

# PARIS, NORMANDY & THE LOIRE VALLEY

This handcrafted itinerary will delight all your senses! Come for the magic and wonder of Paris, the City of Lights, but stay for the charm of the countryside and historic seaside. Join Cooper's Hawk Host Tom Koenigsberg, the Chief Marketing Officer at Cooper's Hawk, and his wife Kris Koenigsberg, Cooper's Hawk Brand Ambassador and resident Francophile, and travel through some of the most historic, fascinating, and beautiful areas of France. Explore battlefields and beaches, cities and medieval towns, gardens and vineyards, châteaux and palaces. Taste French wines, ciders, cheeses, and delicious cuisines. This unique Wine Club tour offers you a moving journey through famous iconic sights, fairy-tale vistas, WWII history, and experiences you'll never forget.

There is limited space, so hurry to sign up for this amazing tour!



MAY 14 - 24, 2020



thursday, may 14, 2020

## DEPART USA

Today you will board your plane to depart the USA for Paris, arriving the following day.

friday, may 15, 2020

## DAY I - ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE

*Bienvenue* – welcome to Paris! A group transfer is provided from the airport to your hotel (normal check-in times apply). The wonder of Paris at night truly comes to life this evening at our incredible welcome dinner and sightseeing cruise on the Seine River. We'll begin with a relaxing cruise along the Seine where we'll get a unique view of the city with its many iconic structures and unique architecture. Then we'll enjoy a delicious welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

*Meal Included – Dinner*

*Hotel – Jardins du Marais or similar*

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Illumination Cruise

#### Welcome Dinner



## DAY 2 - PARIS – VERSAILLES – LOIRE VALLEY/BLOIS

After breakfast, we depart for the town of Versailles, built during Louis XIII's reign. We'll visit the Notre-Dame Market, the second largest market in France and the oldest market in Versailles. You will have some free time to explore the market. We'll continue on to visit the lavish 17th-century baroque Palace of Versailles, built by the Sun King, Louis XIV, with its magnificent State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, and Royal Chapel. Our guide will bring its history to life during our visit, and then we'll have time at leisure to stroll through parts of the elegant 250-acre gardens. Louis XIII originally purchased Versailles and its surrounding land to serve as his hunting lodge. Later, his son, Louis XIV, decided to make it his seat of government, and in 1682 he installed his impressive court and numerous noble visitors in sumptuous surroundings, a symbol of absolute monarchy. We'll continue to our hotel in the Loire Valley in Blois.

*Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel – Mercure Blois Centre or similar*

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Notre-Dame Market

#### Palace of Versailles





## DAY 3 - LOIRE VALLEY

After breakfast, our tour starts with a visit to a local goat farm to learn about its cheese production. We'll enjoy tasting local chèvre, a specialty of the Loire Valley. Our next stop is the lovely Chenonceau, the 16th-century château of Queen Catherine de Medici. Next, at Château du Clos Lucé, we'll marvel at an amazing collection of models of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions, painstakingly reconstructed from the drawings of the great Renaissance genius. Then we'll enjoy a guided tour of Château de Nitray and visit its wine warehouses, which have been operating for 250 years. We'll hear about their winemaking process and then partake in their Initiation to Oenology course with wine pairing, followed by dinner.

*Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel – Mercure Blois Centre or similar*

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Cheese Tasting**

**Château de Chenonceau**

**Château du Clos Lucé**

**Château de Nitray**

**Wine-Paired Dinner**



## DAY 4 - LOIRE VALLEY – SAINT-MALO

After breakfast, we'll visit the jewel of the French Renaissance, Château Chambord. Then we'll journey to Saint-Malo for an evening at your leisure.

*Meal Included – Breakfast*

*Hotel – Oceania Saint-Malo or similar*

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Château Chambord

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## DAY 5 - SAINT-MALO – MONT-SAINT-MICHEL – NORMANDY AREA

On our way to Normandy we'll visit Hôtel de l'Abbaye for a tasting of some of their quality wines before we continue to the famous Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel, spectacularly perched on a rocky isle in the Gulf of Saint-Malo. Enjoy free time to explore the area to lunch on your own. We'll continue to the Normandy area for our overnight stay.

*Meals Included – Breakfast*

*Hotel – Mercure Caen or similar*

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Wine Tasting

#### Mont-Saint-Michel





# DAY 6 - NORMANDY AREA

## EXCURSION TO CAEN

After breakfast, we visit the Caen Memorial Museum, a center for history and peace in Normandy. We'll get an in-depth look during a guided tour of the museum. Next, we'll stop in Honfleur for lunch with free time to explore, and then return to our hotel with the remainder of the day to explore. Our Tour Director will be on hand for suggestions.

*Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch*

*Hotel – Mercure Caen or similar*

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Guided Tour of Caen Memorial Museum

#### Honfleur



# DAY 7 - NORMANDY AREA

## EXCURSION TO NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES

After breakfast, we head to the Normandy Beaches, scene of the Allied Forces' landing on D-Day, June 6, 1944. First, we stop in Sainte-Mère-Église to visit the Airborne Museum, next to the church where John Steele's parachute got caught in one of the steeples, as portrayed in the 1962 movie *The Longest Day*. Our next stop is Utah Beach, with a visit to the memorial, continuing on to Pointe du Hoc commemorating the Rangers' Assault, and lastly to historic Omaha Beach. We'll enjoy a boxed lunch before we head to Arromanches, where we will see the remains of Mulberry Harbour in the bay, a temporary harbor built by the Allies to quickly offload troops and cargo onto the beaches during the invasion of Normandy. We finish our tour at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer.

*Meals Included – Breakfast, Box Lunch, Dinner*

*Hotel – Mercure Caen or similar*

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Airborne Museum**

**Utah Beach**

**Pointe du Hoc**

**Omaha Beach**

**Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial**





# DAY 8 - NORMANDY AREA – BEUVRON-EN-AUGE – ROUEN – GIVERNY – PARIS

Our first stop today is Beuvron-en-Auge along the Route du Cidre for a cider tasting before we continue to Rouen to visit its great Cathedral. Twenty paintings of the cathedral existed, and many are today in Paris's Orsay Museum. We'll have time to stroll along the lovely cobblestoned Rue du Gros-Horloge, leading to the square where Joan of Arc was martyred in 1431. We'll stop for an included lunch in Rouen. This afternoon we visit Giverny, home of painter Claude Monet. The famous Water Garden at Giverny was the inspiration behind some of Monet's finest work. We will explore his beautifully restored home and the studio where he created some of his masterpieces. You also can stroll through the peaceful gardens past his iconic lily pond, surrounded by willows, wisterias, and bamboos, and you can stand on the Japanese bridge immortalized in some of his most beloved works. Arrive in Paris in the late afternoon to enjoy a stroll on your own before dinner.

*Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch*

*Hotel – Jardins du Marais or similar*

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Cider Tasting

### Rouen City

### Giverny



## DAY 9 - PARIS

After breakfast, our morning guided sightseeing takes us to Notre-Dame Cathedral, where Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned emperor in 1804. We'll admire the cathedral's amazing 13th-century stained-glass Rose Window. We'll view the cathedral from as close as the construction barriers allow. The tour will then take us past the Latin Quarter, Les Invalides, the Opéra, Place de la Concorde, and Arc de Triomphe. We'll drive by the Seine River with its beautiful bridges and stop to take photos of the Eiffel Tower from one of the best panoramic viewing points. The remainder of the day is free to explore on your own. Our Tour Director will be on hand for suggestions.

*Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner*

*Hotel – Jardins du Marais or similar*

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Notre-Dame Cathedral

#### Paris City Drive Tour



# PARIS

After breakfast, a group transfer is provided to the airport for your homebound flight.

*Meal Included – Breakfast*

## inclusions

### INCLUDED

**9 nights' accommodations at superior first-class hotels**

**Sightseeing, tours, activities & attractions as shown**

**Breakfast daily, three lunches, five dinners**

**Tour Director, local guides**

**Private coach throughout**

**Taxes**

**Gratuities for tour guide and driver (local guide gratuities not included)**

### NOT INCLUDED

**Meals when not mentioned as included**

**Room service & personal room charges**

**Excess baggage and portorage**

**Local guide gratuities**

**Private transfers if you do not arrive/depart with group**

**Trip cancellation and travel insurance**





## rates

**\$3,697**

Double occupancy (per person)

**\$4,657**

Single occupancy

*Space is limited on this tour and will be sold on a first-come basis upon receipt of deposit. To make reservations, please call or email Carol or Karen (contact information below).*

*You must have a valid passport for travel to France. At this time, no visa is necessary for US citizens to travel to France.*

*This tour requires a minimum of 20 participants to operate.*

*Wineries, hotels, dinners, activities, and attractions can be subject to change.*

## deposit & final payment

### **\$500 DEPOSIT (NON-REFUNDABLE)**

per person, due upon making reservations

### **FINAL PAYMENT**

due by March 10, 2020

*Forms of payment include cash, check, Mastercard, Visa, or American Express.*

## airfare

*Airfare is not included but we are happy to assist you in securing your air tickets. Arrive into Charles de Gaulle Paris Airport on May 15, 2020 by 10:15 a.m. to catch the group transfer. Depart from Charles de Gaulle Paris Airport at 11:00 a.m. or later on May 24, 2020.*

## land cancellation policy

### **DEPOSIT - MARCH 10, 2020**

\$500 per person penalty

### **MARCH 11, 2020 - DEPARTURE**

non-refundable

*If we have a waitlist, we may be able to assist with a name change instead of a cancellation on land only. Name changes have a \$100.00 per person administrative fee. There is no guarantee we will have someone to take your spot, in which case full cancellation fees will apply. Air tickets are non-refundable from the time of ticketing.*

*Name changes are not allowed on air tickets.*

*Travel Guard trip cancellation and travel insurance will be quoted at the time of booking.*

## reservations



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