Cruise Details

Name:	Festive Sensations of the Seine & Normandy
Reference:	EMERALDEFSX111227-1S
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Lumi
Regions:	Seine
Departs On:	11 Dec 27
Departs From:	Paris
Arrives On:	18 Dec 27
Arrives At:	Paris
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Paris (France)

Welcome to Paris, the enchanting capital of France, Upon arrival, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship, Emerald Lumi. This evening, join your fellow guests for a welcome dinner on board. Later, your Star-Ship will depart Paris and cruise to Vernon during the night.

Arrives On: 11 Dec 27

Day 2: Vernon (France)

Today, you'll visit Giverny, a picturesque village near Vernon on the banks of the Seine, where celebrated impressionist artist, Claude Monet, lived for over forty years. Experience an early morning tour of Giverny Gardens and Monet's former home until his death in 1926. Explore the beautifully preserved house, walking through the rooms where he lived and worked and the restored, elaborate gardens, which inspired some of his most iconic

works. Included Excursion
In the footsteps of Claude Mone DiscoverMORE
Paint like Monet (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Rouen by Night (extra expense)

Arrives On: 12 Dec 27

Day 3: Rouen (France)

Welcome to Rouen, a beautiful city set along the Seine and steeped in history and heritage – from Vikings and saints to renowned artists. In the morning, join a guided walk through Rouen's medieval centre. Learn how this former Roman settlement emerged as a major stronghold of Viking invaders during the 9th century.

Later, on board your Star-Ship, gain deeper insight into history with EmeraldPLUS World War II lecture that sets the stage for your visit to the legendary D-Day beaches the following day. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Rouen EmeraldPLUS
World War II lecture on board DiscoverMORE
Camembert Cheese farm visit with tasting (extra expense)

Arrives On: 13 Dec 27

Day 4: Honfleur (France)

The success of the historical 'D-Day' was a turning point in World War II, opening a crucial Western front and accelerating the defeat of Nazi Germany. Normandy's role in this extraordinary military operation makes it one of the most important regions in World War II history. Remembered today for its strategic importance, Normandy was a turning point in the war and the beginnings of liberation for occupied Europe.

Today, you'll join a remarkable full-day experience and war-themed tour, focused on this highly significant time in World War II. Visit the key sites of the historical D-Day landings by the Allied forces and subsequent battles – one of Normandy's major highlights. Experience first-hand the Normandy beaches where the Allied vessels landed, as well as the memorials and museum, which honour the bravery of those involved and their ultimate sacrifice. Included Excursion
Historic Normandy: Allied Landing Sites

Arrives On: 14 Dec 27

Day 5: Honfleur (France)

Enjoy a leisurely day discovering Honfleur, a popular harbour town best known for its picturesque old port and well-preserved, timber-framed houses. Your morning walking tour presents a fascinating snapshot of Honfleur's unique character and Normandy seaside charm. Stroll around the bustling quay, enjoying the delightful views of colourful fishing boats, scenes that

inspired the Impressionist artists. Explore the town's quaint streets and admire the striking St. Catherine Church, the largest wooden church in France rebuilt entirely of wood from the nearby forest.

As Honfleur is also renowned for its premium fresh seafood, your tour includes a fresh oyster tasting – savouring authentic local flavours. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Honfleur with oyster tasting

Arrives On: 15 Dec 27

Day 6: Les Andelys (France)

While enjoying a serene cruise along the River Seine, take part in an exclusive EmeraldPLUS cheese tasting on board your Star-Ship. As you take in the bucolic riverine views, relish the delicious, rich and authentic flavours that are connected to the timeless rural lands and traditions of Normandy.

In the afternoon, discover the heart of Normandy's countryside with a visit to a traditional cider farm. On this EmeraldPLUS you'll learn how the region's crisp, refreshing cider is crafted from locally-grown apples using age-old methods. Afterwards, enjoy a tasting of authentic local products that celebrate the renowned flavours of Normandy. EmeraldPLUS
Cheese tasting on board EmeraldPLUS
Exclusive local cider farm visit with tasting

Arrives On: 16 Dec 27

Day 7: La Roche-Guyon (France)

With your Star-Ship docked in La Roche Guyon this morning, you're in close walking distance to Château de La Roche-Guyon, a beautifully preserved estate steeped in centuries of history. Enjoy a morning tour to immerse yourself in the rich history and serene beauty of this riverside gem.

Château de La Roche-Guyon served as a strategic stronghold during the Anglo-French Hundred Years' War and evolved as a favourite country retreat for Normandy's nobility. Originally built as a fortified castle in the 14th century and rebuilt in the 15th century, the Château majestically stands as a testament to French architectural heritage.

Wander along tranquil pathways through the meticulously maintained gardens. Within the Château, discover elegant period rooms adorned with antique furnishings and artwork – offering a rare glimpse into the refined lifestyle of past centuries. Included Excursion
Visit to Château Guyon & Gardens DiscoverMORE
In the footsteps of Van Gogh (extra expense)

Arrives On: 17 Dec 27

Day 8: Paris (France)

Today, after breakfast, it’s time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and your luxury Star-Ship, leaving with memories of Normandy’s timeless landscapes, authentic flavours and compelling historical sites. From here, you’ll be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information. Please note: Preview itinerary subject to change.

Arrives On: 18 Dec 27

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