Cruise Details

Name:	Normandy & Gems of The Seine with Brittany Discovery - Exclusive Loyalty Departure
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Operator:	Scenic River Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Gem
Regions:	Seine
Departs On:	26 Jun 27
Departs From:	Paris
Arrives On:	09 Jul 27
Arrives At:	Paris
Cruise Nights:	13
Total Vacation Days:	14

Itinerary

Day 1: Paris (France)

Fly from the UK for the start of your cruise.Welcome to France and the City of Light. Whether it’s your first or 50th time in this romantic city, there is always something new to discover. Board your 5-star Scenic Space-Ship this afternoon and meet your fellow loyalty members. With a late departure from Paris tonight, you can go ashore to experience its magic after dark. Please book your flight to arrive into Paris prior to 08:30 PM.

Arrives On: 26 Jun 27

Day 2: Les Andelys (France)

Enjoy a relaxed morning on board as you cruise gently along the Seine to Les Andelys, arriving just after lunch. Perhaps meet the other guests on board and share stories of your travels with Scenic. This pretty, waterside village dates back almost 900 years and is resplendent with well-preserved Norman-era houses and exquisite public buildings and overlooked by the imposing ruins of King Richard the Lionheart’s 12th-century castle, Château Gaillard. Take a stroll alongside the river, admiring the striking limestone cliffs rising from it, or through the charming centre of town where the buildings are a living catalogue of history. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose from this afternoon’s Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Hike to Château Gaillard with 'Richard the Lionheart': Join an expert guide in character as Richard the Lionheart for a themed walking tour to his famed castle. Learn the secrets of Les Andelys and wander through the castle ruins.

Tour of Les Andelys with Château Gaillard: Explore the picturesque Norman town of Les Andelys on the banks of the River Seine with your local guide before reaching the Château that looks over the city.

Taste of Normandy: Cider farm visit: Normandy is famous for its cider production, and the traditional process is essence of artisanal craftsmanship and rural charm. Visit a local farm to see the process in action and taste this distinctive effervescent drink.

Renaissance-era Château de Gaillon: Explore the stunning facade, ornamental gardens and remnants of the lavish interiors of the extraordinary Château de Gaillon, one of the first Renaissance-style châteaux built in France. Learn about its role as a cultural and architectural milestone in French history.

Arrives On: 27 Jun 27

Day 3: Rouen (France)

Normandy’s capital, Rouen, has a history that spans over 2,000 years, from Viking legends to its significant role in both World Wars. It was also the place where Richard the Lionheart was crowned Duke of Normandy and Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. A considerable amount of Rouen was sadly destroyed in World War II, but much of the city has been faithfully restored, including the exquisite Old Town. It’s an engaging and historically rich destination, packed with museums, stylish bistros and coffee shops, and a wealth of churches, including the famed 12th century Rouen Cathedral. Scenic Freechoice:
Explore your way with one of this morning’s Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Rouen city tour: See why Victor Hugo once described Rouen as ‘the city of a hundred spires’ on this guided tour. Visit the cathedral district, old marketplace and Saint-Maclou Quarter. Step into a fairytale of Medieval alleys and half-timbered houses. Enjoy free time afterwards.

Guided tour of Rouen with Rollo the Viking: Authentically dressed as Viking Warlord Rollo the Walker – who was famously too tall to ride a horse – your guide will take you around the city to learn about the Viking raiders who made Rouen their capital. This tour focuses on the city’s Medieval past, and you will enjoy some free time afterwards to explore.

Claude Monet and the Colours of Rouen: Step into the world of the famed Impressionist painter Claude Monet, visiting the sites immortalised in his works. You’ll also visit Musée des Beaux-Arts, home to many of his

masterpieces on this excursion that is new in 2027.

Back on board this evening, listen to a fascinating expert lecture. Tonight, you remain docked allowing you to discover Rouen after dark. Enjoy an interactive evening WWI lecture where you will gain an understanding into the life of a soldier on the Western Front and learn why this was known as ‘the Great War’. From the curious 1914 Christmas armistice football match to the horrors of trench warfare involving machine guns, tanks, mining and the deadly flamethrower, you will experience the war through the eyes of an Allied soldier, ‘a Tommy’. Try on his equipment and weapons and taste his rations. This immersive experience from a modern day soldier sharing personal experiences will bring the history of war to life.

Arrives On: 28 Jun 27

Day 4: Rouen (France)

With another full day in Rouen today, you can uncover some of the region’s fascinating military history or sample local delicacies on a gourmet tour. Scenic is the only cruise line to offer the chance to spend a full day at the moving Somme Battlefields, giving our Loyalty members an exclusive opportunity to delve deeper into its story. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose to explore your way with today’s Scenic Freechoice excursions:

In the footsteps of Joan of Arc: Discover the gripping and heroic story of Joan of Arc on a captivating walking tour through Rouen. Immerse yourself in the dramatic narrative of this young heroine, from the magnificent St Ouen Church to the evocative Old Market Square, where she was burnt at the stake in 1431 on this excursion that is new in 2027.

