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Spectacular Seine River

PARIS & NORMANDY



Exclusive Guest Speaker
DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER II

September 12 – 20, 2026

Experience the Seine in style — where every day reveals a new chapter of France's timeless story. Sail through the heart of France on an unforgettable 7-night Seine River cruise from Paris to Normandy aboard the luxurious *Viva Beyond*, where elegant amenities and exceptional service set the tone for a remarkable journey. Discover the charm of Normandy's cliff-lined coast and harbor towns, the grandeur of Versailles, Rouen's Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral, the ruins of Jumièges Abbey and Monet's vibrant gardens in Giverny. A highlight of the voyage includes a moving visit to Normandy's D-Day beaches, accompanied by special guest Dwight David Eisenhower II, historian and grandson of President Eisenhower. With expert guides and engaging lecturers enriching your experience at every stop, this cruise offers a perfect blend of history, culture and beauty.

Exclusive Highlights

- Cruise for 7 nights round-trip Paris to Normandy and back aboard the *Viva Beyond*.
- Behold the beauty of Monet's Giverny home.
- Gather with special guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II for enriching lectures and a tour of the Normandy D-Day sites.
- Three UNESCO World Heritage sites: Rouen, a Creative City of Gastronomy; the Palace and Park of Versailles; and Paris, Banks of the Seine.

This Page: Château de La Roche-Guyon
Cover: Seine River, Paris





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Dear Vanderbilt Alumni and Friends:

Delve into the cultural and historical heart of northern France on an enriching Seine River cruise, thoughtfully designed for the discerning traveler. Sail in comfort aboard the *Viva Beyond*, gliding past rolling countryside and relaxing on deck as scenic landscapes unfold around you.

As you journey along this storied waterway, each destination reveals layers of France's complex past — from medieval religious and political power centers to pivotal moments of the 20th century. Accompanied by expert guides and lecturers, explore the architectural grandeur of UNESCO-listed Rouen, the artistic legacy of Paris, and the opulence and political symbolism of Versailles. Walk through harbor towns lined with half-timbered houses, gain insight into the artistic genius of Claude Monet and stand on the D-Day beaches of Normandy, accompanied by special guest Dwight David Eisenhower II. Whether exploring ashore or savoring life aboard your elegant vessel, this journey captures the best of France — past and present. Enhance your stay with a Pre-Tour Extension in Paris.

Book now before this immensely popular program sells out!

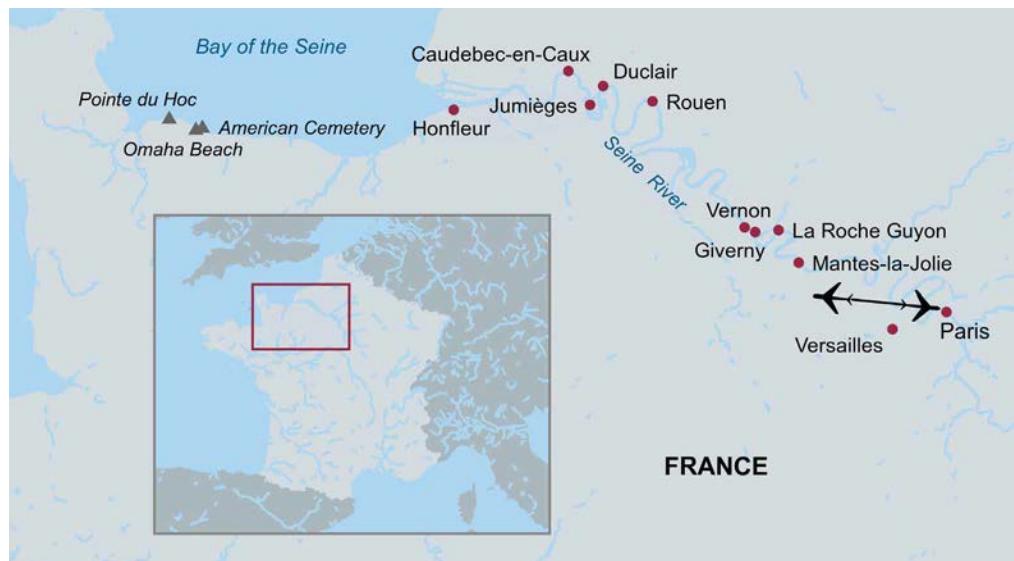
Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel

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Day 1 | Sept. 12

Depart your home city for Paris, France.

Day 2 | Sept. 13 R-D

Paris, France

Arrive in Paris and travel with the group to embark *Viva Beyond*. Settle in your cabin, relax and unpack. Later, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner on board the ship.

