



Rochefort-en-Terre

# Normandy, Brittany, Paris & the Loire Valley

*From Parisian art, palaces and private châteaux to poignant D-Day beaches, discover Northern France*

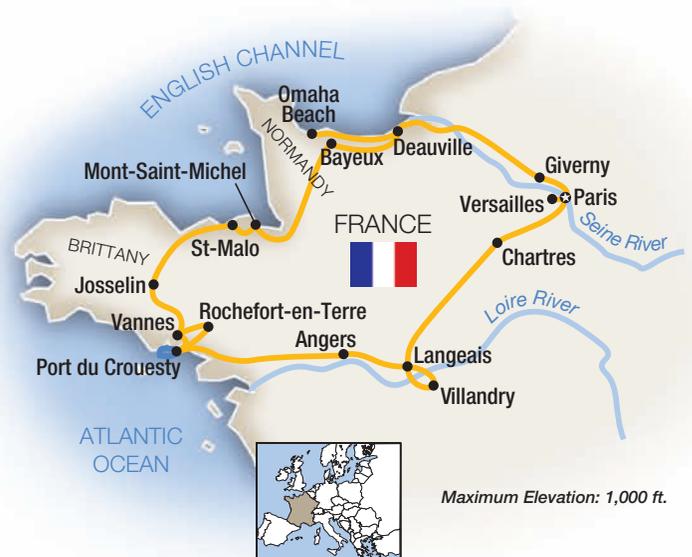
13 DAYS FROM \$7,290 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

## 1. Arrive Paris / Versailles

**Tour begins: 3:00 PM, Trianon Palace Versailles.** A transfer is included from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport to the Trianon Palace Versailles, a Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Enjoy an orientation tour of the town of Versailles, before joining us for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. Chartres to Châteaux country

Your day begins with a journey from Versailles to Chartres. Enjoy a guided tour of Gothic Chartres Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on a walking tour through the town's historic heart. Continue to Langeais in châteaux



## Uniquely Tauck

- Join Le Baron at his family château in Normandy for a private cocktail reception and dinner made more memorable by a hunting hounds demonstration
- Enjoy a private visit to Le Moulin Bleu vineyards in the heart of the Loire Valley, where wine tasting is followed by lunch
- Walk on to the real-life canvas of Impressionist artist Claude Monet during a guided visit to his family home and oft-painted garden settings at Giverny
- Step back in history on D-Day beaches immortalized in the sands of time with a World War II expert who shares stories of the heroes and events of the day
- Take a cruise along the Golfe du Morbihan (meaning “Little Sea” in Breton), a channeled inlet of small islands that waxes and wanes with the tide



There is something mystical about the small village of Le Mont-Saint-Michel, especially when it becomes an island at high tide.

country for a two-night stay at Château de Rochecotte, once the private estate of diplomat Prince Talleyrand and the Duchess of Dino. Tonight, enjoy an immersive Loire Valley experience at Château de Champchevrier, a private country estate, where you'll meet the Baron and his family, enjoy a reception and dinner, and witness a hunting hound demonstration in full regalia. **Meals BD**

### 3. A day in the Loire Valley

Explore the Loire Valley, the “Garden of France,” today, including a guided tour of Château de Langeais, a private visit at Le Moulin Bleu vineyards for wine tasting and lunch, and a tour of the Renaissance gardens of Château de Villandry, considered among the most spectacular in all of France. Dinner this evening is at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

### 4. Château d'Angers and the seaside

En route to Port du Croesty, pause at the 17-towered Château d'Angers to view the famous medieval Apocalypse Tapestry, a series of tapestries commissioned by Louis I and woven in Paris between 1373 and 1382. Drive through storybook villages and countryside to your seaside hotel in Port du Croesty on the Golfe du Morbihan. **Meals BD**

### 5. A cruise and on to Rochefort-en-Terre

Enjoy a walking tour of “Petit Mont” and a sightseeing cruise on the scenic Golfe du Morbihan, which is home to some 40 small islands. Next it's off to pretty Rochefort-en-Terre in Brittany; a guided tour of this lovely 19th-century stone village reveals why it has earned a reputation as one of France's top floral towns. **Meals BL**

### 6. From Vannes to Josselin & St-Malo

Inside the medieval walls of Vannes, a walking tour reveals the immense Gothic cathedral (under construction across five centuries) and half-timbered houses standing side by side on cobblestoned streets and the tree-lined Promenade de la Garenne. Onward to Josselin for a visit to the formidable three-towered château, inhabited by the Rohan family for nearly ten centuries, then head to the English Channel for a stay in beachfront St-Malo. **Meals BD**

### 7. Le Mont-St-Michel & Medieval St-Malo

Perched high on a rocky promontory on an islet between Normandy and Brittany stands Le Mont-Saint-Michel, the



Northern France is known for spectacular châteaux and gardens. Tour Château de Villandry (left), built during the Renaissance – and spend an evening with the Baron and his family at Château de Champchevrier featuring cocktails, dinner and a hunting hound demonstration.

