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A Private Luxury 10 Day Tour of France with  
Paris, Normandy and The Loire Valley



## DAY 1

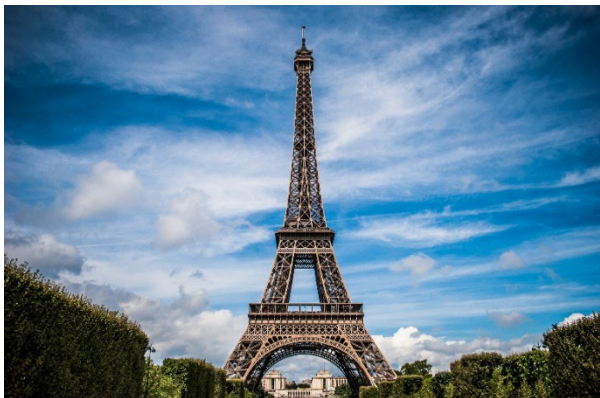
## PRIVATE ARRIVAL TRANSFER FROM PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT

On arrival at Charles De Gaulle, you will be met in the arrivals hall by an English-speaking driver and privately transferred into the city to your hotel. You can drop your luggage (as your room may not be ready for check in) and enjoy a light lunch before meeting with a local English-speaking driver/guide for a 2-hour private panoramic tour of Paris City. The tour will capture the main sights such as the in-famous Eiffel Tower, Arc De Triomphe, Notre Dame & Montmartre. This evening, we also include tickets to the summit of The Eiffel Tower. The rest of the evening is at your leisure.



**Paris**, France's capital, is a major European city and a global center for art, fashion, gastronomy and culture. Its 19th-century cityscape is crisscrossed by wide boulevards and the River Seine. Beyond such landmarks as the Eiffel Tower and the 12th-century, Gothic Notre-Dame cathedral, the city is known for its cafe culture and designer boutiques along the Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré.

Tickets are included to the summit of **The Eiffel Tower**. The tower offers three experiences: With its transparent floor and its new glass balustrades, the 1st floor offers you a brand-new experience and a breath-taking view. Walk on the glass floor, 57m from the ground, and experience the unique sensation of stepping out into the void. On the second floor, treat yourself to some modern French gastronomic cuisine and a unique visual and culinary experience, all in an immaculate and classy setting. Or simply be wowed by Paris and all her splendour with clear views to the Capital's monuments. After a spectacular ascent in glass-walled lifts, you will reach the top of the Tower, 267m up! Explore Gustave Eiffel's office which has been restored to its original condition.



**Hotel d'Aubusson**

33 Rue Dauphine, 75006 Paris

**3 nights at Hotel d'Aubusson in a Grand Luxe Room inclusive of breakfast**

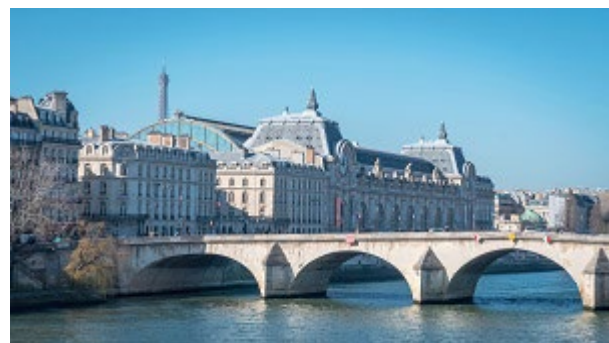


In the heart of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, the Hôtel d'Aubusson is a short walk from many exceptional tourist sites: the Louvre and Orsay Museums, Île de la Cité and Notre-Dame, the Sorbonne and the Latin Quarter, Luxembourg Gardens, the Odéon Theatre, etc.

**DAY 2****PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR AT MUSEE D'ORSAY**

Your guide will meet you at your hotel this morning before making your way to the Musée D'Orsay for a private guided tour (entrance fees included). The tour will end by lunchtime, and you can enjoy a free afternoon for some shopping or more sightseeing in the city. This evening, we include a private cruise on the Seine with Champagne included. The rest of the evening is at your leisure to further explore Paris.

**The Musée d'Orsay** is a museum situated on the Left Bank of the Seine. It is housed in the former Gare d'Orsay, a Beaux-Arts railway station built between 1898 and 1900. The museum holds mainly French art dating from 1848 to 1914, including paintings, sculptures, furniture, and photography.



