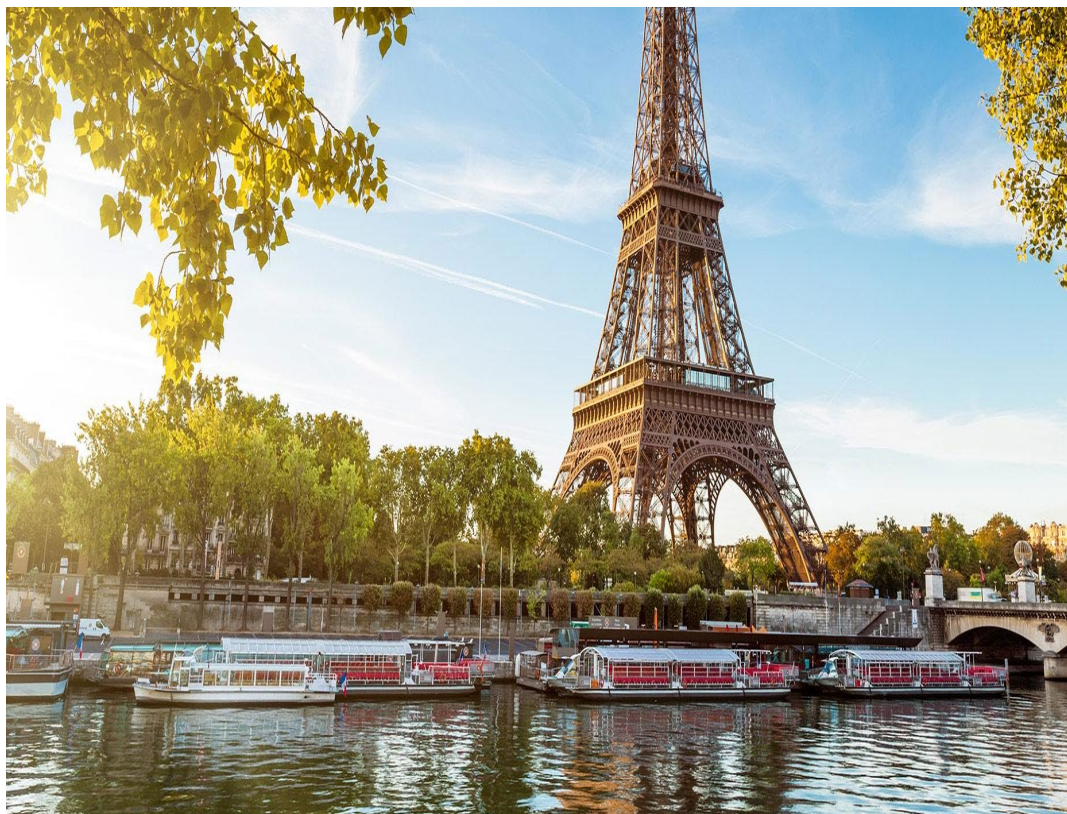


FRANCE FAMILY JOURNEY: FROM PARIS TO NORMANDY AND BEYOND



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TRIP OVERVIEW

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Day 1: Paris

Welcome to Paris—your arrival transfer to the hotel is included. Check in and get excited to meet your fellow travelers during a welcome meeting this evening where all families can bond before the Journey ahead.

Arrival Day and Welcome Meeting: 1h

The adventure begins tonight. Feel free to explore before your welcome meeting, but make sure you're back in time to meet the group. Check for the meeting time on the welcome note at the hotel. After introductions, your CEO will review the details of your tour. Please note that normal check-in times apply at our start hotels, but you can usually store your luggage for the day if you arrive early.

Arrival Transfer : Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport – Paris

You will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel to start your adventure.

Accommodations: Hotel Ampere Paris (or similar)

Day 2: Paris

Head straight to the heart of Paris on a walking tour of the Île de la Cité, the island in the Seine where the city was first settled. Cross the stone arches of the Pont Neuf, or New Bridge—which is actually the oldest bridge in Paris! The rest of the day is yours to explore the City of Light. Choose to climb the steps of the Eiffel Tower, float down the River Seine, or explore inside the iconic pyramid of the Louvre, home to treasures such as the "Mona Lisa" and the "Venus de Milo." Head straight to the heart of Paris on a walking tour of the Île de la Cité, the island in the Seine where the city was first settled. Cross the stone arches of the Pont Neuf, or New Bridge—which is actually the oldest bridge in Paris! The rest of the day is yours to explore the City of Light. Choose to climb the steps of the Eiffel Tower, float down the River Seine, or explore inside the iconic pyramid of the Louvre, home to treasures such as the "Mona Lisa" and the "Venus de Milo."



Paris Île de la Cité Walking Tour : Paris

Head to the medieval centre of Paris on a guided tour of Île de la Cité, the island in the Seine where the city was first settled. Cross the Pont Neuf, which is the oldest bridge in Paris. Pass the stunning Palais de la Cité, the first royal palace in Paris; and home to Sainte Chapelle and La Conciergerie, which was used as a prison to house Marie Antoinette during the French revolution.