famed thousand-year-old Benedictine abbey and village that grew up beneath its walls in medieval times. According to legends the abbey, once totally unreachable at high tide, was constructed on that site at the request of Archangel Michael and has remained since the 8th century as one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in Europe. Today's well-timed visit to this UNESCO World Heritage Site requires a bit of steep walking, but you'll discover a unique place beautifully adapted to its natural environment. On your return to St-Malo, join your Tauck Director for a walking tour of the city's walled center. **Meals B**

### 8. Centuries of history in Normandy

Travel along the Normandy coast to Bayeux, a Roman settlement that grew into a town of winding medieval streets and wooden-framed houses that survived the ravages of WWII practically intact. Visit the museum that houses the famous Bayeux Tapestry, a UNESCO Memory

of the World. Exquisitely embroidered in 1066 and over 200 feet in length, the *tapisserie* portrays Viking ships and Norman and Saxon cavalries struggling for control of the English throne. Drive on scenic *Yellow Roads* to Le Mémorial de Caen, commemorating the sacrifices of World Wars I and II. After lunch, drive to your hotel in Deauville where dinner is at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

### 9. The beaches of D-Day in Normandy

On June 6, 1944, Allied forces invading Occupied Europe landed on a number of now-famous, code-named beaches along the Normandy coast, etching the history of that day into the sands of time; Tauck's excellent World War II expert relates the many heartfelt stories of "D-Day" at Pointe du Hoc, and the now-quiet Omaha Beach, where American units took heavy casualties in establishing a beachhead. You'll walk along the beaches and also view a private World War II memorabilia collection plus a hands-on exhibit



### Select Small Group Departures Stay at Le Meurice in Paris

Select Small Group departures (ask at booking) enjoy a 3-night stay in Paris at Le Meurice, ranked among the most elegant hotels in the world. The perfect French palace hotel, Le Meurice is ideally situated between Place de la Concorde and Musée du Louvre; it is the embodiment of 18th-century splendor and innovative modern comforts.

honoring the troops who fought here. Following lunch, make a poignant visit to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer. End the day in the seaside resort town of Deauville. **Meals BL**

## 10. Monet's Giverny & on to Paris

En route to Paris enjoy a guided visit in Giverny of artist Claude Monet's home and gardens; he designed the gardens and turned them into his outdoor studio where he painted. Arrive at your hotel in Paris early evening. **Meals BD**

## 11. Parisian pleasures

Join a local guide for an orientation tour of Paris, taking in an overview of Parisian landmarks; see the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées, Trocadéro and the Eiffel Tower. If you wish, come along for a walking tour with a local guide to Place de la Concorde and your hotel this afternoon – or continue exploring on your own. Spend the remainder of the day enjoying the city as you please. Your hotel is perfectly located in the heart of the city, a stone's throw from the elegant Palais Garnier opera house. The birthplace of the legendary Jockey Club, the hotel was also the site where cinematography was presented by the Lumière brothers in 1895. **Meals B**

## 12. Impressionist art at Musée d'Orsay

A local guide gives a tour at the Musée d'Orsay, where a treasure trove of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art is housed in a renovated Beaux-Arts railway station. Join us for a farewell reception with stunning panoramic views of the Eiffel Tower and the city skyline, followed by a gourmet dinner served with French flair. **Meals BD**



A visit to the haunting D-Day beaches of Normandy with our local expert will be one of your most memorable experiences in France.

## 13. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Paris.** Bid adieu to Paris this morning. Hotel check out is at 12 noon. A transfer to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, Orly Airport, or the Paris train stations from Le Scribe Paris Opéra is included. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

### 2022 DATES

Apr 17, 22, 29 May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29  
 Jun 7, 5, 10, 12, 24 Jul 8, 22 Aug 19, 26  
 Sep 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 30 Oct 2, 7 **/= Sold Out!**

Go to [tauck.com](http://tauck.com) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### 2022 PRICE PER PERSON

#### April - May 1

Double	\$ 7,290	Single	\$ 9,678	Triple	\$ 6,997
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#### May 8 - October

Double	\$ 8,390	Single	\$ 11,123	Triple	\$ 7,997
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Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$8,790 per person double. Special Solo Traveler Savings dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save \$300 on the single room price.

### 2022 PRICE INCLUSIONS

24 meals (12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport and train transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and portorage.

### 2022 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	<b>TRIANON PALACE VERSAILLES</b>	Versailles
Night 2,3*	<b>CHÂTEAU DE ROCHECOTTE</b>	Langeais
Night 4,5	<b>MIRAMAR LA CIGALE</b>	Port du Crouesty
Night 6,7**	<b>LE GRAND HOTEL DINARD</b>	Saint-Malo
Night 8,9	<b>HÔTEL BARRIÈRE LE NORMANDY DEAUVILLE</b>	Deauville
Night 10-12***	<b>HOTEL LE SCRIBE</b>	Paris

\*Tours of Apr 29; May 6, 13, 20; Jun 10; Jul 8, 22; and Aug 19 will stay at Château de Beauvois. Tours of May 24, 27; Jun 12, 24; Sep 6 and 20 will stay at Château la Prieuré

\*\*Small Group Departures (dates in blue) enjoy sea-view rooms at Le Grand Hôtel des Thermes in St. Malo nights 6 and 7

\*\*\*Select Small Group Departures stay at Le Meurice (ask at booking)

International airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates on air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (\*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Guest Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.**

**Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2**