**Private Cruise on the Seine:** Re-discover Paris in 90 minutes aboard a private boat in the historic heart of Paris. You will enjoy a magnificent view from the Seine and admire monuments from extraordinary perspectives through this timeless and unique experience. Champagne will be included on board.

## DAY 3

**PRIVATE TOUR OF THE LOUVRE**

This morning you will make your way to The Louvre Museum where you will meet a local expert English speaking guide who will take you on a private guided 3-hour tour of the museum. The tour will end around 12 noon and you will have time for an optional lunch. In the evening, we include a delightful small group food tour in Montmartre. The remainder of the evening is free to relax and explore Paris.



**The Louvre, or the Louvre Museum,** is the world's largest art museum and a historic monument in Paris, France. A central landmark of the city, it is located on the Right Bank of the Seine in the city's 1st arrondissement.

**Montmartre Small Group Evening Food Tour.** There is a very good reason why Paris is called the "City of Light". It is stunningly beautiful during the day, but it is even more magical at night. The Montmartre and South Pigalle areas really come alive in the evening, when the tourists are gone, and the true Parisians come out to enjoy the area's secret wine bars and restaurants. The little streets and cobbled lanes are transformed at night, illuminated by the warm glow of the Paris Street lamps and candles from restaurants. It is the perfect place for a wonderful dinner.

Firstly, your local Parisian guide will take you to a chocolate shop where you will have the chance to eat mouth-watering chocolates. This visit will be followed by a lovely and local macaron shop of the Montmartre area. Your tour will include a stop at a boulangerie where you can sample and learn about classic French breads and baguettes (and why you should never eat a baguette the wrong way around)! After the bakery, you will visit the best cheese shop in Abbesses to try Nico's favourite "fromages". The tour even includes a visit to a butcher shop, where you can taste succulent French hams and the finest cured sausages. Finally, our guide will lead you to our secret place so you can enjoy all the food we have bought along the way. Your guide will pick out the perfect wine to match your food and taste and designed to enhance the whole experience.



## DAY 4

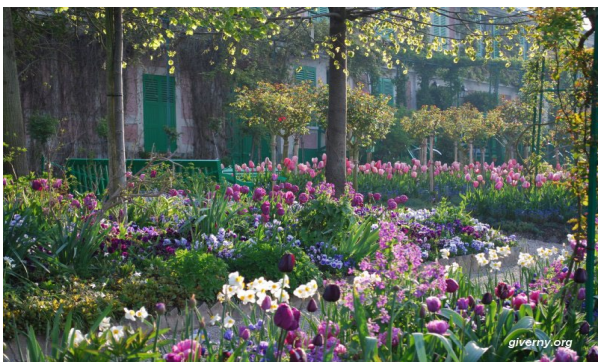
## PRIVATE DAY TOUR FROM PARIS TO ROUEN VIA VERSAILLES AND GIVERNY

Check out of your hotel after breakfast this morning and meet with an English-speaking driver/guide who will assist you with your luggage to a waiting vehicle. Depart Paris and travel to Versailles where we include skip-the-line timed entry tickets and a private guide to accompany you. Afterwards, travel to Giverny where entrance fees are also included at Monet's House and Garden. In the afternoon, travel to Rouen where your driver/guide will drop you at your hotel in the early evening. Check in and enjoy some free time to relax and dine at your leisure.

**The Palace of Versailles** has been listed as a World Heritage Site for 30 years and is one of the greatest achievements in French 17th century art. Louis XIII's old hunting pavilion was transformed and extended by his son, Louis XIV, when he installed the Court and government there in 1682. A succession of kings continued to embellish the Palace up until the French Revolution. Today the Palace contains 2,300 rooms spread over 63,154 m<sup>2</sup>. In 1789, the French Revolution forced Louis XVI to leave Versailles for Paris. The Palace would never again be a royal residence and a new role was assigned to it in the 19th century, when it became the Museum of the History of France in 1837 by order of King Louis-Philippe, who came to the throne in 1830.



