

# **Cruise Details**

Name: Family Fun Along The Seine: Paris To Normandy

Reference: TAUCKZS202519072025

Operator: Tauck
Cruise Type: River

Cruise Rating: Luxury

Ship: MS Sapphire

Regions: Seine

Departs On: 19 Jul 25

Departs From: Paris

Arrives On: 26 Jul 25

Arrives At: Paris

Cruise Nights: 7

Total Vacation Days: 8

# **Itinerary**

#### Day 1: Paris (France)

Tour begins: 4:00 PM. A transfer is included from Charles de Gaulle International Airport, and Gare du Nord and Gare du Lyon train stations to the ship. Tonight you'll meet your Tauck Director and your fellow family river cruisers at a welcome reception and dinner.

Arrives On: 19 Jul 25

#### Day 2: Paris (France)

The historic city of Paris is at your feet today, literally! Today enjoy a rotation of several exciting activities including; a unique tour of the city in classic Citroen cars with a private guide, a walking tour of Paris' quaint Latin District, and a virtual reality experience below the grand plaza in front of Notre Dame Cathedral, where you'll combine the wonders of modern technology with the incredible engineering feats of medieval times.

Arrives On: 20 Jul 25

# Day 3: Paris (France)

Wake up for a private early morning visit to the incredible Musée Marmottan Monet before it opens to the public; located in a 19th-century mansion, it is home to world's largest collection of art by Claude Monet. Then your family is off for an adventure of their choosing, including a guided bicycle ride along the River Seine or a walking tour and spy game in hilltop Montmartre, where cobbled streets, the stunning white Sacré-Couer Basilica, colorful street artists and corner bistros await your discovery. Everyone will then enjoy time at leisure in Montmartre before returning to the riverboat for dinner and cruising to your next stop, Vernon.

Arrives On: 21 Jul 25

### Day 4: Giverny (France)

Traveling in France is a feast for the senses. Today you'll hear a lot about the artist Claude Monet when you visit his pink house and painted gardens in Giverny. Dock in Les Andelys this afternoon for a choice of sightseeing – hike up to Château Gaillard and listen to stories about Richard the Lionheart, King of England, who built the fortified castle; or take a guided walking tour of the village of Les Andelys. Dinner is back onboard your riverboat as we head for Caudebec for a full day at Normandy's historic D-Day beaches.

Arrives On: 22 Jul 25

# Day 5: Caudebec-en-Caux (France)

You'll feel history all around you today as you learn about the heroes of Normandy's Allied Invasion of June 6, 1944 during up close exploration of D-Day beaches. Visit D-Day sites including Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach, plus a poignant stop at the hallowed American Cemetery. Following lunch, the afternoon is spent exploring one of Europe's most unique museums, the D-Day Academy; here you'll have a hands-on opportunity to learn first-hand about World War II. You'll actually touch World War II artifacts, from weapons to wireless radios; put on a workable wireless headset as you climb aboard a Willys jeep or Dodge Command car for a ride between the apple trees; and sample rations that the troops ate while serving here. Drive to Caudebec late afternoon and return to the riverboat to set sail for Rouen.

Arrives On: 23 Jul 25

#### Day 6: Rouen (France)

Wake up in Rouen, the "museum city of a hundred spires," this morning and walk off your riverboat right into the heart of history. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Rouen grew up along the Seine and was an important city for the Romans, Vikings and Normans as far back as the 3rd century! It became the capital of Normandy in the 10th century and many buildings remain from its heyday in the Middle Ages. William the Conqueror used to hold court here. Richard the Lionheart left his heart

here and Joan of Arc was burned at the stake here. Explore the sites today on a guided tour that takes you to Rouen's Notre Dame Cathedral – painted by Claude Monet more than 30 times – Joan of Arc Square and the church where she died – you'll also embark on a photo scavenger hunt.

Arrives On: 24 Jul 25

# Day 7: Paris (France)

Travel today to Louis XIV's ornate palace, the Château de Versailles, where you'll have a choice of a guided visit inside the palace or a guided bicycle ride. If you choose the palace visit, be sure to take a walk in the garden – it is just as impressive as the palace, covering 1,976 acres with some 200,000 trees, 50 fountains and 210,000+ flowers. And if you choose to explore by bicycle, you'll also visit Marie Antoinette's farm, created in the style of a miniature Norman village. Bid a fond au revoir to the River Seine at a farewell reception and dinner onboard ship tonight.

Arrives On: 25 Jul 25

## Day 8: Paris (France)

Tour Ends: Paris. Disembark this morning in Paris. Transfers are included from the riverboat to Charles de Gaulle International Airport, and Gare du Nord and Gare du Lyon train stations; allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in.

Arrives On: 26 Jul 25

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