



Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of D-Day

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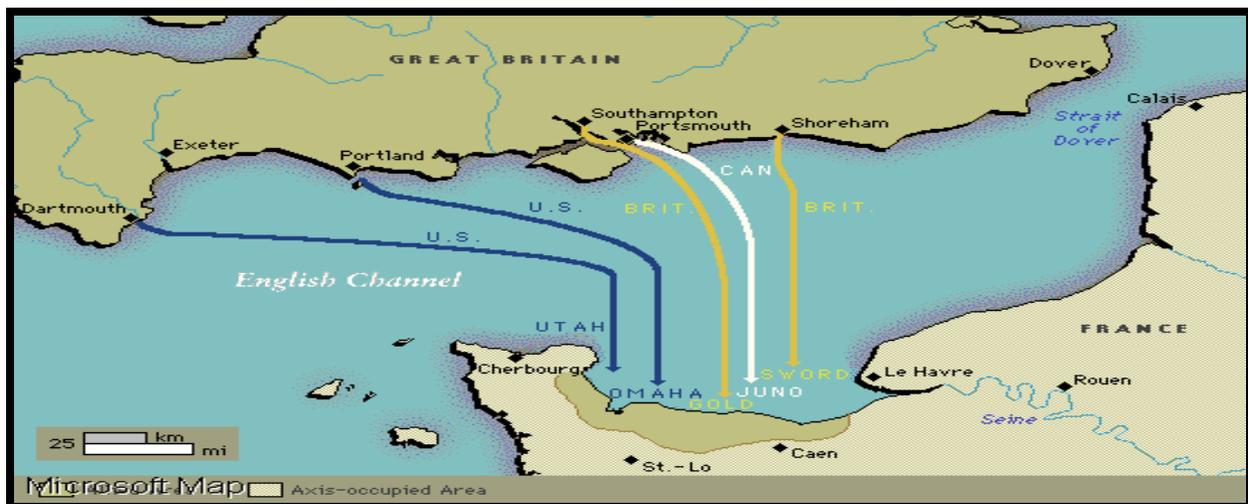
Normandy Beaches & Cruise the Seine River

October 1-11, 2014

From Peoria \$ 4799.00 per person based on double occupancy

Contact Norma Joseph for booking and information, (309) 677-4747

Cabin allotment limited. **BOOK NOW!**



EXCLUSIVE TOUR FEATURES:

- ❖ Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- ❖ Round trip air transportation from Chicago to Paris on American Airlines
- ❖ 3 nights of First Class hotel accommodation in Caen, France (Normandy Region)
- ❖ 6 nights aboard MS Seine Princess River Cruise in an outside cabin on Lower Deck
- ❖ Full breakfast in Caen daily
- ❖ Two dinners while in Caen
- ❖ Three meals daily while on the cruise
- ❖ Mineral water, wine and beer included with lunches and dinners onboard the cruise
- ❖ Visit to the Landing Beaches of Normandy and Pont du Hoc
- ❖ Visit to the Peace Museum in Normandy
- ❖ Visit to Arromanches and Mulberry artificial harbor
- ❖ Visit to U.S. Military Cemetery
- ❖ Guided tour of Mont St Michel Abbey
- ❖ Visit to Saint Mere Eglise, the first city liberated by the allies
- ❖ Visit Bayeux Tapestry
- ❖ All shore excursions while onboard the cruise including a visit to the Palace of Versailles
- ❖ Porterage of one suitcase per person at the hotel and cruise ship
- ❖ **Airline Fuel Surcharge**

\$200.00 per person supplement for Upper Deck

Not included: US and foreign departure taxes of \$148.00 per person, tips to cruise staff, guides and drivers

“Day By Day Itinerary”

October 1 – Chicago en route

Depart WTVP via motor coach for O'Hare Airport. Depart Chicago on afternoon American Airlines non-stop flight to Paris.

