

# DISCOVER & EXPLORE LA BELLE FRANCE: PARIS, NORMANDY & THE RIVER SEINE

## WITH THE URBANDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Cruise the 5-star Amadeus Diamond** 

#### BONUS

Includes 3 Nights in the Normandy Capital with D-Day tour and more!

## STARTING AT \$3,899 PER PERSON w/air & taxes

## Departing April 20, 2024

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We have chartered the Amadeus Diamond for a glorious cruise up the Seine River. Over the course of this 12-day trip, you will follow the footsteps of Van Gogh, Cezanne and Gauguin while winding along the Seine River into the beautiful Normandy region to Le Havre on the rugged Atlantic Coast. Further highlights of this trip include Cathedral of Notre Dame and Eiffel Tower of Paris, Vincent van Gogh's resting place, Church of Joan of Arc, Étretat's cliff-top paths, beaches of Normandy, and the tranquil town of Les Andelys.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Roundtrip scheduled airfare from Des Moines
- · 3 Nights First Class Hotel in Caen the Normandy Capital
- 7 nights aboard the 5-star Amadeus Diamond Cruise Ship
- Superb dining with all meals included during your cruise (buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner, midnight snack)
- Coffee, tea, ice water and iced tea are included with all meals. Cappuccinos, lattes and espresso can be requested free of charge during all meals!
- · 24 hour coffee & tea station
- Quality red & white wines from Europe's great wine regions with every dinner onboard the ship
- · Welcome Dinner
- · Captain's Gala Dinner
- Fluffy bathrobes and slippers are provided free of charge in each cabin
- Wellness Center inside including fitness equipment
- · Complimentary in-cabin movies
- Elevator on board operating between 3 different deck levels
- · Golf putting green on sun deck
- · Daily onboard music performances
- Non-smoking environment (smoking permitted only on the Sun-Deck)
- · Adelman Discoveries staff
- · Fuel Surcharges, air and port taxes
- City Tours including: Paris, Caen, Auvers-sur-Oise Rouen, Les Andelys
- $\cdot$  D-Day Tour
- · Mont Saint-Michel Tour





**PORTS & DAILY ITINERARY** 

Day 1: DEPART USA Depart the USA for Paris. (in-flight meals)

### Day 2: PARIS - CAEN

Arrive this afternoon in Paris and travel to Caen for a private walking tour of Caen. Caen is a charming city that survived the massive Battle of Normandy. Admire the 11th century medieval castle built by William the Conqueror and explore St Peter's Church which has been beautifully restored after World War II. Enjoy a welcome drink before dinner.

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#### **Day 3: CAEN - NORMANDY BEACHES**

Today, explore Omaha Beach, the American Cemetery and Arromanches artificial harbor where you will learn historical facts about WWII and the D-Day invasion. **(B)** 

#### Day 4: CAEN - MONT-ST-MICHEL

Travel through scenic Normandy en route to the medieval Mont-St-Michel on a full-day trip from Paris. Discover the UNESCO World-Heritage-listed island and its iconic Gothic abbey, with a guide, and listen to fascinating history and legendary stories about the site. Enjoy ample time to explore the island, and admire views of the surrounding bay before traveling back to your hotel in Caen. **(B)** 

#### Day 5: CAEN-PARIS

Embark this afternoon to Paris, the romantic City of Light. Once entering the city, you will be transferred to the ship. After unpacking, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a speciallyprepared Welcome Dinner. **(B, D)** 

#### **Day 6: CONFLANS**

Arrive in Conflans St. Honorine, at the confluence of the rivers Oise and Seine. Join a guided tour to the little town of Auvers-sur-Oise, an inspiration to many Impressionist masters, including Cezanne, Pissarro and Daubigny. The most famous of these artists is Vincent van Gogh, whose final resting place is here. Depart late this afternoon. **(B, D)** 

#### Day 7: ROUEN

This morning, join a walking tour of the capital of the Normandy region and visit the cathedral that inspired Claude Monet, and the modern Church of Joan of Arc with its magnificent 16th-century stainedglass windows. This afternoon, either join a guided visit to the Rouen Museum of Fine Arts with its collection of impressionist paintings, or explore the countryside with a visit to Domaine Duclos Fougeray – a Norman farmhouse where you can learn about the local apple culture and the sheep herding tradition. Late this afternoon, the vessel departs as it continues northward. (B, D)

#### Day 8: LE HAVRE

The harbor of Le Havre is your convenient base for three optional land explorations. Explore the Norman coastline on a walk along Étretat's cliff-top paths for a view of the steep chalk rocks with impressive needle-like formations, which have inspired many well-known artists. This afternoon, opt for a tour to the nearby city of Honfleur, with its picturesque old harbor lined with 16th -18th century townhouses. Alternatively, join an excursion along the Côte Fleurie. This stretch of coastline is one of the most beautiful for its horticulture and scenery. On board the vessel this evening, enjoy the music of local chanson singers. (**B**, **L**, **D**)

