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PARIS TO NORMANDY - CATEGORY E – 2017

DATE: OCTOBER 10 TO 17, 2017

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1. ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE (EMBARKATION).

Welcome to Paris, France's capital on the Seine River, the "City of Light," where romance fills the air. This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at an evening welcome reception. Before dinner, your ship glides out of Paris. (D) NOTE: Flights into Paris must arrive by 2:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

2. VERNON-LES ANDELYS.

This morning in Vernon, choose between a guided visit of Giverny and a visit to Bizy Castle. Claude Monet lived at GIVERNY for almost 43 years (1883-1926), and viewed his flower and water gardens as works of art-just like his paintings. See his collection of Japanese prints, his charming house, and his biggest sources of inspiration. Or, visit BIZY CASTLE, built in 1740 and nicknamed "Normandy's Versailles." It is known for its famous stables-inspired by those at Versailles-and its magnificent courtyard and water garden. This afternoon, arrive in Les Andelys, situated on a bend of the Seine and one of the most beautiful places in France. Join a Local Guide for a GUIDED WALK of the town, visiting the PARISH CHURCH OF LE PETIT ANDELY. Imposing Chateau Gaillard, built by England's King Richard the Lionheart as a fortress in 1196, is seen above the town. Constructed in only a year, it is a masterpiece of medieval military architecture. (B,L,D)

3. CAUDEBEC.

Today, join a guided excursion along the "NORMANDY VILLAGES ROUTE" to see some of Normandy's charming half-timbered houses with their sloping thatched roofs, often sporting blue wooden doors and window shutters, or along the "NORMANDY ABBEYS ROUTE," a short drive

from Caudebec. More than 100 abbeys once covered this region, which has a microclimate suited to growing fruit such as apples, pears, plums, and cherries. The afternoon is free to explore on your own or to join an optional excursion to pretty coastal Honfleur. (B,L,D)

4. **CAUDEBEC.**

Make your choice today between an included full-day excursion to the historic NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES-with poignant sites such as Juno Beach, Pegasus Museum, and the Commonwealth Cemeteries - or a "TASTE OF NORMANDY" for an in-depth look at this picturesque, mainly agricultural region. The most important products are dairy, apples, and grain. Camembert cheese is a specialty, as is CALVADOS, a strong apple brandy you'll have the chance to taste at a local distillery. And for a touch of history, visit the famous BAYEUX TAPESTRY. (B,L,D)

5. **ROUEN.**

Rouen, capital of Upper Normandy, is an important commercial city perhaps best known for its connection to Joan of Arc, who lived, was imprisoned, and burned at the stake in the marketplace of this town in 1431. Enjoy the included GUIDED WALK through the medieval quarter with its halftimbered, glazed-tile houses, and take photos of the intricate Gros Horloge astronomical clock, dating back to the 16th century. Visit the gothic CATHEDRAL, which was once the tallest building in the world and the subject of a series of paintings by Claude Monet. The afternoon is free to explore on your own. (B,L,D)

6. **CONFLANS.**

After breakfast you may either join our included guided excursion to AUVERS-SUR-OISE, the quaint little town where Vincent Van Gogh lived and died, or to Napoleon and Josephine's CHATEAU DE MALMAISON just outside Paris. Requiring extensive renovations, this large country estate was purchased by Josephine Bonaparte in 1799 while Napoleon was fighting in Egypt. It was her aim to make it "the most beautiful and curious garden in Europe, a model of good cultivation." (B,L,D)

7. **PARIS.**

Known as one of the world's most romantic and lively cities, Paris is a delight for all your senses. Your included CITY SIGHTSEEING shows you magnificent must-see sights, such as Notre Dame Cathedral, the unique Louvre Museum with its glass pyramid as a contrast to its ancient architecture, the commemorative Arc de Triomphe, and the Eiffel Tower. Alternatively, you may wish to join a GUIDED WALK through historic Ile St. Louis with its narrow one-way streets and Ile de la Cite, the centre of Paris where the medieval city was founded and home to NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL. In your free time, stroll down the Champs-Elysees with its lavish cafes, or perhaps visit the world-famous Louvre or Montmartre with its gleaming white Sacre Coeur Basilica and bevy of artists on Place du Tertre. Paris is also well known for its colourful nightlife, and an optional outing to one of Paris' famous cabaret shows might make the perfect finale to your Seine cruise holiday. (B,L,D)

8. **PARIS (DISEMBARKATION).**

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

CRUISE FARE

Dates	Vessel	Cabin	Twin Share	Single
10 Oct 2017 to 17 Oct 2017	<u>Creativity</u>	<u>Deluxe Stateroom E</u>	\$3317 USD	\$5049 USD
		<u>Deluxe Stateroom B</u>	\$3966 USD	\$6055 USD
		<u>Deluxe Stateroom A</u>	\$4016 USD	\$6133 USD
		<u>Deluxe Stateroom P</u>	\$4116 USD	\$6288 USD
		<u>Avalon Suite S</u>	\$4716 USD	\$9264 USD

Charge Type	Name	Price
OPTIONAL	Gratuities	\$119 USD
INCLUDED	Port Charges	\$168 USD
NOTE: <i>Roundtrip Airfare & Airport Transfer not included</i>		

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