

VIPP PARIS Seine River Cruise – rt Paris

AMA-Legro

July 29 – August 5, 2016



DETAILED ITINERARY:

Day 1 (July 29) ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE - EMBARKATION

Arrive in Paris and embark to your luxurious ship. Meet your fellow passengers at the Welcome Dinner. (D)

Day 2 VERNON

Spend the morning enjoying the scenery along the Seine as you cruise to the provincial town of Vernon. Upon arrival, you will have free time to explore the town at your leisure. Later, you will visit Giverny and the home and gardens of Impressionist master Claude Monet. The artist lived here for more than four decades and immortalized his ponds and flower gardens in some of his most iconic paintings. The ship moors overnight in Vernon. (B,L,D)

Day 3 VERNON - CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX

After a scenic morning cruise on the Seine, arrive in the old fishing village of Caudebec. You will have a choice of two different tours. The first option is to visit Honfleur, a historic and picturesque port with pastel-colored houses that was a favorite subject of artists such as Courbet, Boudin and Monet. The town's medieval Sainte-Catherine church, with its separate bell tower, is the largest wooden church in France. As an alternative, choose the "Routes des Abbayes" excursion spotlighting Normandy's famous abbeys, more than 100 of which once covered this region. You will visit the ruined abbey in Jumièges as well as St. Wandrille, still a working monastery. (B,L,D)

Day 4 CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX – NORMANDY BEACHES

Today, you have the choice of three different excursions. "D-Day Remembered" is a full day excursion to the US sector. Your first stop will be the village of Arromanches, where the remains of the floating harbor used during the WWII landings can be seen. You will have free time to see the museums before visiting the US Cemetery and Omaha Beach at St. Laurent-sur-Mer. Your last stop is the artillery battery at Longues-sur-Mer before returning to the ship in Rouen. As an alternative, you can tour the Gold and Juno beaches in the British and Canadian sectors. Your first stop will be the Pegasus Monument in Ranville followed by Canadian cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer. You will also have the chance to visit the Juno Beach Centre, Canada's WWII museum, with a final stop at Arromanches. A third option is an excursion to rural Normandy, which includes a visit to the Pays d'Auge and "Routes du Cidre" (the Cider Road). You will visit beautiful Norman towns and villages, such as Beuvron-en-Auge, Crevecoeur-en-Auge and Cambremer, and tour a Calvados distillery where you may sample apple cider and apple brandy. (B,L,D)

Day 5 ROUEN

Enjoy a morning walk through the medieval city of Rouen and see the imposing Notre Dame Cathedral, painted numerous times by Monet, and the square where Joan of Arc was martyred. Afterwards, you will have free time to explore Rouen on your own. (B,L,D)

Day 6 LES ANDELYS – CONFLANS

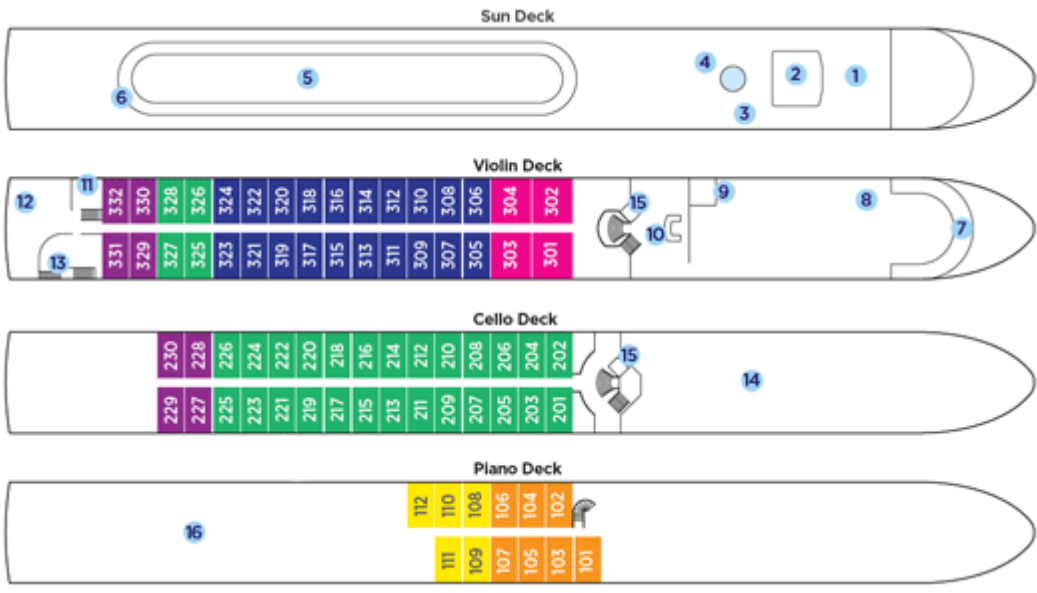
Depart Rouen early this morning and enjoy scenic cruising on the Seine to Les Andelys. An mid-day stroll along the river offers beautiful views of the Seine Valley's dramatic white cliffs, centuries-old half-timbered houses, and the hilltop ruins of Château Gaillard. This former stronghold of Richard the Lionheart changed hands a number of times during the Hundred Years' War. Athletically-inclined guests may enjoy hiking up to visit the ruins of this historic castle before we continue our cruise along the Seine. The ship arrives tonight in Conflans. (B,L,D)

