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eauty and history envelop Normandy, from the coast to the rolling pastures and

orchards of its interior, and from ancient Norman strongholds to the site of World War II sacrifices. This land is one that the Vikings coveted, where William the Conqueror ruled England and Samuel de Champlain sailed to the New World. Here the landscape and shifting light inspired Monet, and Monet inspired the world. Experience for yourself this remarkable region steeped in historic landmarks, charming towns and culinary triumphs. Soak up the ambiance while sitting at an outdoor café overlooking the sea or as you walk winding cobblestone streets. Come see — and taste — the delights tucked away in Normandy.

*Above: Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe*

“HOPE IS THE DREAM OF A SOUL AWAKE.”

— FRENCH PROVERB

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the heart of Normandy from the scenic port town of **Honfleur** before continuing to **Paris**, the City of Light.
- Enjoy many opportunities to sample the **delicious local cuisine**, including the smooth calvados at *Château de Breuil* and the exemplary cheeses at Domaine St. Hippolyte.
- Visit the **Carmelite Basilica of St. Thérèse**, a pilgrimage site.
- Tour Monet’s colorful home, studio and gardens in **Giverny**.
- Discover the medieval beauty of **Rouen** and its infamous link to **Joan of Arc**.
- View the famous **Bayeux Tapestry**, one of the world’s oldest surviving pictorial works.
- Remember the courageous at historic **D-Day beaches** and the **Caen Memorial**.

## Cultural Journeys Advantages

*The unique, value-added features of Cultural Journeys programs deliver an outstanding local experience in a special environment.*

- **Settle into France** with a stay of eight nights and the opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture and lifestyles of two locales.
- **Two carefully selected hotels** provide comfortable accommodations and the perfect base for exploring the region’s renowned landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures.
- **Groups are limited to 36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- **An extensive meal plan** is seasoned with traditional specialties.
- **Meet the People** opportunities allow you to interact with local residents and gain personal insight into their everyday lives.
- **Knowledgeable guides** lead your excursions and **local experts** present insightful local lectures.
- **An experienced Travel Director** ensures attentive service for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.



*Dear Alumni and Friends,*

I invite you to travel to Normandy, the French region that has played a central role in the political, religious, cultural, and culinary history of Western civilization for nearly two millennia. You will experience sumptuous cuisine and spirits; exquisite art, from the medieval Bayeux Tapestry to the impressionist paintings of Claude Monet; epic battlefields where armies were led by the likes of William the Conqueror, Joan of Arc, Edwin Rommel, and George S. Patton; and sites of pilgrimage such as the Carmelite Basilica of St. Thérèse and the majestic Rouen Cathedral. A visit to Paris, the City of Light, caps this incredible 10-day journey.

Our exciting and meticulously planned itinerary showcases the highlights of Normandy and Paris. You will enjoy preferred access to popular attractions and an exclusive informational program, featuring expert local speakers, that will enhance your appreciation for the people and culture of northwestern France.

This trip combines the security, ease, and value of group travel with abundant opportunities to explore on your own. There is only space for 36 travelers, so we encourage you to make your reservations today.

Cordially,

Chris Marshall  
Associate Vice President  
Cornell University Alumni Affairs



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*“The city with one  
hundred steeples  
ringing out in the air.”*

~ Victor Hugo,  
1802-1885,  
describing Rouen  
in a poem

*“I work at my garden  
all the time and with  
love. What I need most  
are flowers, always.  
My heart is forever in  
Giverny.”*

~ Claude Monet,  
Impressionist painter,  
1840-1926

*“I knew there was no  
hideaway, more lovely  
than my Normandy, the  
land that gave to me  
the light of day.”*

~ Frédéric Bérat,  
songwriter, 1801-1855,  
“Ma Normandie,” 1836

# NORMANDY

## LAND OF FASCINATION

*The best of Normandy is yours to embrace on this adventure. Explore the region's rich heritage from seaside Honfleur. Savor gastronomic delights at Domaine St. Hippolyte and Château de Breuil. Wander through Monet's lush gardens in Giverny. Tread in the footsteps of St. Thérèse in Lisieux and Joan of Arc in Rouen. Marvel at the Bayeux Tapestry, and pay a visit to the D-Day beaches and the World War II memorial at Caen. Cap your French adventure with a trip to Paris, the eternally glamorous city.*

### DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France, aboard scheduled jet service.†

### HONFLEUR

### DAY TWO

### HONFLEUR

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Upon arrival, transfer† to Honfleur, located in the heart of Normandy, and check in at the Mercure Honfleur Hotel.