Excursion to the Somme Battlefields including Newfoundland Memorial Park: Take a full day excursion to the site of the WWI Battle of the Somme, which claimed the lives of more than 150,000 soldiers from Britain and the Commonwealth. Visit the Australian National Memorial (Sir John Monash Centre), the Franco-Australian Museum, Lochnagar Crater and Newfoundland Memorial Park, one of the largest areas on the Western Front where you can still see shell holes and trenches.

Excursion to the Somme Battlefields including Thiepval: This full-day excursion will follow the same itinerary as the tour above, visiting the Somme Battlefields, the Australian National Memorial (Sir John Monash Centre) and the Franco-Australian Museum. After lunch, travel to Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, which contains more than 5,500 Commonwealth graves, then visit Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, and Lochnagar Crater.

Please note: The Sir John Monash Centre is a state-of-the-art immersive sensory experience that uses technology to tell the story. In order to maximise your experience, we suggest you download the Sir John Monash Centre app on your phone prior to embarking on your cruise. Back on board this evening, indulge in an exquisite dessert buffet onboard, where the artistry of a local pastry chef brings classic French cakes to life. Savour a variety of beautifully displayed desserts, each slice a masterpiece that pairs perfectly with fine coffee or a glass of dessert wine

Arrives On: 29 Jun 27

Day 5: Rouen (France)

Enjoy another relaxed morning on board as we cruise west to Honfleur, a colourful port city on the edge of the English Channel. The purpose-built Scenic Gem is one of only a few ships that can cruise right into the centre of the city, docking in the heart of the bustling harbour.As you join your guided walking tour, you'll uncover Honfleur's most charming corners, from its lively Inner Harbour to the wooden Church of Sainte-Catherine and the tranquil Garden of Personalities. Over the years, this enchanting town has captured the imaginations of countless painters and was the birthplace of Impressionism. Its cobbled streets are a confection of half-timbered houses, cosy restaurants, gourmet shops and art galleries, all contributing to its reputation as one of Europe's most picturesque harbours. After the walking tour, enjoy some free time to explore at your leisure. Two special moments will take place on board this evening.

French cheese trail: Normandy and regional classics Tasting: Experience the very best of French cheesemaking traditions with a cheese tasting, featuring a spotlight on Normandy's celebrated classics like Camembert de Normandie, Pont-l'Évêque, and Neufchâtel.

Later, history comes alive with an engaging lecture on the battles of World War II, where you'll learn about Operation Fortitude and the daily life of Honfleur's citizens during the D-Day campaign.

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Day 5: Honfleur (France)

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Day 6: Honfleur (France)

With a full day in Honfleur, this is your chance to learn more about the important role this region played in WWII. Your ship will remain docked in the harbour, just steps from the centre of the city. Scenic Freechoice:
Explore your way with one of these excursions:

Excursion to the Normandy Beaches including Omaha Beach (US history focused): Start at the memorial on Utah Beach, where more than 20,000 US troops landed on June 6, 1944, before a visit of Sainte-Mère-Église, the town where 30 US Paratroopers landed during the Normandy Invasion. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Visitor Centre before a short stop at the Omaha Beach Memorial. Omaha Beach is often referred to as 'Bloody Omaha', as it resulted in the most casualties during the operation, with 2,400 paying the ultimate sacrifice.

Excursion to the Normandy Beaches including British Normandy Memorial (UK history focused): The small town of Bayeux was the first town to be liberated after the D-Day Landings and became the French capital for the summer of 1944, until the liberation of Paris. Visit the Bayeux War Cemetery and the Museum of the Battle of Normandy, which describes the chronological events from D-Day in detail. Then explore the state-of-the-art Landing Museum at Arromanches, located across the artificial

harbour that was built to dispatch reinforcements. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the British Normandy Memorial, the Pegasus Bridge & Museum, and stop at the Ranville War Cemetery.

Excursion to the Normandy Beaches including Juno Beach Centre (Canadian history focused): Begin at Abbey d'Ardenne, which was founded in the 11th century and is now a memorial to the Canadian Prisoners of War from the D-Day landings. Next you will head to Juno Beach Centre, a memorial to where 20,000 Canadian troops landed on that day. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Bény-sur-Mer Canadian Cemetery where the 335 Canadian men who were killed in the D-Day landings and the early stages of the campaign are buried. You'll also visit Pegasus Bridge & Museum, which is a site of an important battle.

