

Grand Seine River & Normandy Passage

PARIS TO HONFLEUR

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Inspiring Moments

A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Open a new chapter in your travels during a journey to fascinating Paris and the beguiling region of Normandy. From the spectacular, romantic thrill of the City of Light to the cliff-lined coast, discover the region's dramatic history, culinary wonders and natural beauty.

- ▶ Pay tribute to the sacrifice and valor of the Allied Forces while visiting **significant D-Day beaches.**
- ▶ Discover the impact of World War II at the **Caen Memorial Museum.**
- ▶ Learn about Normandy's rural life at **Château de Martainville's** insightful museum.
- ▶ See the sun dip behind Paris' most beautiful landmarks during an **evening cruise on the Seine.**
- ▶ Step into the life of world-renowned painter Monet while exploring his home and gardens in **Giverny.**
- ▶ Delight in the wonderful views along **Honfleur's picturesque harbor.**



Dear K-State Alumni and Friends,

Join us for a cultural journey along the Seine River! Together, we'll uncover the essence of Normandy and Paris while discovering the region's remarkable past and pivotal role in history.

Begin in Paris where we'll witness famed landmarks, tour the Latin Quarter and relish the romantic ambience of this remarkable city. Explore the life of Claude Monet at his Giverny home where the artist painted his most famous works, and discover Rouen, the cultural heart of Normandy. Spend a day immersed in World War II history as we embark on an emotional, storied path to Omaha Beach, followed by visits to the Caen Memorial, the American Cemetery and other poignant sites. Stroll through the ruins of ancient abbeys and medieval chateaux with stories to share before capping off this magical adventure amid the inviting harbor of Honfleur, a charming fishing port. Plus, personalize your journey by choosing to visit Versailles or Palais Garnier!

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted by travel experts to include enriching cultural excursions, preferred access to popular attractions and an engaging educational component. These fascinating lectures by expert speakers provide meaningful context for what you will encounter during your travels.

Delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries. Space is limited and will sell out quickly, so make plans today!

Sincerely,

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La Roche-Guyon





Les Andelys

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France. 🌐

Day 2 | Paris, France

Upon arrival in Paris, transfer 🔄 to the MS Renoir.

Free Time: After settling in your cabin, enjoy free time to discover the ship's many amenities.

Gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner on board.

Day 3 | Paris

Enrichment: History of Paris. Learn about the pivotal events and people that shaped Paris.

Discovery: The Latin Quarter. Start a walking tour of Paris' storied Latin Quarter on the Île de la Cité, the historic heart of the city. See the restoration work at Notre-Dame, Paris' most iconic cathedral. Then cross the Pont de

l'Achevêché, the Archbishop's Bridge, for an in-depth look at the Left Bank's charming Latin Quarter, the intellectual hub of Paris for centuries. Along the way, learn about the quarter's history, architecture and famous residents.

Return to the ship for a lunch of regional favorites.

Free Time: The afternoon is free to explore Paris on your own. You may wish to take in the rhythms of local life from a seat at a sidewalk café.

Discovery: Seine at Night. Savor a special encounter with the City of Light during an evening illumination cruise on the Seine. Admire Paris' many landmarks, and float under the graceful arches of centuries-old bridges, including Pont-Neuf. Constructed between 1578 and 1607, this marvelous structure is decorated with approximately 381 sculptures of *mascarons*.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected locales based on your interests.



ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Above: Cruising the Seine at night | Right: Monet's Garden, Giverny

Day 4 | Paris

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Versailles.** Journey to France's grandest palace and the seat of the royal court from 1682-1789. Walk through the palace's opulent rooms, grand gardens and the Hall of Mirrors.

•**Palais Garnier.** Step into the home of the Paris National Opera and the Paris Opera Ballet School, and witness the extravagant Grand Staircase and auditorium featuring a ceiling painted by Marc Chagall. The theater inspired many of Edgar Degas' paintings of ballerinas. Return to the ship for lunch.

Free Time: Spend your afternoon and evening at leisure in Paris.

Day 5 | La Roche-Guyon | Giverny | Les Andelys | Martainville-Épreville

Discovery: Monet, His Life in Giverny.

Delve into Claude Monet's life at his home in Giverny. Raised in Normandy, Monet lived in this pink-washed house from 1883 to 1926. Admire the tranquil Japanese garden and pond filled with floating lilies, settings that inspired many of his paintings. See the green footbridge captured in his artistry, and visit the studio where Monet created his "Water Lilies" series. Inside the house, view rooms as they were in Monet's time, including the iconic blue kitchen and cheerful yellow dining room.

Discovery: Chateaux of Normandy.

Uncover a fascinating timeline of Norman history



and culture at two of France's elaborate estates. In Les Andelys, see the ruins of the once-grand Château Gaillard. Some 3,000 stone masons, quarry workers, carpenters and other tradesmen built this castle at the end of the 12th-century. In Le Petit Andelys, witness St. Sauveur Church, built shortly after the completion of Château Gaillard. The beautiful church was constructed at the request of local residents who didn't want to embark on the walk to Notre-Dame for prayer.

Continue to the Château de Martainville, a 15th-century castle built by shipowner and merchant Jacques Le Pelletier. The castle is one of the first French fortifications built in the Renaissance style. Today, the site is a museum with exhibits and collections of furniture, housewares and farm implements that offer insight into rural life in Normandy between the 16th and 19th centuries. Highlights of the museum include a collection of wedding armoires and a display about typical fashion from the 1700s.

Return to the ship for dinner and set sail.