Day 7 CONFLANS -- PARIS

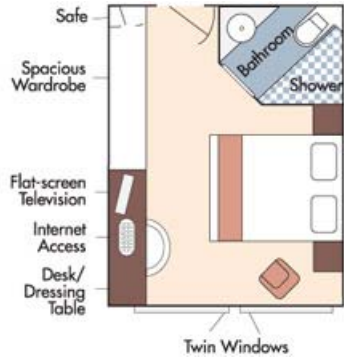
Today, you have a choice of two excursions. The first option is to visit Château Malmaison, former home of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte and his wife Josephine. Your tour includes the Château's interior, gardens and museum. Alternatively, travel to Auvers-sur-Oise, a town famous for the Impressionist painters who lived there in the 19th century, such as Paul Cézanne and Camille Pissarro. Your "Artists' Walk" tour will include many sites associated with their work, including the Auberge Ravoux, former home of Vincent van Gogh. The upstairs room where Van Gogh died has been meticulously preserved. He and his brother Theo are both buried in the nearby town cemetery. The ship departs this afternoon for Paris, arriving in the evening. (B,L,D)

Day 8 PARIS - DISEMBARKATION

7 day Cruise – rt Paris		
1	Paris	EMBARKATION Welcome Dinner
2	Vernon Giverny	Free time Excursion to Monet's home & gardens in Giverny
3	Vernon Caudebec-en-caux	Scenic cruising Honfleur excursion OR "Routes des Abbayes" tour
4	Caudebec-en-caux	Full day excursion to Normandy Beaches OR Pays D'Auge excursion
5	Les Andelys Rouen	Scenic cruising City Tour (where Joan of Arc was martyred & Notre Dame)
6	Les Andelys	Chateau Gaillard Scenic cruising
7	Conflans	Chateau Malmaison (home of Napoleon & Josephine) OR "Artist's Walk" tour of Auvers-sur-Oise (Van Gogh & others)
8	Paris	DISEMBARKATION



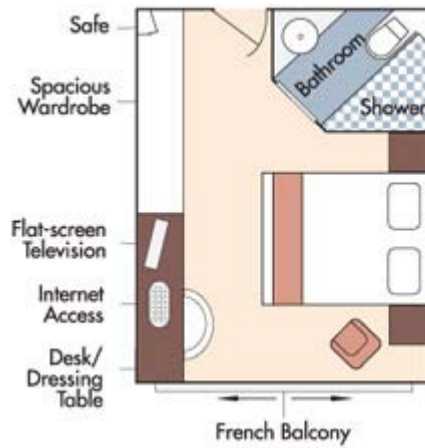
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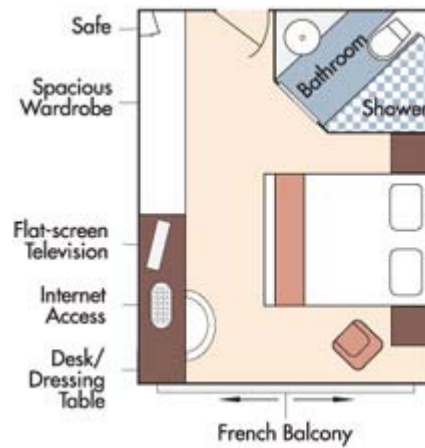
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CAT. C, Violin & Cello Deck
French Balcony, 170 sq. ft.



CAT. B, Violin & Cello Deck
French Balcony, 170 sq. ft.



CAT. A, Violin Deck
French Balcony, 170 sq. ft.



Suite, Violin Deck
 French Balcony, 255 sq. ft.



Note: This will involve a 3 nt. cruise COPENHAGEN package (instead of the 2 nt if you were just doing the Scandinavia cruise).
 VIPP Air-Hotel-Tour package will be available early 2016 for both.

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E	Piano	Fixed Windows	\$3,599 \$2,849
D	Piano	Fixed Windows	\$3,898 \$3,148
C	Violin & Cello	French Balcony	\$4,498 \$3,748
B	Violin & Cello	French Balcony	\$4,698 \$3,948
A	Violin	French Balcony	\$4,798 \$4,048
Suite	Violin	French Balcony	\$5,998 No discount (only 4 on ship!)