Spartan Pathways Travel



Duration
8 days

Activity Level
Moderate

Journey Type
River
Solo-Friendly

Grand Seine River & Normandy Passage

September 13-21, 2027

Paris, Giverny, Rouen & beyond! | Starting from $5,745/pp

Brimming with abundant serenity, unique sites and delicious cuisine, this venerated region of France offers a perfect blend of cultural heritage and history. Join our epic Seine River journey through Normandy, sailing roundtrip from Paris. From charming harbor towns to Paris' distinctive spirit and breathtaking natural beauty, each day of this Seine River cruise offers a narrative of France's past. Wander amid Monet's inspiring property and let legends unfold within the halls of medieval abbeys. Poetic verses sweep through the streets of Rouen and Honfleur, while visits to Normandy's significant sites - such as memorials and museums - bring the memory of this period of world history to life. Don't miss this classic journey through France!





Day-by-Day Itinerary

Grand Seine River & Normandy Passage

Air Program: 9 days/8 nights (includes 1 air night)

Cruise Program: 8 days/7 nights

Breakfasts: 7 | Lunches: 6 | Dinners: 7

B | L | D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

This itinerary is subject to change due to operational conditions.

- A special note about air: If you have purchased only the Cruise Program, please book flights that arrive on Day 2, the first day of the Cruise Program. The date is listed at the top of your Reservation Confirmation.
- Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands. Please note, excursions on this program require: walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces; and getting on/off motor coaches and boats.

Mild: Walk under 1 mile on mainly flat terrain; navigate under 50 stairs; stand under 1 hour

Moderate: Walk 1-3 miles on flat/uneven terrain; navigate 50-100 stairs; stand 1-2 hours

Active: Walk 2+ miles on flat/uneven terrain, including up and down inclines; navigate 100+ stairs; stand 3+ hours

- Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Day 1 | Depart gateway city

AHI FlexAir passengers depart for Paris, France. Please check your luggage from your gateway city to your arrival city. Your claim checks should have the following airport code: CDG.

Day 2 | Paris, France

MS Renoir

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Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. Proceed through immigration to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing customs, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for the group arrival transfer and Cruise Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer should exit the baggage claim area and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where an AHI Travel representative will meet you.

Transfer to to the pier and embark your ship.

For AHI FlexAir passengers or Cruise Program passengers who purchased seats on the group transfer: Passengers arriving early in the morning and transferring with the group will have their luggage stored and will have free time to explore at leisure before transferring to the ship.

For passengers arriving independently: You may drop your luggage at the ship from 10 a.m. and explore Paris at your leisure. The docking location of the ship will be provided in your final documents.

Please note, embarkation begins from 3 p.m. Your cabins will be available from 3 p.m.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner and bid farewell to Paris as the ship departs for your Seine adventure. You will return to this magical city soon!

Day 3 | Versailles

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Versailles. Enjoy a drive to Versailles, France's grandest palace. Versailles was France's political capital and seat of the royal court from 1682-1789. See the opulent rooms and the Hall of Mirrors. The Treaty of Versailles, which ended World War I, was signed in the famous Hall of Mirrors. Enjoy some free time to stroll through the formal gardens and explore at your own pace. (Moderate)

Return to the ship for lunch and relax for the remainder of the day.

Day 4 | Jumièges | Rouen

MS Renoir

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Ancient Abbeys. After breakfast, visit the ruins of the Benedictine Abbey of Jumièges, one of the most powerful abbeys in medieval France. Known for its charity toward the poor, it was one of several monasteries built along the Seine. The ruins of the current building are from the 11th century, but the original monastery was built 300 years earlier. William the Conqueror was present for the consecration of the second monastery. Continue to Abbey Saint-Wandrille. The abbey's buildings, which flaunt rococo-style and Gothic decorations, still house a thriving monastic community. (Moderate)

Return to the ship for lunch.

Rouen . Embark on a walking tour of Rouen's historic city center. Once described in a Victor Hugo poem as "the city with a hundred bell towers chiming in the air," Rouen's medieval quarter is filled with ornate Gothic churches and half-timbered houses. See Notre-Dame de Rouen, the city's grand cathedral so brilliantly in painting by Claude Monet, and listen to tales of Joan of Arc. (Moderate)

Enjoy a delicious dinner on the ship.

Day 5 | Honfleur

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Honfleur Walking Tour. Get to know Honfleur, a French port town that has captivated artists for centuries, including Claude Monet, Gustave Courbet and native son Eugène Boudin. Soak up the maritime ambience of its picture-perfect, 17th-century Vieux Bassin, or old harbor, located where the Seine River meets the English Channel. From the 16th to 18th centuries, Honfleur became an important trading seaport and a launching point for exploration. In 1608, French explorer Samuel de Champlain departed from Honfleur on an expedition to the New World and founded the colony that became Quebec City. Stroll through the colorful harbor and along the narrow side streets to see Honfleur's landmarks. The wooden Church of Sainte-Cathérine, crafted by 15th-century shipbuilders, is a special stand-out with ceilings over its two naves that resemble upturned hulls. (Moderate)

Personalize Your Journey | Choose one of the following excursions.