Bayeux tour: If your interest sits in a different era of history, join a guided tour of Bayeux, including the Notre Dame Cathedral of Bayeux, built between the 11th and 14th centuries and considered a masterpiece of Norman Romanesque and Gothic architecture. You will have free time afterward to explore the town of Bayeux.

Arrives On: 01 Jul 27

Day 7: Honfleur (France)

Begin cruising inland early this morning to the small town of Caudebec-en-Caux. Set on a curve of the Seine, the riverfront is lined with handsome homes, stately gardens and crumbling stone walls. Caudebec-en-Caux dates back to the Middle Ages and a handful of historic buildings survived the bombardments of WWII, including the ornate 15th century Notre Dame Caudebec-en-Caux. Scenic Freechoice:
Explore more of the region on one of these Freechoice excursions:

Cycle to Villequier with Victor Hugo Museum: Embark on an invigorating biking tour to the charming village of Villequier, cycling on an e-bike along the banks of the River Seine, following a flat eight-kilometre each way route. Visit the museum dedicated to Victor Hugo, the famous French poet, playwright and novelist before returning to the ship.

Fecamp and Bénédictine Palace: Take a coach transfer to Fecamp, an historic seaside town surrounded by some of the tallest cliffs in Normandy. Join a guided tour of the Bénédictine Palace, a 19th-century architectural masterpiece, famous for producing Bénédictine liquor, said to contain 27 plants and spices. Enjoy a tasting during your visit.

Tales of the French Resistance: Set off on a walking tour and learn stories of the French Resistance, who fought against the Nazi Occupation of France during World War II. Hear local stories of heroism and daring missions then explore the historic city with your own resistance themed task in hand.

Normandy Abbey Road: Spiritual health and wealth have been important in Normandy since the Middle Ages. Explore this fascinating history with a local guide on the Abbey Road, where many grand abbeys sit on the banks of the River Seine.

Arrives On: 02 Jul 27

Day 7: Caudebec-en-Caux (France)

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Day 8: Vernon (France)

Historically a border town between the Duchy of Normandy and the Kingdom of France, Vernon has a rich heritage and many distinctive buildings. Nearby Giverny was the home of Impressionist artist Claude Monet for more than 40 years. Scenic Freechoice:
Discover more on one of these Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Monet's House and Garden: Journey to Giverny to tour the town and visit the home of the founder of Impressionism. Built by Monet, the gardens comprise a Japanese-inspired water garden with lilies, which inspired his most famous works. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore at your own leisure.

Market walk with a chef: Exclusively for loyalty members, this engaging tour introduces you to the vibrant flavours of Normandy on a chef-guided tour of Vernon’s Saturday market. Meet passionate producers and learn about sustainable, seasonal ingredients on this immersive culinary experience that connects you directly to the heart of French cuisine.

Self-guided cycle from Vernon to Giverny: Take a self-guided biking tour from Scenic Gem in Vernon to Giverny (approximately five kilometres each way). When you arrive, you may wish to visit Monet’s House and Garden or wander about this charming town, before returning to the ship. After exploring these beautiful gardens during this morning’s touring, you may feel inspired to create a masterpiece of your own during an on board painting class.

This afternoon your Scenic Space-Ship will cruise towards La Roche-Guyon, where this evening’s exclusive Scenic Enrich experience will take place. Scenic Enrich
Take a short walk from the ship to Château de La Roche-Guyon, which is built into a chalk hillside and dates to the 16th century. Walk through the manicured orchard and vegetable gardens producing fresh juices, then admire the decorative walls, ceilings and tapestries. On arrival you’ll enjoy a drink overlooking the River Seine below and sit for a splendid classical concert that focuses on music by French composers.

Arrives On: 03 Jul 27

Day 8: La Roche-Guyon (France)

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Day 9: Conflans-Sainte-Honorine (France)

Wake this morning in Conflans-Saint-Honorine, a Medieval town located at the confluence of the River Seine and Oise. Though it’s just a short distance from the centre of Paris, it feels a world away. A castle was built here by monks in the 9th century to protect the relics of Saint Honorine, from whom the town gets its name. It became a popular pilgrimage site in the 11th century, a practice which lasted for more than 700 years. Wander the quiet streets and the riverside

pathway, sip coffee at an open-air café, and admire the beautiful ancient church. Scenic Freechoice:
Today, choose one of our Scenic Freechoice activities:

Visit to Auvers-Sur-Oise: Travel to the village where Vincent Van Gogh painted his final masterpieces. See landmarks that were immortalised in his works, such as the famous Notre Dame de l'Assomption church. The tour includes entry to Van Gogh's room, an attic that he rented during his final months and which has sat empty since 1890. Enjoy free time afterwards to wander through the village.

