



Parks, gardens and castles in Normandy

7 Nights

01 June 2015 – 31 October 2015



Summary

Normandy is a horticultural heaven and boasts an extraordinary number of parks and gardens open to the public. Refresh your spirit amid the beautiful parks and gardens... let your imagination take you back three hundred years when linden trees were first planted at the “Château de Bosmelet”, or two hundred years when a cedar sapling was planted at the “Château de Miromesnil”, or gaze at the Monet favorite spot in the gardens of Giverny.

A wide range of garden styles are displayed, from simple cottage gardens to grand, formal schemes via walled kitchen gardens, botanical collections, subtropical plantations, landscaped “English style” gardens and authentic French Gardens.

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

Overview

Dates: 01 June 2015 – 31 October 2015

Interest: group - family - couple

Level of Comfort: 5

Minimum # of passengers: none

Maximum # of passengers: none

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 at Paris international airport, meet and greet and leave Paris with our garden specialist tour guide and drive to Giverny to visit Monet's garden.

Continue by a visit of the nearby Park of the Castle of Saint Just with outstanding pools, water-mirror, cascade and water staircase

If time permit we visit Evreux Cathedral and drive to Rouen

Day 2: Rouen – Clos du Coudray – Vandrimare - Rouen

In the morning, enjoy a guided tour of Rouen and visit of the famous Cathedral

Then drive north of Rouen to Etampus and visit of the Clos du Coudray garden presenting a flower mosaic of over 5000 varieties of plants

Next visit is the park of the Castle of Vandrimare near Fleury where you will be welcomed by the owner who'll guide you through the park and the orangery

Day 3: Rouen – Dieppe – Varengeville – Vesterival - Rouen

Today you will drive to Dieppe former port on the spice and ivory road

Visit of the church overlooking the alabaster coast

Continue to Varengeville at the end of the alabaster coast and visit of the Park of the Bois de Moutier with 12h of Rhododendrons and azaleas in a vast park stretching down to the sea

Then visit the Garden Vasterival created by the passionate Princess Sturdza with an extraordinary botanical diversity

Day 4: Rouen – Canon – Brecy - Caen

Morning drive to Caen along the coast. Short sightseeing of Caen with the statue of Joan of Arc and the ruins of Williams the Conqueror

Enjoy lunch in a country inn with Normandy specialties and cider

In the afternoon visit of the Park of the castle of Canon

Or alternatively visit of the Garden of the Castle of Brecy, an Italian style garden of the 17th century with unique embroideries

Day 5: Caen – Bayeux – Nacqueville – Martinvast - Cherbourg

Today you will drive to Bayeux, further to Arromanches, along Omaha Beach to Cherbourg

Visit of the park of the castle of Nacqueville and its English park spread with water mirrors, fountains, waterfalls around the castle planted with rhododendrons, azaleas and hydrangeas

Your day ends with the visit of the magnificent park of the Castle of Martinvast with composition of meadows, woodland, ponds, cascades and follies, including an 18th century obelisk

Day 6: Cherbourg – Mont Saint Michel – Bagnoles de l'Orne

In the morning, visit of the garden of Vauville, tropical oasis along the sea surrounding the castle with a sub tropical atmosphere. Then visit the Christian Dior Garden in Granville. The famous designer created for his mother this original and elegant park with edges, flowerbeds and cliff plants

Continue to the Mont Saint Michel. After a visit of the abbey drive to Bagnoles de l'Orne, a quaint spa resort located in the so called Swiss Normandy

Day 7: Bagnoles – Carrouge - Sassy – Prieuré Saint Michel Bagnoles

Today, you will depart through the romantic landscape of the swiss Normandy to the historical Chateau de Carrouge, impressive medieval castle in the middle of a 10h park. Visit of the castle and continue to the Chateau de Sassy with its French style park created in 1910 by Audiffret-Pasquier with elegant parterres of embroidered box hedges

Picnic lunch with Camembert cheese, cider and Calvados

Afternoon visit of the Gardens of the Saint Michel Priory. Stroll between arbour hedge and apple trees protecting quaint gardens created in 1984 by garden designer Louis Benech



Day 8 : Bagnoles de l'Orne - Paris

In the morning, drive back to Paris and transfer to international airport for departure flight

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Paris (economy class)
Round trip transfer: airport - hotel - airport
7-night accommodation at hotel
Meal: daily breakfast, 1 picnic lunch & 7 dinners
English speaking local guides
All transfers in air conditioned coach
Full day city tour of Giverny
Full day city tour of Rouen
Half day city tour of Vandrimare
Half day city tour of Dieppe
Half day city tour of Varengeville
Half day city tour of Canon
Half day city tour of Brecy
Half day city tour of Nacqueville
Half day city tour of Martinvast
Half day city tour of Mont Saint Michel
Half day city tour of Bagnoles de l'Orne
Half day city tour of Carrouge
Half day city tour of Sassy
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 per person

2500

** Price valid for minimum 10 pax*

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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