



CRUISE OF 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS - REF. HFP\_PP

# The Meandering Seine (port-to-port cruise)

HONFLEUR - ROUEN - MANTES-LA-JOLIE - PARIS - MELUN - PARIS

This unique itinerary from Honfleur to Melun offers a spectacle of beauty. Let yourself be seduced by Honfleur, its picturesque streets and its Old Basin, breathe in Normandy on the Côte Fleurie, soak up nature in Giverny, admire the most prestigious historical monuments as you cross Paris and immerse yourself in French history in Rouen and the Château de Fontainebleau. So many experiences that will make this cruise an extraordinary journey.

### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Original cruise from Melun to Normandy
- Experience Paris at night from the bow of the ship
- Visit all the important stops along the way: (1)
  - The palace in Fontainebleau, residence for French monarchs for over 800 years(2)
  - The must-see sites in Paris
  - Giverny and Monet's gardens
  - Art and history in Rouen
  - Astounding beauty on the Norman Abbey Circuit
  - The enchanting city of Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie



## CRUISE PROGRAM (7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS)



## Day 1: HONFLEUR

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. The rest of the evening is yours to do as you please.



### Day 2: HONFLEUR

#### Optional excursion for both packages:

This morning, we'll set out on a guided tour of Honfleur. Honfleur is one of the most popular cities to visit in France. What began as a harbor built for trade evolved into the birthplace of Impressionism and more. Take your time to visit the picturesque port, historic museums, and timeless cafés during our stay.

This afternoon, we'll set out on an optional trip to the Côte Fleuri. The Côte Fleurie runs from Honfleur to Deauville, with each beach, cliff, and seaside resort in between more charming than the other. This small corner of paradise has inspired many an artist in the past, and the regional Calvados brandy inspires us even today! On this excursion, we'll see Trouville and Deauville and visit a Calvados distillery.



### Day 3: ROUEN

#### Optional excursions for both packages:

This morning, we'll set out on a guided tour of Rouen. The "City of 100 Bell Towers" has been the center stage to many events in French History. Joan of Arc, Gustave Flaubert, Pierre Corneille, Claude Monet, and William the Conqueror have all left their marks throughout the history of the city. In addition to the civil and religious monuments spanning the centuries from the Middle Ages to modern times, Rouen is now known for its street art.

In the afternoon, we'll set out on a guided tour along the Norman Abbey Circuit to see the exceptional religious heritage in the region. Among the interesting sites we'll discover are the village of Jumiège and the ruins of one of the most magnificent abbeys in France, as well as the Benedictine Abbey of Saint Wandrille. After we return on board, we'll begin to cruise to our next stop. We'll enjoy dinner and an evening of entertainment.



### Day 4: MANTES-LA-JOLIE - Giverny - PARIS

Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: A visit to the Fondation Claude Monet in Giverny. Monet lived in his home in Giverny for 43 years. In the garden surrounding the house, Monet created a colorful study of volume and perspectives with his flower beds. The garden became his muse as he forged his name into history as the founder of French Impressionism. This tour lets you visit his famous studio up to his magical water garden, and everything in between.

During this afternoon's cruise, you'll see the landscape slowly change from countryside to urban as we approach the City of Lights. Our ship will cruise by the impressive futuristic business district of La Defense. Towards the evening, we'll arrive in Paris in all its lighted splendor. We'll cruise along the Seine to take in the city by night (water level permitting).



#### Day 5 : PARIS

#### Optional excursions proposed:

**CLASSIC package**: Join us for a panoramic tour of Paris to see the most emblematic sites in the French capital: Bercy, the F. Mitterrand National Library, La Bastille, the Marais District and the Latin Quarter, St. Germain, the Louvre and its Pyramid, Palais Garnier, Place Vendôme, Place de la Concorde, the Champs Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, the Trocadéro and of course, the Eiffel Tower.

**DISCOVERY package:** Explore Paris on an urban trek along the banks of the Seine and across the city bridges. The romantic banks of the Seine conjure up images of Robert Doisneau, Leslie Caron and Gene Kelly, and the kiss between Mr. Big and Carrie. Take a stroll and see where it all happened.



We'll begin our cruise to Melun this afternoon.



### Day 6: MELUN - Fontainebleau

**Join us for an optional excursion for both packages**: A visit to the palace in Fontainebleau(2)(only on pre-booking before departure), the residence of 34 kings and two emperors over eight centuries. The palace has 1,500 rooms and is the most furnished château in the country. Its magnificent gardens are a contrast between the English and French styles of horticulture.

We'll spend the afternoon cruising. Tonight is our festive gala evening.



### Day 7: PARIS

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

#### This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including the special lists) - accommodations in a double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom - onboard activities - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance from our onboard, multi-lingual host/hostess - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

#### This offer does not include

Drinks from our special lists or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - transfers to/from departure/arrival points(3) - personal expenses.

#### **Transport**

Port-to-port cruise without transfers

#### Requirements

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

#### THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included DRINKS
   INCLUDED with meals and at the
  bar
- Refined French cuisine Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For the opposite direction cruise, see Ref. PFH

## **MENTIONS**

For safety reasons, the company and/or the captain of the ship are the only authorities who can modify the cruise itinerary. The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

- (1) Optional excursions.
- (2) Replaced by the Castle of Vaux le Vicomte on Tuesdays and days when the Castle of Fontainebleau is exceptionally closed.
- (3) Please contact us for travel arrangements from your region.

Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.



## **EXCURSIONS**

Day 2

2 Excursion (s)



The Côte Fleurie (Optional)

Duration: 04h00

Classic

Afternoon



**Guided walking tour of Honfleur** (Optional)

Duration: 01h30

Classic

Morning

Day 3

2 Excursion (s)



Guided walking tour of Rouen (Optional)

Duration: 02h00

Classic

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Morning



The Norman Abbeys Trail (Optional)

Duration: 04h00

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Afternoon

Day 4

1 Excursion (s)



Visit the Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny (Optional)

Duration: 03h30

Classic

Morning



Day 5

2 Excursion (s)



## Panoramic guided tour of Paris (Optional)

Duration: 03h30

Classic

Morning



Stroll on the banks of the seine, the bridges of Paris (Optional)

Duration: 03h00

Discovery

Morning

Day 6

2 Excursion (s)



## **Guided tour of Fontainebleau** (Optional)

Duration: 04h00

Classic

Morning



Vaux-le-Vicomte Château (Optional)

Duration: 03h30

Classic

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Morning