

## PAF – 5 - DAY CRUISE

# From Paris to the Normandy Coast

The Seine Valley

**PARIS – VERNON – ROUEN – CAUDEBEC EN CAUX – LA COTE FLEURIE\* -  
HONFLEUR**

### DAY 1 : PARIS

Embarkation takes place 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. While dinner is served on board, the ship begins cruising on the Seine River (depending on the water level) for a magical tour of **Paris** by night. Enjoy beautifully lighted views of the **Eiffel Tower, Grand Palais, Orangerie, the Louvre Museum and Notre Dame Cathedral, to name but a few. Overnight is in Paris.**

### DAY 2 : PARIS - VERNON

Breakfast is served on board while we get an early start cruising west along the Seine River. Along the way, we pass through the futuristic suburb of La Defense famous for its striking combination of glass and concrete architecture. Lunch is served on board before arriving in **Conflans Sainte Honorine**. We invite you to take the optional **sightseeing coach tour** to the **Chateau of Versailles** (closed to the public on Mondays). This landmark is among the most famous and prestigious World Heritage Sites, and without a doubt, the most handsome and complete achievement of 17<sup>th</sup> century French art. On Mondays, when Versailles is closed, an **optional coach tour is offered to the Chateau de Malmaison**. Return to the ship at around 6:30 PM in **Mantes la Jolie** before the cruise continues on towards **Vernon**. Dinner is served on board with an overnight in Vernon.

### DAY 3 : VERNON – ROUEN – CAUDEBEC EN CAUX

Breakfast is served while sailing towards **Rouen**, passing through the Amfreville Lock in **Andelys**. **From this point heading west**, our cruise schedule will be subject to the tides. Arrival in Rouen is scheduled for around 1:30pm. An optional **guided city walking tour** of Rouen is offered. The city is the former capital of Normandy. We visit the cathedral that was featured in a series of Monet paintings, the historic quarters and the old market place square where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. Return to the ship after the tour, as we sail west to **Caudebec en Caux**. **We** arrive there in the evening where we stop briefly to welcome on board a pilot who will assist in navigation. We depart Caudebec en Caux cruising overnight to **Honfleur** (subject to the tides). Dinner on board the ship and a gala evening is planned.

### DAY 4 : CAUDEBEC EN CAUX – HONFLEUR

**Honfleur** is our last port of call and exact arrival time in the port is subject to the tides. After breakfast is served on board, we stop to visit this splendid fishing town which lies at the mouth of the Seine directly at the point where the river flows into the English **Channel**. An optional guided walking tour of Honfleur is offered that will take you through the old port, which looks just as it did in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Quay side dwellings were very much sought after in those times, therefore only extremely narrow plots of land were sold. This helps to explain the unusual architecture of tall buildings that sometimes reach up to 7 floors high. In the background, we invite you to admire the Church of St Catherine which was built entirely of wood in the shape of a ship by local carpenters. Lunch is served on board prior to an optional coach tour to the resort towns of **Deauville and Trouville** on the “**Cote Fleurie**” (**The Flowered Coast**). During the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, **Deauville** became the hotspot for well to do Parisians and film stars from all over the world. Among its many attractions are the luxury hotels right along the sea front, the casino, the marina, a horse-racing track, and the old

beach huts. The final stop on the tour is to a Calvados distillery where they produce apple brandy. Return to the ship in time for dinner on board before taking one last stroll around the old port on your own, which is beautifully lit up at night. Overnight is in Honfleur.

#### **DAY 5 : HONFLEUR**

Breakfast is served on board followed by disembarkation. End of a memorable cruise.