

Paris, Normandy and the Seine



Paris



Les Andelys



Rouen

TRIP OVERVIEW

Beginning in one of the world's most beautiful cities, set sail from Paris along the serene Seine river for an eight day cruise, passing some of Normandy's most stunning communes and picture-postcard sceneries. Along the way, a number of optional trips are on offer including a visit to Claude Monet's elegant home, a fascinating tour of the landing beaches and a guided Parisian city walk.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable river cruise. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our river cruise. It includes important information such as visa requirements and travel insurance.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: UK to Paris D

Depart the UK on your scheduled flight to Paris. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your ship. Board your ship at 18:00 and enjoy a welcome cocktail.

Day 2: Paris B/L/D

Explore the cultural city of Paris with a guided tour, taking in the highlights synonymous with romance and elegance. Enjoy the city's timeless artistic treasures and architectural wonders, crowned by the iconic wrought-iron spire of the Eiffel Tower. Later on in the afternoon enjoy some free time to explore the city at your own pace.

Day 3: Paris to Duclair B/L/D

Today, enjoy a tour of the Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny, where the house and gardens of the prolific artist are preserved. Later, sail towards the dramatic island castle of Mont Saint-Michel. Finish your day with an evening of on-board entertainment before you sail towards Duclair.

Day 4: Duclair to Honfleur B/L/D

Embark on a tour of Cote Fleurie, the aptly named "flowered coast" to visit the Chateau du Breuil. Complete your tour with wine tastings of the highly regarded Calvados and Pommeeau. Our ship will set sail towards Honfleur.

Day 5: Honfleur B/L/D

This morning will be spent at leisure, followed by a guided waking tour of Honfleur. Or to honour the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, there is an optional excursion of visiting the Landing Beaches in this anniversary year. A full day special event that also includes lunch. Due to the expected demand of this excursion, it is advisable to pre-book in advance of your departure. The cost of this added event is £139 per person.

Day 6: Honfleur to Rouen B/L/D

Spend the morning cruising and arrive in Rouen for a tour of this engaging city, where Joan of Arc met her death. The city boasts a lovingly restored medieval quarter and a Gothic cathedral.

Day 7: Rouen to Les Andelys B/L/D

Morning will be spent cruising, relax on board this before leaving for a tour of the majestic Martainville Château. End the day with a gala dinner and evening of entertainment.

Day 8: Les Andelys to Paris to the UK B

Cruise back to Paris this morning where you will disembark at 09:00, you will then be transferred for the return flight back to the UK.

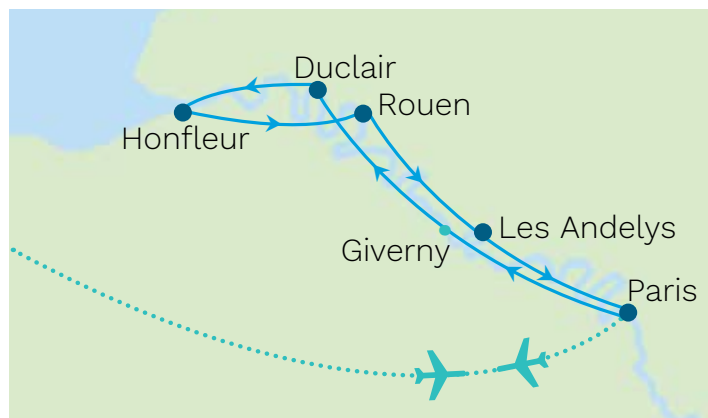
MEALS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily are taken on board the ship. Tables seat 6 people, so you'll be able to converse and socialise with new friends, whilst never feeling crowded together. Tea and coffee are available on board ship as well as unlimited soft drinks and alcoholic drinks, including a variety of wines and beer, both during meals and at the bar. (Premium brands are available at an extra cost).

Any dietary requirements and dislikes should be made known to our reservations staff at the time of booking.

On embarking the ship, you will be greeted by the captain, crew and staff and treated to welcome cocktails.

ROUTE MAP



SHIP INFORMATION

5★ MS Renoir

Renovated in 2018 and by adopting the "French chic" spirit, this 5★ ship's design emphasizes elegant and graphic classicism with 54 tastefully decorated cabins. Located on the upper deck, enjoy getting to know your fellow guests over drinks and a dance in the ship's lounge/bar.

