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Paris and the Heart of Normandy



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**9 DAYS/ 8 NIGHTS
 August 16th - 24th, 2018**

Best of Times Travel is proud to present this wonderful and moving River Cruise that combines the magic of romantic Paris with the beauty and history of France's Norman countryside. Experience history firsthand as we visit the Normandy Beaches, site of the famous World War II landings, the Arromanche D-Day museum, and the American Military Cemetery of Colleville Saint Laurent. Delight in the architecture of Rouen with its wonderful Gothic monuments, and see where Joan of Arc was tried and burned. Enchanting orchards, lush pastures and crystal clear streams await us as we sail through the Seine's scenic river valley. Spend time strolling the exquisite gardens of Giverny, whose colorful landscape inspired Impressionist Claude Monet. Walk the cobblestone streets of provincial Vernon and revel in the splendor of the world's most romantic city, Paris. All this and more awaits you on this special river cruise with extras you can only find with Best of Times.

Best of Times Travel Exclusive Bundle Package

- **8-day/7-night cruise** w/ outside cabin onboard Deluxe Viking Longship Viking Kadlin
- **Roundtrip Airfare** from Logan Airport
- **Roundtrip Transportation** to Airport - w/ hometown pick-up guarantee*
- **Travelers Insurance** by TravelSafe Protect-A-Group
- **Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director****
- **All Touring Included** with private, English-speaking guides
- **A Best of Times Travel Exclusive Versailles Tour Included**
- **A Best of Times Travel Exclusive Parisian Tour & Show Included**
- **All meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- **Unlimited Wines, Beers, & Soft Drinks** with every lunch and dinner on board ship
- **Old World Highlights:** Port lectures, sampling of French cheeses, World War II history lectures and French folkloric entertainment
- **All Driver Gratuities** Included for transfers
- **Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner**
- **Payment of all port charges**
- **Special Early Booking & Past Passenger Discounts**

The Places We Visit:

Paris
 Vernon
 Rouen
 Versailles

Normandy
 Giverny
 Les Andelys



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**Special 2-FOR-1 Discounted Cruise Price
& Special Bundle Package with Early Booking & Final Payment**

CAT A Verandah Cabin Upper Deck	CAT B Verandah Cabin Middle Deck	CAT C French Balcony Upper Deck	CAT D French Balcony Cabin Middle Deck	CAT E Standard Cabin Main Deck
Regular Price \$10399pp	Regular Price \$9999pp	Regular Price \$9599pp	Regular Price \$9199pp	Regular Price \$8799pp
Our Package Price \$5199pp	Our Package Price \$4999pp	Our Package Price \$4799pp	Our Package Price \$4599pp	Our Package Price \$4399pp

A Valid Passport is REQUIRED for this program

Add \$400 per person Taxes & International Transfers

Prices are per person based on double occupancy.

The Places We Will Visit:

Day 2: PARIS - Arrive in Paris, romance capital of the world and transfer you to your ship. After boarding, take free time to explore Paris—or join our “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and start getting oriented. (D)

Day 3: PARIS - Wake up to a full day in Paris. After breakfast, embark on a half-day tour of this beautiful city and take in its most remarkable sights, including the iconic Eiffel Tower. Continue past the École Militaire, Orsay Museum and Latin Quarter. See the Cathedral of Notre Dame, then drive past the Louvre and Opera House and along the famous Champs Elysées. Return aboard for lunch. Afternoon is free to visit the Louvre, shop the many boutiques, or visit the artists’ district of Montmartre. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. (B, L, D)

Day 4: GIVERNY & VERNON - Arrive in Vernon before breakfast; take a short ride into the town of Giverny, where Claude Monet lived from 1883 until his death in 1926. Visit the beautiful gardens and charming stone farmhouse where he lived and worked; see the water garden with its Japanese bridge, water lilies, wisteria and azaleas that inspired many of his masterpieces. After lunch, spend some time with your Program Director in the provincial town of Vernon. Take a stroll to see the Maison du Temps Jadis (House of Past Times), Vernon’s oldest house, and the 11th-century Church of Notre Dame. (B, L, D)

Day 5: ROUEN - Indulge in a leisurely morning cruising along the Seine. The afternoon is spent in the medieval city of Rouen, historic capital of Normandy. Begin with a walking tour through the old town center, where you see the spectacular Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral so often painted by Claude Monet and the famous Gros Horloge, a 16th-century astronomical clock. As you walk among the half-timbered buildings you feel yourself transported back through time; see the 14th-century courthouse where Joan of Arc was sentenced to death and the nearby Market Square where she was martyred. Take free time to discover more of Rouen or visit one of its museums of art or antiquities. Dine aboard, or visit a sidewalk café—your ship remains docked overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 6: NORMANDY BEACHES - After breakfast, begin your full-day tour to the historic beaches of Normandy. Drive past Gold Beach, Courseulles sur Mer and Juno Beach. We visit the Arranches Debarment Museum with ample time at this magnificent view into the events of June 6th, 1944. We will have lunch at a local Normandy restaurant before continuing with our touring. This afternoon we visit the American Military Cemetery with plenty of time to reflect. We then head to Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc monument with time to walk in the footsteps of those that came before us. Have dinner and relax on board or take an evening stroll; we depart late tonight. (B, L, D)

Day 7: LES ANDELYS - Arrive this morning in the small town of Les Andelys, known for its imposing castle, Château Gaillard, built in 1196 by Richard Lionheart. Join a guided walk to this fatally flawed masterpiece of Middle Ages architecture. Return aboard for scenic cruising and dinner.. (B, L, D)

Day 8: PARIS - After breakfast, join us for your **BEST OF TIMES EXCLUSIVE** included tour to the luxurious Palace of Versailles, former home of Louis XIV. Or after breakfast, disembark for a visit to Chateau de Malmaison, where Napoleon Bonaparte spent his final days in France. Along with the Tuileries, this elegant manor house, purchased by the emperor’s wife Josephine in 1799, served as the seat of Napoleon’s French government from 1800 to 1802. This evening enjoy a **BEST OF TIMES EXCLUSIVE** illuminated evening cruise along the Seine followed by a true Parisian show at either the Moulin Rouge or Le Lido. (B, L, D)

Day 9: PARIS & HOME - After breakfast this morning we depart for the airport and continue back home with incredible memories from this magnificent journey. (B) B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

*Most New England Locations within 50 miles of Logan Airport. Group pick-up in their home town regardless of the number of passengers.

** There is a minimum requirement of 30 paying Best of Times customers to ensure the services of a Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director.