**Claud Monet's House & Garden.** There are two parts in Monet's garden: a flower garden called Clos Normand in front of the house and a Japanese inspired water garden on the other side of the road. The two parts of Monet's garden contrast and complement one another. When Monet and his family settled in Giverny in 1883 the piece of land sloping gently down from the house to the road was planted with an orchard and enclosed by high stone walls. From this Clos Normand of about one hectare, Monet made a garden full of perspectives, symmetries and colours. In 1893, ten years after his arrival at Giverny, Monet bought the piece of land neighbouring his property on the other side of the railway. With the support of the prefecture, Monet had the first small pond dug; even though his peasant neighbours were opposed. They were afraid that his strange plants would poison the water. Later on, the pond would be enlarged to its present-day size. The water garden is full of asymmetries and curves. It is inspired by the Japanese gardens that Monet knew from the prints he collected avidly.





**Rouen**, capital of the northern French region of Normandy, is a port city on the river Seine. Important in the Roman era and Middle Ages, it has Gothic churches, such as Saint-Maclou and Saint-Ouen, and a cobblestoned pedestrian center with medieval half-timbered houses. The skyline is dominated by the spires of Cathédrale Notre-Dame, much-painted by Impressionist Claude Monet.

**Hotel De Bourgtheroulde**

15 Place de la Pucelle, Rouen, 76000

**Overnight at Hotel De Bourgtheroulde in a Privilege City View Room inclusive of breakfast**



A 2-minute walk from dining and shopping along Place du Vieux Marché, and 1 km from the Gare de Rouen-Rive-Droite, this refined spa hotel in a 15th-century building at the location of the burning of Joan of Arc is 1 km from the Musée des Antiquités. The individually decorated rooms and suites range in decor from traditional to modern. All come with en suite marble bathrooms, tea and coffeemaking facilities, flat-screen TVs and free WiFi.



## DAY 5

## MORNING GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF ROUEN AND ONTO HONFLEUR

This morning, we include a guided walking tour of Rouen with an English-speaking guide. Later you will travel to nearby Caen for a possible walking tour (including Castle, Men and Women Abbey). In the late afternoon you will arrive at Honfleur and check in for an evening at leisure.

**Rouen** where you will walk in the footsteps of a local hero Saint Roman; a Viking chieftain Rollon who was the first ruler of Normandy; a fearless warrior Joan of Arc; a hardworking seamstress Mathilde and an inspired impressionist Claude Monet, an illiterate docker and a chef who brought French cuisine to the American public, Julia Child. At the same time Rouen's architecture will unfold the story of Normandy capital in front of you, as the city still preserves traces of different periods of its history regardless of the bombings that took place during the Second World War. You will dive into Rouen's past by means of local stories and legends to emerge in Rouen's busy present-day life.



**Caen:** William the Conqueror's hometown is a lively and dynamic city. Known for its historical buildings built during the reign of William the Conqueror, who was buried there, and for the Battle for Caen, heavy fighting that took place in and around Caen during the Battle of Normandy in 1944, destroying much of the city. The city has now preserved the memory by erecting a memorial and a museum dedicated to peace, the Mémorial de Caen.



**Honfleur** is a city in northern France's Normandy region. It's on the estuary where the Seine River meets the English Channel. The Vieux-Bassin (old harbor), lined with 16th- to 18th-century townhouses, has been a subject for artists including Claude Monet and native son Eugène Boudin. Nearby is 15th-century St. Catherine's Church, a vaulted timber structure erected by shipbuilders.

### [La Ferme Saint Simeon](#)

20 Rte Adolphe Marais, HONFLEUR, 14600

**Overnight at La Ferme Saint Simeon in a Deluxe Room inclusive of breakfast**



Welcome to the 5-star spa hotel, a little paradise on the Norman Coast in Honfleur, facing the Seine River estuary and close to the beach.

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## DAY 6

## **FULL DAY TOUR US SECTOR, OMAHA BEACH, POINTE DU HOC AND THE AMERICAN CEMETERY, CAEN AND PEGASUS BRIDGE**

Meet your guide in your hotel this morning for a full day private tour of Normandy Landing Beaches. Spend time today to see Pointe du Hoc, the best-known Bloody Omaha Beach and the heart-breaking U.S. cemetery, for yet another perspective of the beach from the high ground. Your guide will give you time on your own to either stay longer in the cemetery or save time for the Visitor Centre. In the afternoon travel to Caen to visit the Memorial and time permitting to see Pegasus Bridge, you can discuss timings locally with your driver/guide. In the evening arrive in Bayeux and check into your Chateau for an overnight stay



