vincent van Gogh spent his prolific final months and where you can step inside his attic room at the Auberge Ravoux. Or, stay in Paris to view the world’s largest Monet collection at the Musée Marmottan, or follow an enlightening tour tracing Josephine Baker’s life and lasting influence on Black history and French culture.

Arrives On: 17 May 28

Day 8: Paris (France)

PARIS – DISEMBARKATION. Bid farewell to Paris and prepare for your flight home. (B) B,L,D – Indicates Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included on this day.

Arrives On: 18 May 28

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