

THE TRAVEL CLUB

London, Normandy & Paris

12 DAYS: Thursday, November 8-Monday, November 19, 2018

\$3,699 per person double occupancy; \$4,514 for single reservations

Thursday, May 9-Monday, May 20, 2019

\$3,649 per person double occupancy; \$4,329 for single reservations

FROM EXCITING LONDON WITH ITS WORLD HERITAGE SITES, world-class museums and cozy pubs to captivating Paris with its delectable cuisine, vast art collections and haute couture, from historic Normandy to the wild, dramatic coastline of Brittany, this new vacation has it all! We'll see London's iconic landmarks on a panoramic tour and zip below the English Channel on the Eurostar train. In Normandy we'll visit the D-Day Museum in Arromanches, the American Cemetery in Colleville and walk on Omaha Beach. Next we'll explore breathtaking Mont-Saint-Michel and three gems of Brittany: stunning Saint-Malo, regal Dinard and charming Dinan. In Paris we'll enjoy a guided tour highlighting the city's arrondissements (neighborhoods), the Champ-Élysées and Place de la Concorde followed by free time to explore on your own.

Your tour package includes

- 10 nights in handpicked hotels, 10 breakfasts, 4 dinners with beer or wine, 1 brandy tasting
- 7 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Eurostar train ride, Honfleur harbor, D-Day beaches, Mont-Saint-Michel, Saint-Malo, Chartres Cathedral, Eiffel Tower photo stop,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.

FEATURES

London landmarks tour including Big Ben and Tower of London. Free day in London. Eurostar train. Calais and Honfleur. Normandy tour including D-Day Museum, American Cemetery in Colleville, Pointe du Hoc, Bayeux Tapestry. Brittany coast, Mont-Saint-Michel, Saint-Malo tour. Visit Chartres and Chartres Cathedral. Paris highlights tour. Free day in Paris. **OPTIONALS: London—Excursion to Windsor Castle; Excursion to Stonehenge & Oxford. Brittany—Excursion to Dinan & Dinard. Paris—Seine River Cruise & Dinner; Versailles Palace & Gardens; Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 1 Overnight flight from Boston

DAYS 2-4 Hilton Kensington, London

DAYS 5–6 Hotel Mercure Cabourg Hippodrome, Cabourg

DAYS 7–8 Best Western Alexandra, Saint-Malo

DAYS 9–11 AC Porte Maillot, Paris

DAY 12 Return flight to Boston

or similar hotel accommodations



Overnight Flight

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to London today.

London

Day 2: Arrival in London

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to England! Gather with your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London

Included meals: Breakfast

View the regal landmarks of England's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital on a guided sightseeing tour. • Pass the grand Trafalgar Square and Baroque-style St. Paul's Cathedral, perched atop Ludgate Hill • See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations, weddings, and funerals • View icons like Big Ben, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, and the UNESCO-recognized Tower of London • Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you may catch the Changing of the Guard Enjoy a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Windsor Castle

\$99/pp

Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longest-inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where the Knights of the Garter ceremony takes place. View the exhibit of royal treasures on display within the castle. You'll then have time to stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry. Please note: Windsor Castle is

occasionally closed when in use by the Royal Family; a visit to Henry VIII's Hampton Court will be substituted when necessary. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. Must book 20 days before departure

Day 4: Free day in London

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend a full free day in London or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Stonehenge & Oxford

\$129/pp

Pay a visit to Oxford, home to one of the most prestigious universities in the world. You'll admire the charming city's spire-studded architecture and learn more about its academic legacy during a visit to New College at Oxford University. Founded in the 14th century, this college is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and you'll discover its extensive history during your visit. Then, enjoy free time for lunch before continuing on to Stonehenge, perhaps England's most mysterious landmark. The origin and purpose of this ring of stones, which dates back an estimated 5,000 years, is unknown, though most believe it was a temple and observatory. Take some time to explore the intriguing stone formations and visit the newly opened exhibition and visitor center before heading back to London. Must book 20 days before departure

