

Normandy: A Journey Through History, Art & the French Coast

May 23–31, 2027 | 9 Days of Medieval Heritage, D-Day History, Coastal Landscapes, Art and Norman Flavours

Journey through Normandy, a region where dramatic coastlines, medieval treasures, artistic beauty and some of the most important events of modern history come together. From the extraordinary island of Mont-Saint-Michel and the peaceful countryside of the Pays d'Auge to the D-Day landing beaches, elegant seaside towns and soaring white cliffs of Étretat, this journey reveals the many faces of northern France. Discover picturesque harbours, half-timbered streets, magnificent cathedrals and the gardens that inspired Claude Monet, while enjoying expert guiding, carefully selected hotels and the celebrated flavours of Normandy.

Day 1 – Sunday, May 23, 2027

Arrival in France & Journey to Mont-Saint-Michel

Meet your guide and fellow travellers at **Paris Orly Airport at 14:00** before departing by private coach for Normandy. Travel west through the French countryside towards the magnificent Mont-Saint-Michel, one of France's most iconic landmarks. Upon arrival, check in at Le Relais Saint-Michel and enjoy a three-course welcome dinner together.

Overnight: Le Relais Saint-Michel, Mont-Saint-Michel

Meals: Dinner



Day 2 – Monday, May 24, 2027

Mont-Saint-Michel Abbey, Medieval Village & Tidal Bay

Today is devoted to the wonders of Mont-Saint-Michel. Begin with a privately guided visit through the medieval village, followed by a tour of the magnificent Abbey rising high above the bay. Learn about the Mont's religious heritage, remarkable architecture and strategic importance throughout the centuries.

After a picnic lunch, join an expert English-speaking bay guide for a private tidal-bay experience. Walk across the unique landscape surrounding the Mont and discover the fascinating natural phenomenon of the bay and its famous quicksand. The programme will be arranged according to the tides and weather conditions. Return to the hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Le Relais Saint-Michel, Mont-Saint-Michel

Meals: Breakfast, Packed Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Tuesday, May 25, 2027

Normandy Gastronomy, Pays d'Auge & Deauville

After breakfast, leave Mont-Saint-Michel and travel through the beautiful Pays d'Auge, the heart of Normandy's celebrated gastronomic traditions. Discover the heritage of Norman cheeses, apple cider and Calvados while visiting selected local producers and learning how these regional specialities are made.

Enjoy an organized lunch along the route before continuing to Deauville, one of Normandy's most elegant seaside resorts. Check in at Hôtel Almorja for a four-night stay. The evening is free to relax or explore Deauville's restaurants at your own leisure.

Overnight: Hôtel Almorja, Deauville

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 – Wednesday, May 26, 2027

Caen & the Mémorial de Caen

Today begins our exploration of the Second World War and the Battle of Normandy. Travel with a specialist guide to Caen, a city profoundly shaped by the events of 1944.

Visit the Mémorial de Caen, one of Europe's leading museums dedicated to the Second World War, the Normandy landings, the Cold War and the continuing pursuit of peace. Through historical displays, films, personal testimonies and original objects, gain a deeper understanding of the events leading to D-Day and their lasting impact on Europe and the world.



Enjoy an organized lunch during the programme before returning to Deauville. Dinner is at your own leisure this evening.

Overnight: Hôtel Almoría, Deauville

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5 – Thursday, May 27, 2027

The D-Day Landing Beaches & Battle of Normandy

Spend a full day exploring the historic D-Day landing beaches with a specialist English-speaking guide. Travel through the landscapes where Allied forces landed on June 6, 1944, and hear the moving stories of the soldiers, civilians and communities whose lives were forever changed by the Battle of Normandy.

The final selection of beaches, memorials and historic sites will be arranged with the appointed local specialist guide. Throughout the day, gain a deeper appreciation of the scale of the Allied operation, the sacrifices made and Normandy's enduring commitment to remembrance.

An organized lunch is included during the programme. Return to Deauville in the late afternoon, with dinner at your own leisure.