#### Day 9: LE HAVRE - CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX

Today, join us on a full-day Norman journey. Experience a combination of rich culinary traditions and historic landmarks including the closest harbor linked with the liberation of Western Europe after D-Day – the city of Arromanches with its remnants of World War II Mulberries. For those remaining on board, this afternoon offers the chance to explore the relaxing town of Caudebec-en-Caux on a walking tour. Or choose an excursion to Fécamp, a seaside resort and home to Le Palais Bénédictine, which produces the famous Bénédictine liqueur. The vessel departs after dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: LES ANDELYS - VERNON -MANTES-LA-JOLIE

Today, there are several choices for the day's adventures. Relax in little town of Les Andelys or venture farther afield to nearby Giverny, to visit the home of Impressionist Claude Monet and the beautiful gardens which were inspiration for several works of art. For a more active outing, join the tours of the tranquil little towns of Les Andelys and Vernon, which reward with stories of Richard the Lionheart, vistas of Château-Gaillard and promenades along the riverbanks. After lunch on board, join an excursion to Château de Malmaison, the former residence of Joséphine and Napoleon Bonaparte, to immerse yourself in the privacy of



the Imperial couple. Or visit La Roche Guyon and its magnificent Château. Rejoin the ship in Mantes-La-Jolie later this afternoon and prepare for a festive Captain's Gala Dinner. (**B**, **L**, **D**)

### Day 11: PARIS

Soak up the Parisian atmosphere, history, beauty, and way of life with a local historian or scholar during a half-day tour. On this popular itinerary, you will explore the highlights of Paris, including the Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, and the Eiffel Tower. You will wander down boulevard-lined streets, visit famous monuments, marvel at the exquisite Gothic architecture, and delve deep into the history of "the City of Light". This evening savor a gourmet dinner at Madame Brasserie (on the 1st floor of the Eiffel Tower). Spend the night on board in the French capital. (B, L, D)

### Dav 12: PARIS-USA

After breakfast, your AMADEUS crew bids you "adieu" and we hope to see you again soon! **(B, L, D)** 



OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE STAY IN PARIS 3 NIGHTS - \$799 PER PERSON



- 3 nights accommodation in a first class hotel in Paris, with breakfast included each morning
- All transfers included
- Guided City tour of Paris
- Enjoy all the sights, including Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe.





## Meet Your Ship: MS Amadeus Diamond ★★★★★

The AMADEUS Diamond fleet is the new jewel on the French waterways after its complete renovation in 2019.

Your accommodation on board is both elegant and comfortable. All 12 suites and the majority of the 62 cabins have French balconies, as well as modern bathrooms. The ship offers countless options for your leisure time, from golf on the Sun Deck, to a fitness studio, to massage facilities, ensuring that every taste is catered for. Your culinary needs will be taken care of by the Panorama Restaurant, where you can dine in style, enjoying the luxurious ambience while admiring the fascinating passing river landscapes. Our friendly personnel will cater to your every wish with our famous Austrian hospitality.

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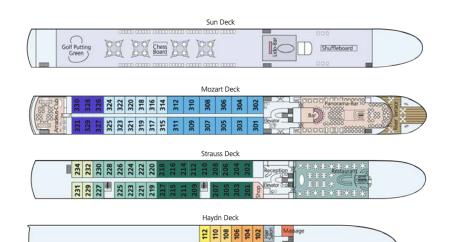
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#### Deck & Cabin Pricing (includes air, taxes & fees)

	If Booked by		Price After
	<u>09/30/23</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>09/30/23</u>
Haydn Cabins (172')			
Catg. C3:	\$3,899	\$500	\$4,399
Catg. C2: 📕	\$3,899	\$500	\$4,399
Catg. C1:	\$4,299	\$500	\$4,799
Strauss Cabins (188')			
Catg. B3:	\$4,599	\$700	\$5,299
Catg. B2:	\$5,099	\$700	\$5,799
Catg. B1: 📕	\$5,299	\$700	\$5,999
Mozart Cabins (188')			
Catg. A2:	\$5,399	\$900	\$6,299
Catg. A1:	\$5,799	\$900	\$6,699
Amadeus Suites (284') 📃	\$6,399	\$1,100	\$7,499
Cabins are limited. To avoid disappointment and for best cabin selection, please reserve early.			

For single occupancy, please refer to reservation form for single supplements.

\*(Single Special - Pay only \$500 additional for category C3 - Space is limited!)



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