Cruise Details

Name:	Bordeaux, Paris & The Seine
Reference:	TAUCKQX202712082027
Operator:	Tauck
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	ms Serene
Regions:	Seine
Departs On:	12 Aug 27
Departs From:	Bordeaux
Arrives On:	22 Aug 27
Arrives At:	Paris
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Bordeaux (France)

Tour Begins: 6:00 PM. A transfer is included to your stay at the InterContinental Bordeaux – Le Grand Hotel. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel, and meet your fellow travelers.

Arrives On: 12 Aug 27

Day 2: Bordeaux (France)

Welcome to the most famous wine region in the world. Bordeaux has nearly 6,000 wineries and 272,000 acres of vineyards, with the most planted grape being the Merlot. Known as the "City of art, history and cuisine" this southwestern city of France boasts 362 monuments, including some from the Roman era, well-preserved 18th-century architecture, including grand boulevards, elegant squares and numerous Michelin-starred restaurants. Your first morning begins with a choice of excursion; you may choose a more active e-bicycle ride to a family-owned 16th-century chateau

and vineyard for a hike along the nature trails and compliments with wine tasting at the end. Alternatively, discover the beautiful city of Bordeaux with local insights on an orientation drive, en route to Cité du Vin; Bordeaux's wine museum where you'll learn about the influence of wine as a universal cultural heritage. Touring of a wine museum would only be complete with a tasting - which you'll enjoy in their decorated tasting room. Following your choice of explorations this morning, and free time for lunch, join us for a foodie walking tour with a focus on the local gastronomic cuisine. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Arrives On: 13 Aug 27

Day 3: Saint-Émilion (France)

After breakfast at your hotel, depart for the quaint medieval town of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site named after Saint Aemilianus, a Breton monk who lived in the 8th century. Much like Bordeaux, Saint-Émilion is known for its world-famous wineries, where Romans planted vineyards that date back to 2nd century AD. Join our local guide for a more challenging walking tour through its hilly cobblestone streets, followed by a visit to a local Chateau for a tour, wine tasting and a lunch that entices with local flair.

Arrives On: 14 Aug 27

Day 4: Paris (France)

From the world-renowned wine region to "la ville lumière," (the city of lights) make your way to Paris, where your river cruise awaits. Paris earned its sobriquet during the enlightenment, a philosophical movement that began in the early 17th century, in recognition of its importance as the center for art, education and intellectual pursuits. After a scenic high-speed train ride, embark your ship, settle in and join us for a welcome reception and dinner aboard your floating hotel.

Arrives On: 15 Aug 27

Day 5: Paris (France)

A full day in Paris begins with promise and possibility – and your choice of curated experiences to explore the city's many facets. After breakfast aboard your riverboat, join a local guide for a walking tour through the storied Latin Quarter. Stroll past Sorbonne University – one of Europe's most prestigious institutions, founded in the Middle Ages – and continue to the neoclassical Panthéon, a national mausoleum honoring the great men and women of France. Your walk concludes in the elegant Luxembourg Gardens, often named the most beautiful garden in Europe. Prefer to take in the city with less walking? Opt for a panoramic coach tour offering a broad overview of Paris's most iconic landmarks – from the Eiffel Tower to the Arc de Triomphe and the grand sweep of the Champs-Élysées – all from the comfort of your seat. Or, for a more offbeat indulgence, choose a guided walking tour with a visit to a cheese museum, where you'll learn about the history and craft

behind France's famed fromage – with tastings, of course. Return to the ship for a leisurely lunch, with time to unwind before an engaging onboard wine presentation sets the tone for cocktail hour, dinner in the lounge, and an evening of local entertainment.

Arrives On: 16 Aug 27

Day 6: Paris (France)

Explore Versailles your way today. Join our local guide for a tour inside Palace of Versailles, a former hunting lodge turned royal residence, and a lavish testament to French royalty. Alternatively, explore by bicycle through the Gardens of Versailles, among the largest and most spectacular in the world and contains over 400 statues, making it the world's largest open-air sculpture museum. Return to your riverboat to learn local insights from your Tauck Director, following a cocktail hour, and dinner at your leisure. Your ship charts for Rouen this evening.

