

Traveling Well Includes...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$4,588
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Private dinner (with music) at a Château de Bizy
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Presentation by Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Private visit to the Absinthe Museum, with a tasting
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - Cheese & chocolate tasting at a chèvrerie in Normandy
- Two nights in London at The Savoy, one of the world's most prestigious hotels, and two nights in Versailles at Trianon Palace Versailles
- Guided tour and lunch at the privately owned Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte
- Visit to a ciderhouse in Normandy for a private cider and calvados tasting; guided sightseeing at the fortress ruins in Les Andelys
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors & Tauck Cruise Director
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 33 meals, service charges, taxes, portage, and applicable fuel surcharges



Riverboating on the Seine... winding through medieval towns, tasting Normandy cuisine, finding the deep essence of Calvados, visiting the elegant castle that inspired Versailles, discovering the picturesque haunts of Impressionist painters, dining at a château in Vernon, exploring Coeur de Lion's fortress ruins at Les Andelys, walking in Monet's garden at Giverny, visiting van Gogh's muse in Auvers-sur-Oise, then arriving, finally, in London... seems like the only way to get there. Begin in Paris, and you'll have a tale of two cities that you'll want to tell over and over again.

CRUISING THE SEINE PLUS VERSAILLES, PARIS & LONDON



Enjoy a guided tour and lunch at Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte outside of Paris

1. ARRIVE PARIS

Tour begins: 6:30 PM, Trianon Palace Versailles, A Waldorf

Astoria Hotel. A transfer is included from Charles de Gaulle International Airport as well as Gare du Nord, Charles de Gaulle and Gare de Lyon stations to Trianon Palace Versailles, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Your luxury hotel is a palace itself in Belle Époque style – we invite you to join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. A VISIT TO VAUX-LE-VICOMTE

Travel into the countryside for a visit to Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte, the largest privately owned castle in France. Built by Nicolas Fouquet in the 17th century, the château was the inspiration for the Palace of Versailles, and a pioneer of French formal gardens; a private guided tour reveals stories of intrigue intertwined with some of history's most colorful figures, art masterpieces, and architectural triumphs, followed by a rustic country luncheon served in one of the historic buildings on the grounds. Enjoy free time to peruse the gardens and estate on your own before returning to Versailles. Dine on your own this evening; the area is renowned for its fine restaurants. **Meals BL**

3. VERSAILLES / MONTMARTRE / EMBARK

This morning it's your choice – the Palace of Versailles, or Montmartre. Explore the stunning palace of Louis XIV, with its sumptuous salons, halls, mirrors, and legendary gardens. Alternatively, explore one of the most fascinating districts in Paris, colorful Montmartre – beloved by artists and writers, it's home to

bohemian cafés and cabarets like the Moulin Rouge. Your visit includes sightseeing aboard the famed petite "miniature train." Board ms *Sapphire* on the Seine this afternoon, and join us for a welcome reception this evening. **Meals BD**

4. ■ YOUR CHOICE OF MUSEUM

Have your choice of museum visits (subject to opening times and days): Musée de l'Orangerie, in Jardin des Tuileries, designed by Monet specifically to display his giant water lily canvases; or Musée d'Orsay, Impressionist and



You'll spend two nights in the inimitable city of London... a fitting finale



MONET IN GIVERNY

Exclusive to Tauck, enjoy an early-opening visit to Monet's house and gardens at Giverny. Monet arranged the compositions of his garden landscapes often by rearranging his garden. It was, after all, his outdoor studio. And since it's hardly changed, you can sense what it was like to be present at the moment when life became art. Observe his water lilies on canvas at the Musée de l'Orangerie in Paris, then experience them firsthand, where art becomes life.

Post-Impressionist works housed in a former railway terminal. Following a guided tour of city sights, enjoy free time on your own in Paris or return to the ship for lunch and time at leisure. Dinner tonight is aboard ship. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ MUSÉE DE L'ARMÉE / MARAIS DISTRICT

Visit the palatial War Museum, Musée de l'Armée, with its astonishing collection of military weapons from different time periods; aptly, Napoleon's tomb is here, at the Church of the Invalides. Or you can choose a tour of the exclusive Marais District, with its wealth of medieval and Renaissance architecture, fashionable shops and classic sidewalk cafés. Return to the ship for a chocolate tasting; this evening your riverboat sails to Conflans-Sainte-Honorine. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ VAN GOGH / AUVERS-SUR-OISE

Drive to the town of Auvers-sur-Oise, where Vincent van Gogh spent his last days. The town has hardly changed since, so you'll be able to recognize scenes from his paintings, including the view of the town hall, seen from the upper window of his room at the inn. You can also visit his room, No. 5 at the Auberge Ravoux, which has never been rented since he died in 1890. While you're in town, you'll also visit the Absinthe Museum, dedicated to the legendary green drink which was said to be the muse (and downfall) of so many turn-of-the century poets, painters, and writers; your visit includes an exclusive tasting, of course. Return to the ship for lunch and time at leisure before sailing for Vernon; you'll arrive after dinner, with time for a walk in the city in the evening. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ MONET'S GARDENS / VERNON