Day 3 | Sept. 14 B-L-D

Vernon | Giverny | La Roche-Guyon

Begin your first morning with a satisfying breakfast. Watch for stunning views along the river as we cruise toward Vernon.

Then, delve into the life and work of impressionist painter Claude Monet at his colorful Giverny home, where he lived from 1883 to 1926. Wander through the lush gardens that inspired many of his paintings, and visit the studio where he painted his "Water Lilies" series. His home — the kitchen decorated in brilliant blues, the cheerful yellow dining room,

the green shutters and more — are as vibrant as his garden.

Return to the ship for lunch before enjoying your chosen excursion. You may either travel back to Giverny to visit the Museum of Impressionism or visit the Château de La Roche-Guyon, dramatically built into a cliffside.

The ship departs Vernon later today.

Day 4 | Sept. 15 B-L-D

Duclair | Rouen | Jumièges

Arrive at Duclair and enjoy an excursion to Jumièges Abbey, one of the most powerful abbeys in medieval France. Known for its charity toward

the poor, it was one of several monasteries built along the Seine River.

Settle back on board for lunch as we sail to Rouen. Here, embark on a walking tour of the city's historic center, filled with ornate Gothic churches and half-timbered houses.

Visit the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral and witness the Church of Saint-Maclou. See the square where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in 1431, followed by an enriching visit to the Saint Joan of Arc Church.

Return to the ship for dinner on board or stay in town for dinner if you wish.

Monet's garden, Giverny





Hall of Mirrors, Versailles

Day 5 | Sept. 16 B-L-D

Caudebec | Honfleur

Disembark after breakfast for an excursion to Honfleur, a charming port town that has long captivated artists. Claude Monet, Gustave Courbet and native son Eugène Boudin all drew inspiration from Honfleur and its environs. Honfleur also was ideally located for trade, and many seafaring merchants and explorers launched their journeys from here. Soak up the maritime ambience of the 17th-century old harbor and stroll along side streets to see landmarks like the wooden Church of Sainte-Cathérine, crafted by 15th-century shipbuilders.

Return to the ship for lunch or choose to stay in town for local cuisine.

Attend a lecture by special guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II, who will guide us on our excursions to these hallowed sites tomorrow.

Day 6 | Sept. 17 B-L-D

Caudebec | Normandy | Rouen

After breakfast, set off for a powerful, full-day tour of Normandy's historic D-Day beaches. Led by expert guides, explore poignant landmarks including the American Military Cemetery, Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach, where approximately 2,400 Allied troops gave their lives on June 6, 1944.

A highlight of the day is a moving wreath-laying ceremony at the cemetery, where you'll join Professor Dwight David Eisenhower II in honoring the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

After lunch at a restaurant, spend the afternoon browsing exhibits at the D-Day Museum in Arromanches.

Return to the ship for dinner on board.

Day 7 | Sept. 18 B-L-D

Mantes La Jolie | Versailles

Arrive at Mantes La Jolie this morning and spend time at leisure; then join a lecture by Professor Eisenhower.

After lunch, board a coach

Place du Vieux-Marché, Rouen





Rue de Rosiers, Le Marais

for a journey to Versailles, the legendary palace and UNESCO World Heritage site that served as France's political center and royal residence from 1682 to 1789. Explore the palace's lavish interiors, stroll through its magnificent gardens and marvel at the iconic Hall of Mirrors, where French grandeur is on full display.

Return to the ship for dinner.

Day 8 | Sept. 19 B-L-R-D

Paris

Enjoy breakfast on board as the ship arrives in Paris. Depart for your selected excursion — either a guided

walking tour of the historic Le Marais district or a visit to the elegant Musée Jacquemart-André. On the Le Marais tour, stroll through one of Paris's oldest and most atmospheric neighborhoods, known for its cobblestones, aristocratic mansions, Jewish quarter and fashionable boutiques. Alternatively, step into the refined world of 19th-century architecture at the Musée Jacquemart-André, a former private mansion with a collection of European masterpieces, period furnishings and decorative arts.

The afternoon is free to craft your own path in Paris. Browse world-class art at the Louvre, stroll through the elegant Tuileries Garden, explore the Latin Quarter or savor pastries at a café. Later, raise a toast to your adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | Sept. 20

Paris | Disembark | Return to Home City

Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.

