

## 8 Day Cruise | Paris & Normandy with Uniworld

Paris - La Roche-Guyon - Vernon - Giverny - Rouen - Caudebec-en-Caux - Étretat - Normandy - Versailles

From **\$7,699** pp twin share



Travel in style on the alluring S.S. Joie de Vivre with a round trip from Paris to Normandy

Visit 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Visit the palace of Versailles, once home to Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette

All Meals on board including unlimited beverages and so much MORE!

## Description

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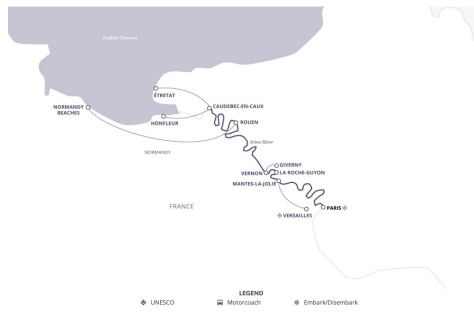


A journey steeped in wonder. Join us on this amazing Uniworld Cruise from Paris bound for the beaches of Normandy. Book and Pay in FULL by 31st October 2023 to secure this deal!

Cruise from Paris through Normandy's countryside, uncovering its many charms: Château de La Roche-Guyon, the medieval capital of Rouen, Monet's beloved home in Giverny and the famed Normandy beaches.

Experience a different side of Northern France's history with a tour of the majestic palace of Versailles, once home to Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.

See the best of Paris in one of three ways: via panoramic tour, a bicycle ride along the Seine, or a walk through the Latin Quarter with a local guide. There are plenty of opportunities to take part in more active experiences, such as golfing atop the cliffs of Étretat, perched on the cliff high above the sea, making playing golf here a memorable experience and visual feast.



## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### Paris

Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship. Alternatively, if you are arriving earlier or from an alternate airport please make your way to the embarkation point.

**Meals:** All Meals Onboard

**Accommodation:** S.S. JOIE DE VIVRE

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### Day 2

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#### La Roche-Guyon - Vernon - Giverny

Today is a celebration of northern France's natural beauty, with an excursion to a splendid château and gardens situated in an equally grand setting, plus a chance to immerse yourself in the very landscapes that inspired Impressionist master Claude Monet. In the morning, choose between a scenic hike or a visit to the hilltop Château de La Roche-Guyon, which is surrounded by beautiful gardens and offers sweeping views over the Seine. Later, explore the beautiful gardens of Monet. You'll have the opportunity to take in the French countryside on your way there with an invigorating bike ride, or opt to arrive by coach instead.

This evening, a special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.

*Today you will have a choice of one of the following activities:*

- *Château de La Roche-Guyon*
- *Let's Go: Hike on the Crests Trail*
- *Monet's Gardens at Giverny*
- *Let's Go: Bike Ride from Vernon to Giverny*

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### Day 3

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#### Rouen

Walk in the footsteps of greatness in Normandy's medieval capital, a city with a historic quarter that remains amazingly intact. From the cathedral Monet painted dozens of times to the cross marking the spot where Joan of Arc was martyred, Rouen is a treasure trove for the culturally curious. The roll call of famous people who lived or died in Rouen is long and varied—Richard the Lionheart, Joan of Arc, Gustave Flaubert and Claude Monet are among them.

#### Featured Excursion

Tonight, walk through the streets of Rouen with your Cruise Manager to see this charming medieval city in a different light. You'll arrive at the famous cathedral to enjoy a private concert. This is a wonderful way to appreciate the long musical heritage of the cathedral, whose choir and grand organ date back several hundred years. As you take in the sounds of traditional European music, look around to appreciate the mix of Gothic, Renaissance and other architectural styles that comprise this building.

Please note: we advise that you layer, as there is no heating in this historic cathedral.

*Today you will have a choice of one of the following activities:*

- *Rouen Walking Tour, the Dukes of Normandy's Capital*
- *Visit a Camembert Cheese Farm*

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## Day 4

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### Caudebec-En-Caux (Honfleur Or Étretat)

Caudebec-en-Caux, a lovely little town on the right bank of the Seine Estuary, is your base for one of two very different excursions. You could drive through the beautiful Calvados countryside to Honfleur, a delightful seaside harbor and city of painters, or head to the windy cliffs of Étretat for a game of golf.

*Today you will have a choice of one of the following activities:*

- *Honfleur Walking Tour*
- *Let's Go: Golfing in Étretat*

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## Day 5

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### Rouen (Normandy Beaches)

There are moments when we travel that move us on an otherworldly level—experiences that stir a profound emotional connection. The Normandy beaches certainly have that effect. On your full-day outing, you'll visit Normandy's beaches, including Utah Beach and Ste-Mère-Église, with a choice to venture to either the American, British and Commonwealth, or Canadian beaches. After, you'll partake in a private ceremony at the Omaha Beach Memorial—a sentimental remembrance of Operation Overlord.