Length: 110m long

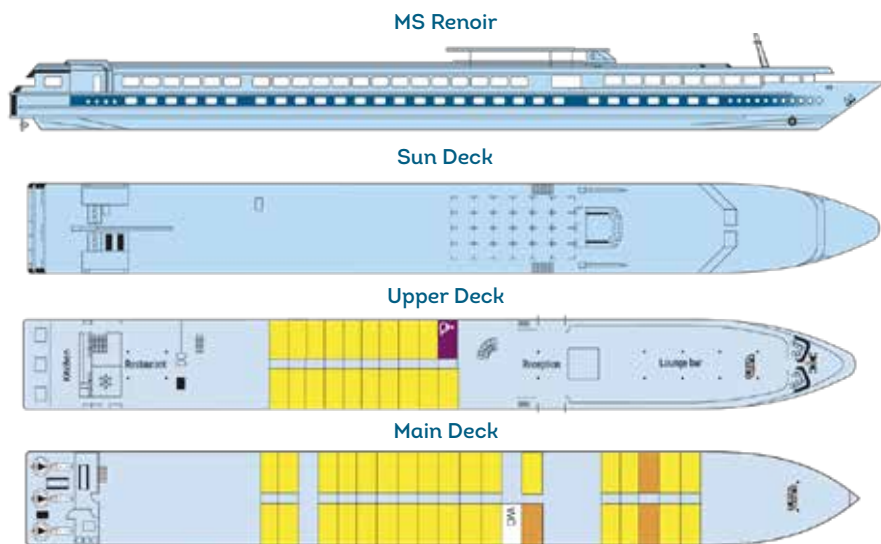
Width 11.1m wide

Cabins 54 cabins

Passengers: 105 passengers

Facilities

- Lounge bar with a dance floor
- Sundeck with sun loungers and large shaded area
- Restaurant
- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning



Cabins

All tastefully, decorated cabins offer splendid views and are equipped with a shower and toilet, TV, air-conditioning, telephone (internal calls only), Wi-Fi and safe.

- Upper deck: 20 cabins (19 double/twin and 1 disabled cabin)
- Main deck: 34 cabins (31 double/twin and 3 single)

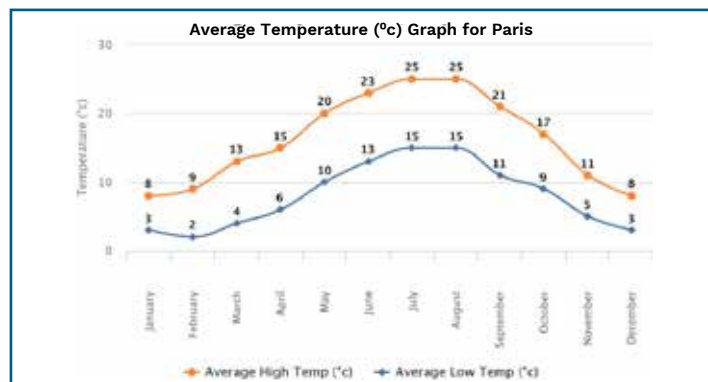
Final confirmation of your deck and cabin will be confirmed at booking. Please contact us if you have any queries.

Twin Cabin 3D plan



WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



Seine River, Paris

WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas

A visa is not required for British nationals travelling to France. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity.

Tour Guides

Optional excursions are escorted by an experienced, English speaking guide.

Shared cruise

Please note: your cruise is shared with international clients from other companies.

Tipping

Tipping is at your discretion. There is an envelope in your cabin for these purpose that can be handed to reception at the end of your cruise.

Currency Exchange

The currency in France as well as on board is the Euro (€). We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK, however cash machines are available in most towns and cities to withdraw money in the local currency.

Personal Expenses

This cruise is All-Inclusive, so you will only need to take a little extra money with you to cover any premium drinks on board and souvenirs, drinks and snacks purchased when off the ship, as well as any optional excursions you wish to book.

Credit Card Information

Credit cards are accepted on board ship and throughout France.

Electricity Supply

The electricity supply is 220V. You will need a European two pin round plug adapter in France.

Itinerary Changes

The Captain and CroisiEurope reserve the right to alter/modify an itinerary at any time, should safety or external circumstances make this necessary, changes are also subject to tides. Some of the highlights may only be seen on optional excursions at an additional cost, or by exploring independently.

DRESS CODE AND WHAT TO PACK

Dress Code

There is no official dress code on board, however you'll be most comfortable during the day in smart casual clothing. You may wish to bring items that do not wrinkle easily as there is no iron provided on board ship. There are also no laundry facilities available. Bring a variety of clothing for the weather expected on your cruise, including light clothing and bathing suits for hot weather, a jumper or jacket for cooler weather and of course a raincoat and/or small umbrella.

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk/, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

This river cruise is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves moderate days of walking on cobble streets and getting on and off the cruise ship. This cruise is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote 'WK830' for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Passport Information

Your passport Information is required for this cruise, including place of birth. This information is required at least 70 days prior to your departure. Failure to provide this information on time may result in your booking being cancelled with loss of deposit.

What to Pack

- Comfortable walking shoes such as trainers for sightseeing excursions
- Sun cream and a hat with a big brim for sunny days
- Sunglasses
- Ruck sack or light bag per person
- Personal toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Personal first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Alternatively to flying, you can take the train to **Gare du Nord, Paris** with **Eurostar** departing from **London St. Pancras**.

IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight/Eurostar details, including terminal, airline and baggage allowance, will be confirmed on your final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure. A printed E-ticket is no longer required at check-in, all you need to do is present your passport to the staff at the desk and your boarding pass will be given to you.

Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras on 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Paris you will be met by a representative from our local agent CroisiEurope, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/CroisiEurope representative will show you to your transfer vehicle and escort you to your boat.

If arriving by train into Gare du Nord station, please exit the station onto Rue de Maubeuge where you will be met by a representative from our local agent, Altesse Limousine, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays/CroisiEurope". The Mercury Holidays/Altesse Limousine representative will show you to your transfer vehicle and escort you to your boat.

EMBARKING & DISEMBARKING

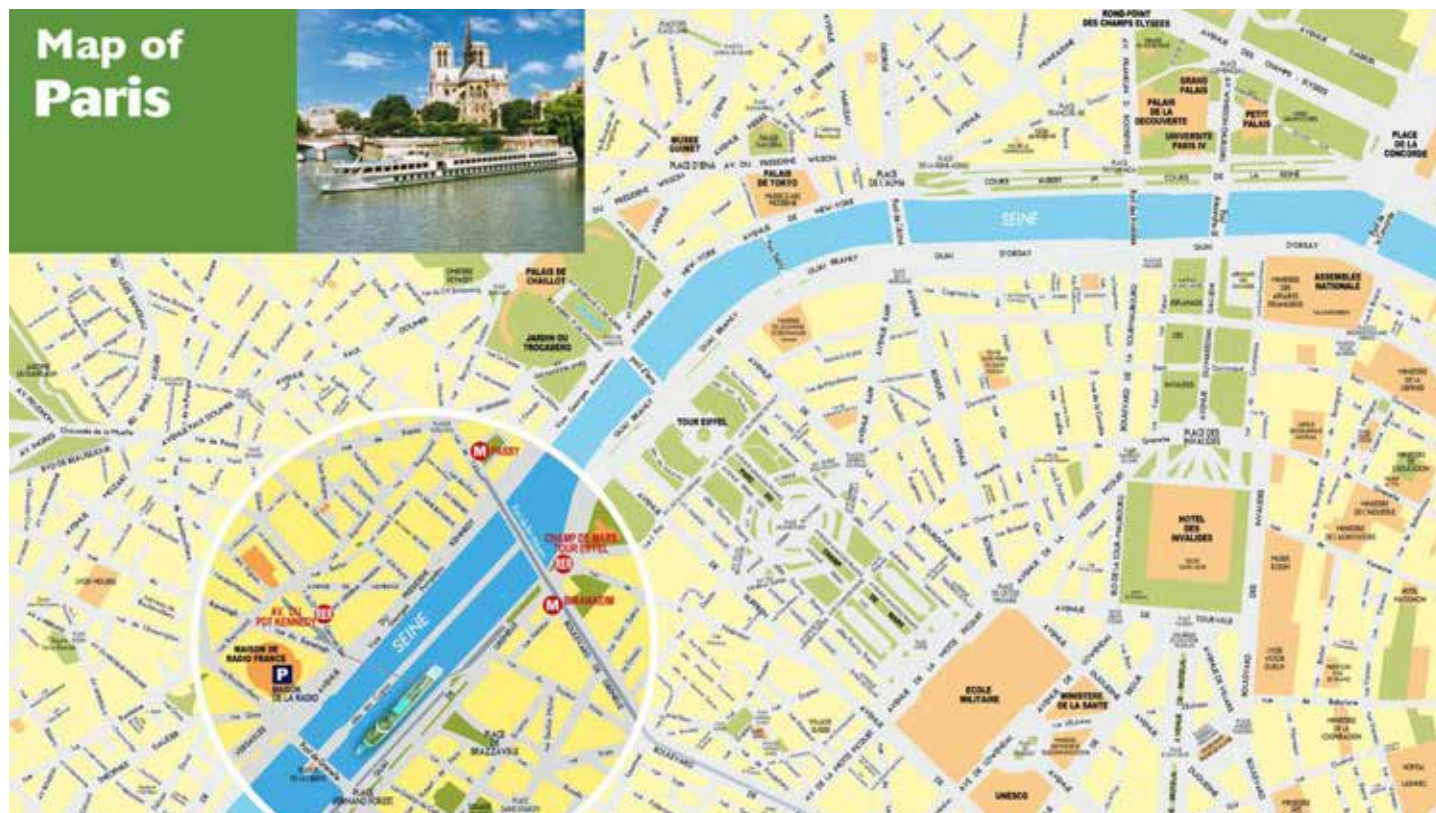
Embarkation Time: 6pm

Disembarkation Time: 9am

If your arrival is before this time, you will be transferred to the docking area where you will be able to leave your luggage. You are then free to explore the city at your own pace until it is time to board your ship.

BOARDING DETAILS

Please see below for details of your boarding quay. Your cruise company is **CroisiEurope**.



PLEASE NOTE: In the unlikely event that your cruise does not operate, then you may be asked to change to a different date. A full refund will be made available, should the alternative dates offered be unsuitable.