



# Normandy, Brittany and the Loire Valley

8 Nights

01 June 2015 – 31 October 2015



## Summary

A tour to discover three beautiful regions of western France: Normandy and its cultural heritage from a past full of surprises until the famous battle of June 1944, the strong Breton identity offering outstanding maritime landscapes, and last the Loire Valley, synonym of softness, to the encounter of the French kingdom's history in its most beautiful hours which have left us the famous castles. An itinerary to decline to infinity for an extensive visit of each of these territories.

## Overview

**Dates:** 01 June 2015 – 31 October 2015

**Interest:** group - family - couple

**Level of Comfort:** 5

**Minimum # of passengers:** none

**Maximum # of passengers:** none

## Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

## Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Euro
- **Language:** French - English
- **Transportation:** private car or bus
- **Dialing Code:** 33
- **Recommended vaccines:** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** It is better to exchange currencies before you go

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**Day 1: Paris - Giverny - Rouen**

Upon arrival to Paris, meet greet and departure by bus to Normandy through the Seine valley  
Stop in Giverny to visit the house and the gardens of the famous impressionist painter Monet  
Then to Rouen: guided visit of the old town with its beautiful half-timbered houses, the gothic Cathedral, the Market Square and its amazing church Saint Joan of Arc, modern with Renaissance stained glass, built by Louis Arretche where the maiden of Orleans was burned alive

**Day 2: Etretat - Fecamp - Honfleur – Deauville**

Departure to the seaside resort of Etretat: walk along the beach surrounded by chalk cliffs, immortalized by many painters, poets and writers  
Continuation along the Alabaster coast and arrival in Fecamp  
Visit the Palais de la Benedictine, place of production of the famous liqueur and museum, in an amazing neo-gothic and neo-renaissance palace  
Pass the Seine over the Pont de Normandie and stop in Honfleur, a small picturesque harbor with colorful houses and a wooden church  
To end the day, visit of a Calvados distillery and Calvados tasting

**Day 3: Bayeux - Omaha Beach - Mont-Saint-Michel**

In the morning, depart for Bayeux and visit the cathedral and the "Bayeux Tapestry", work of the 11th century that recounts the conquest of England by William the Conqueror  
Continuation along the landing beaches, Arromanches and the ruins of its artificial port

**Day 4: Cancale - Saint Malo - Mont Saint-Michel**

Today enjoy a visit to Mont-Saint-Michel, with a visit of the abbey  
Walk in the walled village where souvenir shops abound  
Continue along the bay to reach Cancale, a picturesque oyster port, where you visit an oyster farm  
Then towards Saint-Malo, city of corsairs and discover the history of its great men

**Day 5: Dinan - Cap Fréhel – Vannes**

Morning stop in the medieval walled town of Dinan, exceptionally well-preserved heritage  
Time at leisure for shopping before joining the Cap Fréhel and its impressive granite cliffs covered with heather and gorse

**Day 6: Gulf of Morbihan - Carnac – Vannes**

Morning cruise on the Gulf of Morbihan: this "inland sea", scattered with islands, enjoy a mild microclimate and is a yachting paradise  
The afternoon is devoted to the discovery of intriguing prehistoric remains: visit of the rows of Menhirs of Carnac  
By late afternoon, stroll in Vannes, a historic town which harbor advances up to the entrance of the city

**Day 7: Montsoreau - Villandry - Tours**

Departure for the Loire Valley. At Montsoreau unusual visit of troglodyte caves: former extracting galleries of truffeau, now converted into mushroom farms and wine cellars  
Continuation in the Loire valley, which provides a sumptuous setting for castles and medieval fortresses transformed during Renaissance into elegant castle for hosting kings and nobles  
Visit of the famous terraced gardens of Villandry



#### Day 8: Chambord - Chenonceau - Montlouis – Tours

This day will be devoted to the visit of two famous castles: Chambord, castle of the excessiveness in the heart of a dense forest full of game and built on the orders of François 1er, undoubtedly the most impressive castle of the Loire  
Guided visit and stroll around the park  
Then Chenonceau, a jewel of Renaissance architecture in an enchanting site, crossing stately over the Cher river  
Inside visit and walk through the magnificent French gardens  
By late afternoon, visit of a wine cellar in Montlouis, and wine tasting

#### Day 9: Tours - Chartres – Paris

On the way back to Paris, visit the cathedral of Chartres, built in the early 13th century and considered one of the finest gothic church in its architecture, its sculpture and its stained glasses  
in the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight back home

#### Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Paris (economy class)  
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport  
8-night accommodation at hotels  
Meals: daily breakfast, 1 lunch & 8 dinners  
Oyster tasting in Cancale  
English speaking local guide  
Transportation by deluxe AC motor coach  
Cruise on the Gulf of Morbihan  
Visit and tasting in a wine cellar in the Loire Valley  
Admissions & guided tours as per the program  
Assistance of our representative in France

#### Prices Exclude

Airport taxes  
Fuel surcharge  
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket  
Optional Tours  
Visa fees  
Travel insurance  
All other expenses

#### Pricing Per Person in US\$

##### Hotel

3\* hotels

*\* Price valid for minimum 10 pax*

##### Price per person

2800

#### Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Paris	ME 211	07:55	11:35
Paris	Beirut	ME 208	16:30	21:45

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