

# Themed river cruises

River cruising just got more interesting... breathe new life into your favourite subjects with our new themed European river cruises.

Indulge your love of art, music, history, gardens, food and wine with a relaxing getaway along one of Europe's most beautiful waterways, with experiences and excursions tailored around each interest.

Enjoy live performances of history's most famous composers in the birthplace of classical music or meet the vigneron who carefully cultivate grapes in the Douro Valley (and obviously have a tasting too). Perhaps you'd prefer to retrace the life of illustrious artists or uncover the history of renowned sites – whatever experience sounds perfect to you; we have a themed river cruise to match. These cruises are designed for enthusiasts of every level. Beginner or expert, everyone is welcome.

Together we'll soak up the expert knowledge of our insightful speakers and local guides – choose from our selection of itineraries and let your passion guide you on your next exciting adventure.



Rose Garden of Saverne







Taste your way through the heart of Normandy on a river cruise along the majestic Seine, stopping to visit historic sites that have shaped the course of history. Then visit the country's sparkling capital, Paris, to explore the city's gastronomy and maybe even taste the famous macarons!





## Your Itinerary

### DAY 1 – Arrival in Paris

Travel to Paris and transfer to your cruise ship moored on the River Seine. (D)

### DAY 2 – Les Andelys

During a typical French brunch onboard, glide through landscape typical of the Seine and onto the cider orchards and ancient wooden farmhouses of Normandy. We'll berth in Les Andelys and discover the story behind the remarkable Château Gaillard. Then, we'll head to a cider farm to find out more about how they turn the region's apples into their award-winning produce, with a tasting. (B,L,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visits to Château Gaillard and a local cider farm with tasting

### DAY 3 – Rouen

We awake in Normandy's capital, Rouen. Highlights include its stunning cathedral and the Place du Vieux-Marché, the poignant spot where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. During an afternoon of sailing, join our chefs for a cooking demonstration to learn more about baking tarte tatin (French apple tart) before we moor in charming Caudebec-en-Caux. This evening, enjoy a Champagne reception and the laid-back tones of a guitarist singing traditional French melodies. (B,L,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Rouen, onboard cooking demonstration and Champagne reception with a performance by a French musician



### Your luxurious ships:

- MS Jane Austen – see page 118



MS Jane Austen lounge

### DAY 4 – Normandy Beaches

Today we'll take a poignant visit to Arramanches, stopping first at Ranville Cemetery and Pegasus Bridge. We'll see the museum dedicated to the 'longest day' and the British Normandy Memorial. From here you have the best point of view to Gold Beach, one of five main landing sites on D-Day. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Visit to the D-Day Normandy Beaches

### DAY 5 – Honfleur

Explore Honfleur, it's harbour is beautifully preserved and surrounded by a picture-perfect waterfront. During our walking tour, we'll stop at Honfleur's oldest crêperie to taste the thin rolled pancake that has been popular in the French-speaking world for at least seven centuries. Afternoon and evening cruising to Vernon. (B,L,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Honfleur and tasting at a historic crêperie

### DAY 6 – Giverny & Bizy Castle

Visit Monet's house and gardens with plenty of time to wander through the foliage which served as his art and inspiration and admire the lily pond where he painted his extraordinary Water Lillies. After lunch onboard, we'll tour Bizy Castle and enjoy a tasting, including Normandy cider and cheese. (B,L,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Claude Monet's house and garden. Guided tour of Bizy Castle with cider and cheese tasting

### DAY 7 – Paris

Today we'll explore Paris, with the choice of a panoramic coach tour or a walking tour of the Île de la Cité and the Latin Quarter, with a macaron tasting. This afternoon you can learn how to make the famous macaron during an optional cooking class. Tonight, after the Chef's Dinner, there's the chance to enjoy more famous French melodies and songs performed by a professional accordionist. (B,L,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Paris with macaron tasting and performance by a French accordionist

### DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

*All flights and transfers are included.*

*(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.*



Château Gaillard



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