

# PARIS & NORMANDY

8 Days | Economical European Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

History is at the forefront in this 8-day economical student tour through France. Discover battlefield beaches, D-Day memorial sites and the Canadian Military Cemetery in Normandy and experience life as a Parisian in the City of Lights where you will be shown the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Louvre. This educational tour highlights the best of the country and will give you an experience you will never forget.

### WHATS INCLUDED:



**Guided Tours of:**  
Paris, St. Malo, Caen



**Site Visits:**  
Eiffel Tower, Palace of Versailles, Musée du Louvre, Sainte-Chapelle, Mont Saint-Michel, Juno Beach Centre, River Cruise on the Seine, Caen Memorial Museum



**Local  
Tour Leader**



**Accommodations**  
3 Star Centrally Located Hotels

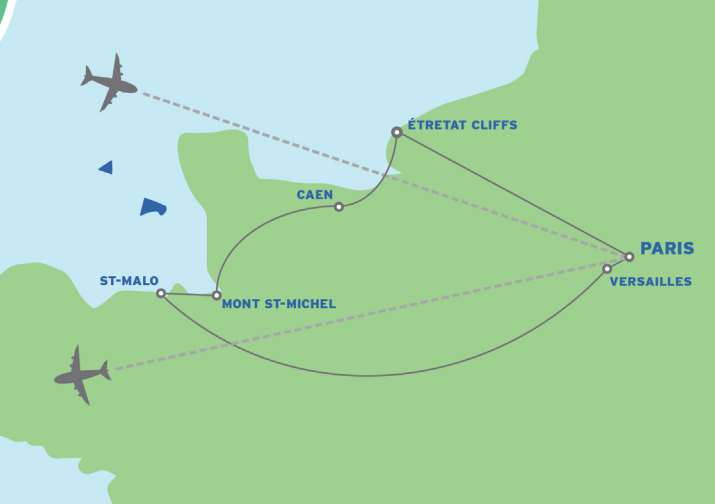


**Transportation**  
Flights, Private Motor  
Coach, Public Transportation



**Meals**  
Breakfasts, Dinners





# WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

## PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Guaranteed Flights and Hotels** - We confirm the booking of flights and hotels when you submit your deposit to avoid last minute hiccups.
- **Centrally Located Accommodations** - Save hours avoiding long commutes and maximize your time in destination with hotels within the city limits.
- **Private Tours** - Personalize your class trip to suit your needs and be assured that your students will never be joined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire** - You are not a tourist but a traveler. We will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite their sense of wonder.

## EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

Our local partnerships allow for personalized tours that are a hybrid of traditional and unconventional.

95%

OF TEACHERS  
LOVE OUR  
TOURS

60+

YEARS OF  
TRAVEL  
EXPERIENCE



## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

### 24/7 GLOBAL SUPPORT

No matter your destination or itinerary, our state-of-the-art Operations Centre is designed to proactively protect you and your students during your educational trips around the globe. From the best insurance to advanced incident management software to 24/7 emergency assistance we've got you covered.



*"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime/our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriele went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"*

*Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB*

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## Day 1: Board your flight to Paris

### Day 2: Étretat - Pont-l'Évêque - Caen

- Arrive at **Charles de Gaulle International Airport** and meet your Tour Leader.
- Travel towards the beautiful region of **Normandy**.
- Don't forget your camera! Our first stop is at the chalky cliffs of **Étretat** for some fresh air. Stretch your legs as you hike to the foot of the gorgeous gate of **Aval**.
- You can't go all the way to France without trying cheese. Head to **Pont-l'Évêque** to watch a 10-minute movie about the origins of their namesake and enjoy a tasting of this creamy cheese.
- Next stop **Caen**.
- End the day with beloved French dishes, a sweet crêpe or savory galette, for dinner.

### Day 3: Juno Beach - Bernières - Beny-sur-Mer - Caen

- Start the day at the **Caen Memorial**, and the interactive museum that focuses on the events that led to WWII.
- Depart for your half-day tour of the Canadian landing beaches.
- Begin your journey at the **Juno Beach Centre** to see several exhibits that mark the efforts of Canadian soldiers during World War II. You will also see **Juno Park** and part of the famous **Atlantic Wall**.
- Explore an **underground bunker**, German Command Post, tunnel and Observation Post that served as a German strong point against the Royal Winnipeg Rifles.
- Walk over to the village of **Bnières** where you will see **Canada House**, one of the first homes to be liberated by the Canadians on June 6th, 1944.
- Continue towards **Saint-Aubin sur Mer**.
- Visit the **Canadian Military Cemetery** in **Bény-sur-Mer** and pay respect to the soldiers killed during the early stages of the Battle of Normandy.
- Last stop on the tour takes you to the **Ardenne Abbey** where your guide will explain the tragic events that took place here on June 7th, 1944.
- Return to **Caen** for the night to experience a Normandy style dinner.

### Day 4: Mont Saint-Michel - St Malo

- Depart for **Mont Saint-Michel**, an architectural marvel nestled on an island in the middle of the bay.
- Follow your Tour Leader through the **medieval village** to learn about the fascinating history of this architectural marvel and see the ramparts and Grande-Rue.
- Visit the **Benedict Abbey of Mont Saint-Michel**. Granted a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1979, this stunning building sits at the very top of the island and offers beautiful views both inside and out.
- Travel to **St Malo**.
- Join your Tour Leader for a **stroll through the fortified city**. This coastal town was founded in the 1st century and has a Canadian connection - it is the birthplace of explorer **Jacques Cartier**.

- Enjoy a meal of Breton specialties with your group.
- End the day with a **sunset walk** along the ramparts with your Tour Leader. Grab your camera, this is a perfect time for a group photo!

### Day 5: Versailles - Paris

- Depart for **Paris**.
- Stop in at Versailles for a tour of the **Palace of Versailles**. Your audio guide will take you through its history as you wander through the **Grand Apartment**, the **Hall of Mirrors** and the **King and Queen's suites**.
- Get lost in the stunning **gardens of Versailles**, which are landscaped in the French style, and date back to the reign of Louis XIV.
- Continue to **Paris**, where you will be living like a Parisian with a 5-day **metro pass** for zones 1-3.
- Feeling daring? Soar to the top of the **Eiffel Tower** for breathtaking views of the city.

### Day 6: Paris

- Start the day with a 3-hour guided tour of the **City of Lights**. You will meet in the gardens of the **Palais-Royal** and continue on to see the **Place de la Concorde**, where King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were publicly executed, the **Tuileries** and the lively **Latin Quarter**.
- Head to **Sainte-Chappelle** to explore the beautiful stained glass windows in this gothic church.
- Make sure you have good walking shoes, next stop is the hilly **Montmartre**. Stroll through this charming neighbourhood to see the **Basilica Sacre Coeur** from the top of the hill, the **Wall of Love** and the **Moulin Rouge**.
- End the day with an authentic French meal with your group.

### Day 7: Paris

- Start your day with a special audio guide tour of the **Musée du Louvre**. A Nintendo 3DS will lead you through this maze to see the iconic **Mona Lisa**, and other masterpieces along the way.
- Make your way to the reverse pyramid at the **Carrousel du Louvre** on your free time.
- Stroll down one of the most famous streets in the world, the **Champs Elysées** and see the stunning **Arc de Triomphe**.
- It's time for shopping! Explore the **Grands Boulevards**, especially **Boulevard Haussmann** and its famous department stores.
- All aboard! Savour the last bit of Paris as you listen to a commentary while **cruising** down the Seine River on a **bateau-mouche**.

### Day 8: Depart for the airport home

## START PLANNING NOW!



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