“You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you.” With General Dwight D. Eisenhower’s inspiring message, one of history’s largest and most complex military invasions was launched on June 6, 1944. More than 155,000 Allied forces arrived by air and sea and faced fierce resistance. The cost was high, with the Allies sustaining thousands of casualties, but they gradually succeeded in securing the beaches and later advanced inland to liberate Paris. D-Day will be remembered forever as the pivotal moment of World War II when the tide began to turn against Nazi Germany.

Day 6 | Jumièges | Rouen

Discovery: Ancient Abbeys. 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 monastic community.

Discovery: Rouen. Delight in a walking tour of Rouen’s historic city center. The medieval quarter is filled with ornate Gothic churches and half-timbered houses and was once described in a

Victor Hugo poem as “the city with a hundred bell towers chiming in the air.” Witness Notre-Dame de Rouen, the city’s grand cathedral captured so brilliantly in paintings by Claude Monet, and listen to tales of Joan of Arc.

Day 7 | D-Day Beaches | Caen | Honfleur

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

Discovery: Normandy and D-Day. Begin a memorable journey into World War II history at Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy German artillery that posed a threat to troops coming ashore. Then step foot on Omaha Beach, where U.S. forces valiantly advanced across the heavily fortified shoreline under devastating fire to overcome German troops. Throughout your excursion, your guide

Above: *The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves, Normandy American Cemetery* | Below: *Château de Martainville*



Left: Church of Sainte-Cathérine, Honfleur
Below: Hall of Mirrors, Versailles | Lower: Abbey de Jumièges



The wooden Church of Sainte-Cathérine, crafted by 15th-century shipbuilders, is a special standout. The building's ceilings over its two naves resemble upturned hulls!

Free Time: Spend the rest of the day exploring Honfleur on your own. You may want to venture along the Vieux Bassin or visit a Calvados cellar. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the Paris airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈️ *Flights and* 🔄 *transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

shares details about this treacherous mission. 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.

Following lunch, visit the Caen Memorial Museum, a premier World War II museum. The site features engrossing exhibits, photos and videos that explore the impact of the war. Rejoin the ship in Honfleur and gather for dinner.

Day 8 | Honfleur

Discovery: Honfleur. Explore the Vieux Bassin, the historic harbor in Honfleur's vibrant town center. From the 16th to the 18th centuries, Honfleur was a lucrative fishing and trading port, and wealthy ship owners built the tall townhomes that surround the harbor. Stroll through the inviting harbor and along the narrow side streets, passing Honfleur's landmarks.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats

ACCOMMODATIONS



MS Renoir

Enjoy European elegance, gracious service and a comfortable cabin when cruising aboard the first-class MS Renoir. Relax and share a cocktail with fellow travelers in the ship's lounge, watch the beauty of the Seine unfold from the spacious Sun Deck, or join in a variety of onboard activities and entertainment. Each morning, enjoy a sumptuous buffet with an assortment of fresh pastries, eggs, meats, fruits and yogurt, and delight in three-course lunches and dinners with menus featuring French cuisine and local ingredients. At the end of each day, return to the comforts of your cabin, appointed in bright, modern décor. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

The Louvre



| ELECTIVE | PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN PARIS

Spend two additional nights in Paris, the City of Light, allowing you to encounter more of this thrilling city. Explore Le Marais, one of Paris' most historic neighborhoods, with an expert guide. During ample free time, visit world-class museums and linger at Paris' ubiquitous sidewalk cafés. The choice is yours! This extension includes two nights accommodation at the Hilton Paris Opera; Welcome Reception; daily breakfast; guided tour of Le Marais; services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality Desk; transfer with baggage handling between the hotel and the ship; and all taxes and service charges.

Price: \$895 per person, double occupancy; \$1,390 single occupancy

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Two-Night Pre-Trip Extension in Paris, France

Please make _____ reservations for me/us on the Elective Pre-Trip Extension in Paris. Single supplement applies.

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Paris, France, to depart from:

Departure City _____

Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **March 23, 2020** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: June 6-14, 2020

Cruise Program dates: June 7-14, 2020

CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
D-Main (Aft)	\$3,845	\$250	\$3,595
C-Main	\$4,145	\$250	\$3,895
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Landmarks along the city's famous river



Gros-Horloge clock, Rouen

Paris, Banks of the Seine



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- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
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 - Delight in a guided tour of the Latin Quarter.
 - Witness Paris during an evening cruise.
 - Gain insight into Monet's life in Giverny.
 - Follow a historic path while visiting the splendid chateaux of Normandy.
 - Discover Rouen and storied abbeys.
 - Study thought-provoking exhibits at the Caen Memorial Museum.
 - Visit D-Day beaches, battle sites and the Normandy American Cemetery.
 - Explore Honfleur, a colorful harbor city.

Choose from a selection of **PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ** excursions in this locale:

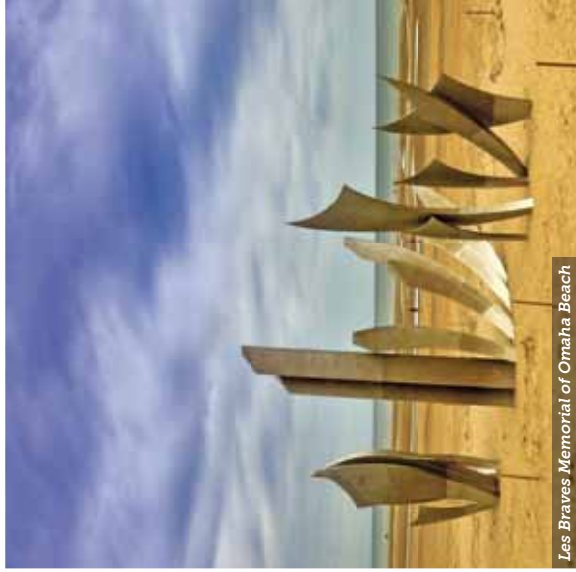
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