

PARIS & NORMANDY

Explore gripping events of the 20th century with stops at Omaha Beach and Point du Hoc. Experience iconic cuisine and culture at Caen and Versailles, and explore architecture, fashion, and world-renowned art in the French capital.

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Day 1: Board your flight to France.

Day 2: Honfleur, Deauville & Caen

- Meet with your Tour Director at **Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport**.
- Board your private motor coach and depart toward **Normandy**.
- Discover the high cliffs of **Étretat**. Take a stroll along a hiking trail leading you to the gate of Aval.
- Hop back on the motor coach and continue towards **Deauville**.
- Stop at the port city of **Honfleur**, known for its timber-framed houses and pedestrian streets. Don't miss **Sainte-Catherine Church**: its wooden aisles look like the hulls of overturned boats.
- Arrive in the 19th century twin cities of **Deauville - Trouville**. Admire the villas and walk along the **Promenade des Planches**.
- Travel to **Caen** and enjoy your first experience with French gastronomy at a local restaurant.

Day 3: Caen

- Depart for a guided visit of the **Caen Memorial**, followed by an interactive multimedia presentation dedicated to historical events of the 20th century.
- Step back in time to D-Day as you tour the beaches of **Normandy**. Discover **Pointe du Hoc**, **Omaha Beach**, the **American Cemetery of Colleville**, and the artificial harbor of **Arromanches**.

Day 4: Mont-Saint-Michel & Saint Malo

- Board your private motor coach and depart to **Mont-Saint-Michel**, an architectural marvel in the middle of a bay. Enjoy a tour of the ramparts, the **Grande-Rue**, and the **Abbey**.
- Travel to **Saint Malo**. Take a guided tour of the fortified city, also called "La Cité Corsaire." Stroll along small alleys and ramparts, and learn more about the city's history (it was home to the famous explorer Jacques Cartier, who discovered Canada).

Day 5: Versailles

- Board your private motor coach and travel toward Paris. On the way, enjoy a guided tour of the **Palace of Versailles**, including the **King's Apartments**, the **Hall of Mirrors**, and many gardens. While touring the castle grounds, you will see the **Ballroom**, the **Colonnade**, and the **Enceladus fountain**.

Day 6: Paris

- Board your motor coach for a **panoramic sightseeing tour** with a local guide. Get an initial glimpse of all the marvels you'll discover during the next few days.
- Free time for lunch near **Les Halles**, where you can visit the **Centre Pompidou** and explore the charming **Rue Montorgueil**.

- Explore a collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art at **Musée d'Orsay**, including works by Monet and Van Gogh.
- Walk along the **Champs-Élysées**, from the **Arc de Triomphe** to the fashionable **Avenue Montaigne**.

Day 7: Paris

- Explore the **Musée Louvre**! Formerly a royal palace, it houses masterpieces like the **Venus de Milo** and the **Mona Lisa**. Mixing classic and modern, a Nintendo 3DS guides you through the many collections.
- Walk along the Seine to the **garden of the Tuileries**. Continue along **La Coulée Verte René-Dumont**, a former railway track.
- Travel back to ancient times at the ruins of a **Gallo-Roman Arena** in the heart of the **Latin Quarter**. Live like a local playing **pétanque**, a traditional bowling game, and practicing French!
- Take in the charms of **Montmartre**, overlooking Paris from its highest hill. Admire the architecture of the **Basilique du Sacré Cœur** and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of **Place Pigalle** and the **Moulin Rouge**.

Day 8: Paris

- Enjoy a light breakfast at **Le Ciel de Paris** restaurant and take in the stunning views from the 56th floor of **Montparnasse Tower**.
- Explore the **Île Saint-Louis** and the **Île de la Cité** and walk across **Pont Neuf**, one of the oldest bridges of Paris. Go past the **Conciergerie** or stroll the **Square du Vert-Galant** to get a better view of the Pont des Arts and the Louvre.
- After lunch, walk along the **Grand Boulevards** or shop on **Boulevard Haussmann**.
- Head to the iconic **Eiffel Tower**. You may even get to see Paris from a new point of view.
- Take a cruise on the Seine aboard a **bateau-mouche**, an open-air excursion boat.

Day 9: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