Free Time: Paris Afternoon

Being the art, fashion, and gastronomy centre of France, there is no shortage of things to do and see.

Accommodations: Hotel Ampere Paris (or similar)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3: Giverny/Honfleur/Bayeux

Travel outside the city to the village of Giverny, and visit the home of Impressionist painter Claude Monet. Wander around weeping willows and green lily ponds in the gardens that inspired some of his greatest works of art. Then head to Honfleur, a colorful port town sitting where the Seine meets the English Channel. Enjoy lunch and stroll the streets of this seaside community, where many great artists have painted the rainbow of fishing boats afloat in the harbor. Later, continue to Bayeux, an ancient city that has been sacked by Vikings, conquered by the English, and occupied by the Germans in World War II.

Visit a historic estate cider farm for a guided tour of the orchards, processing workshops and calvados cellar. Then enjoy a tasting of apple and pear juice, as well as ciders, pommeau and calvados for the adults.

Depart for Upper Normandy and the quaint village of Giverny; where Impressionist painter Claude Monet lived and worked from 1883 until his death in 1926. Monet felt that his flower and water gardens here were his greatest works of art and to this day, they are meticulously maintained.

Private Vehicle : Paris tto Bayeux - 3h to 4h - 263km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle

Claude Monet's Gardens: Giverny

Enjoy a visit and walk through Claude Monet's Garden, inspiration for the artist's water-lily series and named as one of National Geographic's "top 10 most magnificent gardens in the world."

Free Time: Honfleur

Honfleur sits on the estuary where the River Seine meets the English Channel and is considered one of the prettiest port towns in France. Its quaint harbour and historic buildings have always been a draw for artists, including Monet.

Your Family Journeys Moment: "La Flaguerie Cider Farm Visit"

Discover the Vergers de Ducy cider house on a guided tour of the orchard, cider farm, and calvados cellar. You will visit the press machine and enjoy a tasting of their products (apple juice, ciders, Pommeau de Normandie and Calvados).

This cider estate is a traditional family business devoted to the cultivation and production of apple products in France. The Domaine is entirely cultivated in compliance with the standards of Organic Agriculture, an essential aspect of the cider house's values. They believe in organic agriculture, sustainable development and short or direct distribution circuits.

Accommodations: Churchill Hotel Bayeux (or similar)

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch



Day 4: Bayeux

This morning, delve into the story of D-Day and the battle to liberate France during a hands-on, sensorial World War II history experience. Feel the weight of real GI equipment, try on a field jacket, and taste the chocolate bars carried in soldiers' kits. Climb aboard a military vehicle and drive to the nearby Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, the first American World War II cemetery established on European soil. Later, gather for a delicious crepe dinner.

Private Vehicle : Bayeux - 3h to 3h30m

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Your Family Journeys Moment: "D-Day Family Experience and Memorial Visit"

D-Day is the largest seaborne military attack in history. Begin with a short introduction to this historic day that marked the beginning of the end of World War II. Then, embark on a hands-on sensorial D-Day experience. Smell military equipment, oils, and delicate Parisian perfumes from the 1940s, feel the weight of D-Day equipment and try on a 1941 field jacket, and taste the chocolate bars carried in the haversacks. Following this, jump in a military truck and transfer to the nearby Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial.

Accommodations: Churchill Hotel Bayeux (or similar)

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 5: Bayeux/Mont-Saint-Michel

Venture to the amazing Mont-Saint-Michel, an island stronghold perched on a rock off the Normandy coast. Built in the eighth century, this UNESCO World Heritage site has been attacked and besieged, but rarely captured—perhaps due to the quicksand that surrounds the fortress at low tide! Head out on an orientation walk, then enjoy free time to wander winding lanes and cobbled streets, climbing from the base of the mountain to its crowning medieval abbey. Meander through the cloister of the monastery or discover the island's history at a museum. Return to Bayeux and choose to view the incredible Bayeux Tapestry, tracing the Norman conquest of England in colorful embroidery.



Private Vehicle: Bayeux - 3h to 3h30

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Excursion to Mont-Saint-Michel

Visit Mont-Saint-Michel a UNESCO World Heritage site. This medieval fortress is considered one of the most imposing sites in Europe, with origins dating back to the 8th century. After an orientation with our CEO, enjoy free time to wander the winding streets and ally's or climb up to visit the Abbey church.

Free Time: Mont Saint-Michel

Explore the cobblestone streets of this medieval fortress town.

Accommodations: Churchill Hotel Bayeux (or similar)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6: Loire Valley/Blois

Say au revoir to Normandy and enter the lush green Loire Valley. Set foot inside the amazing cave dwellings known as troglodyte homes—charming houses built in and around cliff-side caverns. On an underground walk, delve into the geological history of the region and learn about the local troglodyte lifestyle. Continue to the ancient city of Blois, perched above the lovely Loire River, and enjoy a free evening to relax or explore this hillside city's many staircases.