Overnight: Hôtel Almoría, Deauville

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6 – Friday, May 28, 2027

The Côte Fleurie, Kabbalat Shabbat & Group Dinner

Today is dedicated to the elegant Côte Fleurie, Normandy's beautiful "Flowered Coast." Explore Deauville, Trouville and Cabourg, three charming seaside towns known for their Belle Époque villas, colourful architecture, sweeping beaches, picturesque harbours and elegant promenades.

Enjoy an organized light lunch during the day before returning to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat. Those who wish may attend the regular synagogue service for Kabbalat Shabbat. A special Chabad arrangement may also be organized as an optional addition.

In the evening, gather for a three-course group dinner at Les Planches Restaurant

Overnight: Hôtel Almoría, Deauville

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – Saturday, May 29, 2027

Honfleur & the Cliffs of Étretat

After breakfast, travel to the enchanting harbour town of Honfleur. Enjoy time to discover its picturesque Old Harbour, slate-covered houses, narrow streets and maritime atmosphere, which inspired generations of artists, including Claude Monet and Eugène Boudin.

Continue along the Normandy coast to Étretat, famous for its towering white chalk cliffs, natural arches and breathtaking views over the English Channel. Check in at Dormy House, where sea-view rooms are preferred, and enjoy a three-course dinner accompanied by selected beverages.

Overnight: Dormy House, Étretat

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 – Sunday, May 30, 2027

The Alabaster Coast & Historic Rouen

Begin the day with a coastal programme around Étretat, enjoying the dramatic scenery of Normandy's Alabaster Coast. The final route and timing will be arranged according to local conditions.

Continue inland to Rouen, the historic capital of Normandy. Explore its beautifully preserved medieval centre, atmospheric half-timbered streets and magnificent Gothic cathedral. Discover the city's connections to Joan of Arc and Claude Monet, who painted Rouen Cathedral repeatedly as the light changed throughout the day.

This evening, gather for a special closing dinner at the hotel or a selected local restaurant. The final venue will be confirmed.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Hotel, Rouen Centre

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 9 – Monday, May 31, 2027

Giverny, Monet's Gardens & Return to Paris

After breakfast, travel into the Seine Valley to Giverny, the beautiful village where Claude Monet lived and worked for more than forty years. Visit Monet's House and Gardens, including the colourful flower garden and the Japanese-inspired water garden with its famous bridge and water lilies.

Continue through Vernon, according to the final timing, before returning to Paris. The tour concludes with unforgettable memories of Normandy's history, landscapes, artistic heritage and distinctive cuisine.

Meals: Breakfast

Tour Price

€2,800 per person sharing a double or twin room

Single Supplement: €600

Hotels

Mont-Saint-Michel – May 23–25, 2027

Le Relais Saint-Michel ★★★★★ – 2 Nights

Deauville – May 25–29, 2027

Hôtel Almorja – 4 Nights

Étretat – May 29–30, 2027

Dormy House – 1 Night

Sea-view rooms preferred

Rouen – May 30–31, 2027

Radisson Blu Hotel, Rouen Centre – 1 Night

Included

Accommodation in the listed hotels

Meals as specified in the itinerary

Private air-conditioned coach throughout the programme

Meeting at Paris Orly Airport on arrival day

Professional tour leadership

Professional local guides as specified in the itinerary

Specialist D-Day and Battle of Normandy guiding
Mont-Saint-Michel village and Abbey visit
Private guided Mont-Saint-Michel tidal-bay experience
Entrance fees to the included sites as specified in the itinerary
Friday group dinner at Les Planches
Closing dinner in Rouen
Driver accommodation, meals and required logistical arrangements

Not Included

Flights
Transfers other than those specifically mentioned in the itinerary
Meals not listed in the programme
Beverages unless specifically included
Personal expenses
Travel insurance

Travel Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended and should be arranged as soon as your booking is confirmed. Your policy should provide adequate protection for trip cancellation or curtailment, emergency medical treatment, hospitalization and repatriation, baggage loss or delay, missed departure and travel disruption.

Please ensure that all existing medical conditions are declared to your insurer and that the policy covers the full value of the tour and all activities included in the programme, particularly the guided tidal-bay experience at Mont-Saint-Michel.

Each traveller is responsible for selecting a policy appropriate to their personal circumstances and should carry the policy details and the insurer's emergency contact number throughout the journey.