Exclusive Guest Speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II

Grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Professor Dwight David Eisenhower II is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 1986 bestseller, "Eisenhower: At War 1943–1945," was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Eisenhower received a B.A. in history cum laude from Amherst College. Following graduation, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for three years as an officer on the USS Albany; shortly afterward, he earned his J.D. cum laude from The George Washington University Law School. Today, Eisenhower is a provost award-winning teacher at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. He also directs the Institute for Public Service at Annenberg.





Jumièges Abbey

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



Paris, France

September 10 to 13 (Program Begins: September 11)

Paris will captivate you on this two-night stay in the City of Light! Set off on a panoramic city tour that captures the essence of Paris, taking in iconic landmarks such as the majestic Arc de Triomphe, the elegant Palais Garnier Opera House, the legendary Moulin Rouge and the world-famous Eiffel Tower. This extension features two nights at the *InterContinental Le Grande*, a centrally located property, free time for exploration and the services of a Travel Director.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,495

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,375

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- 7 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe *MS Viva Beyond*.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners.
- Complimentary nonpremium liquor, house wine, beer, nonalcoholic beverages, and minibar service throughout the cruise; complimentary house wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages at meals during excursions.
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VIVA BEYOND

The MS *Viva Beyond*, debuting in 2026, provides sumptuous accommodations while cruising the Seine River. Guests are welcomed on board by friendly, multilingual and international crew members who take care of guests' well-being and comfort. The ship's appointments are luxurious, yet the feeling is relaxed and easygoing. From beautiful décor to gourmet dining to generous and comfortable public spaces, your floating hotel provides a stress-free stay while showcasing the stunning landscapes along the Seine River.



2026 DEPARTURE DATE | September 12 to 20 | Tour Begins: September 13

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
E	Stateroom. 161 sq ft Emerald (Deck 1), mid.	\$4,995	\$3,995
D	Stateroom with French balcony. 161 sq ft Ruby (Deck 2), aft.	\$5,295	\$4,295
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All suites and staterooms are river-view and feature air conditioning with in-room temperature control and fan; deluxe hotel-style bedding; one king bed convertible to two twin beds; spacious en-suite bathrooms; large wardrobe & full-length mirror; flat-screen TV; hair dryer; toiletries; bathrobes & slippers; complimentary Wi-Fi; minibar; in-room safe, Nespresso coffee maker, and water bottles replenished daily..

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes (unless otherwise stated)

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- Travel Director(s)

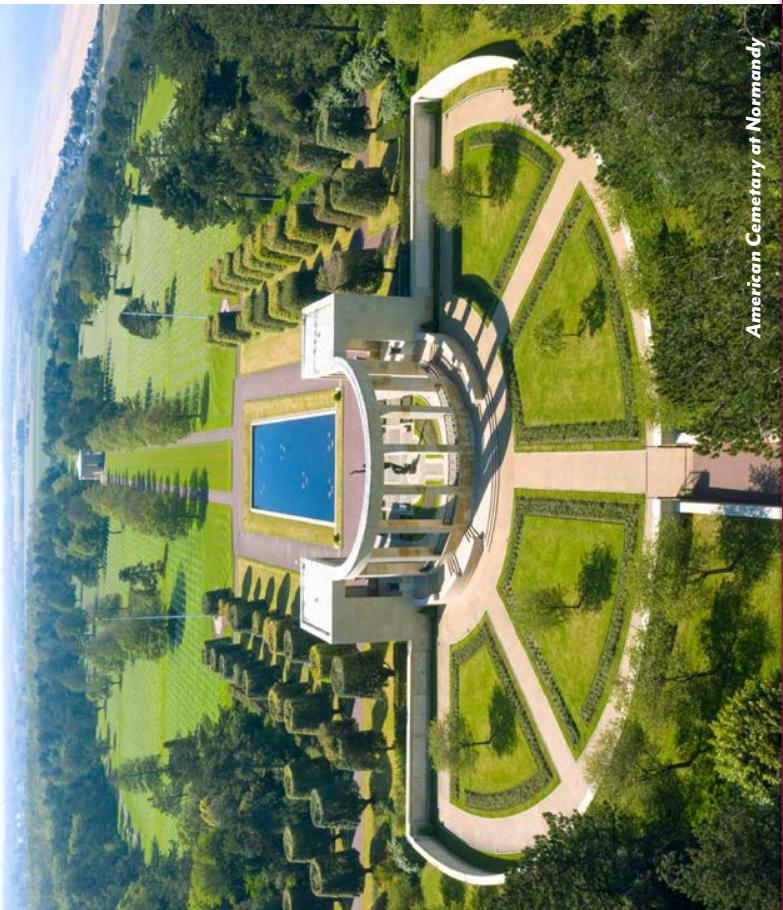
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American Cemetery at Normandy