- Calvados Farm Tour. Head to the countryside to visit a family-run cider farm. Tour the farm and learn about the production of pure fruit juices, yummy Calvados and Pommeau, a delightful mixture of apple juice and apple brandy. Enjoy a sampling of these special items! (Moderate)
- Musée Malraux of Modern Art. Join a guide for a tour of the MUMA, an art museum known for its wonderful collections by Renoir, Pissarro, Sisley and Degas as well as Boudin and Raoul Dufy. (Moderate)
- Étretat. The grand white cliffs and majestic arches along Étretat's coastline are represented in nearly 80 works of art by painter Claude Monet. Thrill to these outstanding views and unique spectacles during a gentle walk along a cliff-top path. (Moderate)

Enrichment: Normandy: The Culture, History and People . Join a local expert to uncover the r ich, fascinating history of the Normandy area.

Day 6 | Normandy Beaches | Caen / Caudebec-en-Caux

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After breakfast, disembark for a day of exploring Normandy's historic D-Day sites.

Normandy and D-Day. Begin a memorable journey into World War II history at Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers courageously scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy German artillery emplacements that posed a threat to troops landing on Omaha and Utah beaches. With your guide, learn more about this treacherous mission. Then step foot on Omaha Beach. As you walk along the beach, contemplate the extraordinary bravery of the Allied landing forces who advanced under devastating fire across the heavily fortified shoreline to overcome German troops. Continue to Colleville-sur-Mer to pay a poignant visit to the Normandy American Cemetery. The cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach contains 9,385 graves of Americans who died in the invasion and subsequent battles, as well as a memorial garden honoring those missing in action. Finally, visit the Caen Peace Memorial Museum, a premier World War II museum. The site features engrossing exhibits, photos and videos that explore the impact of the war. Join a group lunch at a restaurant during the excursion. (Active)

Gather with your shipmates for another dinner of delightful regional cuisine.

Day 7 | Les Andelys | Giverny | Vernon

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Monet, His Life in Giverny. Delve into the life and work of impressionist painter Claude Monet at his colorful home in Giverny, where he lived from 1883-1926. Wander through the lush, tranquil garden that inspired many of his paintings, and visit the studio where he painted his “Water Lilies” series. His home — the kitchen decorated in brilliant blues, the cheerful yellow dining room, the green shutters and more — are just as vibrant as his garden. (Moderate)

Rejoin your ship in Vernon. Enjoy lunch and dinner on board as you cruise to Paris.

Day 8 | Paris

MS Renoir

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The Gems of Paris. See the City of Light during a cruise on the Seine. Admire Paris’ iconic landmarks, such as the Louvre, and float under the graceful arches of charming bridges, including Pont-Neuf. Then join a walking tour of Paris’ storied Latin Quarter on the Île de la Cité, the historic heart of the city. See the restoration process of Notre-Dame, the city’s most famous cathedral, and cross the Pont de l’Achevêché, the Archbishop’s Bridge, for a fascinating look at the Latin Quarter, one of the most famous neighborhoods on the Left Bank. Learn about the quarter’s history, the architecture and the famous residents. (Moderate)

Free Time: The afternoon is free for shopping, exploring and tasting French cuisine!

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers to regale each other with tales of your Seine journey during a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | Depart for gateway city

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After breakfast, disembark the ship. AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for a group transfer and Cruise Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer depart for Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport for your return flights home. Passengers departing independently to the airport must disembark the ship by 9 a.m. Your Travel Director will provide the details.





What's Included

Program Overview

- Unpack once and cruise for 7 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Renoir.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

On-site Features

- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Free time and Electives to pursue your individual interests.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.





FlexAir Travel Program

Need assistance booking your travel arrangements? Our experts are here to help. Our air program offers the following benefits.

Trip Transportation

- Assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates

Price Guarantee

- Price guarantee to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase

Travel and Hotel Accommodations

MS Renoir

The freshly christened MS Renoir is the latest star in the CroisiEurope fleet of fine river and coastal ships. It's part of a new generation of ships sailing on the Seine River that employs innovative advanced marine design to allow for a high degree of safety and comfortable passage right into the heart of river cities and villages in France. The ship's staff and crew will welcome you as part of the family and work to make each day onboard a memorable travel experience. The congenial atmosphere found aboard is in perfect harmony with the stylish décor that features contemporary design and furnishings with European elegance.