*Today you will have a choice of one of the following activities:*

- *Normandy Beaches: Highlights of American Sites*
- *Normandy Beaches: Highlights of British & Commonwealth Sites*
- *Normandy Beaches: Highlights of Canadian Sites*

**Meals:** All Meals Onboard

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## Day 6

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### Mantes-La-Jolie (Versailles)

How did France's rulers live over the centuries? Step into the private rooms of the Palace of Versailles, the lavish palace built by the Sun King, to find out.

A special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

#### **Featured Excursion**

##### Versailles Palace Secret Apartments

It was the official residence of the country's kings and queens from 1682 until the revolution, and though the monarchy possessed other palaces, Versailles stood alone in magnificence. Tour the royal apartments, which still look much as they did when Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette fled in 1789. In these rooms, you'll find lush silk draperies, exquisite marquetry tables, gilded beds, Aubusson carpets and porcelain ornaments that reveal the elegance of the 18th-century royalty's lifestyle, as well as the extravagance that helped fuel the rage leading to the revolution. Climb the great staircase and enter the jaw-dropping Hall of Mirrors, where the absolute ruler of France held court for the ambassadors of Siam, Persia and the Ottoman Empire, along with all the great seigneurs of France. Ladies intrigued behind their fans, plots were hatched, and careers were made and destroyed beneath the sparkling chandeliers here.

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## Day 7

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### Paris

Whether you're a first-time visitor to the "City of Light" or you've been here many times before, there's something for everyone today in Paris. Enjoy a panoramic overview of the city, join a local expert for a walk through two much-loved neighborhoods, or pedal your way along the Left Bank, a fresh and fun way to take in the sights.

*Today you will have a choice of one of the following activities:*

- *Let's Go: Seine Riverbanks Bike Ride*
- *Paris City Tour*
- *Paris Walking Tour of the Latin Quarter*

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## Day 8

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### Paris

Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Charles de Gaulle Airport for your flight home.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- 7-night cruise in a classic riverview stateroom
- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinners
- Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer, spirits, specialty coffee and tea, soft drinks and mineral water
- 6 days of excursions, including "Choice Is Yours" options, all fully hosted by English-speaking local experts
- Guided "Let's Go" program
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio-headset system on all excursions
- Use of Bicycles and Nordic walking sticks
- Free Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Services of an experienced Uniworld Cruise Manager
- Group Transfers are included on arrival and departure days
- Gratuities for onboard personnel (ship staff, crew, Cruise/Tour Manager) are included during the cruise/tour
- Captivating onboard local entertainment

### About the Ship: 'S.S. JOIE DE VIVRE'

S.S. Joie de Vivre brings the "joy of living" to the rivers of France. Step aboard your floating pied-à-terre in France, featuring handcrafted furniture and fine antiques, original artwork, and signature accents inspired by 20th-century Parisian design from the Golden Twenties to the free-spirited Sixties, all blending seamlessly with modern conveniences.

The S.S. Joie de Vivre, our brightly colored, chic and sophisticated "super yacht" on the Seine, will completely immerse you in all things French before you ever set foot onshore. Ooh la la!

Relax and indulge your mind, body and soul at Club L'Esprit, our onboard spa and wellness center. Pamper yourself with an array of beauty and well-being treatments. Unwind with yoga. Work out in the resistance pool. Get your heart pumping in the onboard fitness center. Afterwards, refresh and recharge with a deliciously good-for-you smoothie at the L'Esprit Bar.

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### Exclusions

- International Flights
- Visas
- Travel Insurance (Highly recommended for this program)
- Any meals or drinks not listed
- Any activities not listed

**About your cabin:** The price is based on the "Classic Riverview stateroom" on the Jules Verne Deck. Upgrades to other categories are subject to availability and price fluctuations. Please speak with our Customer Service team for a quote!

**Ships Dinning options:** Experience the magic each evening as Club L'Esprit transforms into Claude's, a vibrant bar and entertainment venue. Claude's glitzy and glamorous atmosphere is the perfect place to listen to local music, enjoy signature cocktails, or view a classic French film on select nights in an intimate cinema.

La Cave Des Vins. Lovers of French food and wine can experience an exclusive epicurean event in our onboard show kitchen. Under the guidance of Uniworld's talented chef, prepare an exquisite seven-course meal. Then relish your creation with wine pairings designed just for you by our Sommelier. Simply ask our Concierge to reserve your spot. Bon appetit!

Le Bistrot, the ship's very own Parisian-style sidewalk café serves classic French cuisine. Designed with windows that lower for an open-air ambiance, Le Bistrot is a très bon spot to savor wrap-around views of the Seine.

**Travelling solo:** Contact us for a quote!

**Group Size:** Uniworld's elegant ships feature an average capacity of 128 guests and one of the highest staff-to-guest ratios in the river cruise industry.

**Travel Insurance:** We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

Travelling on your own? Why not join the [Traveldream Solo Travellers Facebook group](#) where you can interact with other travellers.