**La Pointe du Hoc** is a promontory with a 35-metre cliff overlooking the English Channel on the northwestern coast of Normandy in the Calvados department, France. In World War II, Pointe du Hoc was the location of a



series of German bunkers and machine gun posts. One of the largest German coastal batteries with six guns. Being of 6-inch caliber and of a range of about 10 miles, these cannons would be a threat to both Omaha and Utah beaches (i.e the whole American sector). Because neither the air nor the naval bombardment would be enough to be sure all guns were destroyed before the invasion started, the task was given to Lt. Col. Rudder and the 225 U.S. Rangers of the 2nd battalion to finish the job on D-day

**Omaha Beach.** The most famous and most difficult of the five D-day beaches. It took the highest casualties, due in particular to its topography: it was the only beach with high ground just beyond. The impossible task here was to get off the beach as quickly as possible in order to reach the top of the bluff, when the only four exit roads were still blocked off by the German defenders. The air-bombing and naval bombardment that were supposed to disorganize them, almost completely missed. Standing there and seeing this beach (4 miles long) all at once, when realizing about the big tides and discovering the German fortifications and gun emplacements, will leave you amazed at the extraordinary courage and sacrifice needed. You will understand why the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions suffered more than 3 800 casualties (dead, wounded or missing) to make this battle a victory. They had to jump out of their Landing Craft and made their way out of the cold water, past the terrible beach obstacles, as graphically depicted in "Saving Private Ryan".



### Chateau D'audrieu

Château D'audrieu, 14250 AUDRIEU

**Overnight at Chateau D'audrieu in a Deluxe Room inclusive of breakfast**



Set in an 18th-century chateau on a grand estate, this upscale hotel offers elegant rooms with garden views featuring satellite TV, Wi-Fi access and minibars.

## DAY 7

### FULL DAY US SECTOR - UTAH BEACH, ST MERE EGLISE, AIRBORNE CEMETERY

Meet your driver/guide this morning and enjoy a short tour of Bayeux and then travel the short distance to La Cambe German Cemetery. Explore St Mere Eglise and the airborne museum and of course Utah beach. This evening you will travel to Lieu-dit Boucéel and check into your Chateau for your overnight stay. You will bid farewell to your Normandy guide on arrival.

**Utah Beach:** Closest to the Germans around Cherbourg and quite separated from the other beaches, it could have been a disaster. But Utah was rather lightly defended and had the great privilege to be protected by the American paratroopers (who had been in the area for several hours already). As they jumped out of their Landing Craft at La Madeleine, the first soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division were led by General Theo Roosevelt Jr. Mission was accomplished rapidly to get across the flooded area behind the sand dunes, on the causeways, to reinforce the paratroopers and the German counterattack from the north was overall under control. On the first day, 23,000 landed here and casualties remained low under 200. Unfortunately, the following battles, on the way to Cherbourg, were very costly.





**Saint-Mere-Eglise** is strategically situated on the main N13 highway to Cherbourg and only a few miles away from the coast, this farming community became the very center of the huge airborne operation (with 15.000 U.S paratroopers) that started during the night before D-day. In order to stop the German counter-attacks from the north, the village was planned to be taken rapidly by the nearby-dropped 505th P.I.R. But some of these soldiers had the misfortune to end up here, right on the town full of Germans. John Steele the most famous of them (because depicted in “The Longest Day”) survived the war and returned here several times to look at the charming old church and its belltower where he had remained hanging for about two hours. When they came back, all the veterans were moved on discovering the memorial stained-glass window of “Virgin Mary surrounded by paratroopers”.

**La Cambe German Cemetery:** Originally started (after the village of La Cambe was liberated on June 8) as an American cemetery in 1944 (for both Americans and Germans), after the war this cemetery became the largest German one in Normandy with over 21.000 buried here. It covers more than 15 acres and is surrounded by over 1.200 maples part of the Garden of Peace. The centre is in the form of a 20-feet mound (where 300 are buried) topped by a big black stone cross and two statues. It is maintained by the “German War Graves Commission.”



### [Chateau de Bouceel](#)

Baie du, 6 Boucéel, Vergoncey, Mont Saint Michel

**Overnight at Chateau de Bouceel in a Standard Room inclusive of breakfast**



An elegant 18th century family residence situated in the bay of Mont Saint-Michel.

## DAY 8

**MONT ST MICHEL AND ONTO AMBOISE**

After breakfast this morning, you will be met by a Loire Valley based driver/guide, and a luxury vehicle and travel the short distance to Mont Saint-Michel. Admire panoramic views over the French coastline as the iconic Mont Saint-Michel looms near, and marvel at one of France's most famous landmarks. After the tour, its south to Amboise where you will check into your hotel for an overnight stay. The evening is at your leisure.