Normandy Coast

Day 5: The Normandy Coast via Calais & Honfleur

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Board the famed, high-speed Eurostar train and ride beneath the English Channel as you journey to Calais, France. Then, travel through historic cities and pristine port towns on your way to the Normandy region. *Please note: Depending on train schedules, you may have a connection in Paris.* • Enjoy a tasting of calvados, the region's distinctive apple brandy, with local cheese • See the untouched Honfleur harbor, once an important port

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Normandy

Included meals: Breakfast

Relive World War II history during a full-day excursion to Normandy, where the Allied troops landed in June 1944. • Visit the Bayeux Museum to view the famed Bayeux Tapestry • Stop at the American Cemetery in Colleville, the burial place for more than 9,000 American soldiers who lost their lives during the Battle of Normandy • Enter the Overlord Museum with a local guide • Visit Pointe du Hoc to view the granite monument that honors the American 2nd Ranger Battalion, which seized German cannons here before they could be used to fire on American troops • Walk along Omaha Beach, the landing site of American troops on D-Day

Brittany Coast

Day 7: Brittany Coast via Mont-Saint-Michel

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Travel to the Brittany coast today, stopping en route to explore the striking 8th-century island monastery of Mont-Saint-Michel on a guided sightseeing tour. • See how the UNESCO World Heritage-recognized monastery, perched high on a granite rock, is surrounded by water at high tide and quicksand at low tide • Enter the Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel with your local guide Then, continue your journey toward seaside Saint-Malo, located on the Brittany Coast.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Saint-Malo

Included meals: Breakfast

See Saint-Malo's narrow streets, tall granite homes, and medieval ramparts on a guided walking tour. • Walk along the old walls of the port city, which was once home to many privateers • View the burial site of the French writer Chateaubriand on the tidal island of Grand Bé Enjoy a free afternoon in Saint-Malo or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Charming Brittany: Dinan & Dinard

\$85/pp

Travel through Brittany's countryside to discover the medieval town of Dinan on a guided tour. Stroll along the cobblestone streets of the town's historic center, seeing half-timbered houses and beautiful private homes built by wealthy families in the 18th century. Then, set out to visit the seaside town of Dinard. Here, you'll board a boat to cruise through Corsair Bay and the Bay of Saint-Malo, taking in sites such as the island of Cézembre and Fort de la Conchée, before disembarking in Saint-Malo. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$95)

Paris

Day 9: Paris via Chartres

Included meals: Breakfast

Travel through the French countryside to Paris today, stopping en route to visit the town of Chartres. • Enter the impressive Chartres Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Explore the surrounding square and medieval houses that line the streets of the old city on your own Later, arrive in Paris and enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

\$115/pp

Take in the nighttime allure of the City of Light on a special evening excursion. The event begins with dinner at a local restaurant. After you dine, board a boat cruise along the Seine. As you coast along the river and under Paris' bridges, you'll behold the illuminated monuments of the city glittering alongside the riverbanks. Please note: The dress code may vary depending on the restaurant for your dinner. Your Tour Director will advise you on what to wear, but shorts and sneakers are likely to be considered inappropriate attire. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$125)

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Paris

Included meals: Breakfast

A guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called *arrondissements*. • Drive down the sycamore-lined Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe • Pass Pont Neuf and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River • See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house, and Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square • Marvel at the iconic architecture of the Louvre and Hôtel des Invalides Spend a free afternoon in Paris or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Versailles Palace & Gardens

\$119/pp

The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion, you will see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then,

stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds. Must book 45 days before departure

Day 11: Free day in Paris

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Explore Paris on your own today or add an excursion. Then, join your group at a farewell dinner this evening.

Optional Excursion

Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny

\$85/pp

The village of Giverny was home to Claude Monet from 1883 until his death in 1926. On a visit to Monet's home and gardens, discover the subtle palette of colors that inspired his Water Lilies series and gave rise to a new way of seeing. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through October. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$95)

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.