Arrives On: 17 Aug 27

Day 7: Rouen (France)

Welcome to Rouen, a city rich in history and charm. Admire the early morning views of this enchanting Normandy destination as the ship docks before joining us for a guided walking tour through the heart of Rouen. Highlights include the magnificent Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen and the historic Joan of Arc Square and Church. Return to the ship for lunch at your leisure and enjoy free time to explore Rouen at your own pace, wandering the cobblestone streets. Cruise for Duclair this evening for an evening that is exclusive to Tauck guests at the 16th-century Chateau du Taillis. Sip on cocktails as you explore the elegant grounds of this historic estate. Enjoy a magical dining experience at the chateau, complete with fine cuisine and an ambiance that transports you to another era. Return to your ship and settle in for another day of unique discoveries to follow.

Arrives On: 18 Aug 27

Day 8: Caudebec-en-Caux (France)

Embark on a journey through history to the poignant landscape of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Arrive at Pointe hu Hoc where the rugged cliffs were scaled by American forces on June 6th, 1944. Your expert guide will transport you to that pivotal day, recounting the courage and sacrifices made that changed the tide of World War II. A short drive brings you to Omaha Beach, the largest assault area, stretching over 6 miles. After lunch in Normandy's countryside, visit the American Cemetery, a tranquil resting place overlooking Omaha Beach, dressed with white crosses and stars of David. As the sun begins to set over the beaches that marked history, continue back to your riverboat. Reflect on the day's emotions during cocktail hour, followed by dinner at your leisure. Your ship sets course for Les Andelys as the stars illuminate the Seine.

Arrives On: 19 Aug 27

Day 9: Les Andelys (France)

As the sun rises over the Seine, the ship arrives in Les Andelys, a charming riverside village with postcard-perfect beauty. Explore history and scenery in Les Andelys on a walking tour led by an expert local guide, discovering its timeless allure. Wander through cobbled streets, admire its quaint charm, and visit the ruins of Château Gaillard, the once-mighty fortress of Richard the Lionheart. Choose a more active option to descend to the village for a closer look at life along the river. Mid-morning, venture to Tilly for an authentic taste of Normandy. At a welcoming family-run farm, savor a cider and Calvados tasting experience. Tour the farm and delight in regional specialties, from velvety brandy to homemade pâté and fruit preserves. The flavors of this pastoral region are sure to linger on your palate long after the visit. Enjoy a scenic drive back to Les Andelys, where you'll reconnect with the ship as it sets course for Vernon. Upon arrival, join your Tour Director for an insightful orientation walk, uncovering the town's rich history and charm. Whether it's the half-timbered houses or the quaint cobblestone squares, Vernon invites you to step back in time. Cap off your day with a festive cocktail hour in the lounge before enjoying the chef's signature dinner. Later, indulge in lively Parisian entertainment as a Can Can group brings the spirit of France to life right onboard.

Arrives On: 20 Aug 27

Day 10: Giverny (France)

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive to Giverny for a Tauck Exclusive early access to explore the Monet House and Gardens, a serene oasis of inspiration for the master of Impressionism. Stroll through vibrant flower beds and water lily ponds, capturing the essence of Monet's iconic works. Led by a local guide, this immersive visit is both a cultural and visual feast. After a morning immersed in artistry, return to the ship in Vernon to enjoy a lunch and prepare for a creative afternoon onboard. Join renowned artist Mark Alsterlind for an interactive painting class inspired by your visit to Giverny. Learn techniques tied to Monet's masterpieces as you create your own impressionist-inspired art—a perfect keepsake from your journey. As the Seine carries you toward Paris, enjoy dinner at your leisure.

Arrives On: 21 Aug 27

Day 11: Paris (France)

Tour Ends: Paris. Disembark ship by 9:00 AM. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from your ship to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. Please allow 3 hours for flight check-in.

Arrives On: 22 Aug 27

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