**Mont-Saint-Michel** is a tidal island and mainland commune in Normandy, France. The island lies approximately one kilometre off the country's north-western coast, at the mouth of the Couesnon River near Avranches and is 7 hectares in area

**Amboise** is a town in central France's Loire Valley. It's known for the Château d'Amboise, the grand 15th-century residence of King Charles VIII featuring Leonardo da Vinci's tomb, as well as royal chambers, gardens and underground passageways. Just outside town, Château du Clos Lucé is Leonardo's former home, where he lived until his death in 1519. It houses a small museum displaying working models of his designs





**Hotel Le Clos d'Amboise**

27 Rue Rabelais, 37400 Amboise

**Overnight at Hotel Le Clos d'Amboise in a Superior Room inclusive of breakfast**

This old-world hotel is set in an elegant building dating from the 17th century. It's a 10-minute walk from the Loire River, and 24 km from the town of Tours. Warm rooms have minibars, free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs. Upgraded options add lounges with pull-out sofas; suites add separate sitting areas. Most rooms have garden views, and some add 4-poster beds.

**DAY 9****PRIVATE LOIRE VALLEY WINE TOUR AND TWILIGHT RIVER CRUISE**

This morning, meet your driver/guide for a full day tour to include the 3 best Chateau's in the region. Chateau Royal D'Amboise, Chateau Chenonceau and Chateau Chambord. We also include a wine tasting with food pairing experience for lunch. You will arrive at your hotel by 6.00PM. Time to check in and freshen up before you are collected at 7.00PM and privately transferred to board a sunset cruise on the River Loire including a dinner with champagne and local wines. Afterwards meet your driver as you dis-embark and return to your hotel



**Chateau Royal D'Amboise.** Imagine a palace on a promontory above the Loire and imagine the hanging gardens between heaven and earth ... Amboise was one of the favourite sites of the kings of France when they transformed their country during the Renaissance period. Anne de Bretagne, François Ier or Léonard de Vinci (buried in the chapel of the castle) are familiar faces here which we rediscover. A living castle open to nature, a haven of peace for more than 90 species of birds, Amboise also offers a 360 ° view of landscapes listed as World Heritage by UNESCO.

The history of the **Château de Chenonceau** is defined by an almost uninterrupted succession of women who built, embellished, protected, restored and saved it. The first château was a medieval château dating from the 12th and 13th centuries, of which only the dungeon remains: the Tour des Marques. The château in its current form was built between 1513 and 1517, by Thomas Bohier and above all his wife, Catherine Briçonnet. The château in its current form was built between 1513 and 1517, by Thomas Bohier and above all his wife, Catherine Briçonnet.



**The Château de Chambord** is one of the most recognisable châteaux in the world because of its very distinctive French Renaissance architecture, which blends traditional French medieval forms with classical Renaissance structures. The building was constructed by the king of France, Francis I. Chambord is the largest château in the Loire Valley; it was built to serve as a hunting lodge for Francis I, who maintained his royal residences at the Château de Blois and Amboise. The original design of the château is attributed to the Tuscan architect Domenico da Cortona; Leonardo da Vinci may have also influenced the design.

**Private Sunset Cruise on the Loire River.** Arrive in a quaint village along the Loire River and enjoy a 1h30 hours private river cruise on a traditional wooden boat of the Loire. You will discover the wild landscapes of the Loire and may be able to observe the animals like beavers. A truly magic experience!



### Fleur de Loire

26 quai Villebois Mareuil, 41 000 Blois

#### Overnight at Fleur de Loire in a Deluxe Room inclusive of breakfast



A lifetime's work for Michelin-star chef Christophe Hay, driven by a constant pursuit of excellence and exquisite hospitality.

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### DAY 10

## PRIVATE TOURING VIA CHATEAU DE FONTAINEBLEAU TO PARIS

Check out of your hotel this morning and meet with your driver for a private transfer to Paris. En route, we include a stop with entrance fees to visit the Chateau de Fontainebleau. Continue into Paris and your driver will drop you at your hotel and for a final night. This evening, we include the Belle Époque dinner and show at the Moulin Rouge.



**Palace of Fontainebleau or Château de Fontainebleau**, located 55 kilometers southeast of the center of Paris, in the commune of Fontainebleau, is one of the largest French royal châteaux. The medieval castle and subsequent palace served as a residence for the French monarchs from Louis VII to Napoleon III.



