



Cruise Details

Name:	Family Fun Along The Seine: Paris To Normandy
Reference:	TAUCKZSS202602072026
Operator:	Tauck
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS Sapphire
Regions:	Seine
Departs On:	02 Jul 26
Departs From:	Paris
Arrives On:	09 Jul 26
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: 02 Jul 26

Day 2: Paris (France)

This morning, choose from three engaging ways to explore the city: a guided bicycle ride through Paris, a guided walking tour and spy game in Montmartre complete with booklets for young explorers, or a fashion-themed orientation of Paris aboard a private double-decker motor coach. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore Paris at your own pace before an unforgettable evening. Tonight, experience an after-hours visit to the Louvre – an extraordinary opportunity to discover one of the world's most celebrated museums in a truly special setting. Please note that the

"magical" evening aboard the riverboat may take place on another evening to accommodate this exclusive visit.

Arrives On: 03 Jul 26

Day 3: Paris (France)

With your Louvre experience now taking place the evening before, your morning is free to relax, explore, or revisit a favorite corner of Paris with your family. Enjoy more free time this afternoon before the riverboat sets sail for the next leg of your journey, with shuttle service available from the riverboat for independent sightseeing around the city. Later, return to the riverboat for dinner as you begin cruising to your next destination, Vernon.

Arrives On: 04 Jul 26

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: 05 Jul 26

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: 06 Jul 26

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.

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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: 08 Jul 26

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: 09 Jul 26

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