October 2 – Paris/Giverny/Caen (Normandy)

Arrive Paris in the morning, where you are met and greeted by your tour director. Begin a drive through the beautiful countryside to Giverny which inspired Claude Monet to settle here in 1883 for the rest of his life. Enjoy a guided visit to the wonderful flower gardens and the famous Japanese bridge. You have free time to visit Monet's home and former studio. Continue to Caen, check in at the hotel. Meet your fellow travelers for an **included dinner** this evening. **(D)**

October 3 – Caen (Normandy)

History unfolds today as you begin your tour of Normandy region. Realizing the difficulties of capturing intact an enemy-held port, the British, under Churchill, opted for the mammoth task of building two artificial harbors, one for the American 1st Army at Omaha, the other for the British 2nd Army at Gold. However, following a very severe storm lasting from June 19-24, 1944, which completely destroyed the American Mulberry harbor, the British artificial port at **Arromanches** was left alone as the main supplied channel for all of the equipment needed by the Allied soldiers fighting in Normandy. Visit **St. Mere Eglise**. The town's main claim to fame is that it played a significant part in the World War II Normandy landings because this village stood right in the middle of route N13, which the Germans would have most likely used on any significant counterattack on the troops landing on Utah and Omaha Beaches. In the early morning of June 6, 1944, mixed units of the U.S. 82nd Airborne and U.S. 101st Airborne Divisions occupied the town in Operation Boston, giving it the claim to be one of the first towns liberated in the invasion. During the nights of June 5 and 6, 1944, more than 16,000 paratroopers landed in Normandy, in northwestern France, and the D-Day invasion of World War II began.

Soon after, British, American, French and Canadian troops landed on various beaches on the Normandy coast and engaged in heavy fighting over the following days, which eventually led to the end of the European conflict of WWII. Continue to **Pointe du Hoc**, where the infamous German gun position threatened the Allied ships all the way to Utah and Omaha. The site was attacked by the elite 2nd U.S. Rangers, commanded by Lt. Col. James Rudder, who scaled the cliffs to get there. With its huge fortifications blown to pieces, the site remains as it was when the Rangers left it and looks like a lunar landscape. Next, you'll drive along the coast to **Omaha Beach**, where soldiers of the 29th and 1st Divisions landed, fought and died. This operation was the bloodiest of the five beaches and almost failed, but the bravery of those young men turned this operation into a victory. Overlooking the bluff is the **American Military Cemetery**, where 9,387 service men rest in peace. Keep in mind the movie "Saving Private Ryan". **(B)**

October 4 – Caen/Brittany Region & Mont St. Michel

Leave Caen in the direction of **Saint-Malo** located in the heart of the Brittany region. Enjoy a guided visit of the town including a walk along the ramparts and the cathedral. Then head out to **Mont Saint-Michel**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and undoubtedly one of Normandy's most spectacular attractions. Mont Saint-Michel is a rocky island just off the coast of Normandy. The well-preserved abbey from which the island takes its name dates back to the 8th century, and since then, buildings in many architectural styles have been added to the island, resulting in a diverse collection of architecture that you will explore as you walk through the winding streets. Visit the abbey's ramparts, and then browse the shops and stop by the island's museum. Make sure to also take in the views over the bay. Then visit one of the creperies and treat yourself to a crepe. Try the regional specialty—a Galette Bretonne (a buckwheat pancake with a savory filling). There are also numerous restaurants where you can enjoy lunch (own expense). Try the seafood of the region, fresh from the fishermen's morning catch. Return to Caen for some time at leisure. Enjoy an **included group dinner** tonight at a delightful restaurant nearby. **(B, D)**

October 5 – Caen/Bayeux/Honfleur embarkation

Your tour of Normandy is completed with a visit to "**Peace Museum**" which is considered the best and, by far, priciest WWII museum in France. Officially named the "The Caen Memorial: History to Understand the World" (*Le Mémorial de Caen: L'histoire pour comprendre le monde*), it effectively puts the Battle of Normandy in a broader context. You'll see two video presentations and numerous exhibits on the lead-up to World War II, the actual Battle of Normandy, the Cold War and the ongoing fight for peace (Nobel Prize Gallery and Peace Gardens). After this most memorable visit, continue your day with a drive to the charming town of **Bayeux**. Visit the magnificent Bayeux Cathedral, which dates from 1077 and was built in both Roman and Gothic styles. Bayeux was the first town to be liberated by the Allies at the end of World War II and survived intact. It boasts an impressive array of architecture dating from antiquity to the Renaissance to modern day. You will also see the famous Bayeux Tapestry, an embroidered cloth more than 200 feet long. This cloth, which was originally housed in the Bayeux Cathedral, tells the story of William the Conqueror, from the build-up to the invasion of England to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, when William defeated King Harold to become King of England. The tapestry is now located in the purpose-built Bayeux Tapestry Museum. End the day at the port town of Honfleur, with its picturesque and colorful harbor located on an estuary of the Seine River. The colors of the timber-framed houses and the quaint backstreets have inspired famous painters such as Monet and Courbet. It is no wonder that for many years, Honfleur was regarded as the cradle of Impressionism. See also the Saint Catherine church, the largest church constructed from wood in France. You then board the "MS Seine Princess"—your home for the next 6 nights—for your Seine River cruise. Dinner will be served onboard. **(B, D)**

