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Offer valid only on the April 6-14, 2027 tour with deposits paid between November 24 through December 13, 2026. Discount will be reflected on the final tour invoice. Other conditions apply.

The Best of France's Loire Valley and Normandy

Here's a look at what we have planned, day-by-day, for our tour adventures:

"***From the Norman invasion of England in 1066 to the D-Day landings of 1944, Normandy has long played an outsized role in European history. Today the cemeteries and memorials along the D-Day beaches are places of solemn pilgrimage. The charms of Normandy include a variety of dramatic coastal landscapes, quiet pastoral villages and architectural gems including the maritime charms of Honfleur. Apples, cider, cream-rich cuisine and the very freshest fish and seafood provide further reasons to visit this beautiful region of France.***"

- Lonely Planet Guidebook to Normandy



"***With crenellated towers, soaring cupolas and glittering banquet halls, the châteaux, and the villages and vineyards that surround them, attest to a thousand years of rich architectural, artistic and agrarian creativity. The Loire Valley – an enormous UNESCO World Heritage Site – is also known for its outstanding wines and lively, sophisticated cities...***

- Lonely Planet Guidebook to the Loire Valley



DAY ONE - PARIS (D)

OVERNIGHT: PARIS

Welcome to Paris! Upon your arrival at the airport or train station, we'll be there to greet you and escort you to our centrally located hotel, where you can settle in and unwind after your journey.

Once everyone has arrived, we'll gather for a celebratory glass of champagne before taking a leisurely stroll to the beautiful **Galerie Vivienne** and the elegant gardens of the **Palais Royal**. Along the way, you'll have your first taste of Parisian charm—and the chance to share your thoughts on the iconic Colonnes de Buren installation.

As evening falls, we'll come together for a wonderful welcome dinner in the City of Lights, marking the beginning of an unforgettable adventure.













DAY TWO - GIVERNY & HONFLEUR (B, L, D)

OVERNIGHT: HONFLEUR

On the way to **Honfleur**, our home in Normandy, we'll stop at **Giverny** and visit one of the most famous and most beautiful gardens in the world, **Monet's Garden**. Claude Monet lived here for forty-three years from 1883 to 1926. The famous water lily ponds and colorful gardens created by the Master of Impressionism gave him his greatest artistic inspiration and have made this tiny river Seine-side village famous all over the world.

"***I work at my garden all the time and with love. What I need most are flowers, always. My heart is forever in Giverny."***

- Claude Monet, artist/painter

We'll have lunch in Giverny before continuing on to Honfleur. Time for a nap in our hotel before we walk to dinner. Tonight, for those who wish – you can samples the classic Norman seafood platter, of course we'll have a plate of the rich Norman cheeses.









DAY THREE - HONFLEUR & THE NORMAN COUNTRYSIDE (B, L)

OVERNIGHT: HONFLEUR

Honfleur is a charming seaside town full of quaint streets and shops. This morning we will visit the Church of Saint Catherine; begun in 1460, it is the largest wooden church in France. Built by seafarers, the ceiling looks like an overturned ship's hull! We'll spend time poking about the town before boarding the bus to explore the beauty of the countryside. We'll see half-timbered houses and thatched roofs with flowers growing along the roof top. We'll have lunch in the charming little village of **Beaumont-en-Auge** and then visit a distillery that produces our favorite **Calvados,** Normandy's famous apple brandy.

Dinner on own.

DAY FOUR - NORMANDY & D-DAY BEACHES (B, L)

OVERNIGHT: HONFLEUR

This day will be dedicated to honoring the memory of those who fought and those who died in the D-Day landing on the Normandy shores on June 6, 1944. Our guide will share the full details of the landing plans, and of all the events that failed to go according to plan. When one understands the layout of the beaches, and the German fortifications that were in place to defend them, the courage and achievements of the Allied soldiers are almost beyond belief. After touring the beaches we will conclude with a visit the American military cemetery - a remarkable monument and an eloquent tribute to the supreme sacrifice of those who are buried here.

We'll have lunch together of some hearty Norman fare to restore body and soul after a somber day. And we'll drink some Calvados to chase away the shadows of the afternoon.