This evening, meet your fellow travelers at a *Welcome Reception* and *Dinner*.

### DAY THREE

### HONFLEUR

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**Excursion: Honfleur.** Explore the scenic town of Honfleur. Stroll cobblestone streets to the 17th-century Old Port for charming views of the tall, narrow buildings that crowd the Seine River. Visit the Church of St. Catherine, which was built using maritime construction practices and is the largest wooden church in France.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy lunch at a restaurant.

**Excursion: Calvados, Lisieux and Cheese.** Take a trip to Château de Breuil, an esteemed Calvados distillery. Learn the strict methods for fermentation, distillation and aging that produce this prized apple brandy, then sample the fragrant liqueur. Visit the Carmelite Basilica of St. Thérèse in nearby Lisieux, a Catholic pilgrimage site. Continue to Domaine St. Hippolyte, a facility authorized to produce the cheeses, Pont l'Évêque and Livarot, using raw milk from the celebrated Norman cow.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy dinner at Domaine St. Hippolyte before returning to Honfleur.



Honfleur

### UNESCO

**Paris, Banks of the Seine** is a UNESCO World Heritage site featured in this program. This site is distinguished due to universal scenic, historic, artistic or scientific value.

### Local Focus: A Brief History of

**Normandy.** Discuss this storied region's proud past, including its role in political, artistic and military events. Normandy is the home of both William the Conqueror and Impressionism, and it was the epicenter of the D-Day operations. Learn how Normandy has influenced Western Civilization from the time it was a Roman-occupied territory to today.

### DAY FOUR

### HONFLEUR

B/L

**Excursion: Giverny.** Travel to Giverny to visit Claude Monet's pastoral home and wander among the colorful gardens that inspired Monet to capture them again and again on canvas. Now a museum, the house, gardens and studio have been carefully restored.

**Local Flavor:** Savor a delicious lunch at a restaurant in Rouen.

**Excursion: Rouen.** Step back in time as you explore the architectural jewel that is Rouen. Admire its historic half-timber buildings and soaring Gothic cathedral. Walk along the Rue du Gros-Horloge to view its famous astrological clock and visit the Place du Vieux Marché, where Joan of Arc was put to death.

**Local Focus: Normandy, Birthplace of Impressionism.** Normandy is heralded as the cradle of impressionism, the late 19th-century movement that radically changed how the world viewed art. Find out how Normandy earned this distinction in a discussion of the vision and artwork of Monet and other such luminaries.



Giverny



Rouen



## DAY SIX

### HONFLEUR

B/D

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy free time in Honfleur to explore at your leisure.

**Local Focus: *Culinary Traditions of Normandy.*** Engage in an overview of Normandy's grand culinary traditions, from its exemplary cheeses and ciders to its mouth-watering seafood, duck and lamb specialties. Learn about creamy Camembert, succulent Normandy oysters, prized lamb from the salt marshes and the cider brandy connoisseurs equate to fine cognac.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy dinner at a restaurant along Honfleur's scenic old harbor.

## DAY SEVEN

### HONFLEUR

B/L

**Excursion: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.*** Begin the day with an emotional trip to the landing beaches so crucial to the Allies' D-Day operations. See the artificial harbor built at Arromanches, visit the Omaha Beach Memorial and view the German gun batteries at Longues-sur-Mer. Take time to remember the fallen at the U.S. Military Cemetery at St. Laurent.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served at a restaurant in en route.

**Local Focus: *D-Day.*** Listen as a historian walks you through the events of D-Day, officially called Operation Overlord. Learn more about this joint military campaign

## DAY FIVE HONFLEUR

B/L

**Excursion: *Bayeux.*** Visit Bayeux, cradle of the Norman dynasty. View the Bayeux Tapestry, a masterpiece that depicts the events leading to the Norman invasion of England and the 1066 Battle of Hastings after which William the Conqueror gained control of England. Marvel at the Notre Dame Cathedral of Bayeux, a Gothic-Norman church begun in the 13th century.

