12 DAYS | La Belle France

Paris, Normandy and the Loire Valley

Paris, "City of Light"

This delightful new tour comes as a result of AJCongress travelers' repeated requests for the PERFECT tour of France. So here it is! Our journey begins in Paris, City of Light, the city that remains to this day the ultimate expression of so many Americans' travel fantasies. Its extraordinary architecture, its broad boulevards, its chic populous, its sense of style and fashion, its magnificent cuisine, its breathtaking vistas, all come together to form what is undoubtedly one of the world's most magnificent, and romantic, cities.

But this tour is more than Paris. For we strike west into the Norman countryside, with its apple trees and rich farmland, to Giverny, tranquil home of painter Claude Monet, to ancient Rouen, and to the fashionable resort of Deauville. We visit the haunting D-Day Landing Beaches, with their grim memories and their immense, heartbreaking cemeteries with row upon row of crosses and stars of David. We'll visit the quaint ports of Normandy and the Cotentin Peninsula, and admire the fairy-tale island-town of Mont St. Michel.

Then it's south to the Valley of the River Loire, where some of France's most magnificent châteaux stand proud and tall atop manicured lawns, beside swan-filled lakes, astride gurgling brooks. Our last stop is Chantilly, home of the vast Château de Chantilly, just a hop, skip and jump to the delightful old town of Senlis, or, if the mood strikes you, to EuroDisneyland!

La Belle France! You'll stay in elegant and grand hotels. And you'll have a ball.

SPECIAL SINGLES DEPARTURE
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1 WEDNESDAY • EN ROUTE

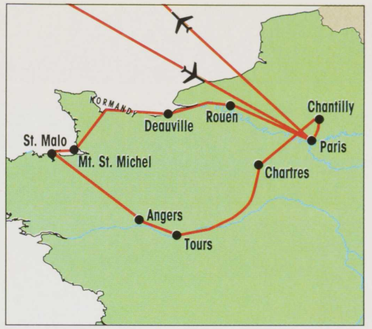
Evening departure from the U.S.

2 THURSDAY • PARIS

Bienvenue en France! Welcome to **Paris,** the **city of light,** and France's intoxicating capital! Meet your Tour Manager and transfer to your hotel, wonderfully located in the heart of Paris' most fashionable neighborhood. Relax, unwind and perhaps join your Tour Manager for an orientation stroll. Tonight, a briefing on the special program arranged for your group, followed by ***Welcome to France*** **Dinner.** D

3 FRIDAY • PARIS

Our full day tour of Paris' famous landmarks and highlights includes the **Eiffel Tower,** the **Champ de Mars,** the **Palais de Chaillot** and the river **Seine.** Drive the **Rue Cambon,** in whose Hôtel de Castille, Theodor Herzl wrote "The Jewish State" and where Coco Chanel became France's most famous couturière, en route to the great **Synagogue de la Victoire,** for a briefing on Jewish life in France. See the quaint **Pletzl,** Paris' version of New York's lower east side, with its adjacent **Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr.** Visit the **Ile de la Cité,** the original Roman settlement of Lutetia, with its magnificent **Nôtre Dame** cathedral and its **Memorial of the Deportations.** On the Left Bank, drive along the **Boulevard Saint Germain** to the **Luxembourg Gardens, Sorbonne University, Invalides** and **Panthéon.** Tonight, **Shabbat dinner.** B.D



4 SATURDAY • PARIS

Shabbat at leisure to spend as you would at home. Explore at your own pace: visit the Louvre or the Musée d'Orsay, shop the Rue Faubourg St. Honoré, cruise the Seine, lunch in the park, stroll the Bois de Boulogne. Paris is heaven! B

5 SUNDAY • GIVERNY/ROUEN/ DEAUVILLE

Drive to the village of **Giverny** on the River Seine, to visit Monet's home and stroll through gardens exquisitely designed by the painter, filled with thousands of flowers, lily ponds, and his Japanese bridge. After a delicious **country lunch,** continue to **Rouen,** capital of Upper Normandy, where Jews have lived since Roman times. In Rouen's **town square,** Joan of Arc was burned at the stake 500 years ago. Visit the remains of an 11th-century **synagogue** and continue to the charming port of **Honfleur,** and arrive in **Deauville,** one of France's most elegant and chic resorts. B.L

Nôtre Dame Cathedral

6 MONDAY • NORMANDY

Drive through storybook seaside Norman villages to **Arromanches,** with its **D-Day landing beaches** and museum. At **St. Laurent,** visit the **American cemetery** where thousands of graves of young Americans recall their ultimate sacrifice in the quest to destroy Nazi Germany. Back in Deauville, the balance of the day is at leisure. **Dinner** at your hotel. B.D

AJCONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

- *24 Delicious Meals: Buffet Breakfast daily* **B,** *3 Lunches* **L,** *8 Dinners with wine* **D,** plus *unscheduled treats* and *inflight meals*
- *Welcome to France dinner in Paris*
- *In-depth touring of Paris, City of Light*
- *Delightfully free Shabbat in Paris*
- *Visit Monet's home and garden in Giverny*
- *Tour ancient Rouen and picturesque Honfleur*
- *Stay in elegant Deauville*
- *Visit the D-Day Landing beaches*
- *See quaint Mont St. Michel and St. Malo*
- *Thrill to the splendor of the châteaux of the Loire*
- *Sound and Light spectacle at Chenonceaux*
- *Visit magnificent Chartres cathedral*
- *Stay in romantic Chantilly*
- *Farewell dinner*
- *plus much, much more*

HOTELS

CITY	NIGHTS	HOTEL
PARIS	3	GOLDEN TULIP ST. HONORE
DEAUVILLE	2	ROYAL/NORMANDY
ST.MALO	1	GRAND HOTEL DES THERMES
TOURS	2	DOMAINE DE BEAUVOIS
CHANTILLY	2	CHATEAU HOTEL MONT ROYAL

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