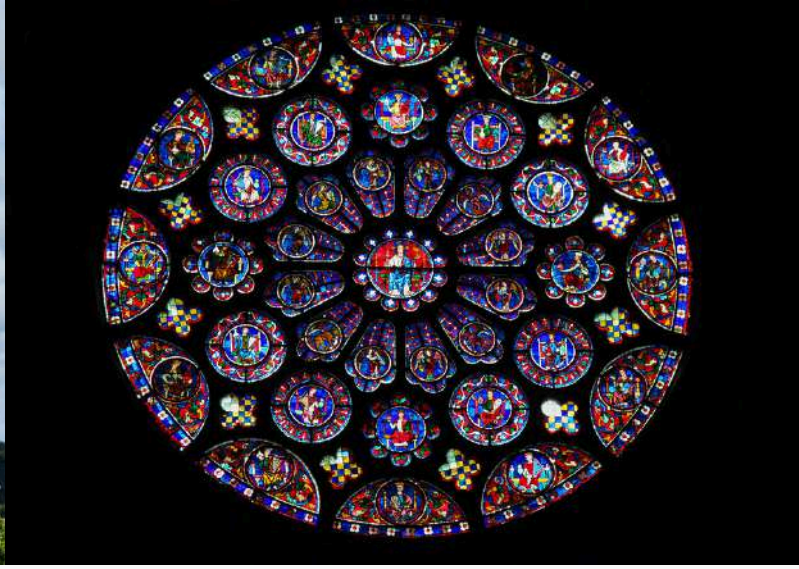
Upon return to Honfleur, dinner will be on own.











DAY FIVE - CHARTRES & AMBOISE (B, D)

OVERNIGHT: AMBOISE

Today we'll move on to the **Loire Valley**. On the way, we'll stop in **Chartres** to see the famous cathedral. Long renowned as one of the most beautiful and historically significant cathedrals in all of Europe, it was designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979, which called it "the high point of French Gothic Art" and a "masterpiece". The majority of the original stained glass windows survive intact, while the architecture has seen only minor changes since the early 13th century. Enjoy lunch on your own and free time in Chartres before we travel on to Amboise.

Our next hotel is located in the heart of the authentic and picturesque Royal City of **Amboise**. A stone's throw from the pedestrian and shopping streets as well as the Royal Château of François 1er, Leonardo da Vinci's last home and the recently renovated Château Gaillard. We'll unpack and then have dinner together in Amboise.















DAY SIX - VILLANDRY & CHINON (B, L)

OVERNIGHT: AMBOISE

This morning is a treat for all who love gardens!

We'll visit the beautiful **Chateau of Villandry** - a beautiful castle, inhabited since the Renaissance. It is one of the most magnificent castles ever built on the banks of the Loire and is known for its water garden, ornamental flower gardens and vegetable gardens.




Then we'll head to a family-run Chateau. It's here that we share our passion for wine, in harmony with nature, sheltered by a limestone hillside and surrounded by lush woodland. With its 17 hectares (42 acres) of Chenin Blanc, Cabernet Franc, Gamay, Chardonnay and Malbec in AOP Vouvray, Touraine-Amboise and Touraine, the Château invites you to discover its wines, made naturally and each one reflecting its terroir. Here, we'll enjoy lunch and wine tasting.

After our afternoon visit, we'll return to Amboise where the remainder of the day will be at your leisure. Dinner on own.





DAY SEVEN - AMBOISE & CHENONCEAUX (B, L)

Overnight: Amboise

After breakfast, we'll head out to discover one of the most photographed castles in the world - the **Château de Chenonceau**. The history of the Château de Chenonceau is defined by an almost uninterrupted succession of women who built, embellished, protected, restored and saved it. The château in its current form was built between 1513 and 1517, by Thomas Bohier and above all his wife, Catherine Briçonnet.

Following a tour of this glorious palace, we'll enjoy lunch in the orangery of the castle. Located in the splendid Bâtiment des Dômes, the château's restaurant offers lunch on its large shaded terrace and in its beautiful dining room, in the former royal stables.

Free time this afternoon in Amboise. Dinner on own.





DAY EIGHT - CHAMBORD & PARIS (B, D)

OVERNIGHT: PARIS

On our return trip to Paris, we'll visit the fairytale **Château de Chambord**, taking in its parks and small village set on the banks of the Loire river. Enjoy free time and lunch on own on a terrace overlooking the Castle.

As we return to Paris, our final night will be at the same sweet hotel from the start of our journey. Before we say our farewells, we'll enjoy a final night dinner in Paris as we watch the city of lights come alive at night.