**The Moulin Rouge**, a spectacular world exists where all the emotions, surprises and effervescence, that constitute the Paris party spirit since 1889, are created and experienced. Come and enjoy the Féerie Revue show, composed of 80 artists from all over the world, some 1000 costumes of feathers, sequins and rhinestones which enhance the bodies of our artists, a multitude of breath-taking acts which punctuate the show, and the legendary French Cancan – the Parisian cabaret invites you to enjoy an unforgettable moment of enchantment in the heart of Montmartre.

### [Hotel d'Aubusson](#)

33 Rue Dauphine, 75006 Paris

**Overnight at Hotel d'Aubusson in a Grand Luxe Room inclusive of breakfast**



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## DAY 11

## PRIVATE DEPARTURE TRANSFER TO CHARLES DE GAULLE

Meet your driver in the lobby of the hotel for a private transfer to Paris Charles De Gaulle airport for your departing flight.



Travelling Passengers: 2

Please see below for complete list of included services.

Accommodation is included for 10 nights at the following hotels including breakfast.

#### Accommodation

Day	Nts	City	Hotel	Accommodation
Day 1	3	Paris	Hotel d'Aubusson	Grand Luxe Room
Day 4	1	Rouen	Hotel De Bourgtheroulde	Privilege City View Room
Day 5	1	Caen	La Ferme Saint Simeon	Deluxe Room
Day 6	1	Audrieu	Chateau D'audrieu	Deluxe Room
Day 7	1	Normandy	Chateau de Bouceel	Standard Room
Day 8	1	Amboise	Hotel Le Clos d'Amboise	Superior Room
Day 9	1	Amboise	Fleur de Loire	Deluxe Room
Day 10	1	Paris	Hotel d'Aubusson	Grand Luxe Room



## Transport

Day	City	Service	
Day 1	Paris	Arrival Transfer Charles De Gaulle Airport	Private Service
Day 1	Paris	2 Hour Private Panoramic City Tour	Private Driver/Guide
Day 4	Paris	Paris to Rouen via Versailles and Giverny	Private Driver/Guide
Day 5	Rouen	Afternoon Tour from Rouen to Honfleur	Private Driver/Guide
Day 5	Rouen	Guided tour to Rouen and Honfleur	Private Driver/Guide
Day 6	Honfleur	Full Day Tour US Sector,	Private Driver/Guide
Day 7	Bayeux	Full Day Tour US Sector	Private Driver/Guide
Day 8	Ambroise	Mont St Michel and onto Amboise	Private Driver/Guide
Day 9	Amboise	Private Wine Tour & Twilight River Cruise	Private Driver/Guide
Day 10	Loire	Transfer to Paris	Private Driver/Guide
Day 11	Paris	Private Departure Transfer	Private Service



## Services

Day	Service	
Day 1	Eiffel Tower	Ticket
Day 2	Private Guided Tour at Musee D'Orsay	Private Service
Day 2	Musee De Orsay	Entrance Fee
Day 2	Private Champagne Illuminated Cruise	Private Service
Day 3	Private 3 Hour Tour of The Louvre	Private Service
Day 3	Louvre Museum	Ticket
Day 3	Montmartre Small Group Evening Food Tour	Shared Service
Day 4	Palace of Versailles	Private Service
Day 4	Giverny Monet's House & Garden	Ticket
Day 5	Morning Guided Walking Tour of Rouen	Private Service
Day 9	Chateau Royal D'Amboise	Entrance Fee
Day 9	Château de Chenonceau	Entrance Fee
Day 9	Château de Chambord	Entrance Fee
Day 9	Private Sunset Cruise on the Loire River.	Private Charter
Day 10	Chateau De Fontainebleau	Ticket
Day 11	Moulin Rouge Belle Epoque Menu and Show	Ticket





PRICE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Tours, Guides and Experiences as specified in your itinerary
- ✓ Transfers with a private driver, touring with an expert driver/guide (one person) and luxury vehicle
- ✓ Professional travel expert available 24/7 throughout your trip.
- ✓ Hotel taxes and fees.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ✗ Flights from USA or Europe.
- ✗ Travel insurance and cancellation insurance.
- ✗ Tips to your driver / guide.
- ✗ Your own additional trip costs.
- ✗ Anything not specified in your itinerary