

Treasures of France with Normandy (TGT1025)

May 29 - June 6, 2026

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the best of France on a memorable journey that begins with a scenic drive through Paris, passing its famous landmarks and grand boulevards. Visit historic Rouen and the colorful harbor town of Honfleur. Explore the D-Day Landing Beaches, including Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach, and the Normandy American Cemetery. Marvel at Mont-Saint-Michel and enjoy a peaceful drive through the Normandy and Loire countryside. Enjoy a special lunch at a 17th-century château, taste delicious handmade chocolate in Amboise, and tour the stunning châteaux of the Loire Valley. Wrap up your trip with a visit to the beautiful Chartres Cathedral.

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip economy flights between Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse and Paris (overnight flight on May 29)
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers in Paris
- 7 nights accommodations as outlined in itinerary
- 12 meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners
- Luxury transportation on tour
- All admission and entrances fees as outlined in the itinerary
- All restaurant gratuities for included meals
- All hotel charges and local taxes
- Baggage handling when available (1 piece per person)
- Services of a local Travel Director with gratuities
- Services of a local Driver with gratuities
- Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host



ITINERARY:

Day 1 - May 29

Depart Western and Central New York overnight for Paris, France.

Day 2 - May 30

Bienvenue! The 'City of Light' welcomes you as you prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey through France. Join your Travel Director this afternoon for an orientation drive to admire the glittering cityscape of Paris – past grand boulevards and iconic sites like the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe and get to know your traveling companions over dinner this evening. Dinner is included today. Evergreen Laurel Hotel Paris (1 night).

Day 3 - May 31

Leave Paris behind and travel to Rouen, the city where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. From here, you'll continue to Honfleur, a harbor town known for its colorful shopfronts and artistic heritage. Take time to explore its streets and soak up the views that have inspired painters for centuries. Changing pace, visit Distillerie Busnel, one of Normandy's oldest working distilleries. Walk through the distillery, learn about the time-honored craft of Calvados production, and round off the experience with a tasting that captures the flavors of the region. Breakfast and Dinner are included today. Hôtel Mercure Omaha Beach (2 nights).

<u>Day 4 – June 1</u>

Today, explore the poignant D-Day Landing Beaches in the company of your Local Specialist. Begin with a visit to the American Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives at Omaha Beach, imagining the mingled sense of terror and triumph felt on the fateful day when Allied forces set foot on mainland Europe. Stop for lunch (on own) in the seaside town of Arromanches, the setting for Mulberry Harbor, once at the heart of the Normandy landings. Breakfast is included today.

Day 5 – June 2

Travel through the Normandy countryside admiring the land of calvados before exploring the UNESCO World Heritage site, Bay of the Mont-Saint-Michel. Your Local Specialist reveals the history of the impressive medieval Benedictine Abbey perched on the hilltop. In Brittany enjoy the afternoon your way or, perhaps discover the beauty of the port city of St. Malo with a Local



Specialist on the Jewels of St. Malo Optional Experience. Breakfast and Dinner are included today. Hotel de l'Abbaye Le Tronchet (1 night).

Day 6 – June 3

Journey onward through scenic countryside, stopping to connect with locals at lunch with wine in a 17th-century château during an experience set within beautiful grounds. Later, continue to the beautiful Loire Valley, where you will spend the next two nights. Breakfast and Lunch are included today. Novotel Amboise (2 nights).

Day 7 - June 4

In the morning, taste hand-crafted chocolate at Maison Bigot. Afterwards, spend your day admiring the beautiful châteaux of the Loire Valley and join a Local Specialist for a visit to the Amboise Royal Château. It is here that King François I hosted Leonardo da Vinci, whose tomb now lies in the Chapel of Saint-Hubert adjoining the château. Continue with a visit to Château de Chenonceau, built on the Cher River. The château is often referred to as the 'Ladies Castle', due to the many women who influenced its construction and development. Today it contains priceless collections, including Renaissance furniture, tapestries and masterpieces by Rubens and Tintoretto. Breakfast is included today.

Day 8 - June 5

Following breakfast, your first stop today is the town of Chartres and its beautiful Roman Catholic cathedral, regarded as one of the most authentic and complete works of religious architecture from the early 13th century. Journey back to Paris this afternoon and spend the rest of your day in the 'City of Light'. Celebrate with your Travel Director and fellow travelers this evening at a Farewell Dinner with local wines at a Parisian bistro. Breakfast and Dinner are included today. Renaissance Paris La Défense (1 night).

Day 9 – June 6

Farewell France. Following breakfast, you'll transfer to the Paris airport for your return flight to Western and Central New York. Breakfast is included today.



ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3

ACTIVE: moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.

PRICING:

Double \$4,899

Single \$5,799 (limited number at this price)

Single \$7,499

Optional Pre-Paid AAA Group Travel Tour Host Gratuity \$36

Rates and inclusions are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$750 per person deposit is due at the time of booking. Final payment is due February 28, 2026.

NOTE: This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

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CANCELLATION POLICY:

AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment.

Day of Deposit to 9-1-2025 / \$150 Administrative Fee Per Person

9-2-2025 to 11-20-25 / \$450 Penalty Per Person

11-21-25 to 2-27-26 / Loss of Deposit Per Person

2-28-26 to Travel to Day of Departure / 100% Non-Refundable Per Person