

HOP – 5 - DAY CRUISE

From the Normandy coast to Paris The Seine valley

HONFLEUR – LA COTE FLEURIE* - CAUDEBEC EN CAUX – THE ROAD OF ABBEYS* - ROUEN – MANTES LA JOILE – CONFLANS SAINTE HONORINE – PARIS

DAY 1: HONFLEUR

Embarkation takes place in Honfleur between 6:00-7:00 PM. Time is allowed to settle comfortably into your cabin before meeting the crew during a welcome cocktail reception in the lounge. Dinner is served on board followed by a free evening to sightsee on your own. Overnight is in Honfleur.

DAY 2: HONFLEUR – CAUDEBEC EN CAUX

Breakfast is served on board. This morning will be entirely devoted to an optional walking tour of Honfleur. You will visit its fishing port, picturesque old houses, salt attics and the Church of St Catherine which was built in the 15th – 16th century. The church was built by local carpenters in the shape of a ship and it is the biggest wooden church in France. After the tour, you return to the ship for lunch on board. This afternoon you are invited to join the optional coach **excursion** to the **Cote Fleurie (the flowered coast)**. **The tour begins in** the famous resort towns of **Trouville** and **Deauville** before ending the day in style by visiting a Calvados distillery where apple brandy is produced. Return to the ship for dinner on board before cruising east. Exact sailing time is subject to the tides.

DAY 3: CAUDEBEC EN CAUX – ROUEN

Breakfast is served on board followed by an optional coach **tour along the Road of Abbeys**. **The first stop is** the church of **Caudebec-en-Caux** which dates back to the 15th century. Then it is on to the ruins of the **Jumièges Abbey, known as** one of the most beautiful abbeys in France. Finally, you will tour the Church of St Pierre, one of the finest examples of 10th century Norman architecture. After the tour, it is back to the ship for lunch on board before sailing on towards **Rouen**. The cruise takes you down the Seine River between steep limestone cliffs that overlook quaint Normandy villages. Arrival in **Rouen** is around 4:00 PM when a **guided city walking tour of the town is offered**. **The tour** takes you to the cathedral (famous for a series of paintings by Monet), Rouen's historic quarters and the old market place square where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. Dinner is served on board. Overnight is in Rouen.

DAY 4: MANTES LA JOLIE – CONFLANS SAINTE HONORINE – PARIS

The ship gets an early morning start while breakfast is served on board. Our first stop is in **Mantes la Jolie**. **Upon arrival, you are invited to join an optional coach excursion** to the **Chateau of Versailles** (closed to the public on Mondays). This exceptional landmark is among the most famous and prestigious World Heritage sites, and without a doubt, the most handsome and complete achievement of 17th century French art. You return back on board the ship in **Conflans Sainte Honorine** for lunch while cruising east towards **Paris**. **Along the way**, the ship passes the futuristic Paris suburb of La Défense with its striking architectural combination of glass and cement. Dinner is served on board as we arrive into **Paris** which is beautifully lit up at night. Overnight is in Paris.

DAY 5: PARIS

Breakfast is served on board before disembarking around 9:00 AM. End of the cruise.

Formalities: National ID cards or passports are obligatory. Non-EU residents are advised to check with their embassy or consulate.

N.B.: for navigational reasons and passenger, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.