Château de Chantilly: Take a guided tour of the castle, a magnificent tribute to France's cultural heritage, built by Henri d'Orléans, the son of the last King of France. See the fine collections he amassed in his lifetime, explore the gardens and enjoy some free time.

Musée de la Batellerie (inland water transport museum): Join this active tour in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine to visit the Inland Water Transport Museum. Conflans, sometimes called the barge capital of the world, is located on the confluence of Oise and Seine rivers, and water has played a very important role in the lives of its residents.

Château de Malmaison: This historic estate was once the residence of Napoleon Bonaparte and his first wife, Josephine de Beauharnais. Renowned for its elegant Neoclassical architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens, the château reflects Josephine's refined taste and passion for botany. Today, it houses a museum showcasing furniture, artwork, and personal items from the Napoleonic era, providing a glimpse into the private lives of one of history's most famous couples. This afternoon you'll spend time on board as your Scenic Space-Ship cruises back to Paris.

Arrives On: 04 Jul 27

Day 9: Paris (France)

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Day 10: Paris (France)

Welcome back to Paris, where you will spend the day exploring this iconic city. As loyalty members, you may wish to rediscover Paris through new eyes. Allow our immersive experiences to show you something new. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice

Trendy Marais with a local Parisian: Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Marais district with a Parisian guide. A melting pot of cultures, fascinating history, opulent architecture, an eclectic arts scene and high-end fashion, the Marais is one of the most diverse districts in Paris.

Paris retro icons: Sidecar Tour: Loyalty members can enjoy this exclusive tour, travelling through Paris' iconic streets in a vintage motorbike sidecar. It's an original, authentic and convivial way to immerse yourself in the City of Light, perfect for those seeking immersion, culture, and memorable photo opportunities all rolled into one unforgettable ride.

Highlights of Paris city tour: Join a local guide on a coach tour of the city to see some of its most famous sites, from the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame

Cathedral to the Champs Elysee, the Arc de Triomphe and Concorde Square. You will also view the 1163-built Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral, which has reopened after a devastating fire in 2019.

Opera Garnier: Located in the theatrical heart of Paris, the spectacular Opera Garnier is resplendent with ornately decorated rooms, grand staircases, and glistening chandeliers. Tour this opera house and learn about the magnificent building that was commissioned by Emperor Napoleon III.

Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte: Take a coach to the Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte, an hour from Paris. It is the largest privately owned château in France and has been in the same family for over five generations. This spectacular estate is credited as the founding French formal garden that was the inspiration for Versailles. This afternoon is free to explore Paris at your own leisure. Perhaps you'd like to people-watch on the Champs-Elysee from a sidewalk café, head to the top of the Eiffel Tower for a bird's-eye view of the city, or venture to Montmartre, the artist's district and where the famed Moulin Rouge is located. Alternatively, relax back on board your luxurious Scenic Space-Ship.

Tonight, celebrate the end of your journey with an exclusive dinner on board prepared by Michelin-starred Chef Didier Goiffon. This intimate dining experience in Crystal Dining allows you to experience authentic flavours in exquisite regional dishes that showcase the best of French gastronomy.

Arrives On: 05 Jul 27

Day 11: Paris (France)

At the conclusion of your river cruise, disembark Scenic Gem and board the TGV high-speed train to the city of Rennes, the capital of Brittany. Then transfer to Dinard, the 'Gem of the Emerald Coast'. This elegant seaside resort is known for its Belle Epoque villas and fine sandy beaches. Check in to your luxurious hotel, then join a guided walking tour of the city.

Arrives On: 06 Jul 27

Day 11: Dinard (France)

Arrives On: 06 Jul 27

Day 12: Dinard (France)

Wake in Dinard this morning and discover the picturesque region with your choice of experiences, taking you deeper into Brittany to uncover its fascinating heritage. Scenic Freechoice:
Explore your way with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

The fortified charm of St. Malo: This fortified island has a turbulent history dating from the time of the Romans through to its peak as a port for corsairs (French pirates) and trade in the 17th and 18th centuries. Walk through the walled city and learn about its fascinating past.

Mont Saint-Michel, the island of wonder: The holy island commune of Mont Saint-Michel sits one-kilometre off the coast, with its gravity-

defying monastery one of France’s most recognisable sights. Pilgrims have been crossing the channel to visit it since the eighth century and today it is a World Heritage site. Enjoy some free time to explore Dinard or laze on its gorgeous beaches.

Arrives On: 07 Jul 27

Day 13: Dinard (France)

After breakfast, transfer to Rennes again for your return train to Paris, where you’ll spend the night in a luxury hotel.

Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner tonight.

Arrives On: 08 Jul 27

Day 13: Paris (France)

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Day 14: Paris (France)

Your extension concludes this morning after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your journey home, bringing home a lifetime of memories. 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.

Arrives On: 09 Jul 27

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