

France | Paris, Normandy & Brittany









Paris, the city of light, is the most beautiful and romantic of all cities. Fromour centrally located hotel all the sights of the city are a short walk or metro ride away - the iconic Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe, Notre-Dame Cathedral and Sacré-Cœur Basilica, the Louvre, Musée d'Orday, Pompidou Center, and Napoleon's Tomb. North of Paris, Normandy has played a part in two significant invasions: We'll tour the D-Day beaches and airborne landing sites with a private historian and read about the Battle of Hastings as depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry. West to Brittany where we'll stay in Saint-Malo, a walled city in a commanding position overlooking the English Channel, it was home of the Corsairs and notorious for piracy. We'll spend a day enjoying a town that will seem familiar to anyone who's been old Old Quebec and take a day trip to explore the enchanting Mont Saint-Michel.

Day	City	Highlights
1	Airborne	Meet your Group Director for an overnight flight to France!
2	Bayeux	Train to Bayeux and navigate to hotel. Check in, unpack, meet in lobby for an orientation walk around town. Kickoff Dinner and a good night's sleep to recover from jet lag. Tomorrow, we visit some of the D-Day Beaches.
3	Omaha Sector Easy Company	Morning tour of Omaha Sector, brought to life by Spielberg/Hanks in "Saving Private Ryan". Afternoon following the actions of "Easy Company" highlighted by Spielberg/Hanks in "Band of Brothers". Back in Bayeux, see the story of the Norman Conquest of England depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry and visit Bayeux Cathedral.
4	Saint-Malo	Visit the British War Cemetery and the Battle of Normandy Museum. Train to Saint-Malo. Climb the ramparts, walk around the old walled city, visit Cathédrale St-Vincent and explore Château de St-Malo
5	Mont Saint-Michel	Explore Mont-Tombe Island, enjoy a relaxed lunch, then tour the Abbey. Dinner back in Saint-Malo.
6	Paris	Train to Paris and navigate to the hotel. Orientation walk including Île de la Cité, Île Saint-Louis, Quartier Latin Quarter, Les Halles, Le Marais, and Bastille. Ice-cream at Bertillon! See how the re-construction of Notre Dame Cathedral is progressing. Explore the Pompidou Center or Musée d'Orsay . Dinner around Place St-Michel.
7	Versailles	Catacombs of Paris. Train to Versailles. Lunch on the Grand Canal. Find Le Grand Trianon, Le Petit Trianon, and Le Petit Hameau de la Reine. Tour inside the palace. Train to Montmartre. View from the steps of Sacré-Cœur Basilica. Dinner in Place Tertre. Group picture at Trocadero before a night ascent of the Eiffel Tower.
8	Paris	Stroll through the gardens at Musée Rodin, visit Napoleon's Tomb at Les Invalides, and explore the Musée de l'Armée. Lunch in Jardin des Tuileries. Find the Winged Victory and the Mona Lisa at Musée du Louvre. Stroll up the Champs-Élysées and ascend l'Arc de Triomphe. Dinner on the Champs-Élysées, then night cruise on the Bateaux-Mouches.
9	Airborne	Flight from Paris. Au revoir France!