Private Vehicle : Bayeux to Blois - 4h30m to 5h - 465km

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Troglodyte Cave Visit - Doué-la-Fontaine

One of the most complete remaining examples of underground or cave living is the Troglodyte village of Rochemenier. Part of the troglodyte village has been retained as a museum to a way of life that was still in existence in the 1930's. Walk through the twenty rooms of the village consisting of two ancient farms with out-buildings and houses plus a spectacular underground chapel carved out of the rock.

Accommodations: Novotel Blois Centre (or similar)

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 7: Chenonceaux/Amboise/Blois

Wake up this morning and head out on the water for a canoeing excursion along the Cher River. Paddle past picturesque medieval towns to the incredible Château de Chenonceau. This fairy-tale castle spans the river, while the gardens enclose sculpted hedges, a fantastic fountain, and a tricky maze. Later, venture to the last home of Leonardo da Vinci—the spectacular Château du Clos Lucé. Young travelers can pick up a special "inventor's notebook" and set out to invent a machine using da Vinci's ingenious tips and tricks.



Private Vehicle : Blois - 2h - 138km

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Cher River Canoeing & Chenonceau Visit : Blois

Board a canoe for a leisurely paddle down the Cher River. Reach the Château de Chenonceau, an icon of the Loire Valley, perched atop impressive stone arches that span the river's width. Enjoy a private tour of the castle's interiors, art collection and gardens.

You must be able to swim to take part in canoeing; if anyone in your family cannot swim, or if you choose to opt out of the canoeing, that is not a problem. We can transport you directly to the castle where you will have more time to explore.

Château du Clos Lucé Visit : Amboise

Visit the official residence of Leonardo Da Vinci, where he lived from 1516 until his death in 1519. Learn about the genius of da Vinci and his inventions and art in an interactive and fun visit to this historic Chateau.

Accommodations: Novotel Blois Centre (or similar)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8: Versailles/Paris

Today, be amazed by the Hall of Mirrors in the magnificent Palace of Versailles, a World Heritage site. Imagine yourself decked out in velvet and gold as you stride between sparkling rooms on a guided tour, or explore the endless winding pathways in Versailles' vast gardens. Return to Paris and enjoy a free afternoon to wander the banks of the Seine, munch on macarons, or shop in elegant boutiques. In the evening, gather for a farewell dinner.



Private Vehicle : Blois to Paris - 2h30 to 2h45 - 200km

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Your Family Journeys Moment: "Palace of Versailles Family Visit"

Visit the stunning Palace of Versailles on a guided tour designed for young travellers. Stop by the Hall of Mirrors and picture yourself as a guest at a lavish French banquet - in this room, nearly all that glitters is gold. Step into the surrounding galleries and tour the magnificent gardens, learning about French history and culture along the way.

Free Time: Paris

Beautiful Paris, the "City of Lights", is famous the world over for its magnificent architecture, glorious monuments, fine museums, and romantic ambiance. Being the art, fashion, and gastronomy centre of France, there is no shortage of things to do and see.

Accommodations: Hotel Relais Monceau (or similar)

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 9: Paris

Depart at any time.

Meals included: Breakfast

PRICING

- **\$ 4,299.00* per person**
- **\$ 4,099.00* per child under 12**

*Based on Double occupancy with a minimum of 11 to a maximum of 20.

My Own Room (single supplement): USD 1,379.00 per person (Only 2 available)

Please be aware that single room accommodations in European hotels are often smaller, and may not be to the same service level as double-occupancy rooms.

Pre-Tour Accommodation

- *Single: \$295.00 per room per night*
- *Twin/Double: \$330.00 per room per night*

Post-Tour Accommodation

- *Single: \$295.00 per room per night*
- *Twin/Double: \$330.00 per room per night*

Note: Price and availability of Extras are subject to change. Price is secured once the service is booked and confirmed.

PAYMENT TERMS AND DATES

Registration Deadline: 24/01/2025 (After that date, if the minimum number of travellers has not been met, the departure will be cancelled. Travellers should be advised not to book international airfare until the group has reached this minimum.)

Deposit Amount: \$350 per person

Final Payment Due: 60 days prior to departure on 06/05/2025 (Day/Month/Year)

**If the date above is due on a day that is not a business day, such payment will be due on the business day immediately before the due date.*

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation 60 days or more prior to departure = Deposit paid will become a Lifetime Deposit (LTD) and stay on file in your name to use on a G Adventures trip in the future.

- Cancellation between 30 and 59 days prior to departure = LTD + 50% loss of final payment
- Cancellation within 30 days of departure = LTD + 100% loss of final payment

Required Passenger Details

- Full name as it appears on passport
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Nationality

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