October 6 – Honfleur cruising Caudebec En Caux

The morning will be yours to explore the town on your own, enjoying its narrow picturesque streets with their old houses and salt lofts. The afternoon will be devoted to the **included excursion to the Côte Fleurie, Trouville and Deauville**. Deauville is a beautiful seaside resort, the most glamorous on the French coast. Then visit the Chateau de Breuil, a calvados distillery (hard cider), for a guided tour followed by a tasting. Return to the ship in **Honfleur** for dinner and a free evening. Begin sailing in the evening. **(B, L, D)**

October 7 – Cruising Caudebec En Caux – Rouen

Breakfast on board followed by an **included guided tour**. On the tour, you will explore the **Abbey Trail** with the church at **Caudebec en Caux**, which dates from the 15th century, and then **Jumièges** where the ruin of one of the most beautiful abbeys in France can be found, and the **Church of Saint Peter**, which is one of the most beautiful examples of 10th Century Norman architecture. Journey through a landscape of steep cliffs, at the foot of which are a number of charming little villages typical of the region. Arrive this afternoon in **Rouen** where you will have free time to explore the city. You are docked overnight. **(B, L, D)**

October 8 – Cruising Rouen – Vernon

Breakfast on board. In the morning, enjoy an **included guided tour** of Rouen the former capital of Normandy where, among other things, you can explore the cathedral, the historic quarters, and the Place du Vieux Marché where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. This afternoon's cruise will travel through a landscape of broad limestone cliffs. Dinner and overnight stopover will be in **Vernon**. **(B, L, D)**

October 9 – Cruising Vernon – Paris

The ship sails early in the morning. Stop in **Mantes la Jolie**, which will be the starting point for the **included guided tour of the Chateau of Versailles**. Inscribed on the World Heritage List for thirty years, the Château de Versailles constitutes one of the finest achievements of French art in the 17th Century. Louis XIII's former hunting lodge was transformed and enlarged by his son Louis XIV, who fixed the Court and government of France here in 1682. Until the French Revolution, one king followed another, each embellishing the Château in his turn. When you arrive, your guide will take you to visit the **King's Grand Apartment**. This seven-room enfilade was intended to serve as a Parade Apartment, that is to say, for the sovereign's official business. This is why it was decorated with the most splendid riches and based on the model of Italian palaces of the time. During the daytime, it was open to all, French and foreigners, who came to see the King. Three evenings a week it was reserved for the Court. Then you will go through the **Hall of Mirrors**, known in the 17th Century as the "Great Gallery" and which served daily as a place for passing through, waiting and meeting. You will finish the visit with the **Queen's Apartments**, where the Queen received the ladies of the Court when she rose in the morning and granted private audiences. After visiting the Château, you will still have a little free time to discover the fabulous formal French gardens created by André Le Notre for Louis XIV. Return to the ship by coach. Back on board around noon in **Conflans-Sainte-Honorine**. Lunch is served during the cruise. The afternoon will be spent sailing through the unfolding landscape as you approach France's capital city. Pass by the futuristic La Défense District which will impress you with its concrete and glass architecture. Arrive in the beautifully illuminated city of Paris where you dock for the night. **(B, L, D)**

October 10 – Paris

Breakfast on board. This day will be entirely devoted to the tour of **Paris**, which will begin with an **included half day guided tour** exploring the mythical places of the city, such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs Elysées. Lunch on board. The afternoon will be at leisure to enjoy Paris as you please. Return to the ship for an **included Farewell Dinner** followed by an optional Cabaret Tour. **(B, L, D)**

October 11 – Paris/Chicago

Breakfast on board. Bid farewell to your cruise staff as you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Chicago and motor coach back to Peoria. **(B)**

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations are accepted by **check only**.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 11/25/2013. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing no later than 30 days prior to departure.

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CANCELLATION: WRITTEN NOTIFICATION is required for all cancellations. A \$200.00 per person administration fee will apply if notification is received prior to 120 days before departure date. A \$600.00 per person fee will be applied for cancellations received 91-119 days before departure. Cancellations made within 90 days of departure will be at a 100% penalty.

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