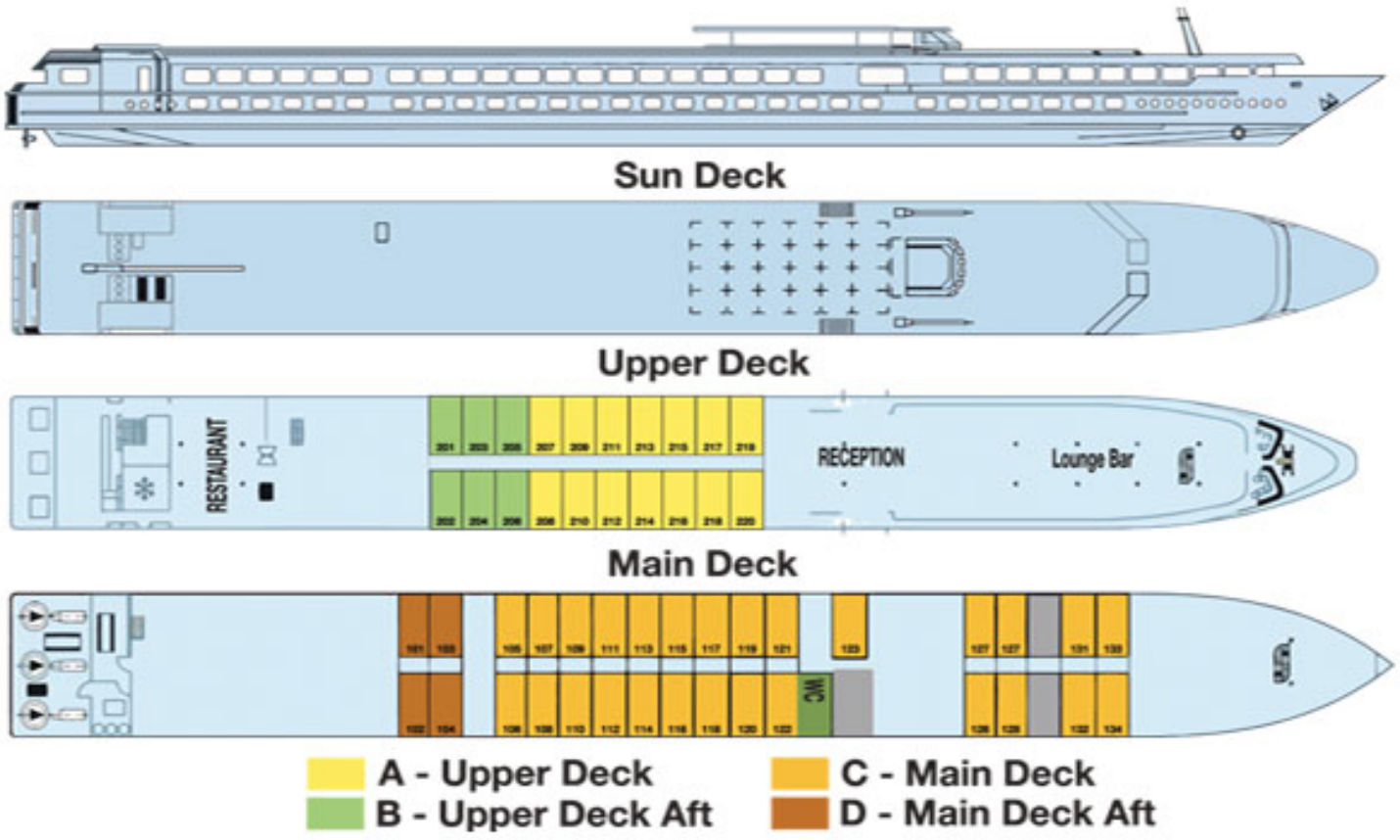
Pricing

$500 Full Payment Discount expires April 16, 2027
$250 Special Savings expires January 18, 2027

Category/Deck	Base Price	Special Savings*	Full Payment Discount*	Special Price
A-Upper French Balcony	$6,745	**-$250**	**-$500**	$5,995
B-Upper Aft French Balcony	$6,545	**-$250**	**-$500**	$5,795
C-Main Picture Window	$5,945	**-$250**	**-$500**	$5,195
D-Main Aft Picture Window	$5,745	**-$250**	**-$500**	$4,995

Package rates are per person based on Double occupancy from Land Only. Prices include all service charges; port charges when applicable; US government taxes and fees. The minimum deposit is $1000.00 per person. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. To view Program Terms and Conditions, close this window and scroll to the bottom of the page.

** Full Payment Discounts are only available at the time of booking with initial payment 150+ days prior to departure. This offer only applies to full payment at the time of reservation. Details on how to qualify for this savings will be included when your reservation request is confirmed.


Sun Deck
Upper Deck
RESTAURANT
RECEPTION
Lounge Bar
Main Deck
A - Upper Deck
B - Upper Deck Aft
C - Main Deck
D - Main Deck Aft


English Channel
FRANCE
Étretat
Caudebec-en-Caux
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Honfleur
Omaha Beach
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