**Local Flavor:** Savor a delicious lunch at a restaurant in Bayeux.

**Excursion: *Caen.*** Visit the Caen Memorial, a museum dedicated to peace. Capturing the world at the time of World War II up through the Cold War, its innovative presentations are the perfect starting point to begin understanding the events surrounding D-Day.

**Local Focus: *Contemporary Normandy.*** Get to know present-day Normandy in this enlightening discussion of its people, economy and politics.

Left: Omaha Beach Memorial Cemetery

Below left: Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris

Below: Views of Paris from a balcony

Right: Detail of Bayeux tapestry



where forces  
braved dangerous

odds and inhospitable weather conditions  
to overcome German troops.

## PARIS

### DAY EIGHT PARIS

B/L

This morning, transfer to Paris and the first-class Hotel Jules Paris.

**Excursion: Paris.** Discover the city's stunning landmarks. See the Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde, the Madeleine Church and the Eiffel Tower. Admire views of the Louvre Museum, including its glass pyramid, and marvel at the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served at a restaurant in Paris.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.

### DAY NINE PARIS

B/D

**Independent Exploration:** The day is yours to pursue your own interests.

Gather with your fellow travelers for a *Farewell Reception* and a *Farewell Dinner*.

### DAY TEN

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Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. †

*Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.*

*Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.*

† Provided for Air Program participants.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

- Six nights in **Honfleur** at the first-class *Mercure Honfleur Hotel*.
- Two nights in **Paris** at the first-class *Hotel Jules Paris*.

### Meals

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including eight breakfasts, five lunches and four dinners, in addition to in-flight dining service. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** at featured **local restaurants**.
- Gather at a **Welcome Reception and Dinner** at the hotel.
- Attend a **Farewell Reception** followed by a **Farewell Dinner**.

### Your Exciting Travel Program

*(For full details, please refer to the Day-by-Day Itinerary.)*

- **Informative local programs** presented by local experts to enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- **All excursions:**
  - Explore **Honfleur**.
  - Tour **Château de Breuil, Lisieux** and **Domaine St. Hippolyte**.
  - Visit Monet's home in **Giverny**.
  - Journey to **Rouen**.
  - Visit **Bayeux** and **Caen**.
  - Travel to the historic **D-Day beaches**.
  - Take in the wonders of **Paris**.

### Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a professional **Travel Director**.
  - Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
  - **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
  - Complimentary travel wallet.



# ACCOMMODATIONS



## MERCURE HONFLEUR HOTEL

Located in the town center near the picturesque old harbor, the *Mercure Honfleur Hotel* offers guests a warm atmosphere and comfortable accommodations. It has an ideal location that allows you convenient access to the sights in Honfleur. This recently renovated hotel has a cozy breakfast room and a friendly lounge where you can enjoy a coffee or a cold beverage. Each guest room features cable and satellite TV, a minibar, Wi-Fi and tea- and coffee-making facilities.



## HOTEL JULES PARIS

This boutique hotel is located in Paris' Ninth Arrondissement on the rue LaFayette, which gives you easy access to many Parisian neighborhoods. The retro-inspired décor takes its cue from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, but it has a decidedly contemporary twist. In the mornings, breakfast is served in a breakfast room inspired by an American '50s diner. In the evening, meet your friends at the hotel's trendy lounge. Each guest room is equipped with modern amenities such as a flat-screen TV, a minibar, Wi-Fi and a tea and coffee maker.



## NORMANDY AND D-DAY

From Viking raiders in the 800s to William the Conqueror in 1066, the beaches of Normandy have been the setting for many historic military campaigns that have altered the course of history. But at no other time did the beaches play a more vital role than on D-Day, when they became the site of the largest military landing in history. On June 6, 1944, a coalition force of some 156,000 soldiers fought their way onto five heavily fortified beaches. More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported them. Catching the German occupiers by surprise, the attack was a success; by day's end the Allies had a foothold in Normandy. But it came at great cost — more than 9,000 soldiers were killed or wounded. As the Allied force began the long march to defeat Hitler, they liberated Norman towns such as Bayeux and Caen. Today, the people here still have an affinity for the United States and Canada, two countries that contributed greatly to the liberation effort.

# Reserve your trip to Normandy & Paris today!

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## Land and Air Program

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the roundtrip Air Program to and from Paris, France, to depart from:

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Departure City

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

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Monet's house at Giverny  
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Memorial, Normandy  
American Cemetery  
Calvados  
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Old Harbor of Honfleur



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