DAY NINE - DEPARTURE (B)

After breakfast, a group shuttle will be provided to transfer the group to the Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. Until we meet again:

Au Revoir!






Tour Specifics: April 6-14, 2027 | October 5-13, 2027

- **Cost:** The land cost of the tour is **$7,352** per person, based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for a supplementary charge of **$1,167.** Airfare is not included.

- **Accommodations:** 8 nights lodging in elegant, historic hotel properties including: 2 nights in Paris, 3 nights in Honfleur, 3 nights in Amboise. All rooms have ensuite baths.

- **Meals:** All breakfasts plus one full-course meal daily are included. All meals…after breakfast!… include regional wines. We carefully choose the restaurants based on ambiance and quality of cuisine.

- **Calvados and Wine Tastings:** We'll visit a calvados distillery in Normandy and a winery in the Loire Valley.

- **Transfers:** Ground transportation during the tour is included. On the tour start date, we will pick you up at the Paris Charles de Gaulle airport (code: CDG). We may group participants together; you may wait up to one hour for the pick-up based on the timing of others' travel. On the tour end date, there will be a group shuttle departing our Paris hotel at 9 AM to the Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. The transfers are included only on the tour start and end dates. If you wish to arrive in Paris earlier or depart later, we can book a private transfer for you at an additional cost.

- **Admissions:** Entrance fees for all planned visits to monuments, galleries and museums are included.

- **Guided Tours with local authorized expert guide:** Paris, Villandry, Chambord, Chenonceau, Chartres, Honfleur, Giverny, Calvados tastings, D-Day sites.

- **Small, Intimate Group:** We limit the number of participants to a maximum of 16 guests. We require a minimum of 12 for a tour to run.

- **Arrival and Departure:** The tour will begin at our hotel in Paris and end in the same hotel in Paris.

- **Luggage**: Please be sure to have a luggage tag attached to the top handle of your luggage with your name printed clearly on each piece of luggage. This helps the porters deliver your luggage directly to your room in a timely manner.

- **Early Arrival/ Late Stay Options:** For those interested in arriving early or extending their stay, we'd be happy to help you! For trip extensions of 2 nights or less, we provide planning assistance on a *complimentary* basis. For extensions of 3-5 nights, there is a nominal fee of $150 to assist with trip planning including booking hotels, guides, drivers, etc.

Tour Specifics, continued:

- **Gratuities:** Gratuities are a personal decision, but we recommend €10 per person for each daily guide and €10-20 per person per day for your Tour Leader. At the hotels, it is nice to leave €2-3 per day for the housekeeping staff and €1-2 per person per day for the breakfast room servers. For drivers, you may wish to tip €5 per person for a transfer with 1-2 passengers or €3 per person for a transfer with 3 or more passengers. Tuscany Tours tips group bus drivers and at all group meal restaurants.

- **Tour Exclusions:** Airfare; hotel city tax (usually €4-7 per person, per night; payable onsite); trip insurance, and gratuities for your local guides, airport drivers, and tour leaders.

- **Experienced Tour Leaders:** Tuscany Tours has been leading small-group tours in Europe since 1997. This tour is led by one of our experienced tour leaders, each bringing extensive knowledge, local insight, and a passion for creating unforgettable travel experiences. To learn more about our team, please visit our Meet the Team page.

NOTES:

- Due to the ancient architecture of hotels renovated from restored palazzos, each hotel room is unique and room sizes may vary.
- All hotels have air conditioning but in the shoulder seasons, they may not be permitted to use them due to European laws. Please be aware that we cannot ask the hotel to use the air-con if it is against the current regulations in place.
- Tuscany Tours reserves the right to make changes to tour venues, tour leaders and guides as circumstances may require.
- *The comfort and safety of our travelers is our priority. All guests must be able to navigate stairs and/or uneven surfaces like cobblestone and walk for at least one hour at a time to comfortably participate in this tour.*

- **OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** For other terms and conditions, please see: https://www.tuscanytours.com/tour-terms-and-conditions/ ****See the special Terms & Conditions of the Black Friday discount at this link!**

TO REGISTER:

To reserve your place and register for this tour, please click the button to jump to the Registration Page.

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There is a **non-refundable deposit due of $750 per person** at time of registration to secure your spot on the tour. The tour balance is due 95 days before the Tour Start Date.

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