



ARTS COUNCIL
OF MOORE COUNTY

TAUCK 

Impressions from the Seine: PARIS TO NORMANDY

October 26 – November 3, 2021

Join the Arts Council Artours & Tauck on a riverboat cruise down the River Seine to the coast of Normandy & back, featuring art & daily life in Paris, stops in historic villages & towns with a memorable visit to the beaches of Normandy.

DAY 1 & 2: DEPART US/ARRIVE PARIS – A transfer is included upon arrival in Paris to our riverboat; check-in time is 4pm. This evening, join the captain's briefing & welcome reception followed by dinner on board before a private evening visit to **Musée du Louvre**. Tauck guests skip the lines on a private after-hours tour of the museum, a showcase of Impressionist paintings. A wonderful start to a magnificent week in France! (Meals: D)

DAY 3: SIGHTSEEING IN PARIS – A choice of activities this morning includes: 1) Tour of the city & a visit inside the **Opera Garnier** OR 2) Walking tour of the **Latin Quarter & St. Germain**, taking in **St. Sulpice Church**, strolling the **Luxembourg Gardens** past the **Pantheon & Sorbonne University**. Spend the afternoon exploring the city as you wish or join our local guide for a visit to **Pere Lachaise Cemetery** exploring Parisian history through stories of the cemetery's notable "residents." Dinner is served as the riverboat charts a course along the Seine to the Chateau de Versailles. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 4: CHATEAU DE VERSAILLES – Just 15 minutes from the center of Paris & the epicenter of French royal power until 1789, King Louis XIV's palace epitomized the royal lifestyle of Old World Europe. Our visit includes a look inside its many rooms, among them the gilded **Hall of Mirrors**, followed by a walk in the palace gardens. Spend the rest of the day enjoying our riverboat's amenities & picturesque scenery along the Seine as we cruise to Rouen. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 5: MEMORIES OF ROUEN – Wake up in **Rouen**, the historic capital of Normandy dubbed "a city of a hundred spires" by the poet Victor Hugo. Our local guide will tell tales of Joan of Arc's triumphs & trials as you follow in her footsteps. You'll recognize the **Cathedrale Notre-Dame de Rouen** the moment you see it; the impressionist Claude Monet painted it more than 30 times to capture the ever-changing play of light on the Gothic façade. Enjoy free time to explore before returning to our riverboat. This evening, enjoy a gala dinner with music at the 16th century **Chateau du Taillis**, a true Renaissance treasure known for its stately gardens & arboretum. (Meals: B/L/D)



DAY 6: THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY – Today's poignant visit to the beaches of Normandy is led by a local guide knowledgeable about the heroics & the losses of this historic Allied operation of June 6, 1944. You'll see **Pointe du Hoc** where the U.S. Army Rangers scaled the 100-foot-high, crater-riddled cliffs & seized the German artillery to keep them from firing on the American troops landing on the beaches. Visit **Omaha Beach**, one of the five landing areas of the Normandy Invasion, which is dotted with the remains of German bunkers. Pause at the **Normandy American Cemetery & Memorial**, overlooking Omaha Beach & the English Channel. After lunch, we'll meet our riverboat in **Caudebec-en-Caux**. Dine at your leisure this evening. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 7: LES ANDELYS, CIDER & CALVADOS – As we sail into **Les Andelys**, enjoy a walking tour of the town & ruins of **Chateau Gaillard** reigning atop its hillside perch. Built by Richard the Lionheart, King of England in 1197, the castle was considered the mightiest royal fortress of its time. Then ride into the countryside for an appetizing visit to a farm for a taste of freshly pressed cider & aged brandy, accompanied by pate & preserved fruit. Back aboard our riverboat, we cruise to **Vernon** for a walk of the town before dinner. After dinner, dancers perform the Parisian Cancan. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 8: PAINTED IMPRESSIONS IN GIVERNY – A Tauck exclusive early opening visit to Monet's house & gardens in **Giverny** gives you the rare privilege of experiencing the beauty of the home & the changing light of day as Monet did. Left as it was when the artist & his family lived here, tour the house & stroll through gardens seen in his paintings. Visit Giverny's **Musée des Impressionismes**, dedicated to the Impressionist movement in France & abroad. Later, a painting class onboard the riverboat is led by an American who lives in the south of France who will share insights & painting techniques of the impressionist artists. Enjoy a farewell reception & dinner. (Meals: B/L/D)



DAY 9: JOURNEY HOME – Disembark the riverboat by 9am & transfer to Charles de Gaulle airport. (Meals: B)

COSTS:
(per person) Category 1 - Emerald Deck (150 ft²) – APMC Member: Double: \$4,790 Single: \$4,790
Category 2 - Emerald Deck (183 ft²) – APMC Member: Double: \$5,040 Single: \$7,056
Category 6 - Ruby Deck (225 ft²) – APMC Member: Double: \$6,740 Single: \$11,458

Optional Cruise Protection per person \$699. **Nonmembers add 15% to all prices**

International airfare is additional. Ask Arts Council for quotes upon registration.

Deposit: Registration with \$900 by May 17, 2021. Final payment due June 29, 2021

Ask about additional hotel night (past Tauck travelers complimentary) before or after cruise.

Land/Cruise price per person includes: Airport transfers, cruise fare, meals as listed, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges & gratuities to Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, & on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship, including regional wine, beer, premium spirits, coffee, water & soft drinks.

NOTE FOR ALL ARTOURS: You should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy our tours. The Arts Council cannot provide individual assistance during the tours & therefore reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a tour who has a physical condition that could create a hazard to him/herself or could impact the enjoyment of other travelers on the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 35% of the total cost will be withheld for cancellation after registration deadline on ALL ARTours. NO refunds are made after advertised full payment deadline unless substitute traveler is found—at which time transfer fees, if applicable, will be withheld. Trip cancellation insurance is available on request.

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