Leave your riverboat for a visit to Giverny and Claude Monet's house and exquisite gardens. The gardens were personally designed by the artist as subjects for his paintings, where he could rearrange the composition at will, and they've been maintained as he originally intended – the Japanese bridge, the pond of water lilies, and exotic flora – so you'll feel like you've entered a Monet landscape. The afternoon is free to explore

Vernon as you please – it's fabulous for walks. Half-timbered houses and wrought-iron shop signs line cobblestone streets that retain their Middle Ages character... the neo-classical architecture is charming! This evening, join us for a Tauck exclusive event – an evening at Château de Bizy, "the Versailles of Normandy" that was once home to Louis XV. Your evening includes a tour of the château, reception, and a dinner with music. Baroque splendor surrounds you – and discover the story behind an amazing 16th-century piano. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ MEDIEVAL ROUEN

This morning, sail to Rouen, which Victor Hugo called "the city of a hundred bell towers." Once the prosperous medieval capital of Normandy, Rouen still bristles with spires and entices with Gothic churches, impeccably restored half-timbered houses, and picturesque cobblestone lanes. Joan of Arc was tried and burned at the stake here in 1431, and her presence is immortalized everywhere – in monuments within the town,



A private evening at Château de Bizy includes dinner, music & a guided tour



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 9 CRUISE DAYS

Paris to London

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Paris / Versailles <i>Trianon Palace Versailles, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel</i>
2	Maincy / Vaux-le-Vicomte
■ 3	Paris / Embark
■ 4	Paris
■ 5	Paris
■ 6	Auvers-sur-Oise / Conflans-Sainte-Honorine
■ 7	Giverny / Vernon
■ 8	Rouen
■ 9	Le Havre / Étretat / Honfleur
■ 10	D-Day Beaches
■ 11	Les Andelys
12	Disembark Paris / London <i>The Savoy</i>
13	London
14	Depart London

London to Paris

Day	Destination
1	Arrive London <i>The Savoy</i>
2	London
■ 3	London / Embark Paris
■ 4	Paris
■ 5	Paris
■ 6	Conflans-Sainte-Honorine / Auvers-sur-Oise
■ 7	Vernon / Giverny
■ 8	Rouen
■ 9	Le Havre / Étretat / Honfleur
■ 10	D-Day Beaches
■ 11	Les Andelys
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in churches, and even in chocolate-almond confections called "Joan of Arc's tears." A walking tour of Rouen reveals the heart of the town including the Notre Dame Cathedral that has inspired artists and writers for centuries, the famed Astronomical Clock, Château Rouen (Rouen Castle), and the Saint Joan Tower. Enjoy free time to explore the city's historic center on your own before returning to the riverboat for dinner; tonight, cruise along the Seine towards the Normandy Coast. **Meals BLD**

Call your travel agent or Tauck at **800-468-2825**



PARISIAN TREASURES

Your riverboat journey to London begins in Paris. Not surprising, if you consider the ancient bond between England and France, many signs of which you'll discover on your explorations in Normandy. And now that the poetic distance between them has been erased by the tunnel under the Channel, you can spend time getting acquainted with Paris past and present: the romantic city illuminated at night, Montmartre, Marais, the shops, the musées, (the chocolate!), the sidewalk cafés... then, after an idyllic odyssey along the Seine, duck under the Channel and emerge in England, the white cliffs behind you and the exciting, urban bustle of another riverside city ahead. Poetic.



INSIDE THE MYTHS OF LA FÉE VERTE

Absinthe was one of the most popular drinks in 19th-century France; this anise-flavored green liquor, known affectionately as the Green Fairy, was believed to inspire creativity. It was a favorite of poets and painters, possibly inspiring Vincent

van Gogh's "Starry Night." It was also rumored to cause madness. Learn all about this legendary drink at the Absinthe Museum in Auvers-sur-Oise, where the collection of antiquities includes Toulouse-Lautrec's absinthe spoon... and you'll even get a tasting.



PRESENTATION BY CELIA SANDYS

Gain insights into one of the most influential figures in British history, Sir Winston Churchill, at a presentation by his granddaughter, internationally recognized author, speaker and television presenter Celia Sandys.



A RIVER OF GOURMAND DELIGHTS

The chèvrerie at Étretat may surprise you with what can be made from humble goat's milk, from gourmet chèvre to exquisite chocolate. But you've only begun to discover the native epicurean wonders that await, like miraculous apple ciders and brandy... fresh seafood and sausage...



Visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial

9. ■ ÉTRETAT / CHÈVRERIE / HONFLEUR

This morning, visit Étretat on Normandy's Alabaster Coast, where sheer white cliffs plunge to the blue sea, and the elements have carved astonishing giant arches from the cliffside rock; an orientation tour of the town, once a magnet for artists like Boudin and Monet, is followed by a visit to a chèvrerie, a farm that produces goat cheese and exquisite chocolate. Continue on to Honfleur, an old picturesque trading port where 17th-century houses line the harbor and cobblestone backstreets beckon... a favorite haunt of Impressionist painters. (In fact, the painters drawn to the town, like Boudin, Courbet, Monet and Jongkind, were the center of the *école de Honfleur*, which gave rise to the Impressionist movement.) Following lunch and free time on your own, return to the riverboat. This afternoon, a lecture on the D-Day invasion offers insights into the historic locations you'll visit tomorrow. **Meals BLD**

10. ■ NORMANDY BEACHES

Leave the ship in Le Havre for a tour of the beaches where the D-Day landings occurred on June 6, 1944. See Omaha Beach and Pointe-du-Hoc, where American troops scaled sheer cliffs with ropes and fire ladders to reach enemy artillery batteries, and visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial at Colleville-sur-Mer, on a bluff overlooking the beach; its history will not fail to move you. Lunch at the Omaha Beach Club; visit the museum at Arromanches, where the remains of an artificial harbor used in the invasion still lie offshore, or spend free time on your own. Then depart for the town of Caudebec-en-Caux, where your riverboat awaits you. **Meals BLD**

11. ■ THE FORTRESS OF COEUR DE LION

Arrive in Les Andelys, two fishing villages at a scenic bend in the river where the imposing ruins of Château Gaillard rise on a cliff. The castle was built in 1198 by Richard the Lionheart, Duke of Normandy, to defend against an invasion from the King of France; it fell after a siege in 1204. The ruins in their picturesque setting overlooking the Seine are still there to inspire – as they

have generations of painters like Nicolas Poussin – as you'll view from below. Ramble in the classic French village, with its medieval lanes, colorful houses and gardens; visit a ciderhouse (another Tauck Exclusive) to learn how the many variations of Norman apple cider – and Calvados, an apple brandy renowned in this region – are made... and of course enjoy a tasting of both. Return to the ship for lunch and sail for Paris. Tonight, join us for a farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

12. DISEMBARK / UNDER THE CHANNEL

Depart the ship in Paris this morning and board the high-speed *Eurostar* train that will whisk you to England by way of the tunnel under the Channel. Arrive this afternoon in London, where you'll stay two nights at The Savoy hotel on the Thames, a luxury landmark since 1889; as the hotel boasts, "you'll follow in the footsteps of Sir Winston Churchill, Frank Sinatra, Claude Monet and Katharine Hepburn at this iconic hotel reinvented for the 21st century where an unashamedly old fashioned glamour sparkles with a new lustre." Dine on your own this evening in a city where virtually every cuisine in the world is well represented! **Meals B**

13. LONDON REVEALED

You'll get a good introduction to some of the major sights, after which you'll have free time to explore on your own. What to do? Your hotel's central location puts you in easy reach of all the landmarks of this legendary city, including the Tower Bridge, the Tower of London, the British Museum, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, and Trafalgar Square... and if you want to see it all in one go, you might consider a ride on the London Eye, the giant ferris wheel (or as they call it in London, "cantilevered observation wheel") where spectacular 360-degree views afford you an opportunity to see everything as far as Windsor Castle if the weather is right. Join us for a Tauck Exclusive at our special farewell reception and dinner this evening – a presentation by author and television presenter Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill. **Meals BD**

14. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: London. Fly home anytime. Transfer is included from The Savoy to Heathrow Airport. You should allow three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

14 DAYS FROM \$6,790 PLUS AIRFARE

(13 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 11 Dinners)

BEGINS PARIS

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS SAPPHIRE

Date	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
Apr 8	\$6790	\$7040	\$7190	\$7940	\$8540	\$8740	\$9240
Apr 17*	\$6990	\$7240	\$7390	\$8140	\$8740	\$8940	\$9440
Jul 19, 28*	\$7290	\$7540	\$7690	\$8440	\$9040	\$9240	\$9740
Aug 20	\$7490	\$7740	\$7890	\$8640	\$9240	\$9440	\$9940
May 10, 19*, Jun 11, 20*, Aug 29*, Sep 21, 30*	\$7790	\$8040	\$8190	\$8940	\$9540	\$9740	\$10,240

Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1:

On all departures, the single price in Category 1 is the same as the double price – no single supplement, which means savings of up to 50% for solo travelers! **Solo**

Travelers also enjoy Savings of \$1000 per cabin in Category 4, 5 and 6 on the Apr 8, 17 and Jul 28 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at time of booking.

Note: *Indicates London to Paris direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; inquire at booking or visit tauck.com/river-cruises for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

Land/cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals.



Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the United States (subject to availability).

Itinerary Changes – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. South and north itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking. Ask about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our comprehensive Cruise Protection Product.

Tour of August 10 will not visit Auberge Ravoux on day 6 due to summer closure. Go to page 124 for riverboat deck plans & specifications.