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Seine River & Normandy Passage

ROUNDRIP FROM PARIS



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September 24 – October 2, 2024

Dear Texas Ex,

Please join our Flying Longhorns group for **Grand Seine River & Normandy Passage**. Join us for a cultural journey along the storied Seine River! Set sail from Paris on an unforgettable round-trip cruise that showcases this special corner of France.

As your riverboat glides through Normandy's bucolic countryside, history will come to life. Visit celebrated destinations, including Versailles, Honfleur and Roen, and explore Claude Monet's blooming gardens in Giverny. Spend a day immersed in World War II history at the Caen Memorial and the poignant beaches that once served as battlegrounds. After discovering the essence of Normandy, return to the heart of Paris to enjoy more time in this romantic city, plus enjoy a tour of the Latin Quarter. Together, we'll turn the pages of this remarkable history book!

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted by travel experts to include enriching cultural excursions, preferred access to popular attractions and an engaging educational component. These fascinating lectures by expert speakers provide meaningful context for what you will encounter during your travels.

On this remarkable trip, delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries. This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly. Please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at 512-672-6134.

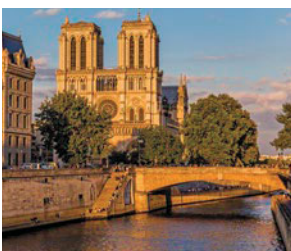
Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team,
Margaret, Janice, and Leslie

Membership in The Texas Exes is a requirement for all participants in the Flying Longhorns travel program. Alumni, friends of the University, UT faculty and staff, and parents of current UT students are welcome to join. Our dues are 80% tax-deductible and memberships start at just \$50.

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Paris, Banks of the Seine**
2. **Palace and Park of Versailles**



Notre Dame, Paris



Versailles



A World of Discovery



The legendary Seine River snakes its way through Normandy, a region shaped by a profound history and rich traditions. Sit back on your first-class river ship and revel in the passing landscape. History comes to life while visiting ancient abbeys, harbor towns brimming with antiquity and the home of master painter Claude Monet. Trace the footsteps of Allied forces before capping off the journey in timeless Paris.

Top: Abbey of Jumièges | Above: Giverny

Cover: Vernon on the Seine River

Mail panel: MS Amadeus Diamond sailing in Paris | Monument, Normandy American Cemetery

Inspiring Moments



- Pay tribute to the sacrifice and valor of the Allied Forces at significant **D-Day beaches**.
- Discover the impact of World War II at the **Caen Memorial Museum**.
- Explore the outstanding palace and gardens of **Versailles**, a decadent symbol of royal power.
- **Cruise through Paris** and behold the glorious sights of this celebrated city.
- Uncover the life of Claude Monet while exploring his **Giverny home and gardens**.
- Visit medieval abbeys nestled in the **French countryside**.
- See **Rouen's splendid Cathedral**, one of the greatest in all of France.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Étretat

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France. 🌐

Day 2 | Paris, France

Upon arrival, transfer 🔄 and embark your ship. Settle in your comfortable cabin and get acquainted with the ship's modern amenities.

Later, gather with new friends for a Welcome Reception and Dinner. Then bid farewell to Paris as the ship departs for your Seine River cruise!

Day 3 | Versailles | Conflans-Sainte-Honorine

Versailles Discovery. Travel to France's grandest palace. Versailles was France's political capital and seat of the royal court from 1682-1789. See the opulent rooms, sprawling gardens and the famous Hall of Mirrors. The Treaty of Versailles, which ended World War I, was signed in the famous Hall of Mirrors.

Conflans-Sainte-Honorine. Enjoy a guided walk in this colorful town, located at the confluence of the Seine and Oise Rivers.

Day 4 | Jumièges | Rouen

Ancient Abbeys. Venture through the French countryside to visit the ruins of the Benedictine Abbey of Jumièges, one of the most powerful abbeys in medieval France. The ruins of the current building are from the 11th century, but the original monastery was built 300 years earlier. See the abbey's cloisters and the remains of the Église St Pierre. Continue to Abbey Saint-Wandrille, recognized as one of Normandy's first Benedictine abbeys. The buildings, which flaunt rococo-style and Gothic decorations, still house a monastic community.

Rouen. Embark on a walking tour of historic Rouen. The medieval quarter is filled with

ornate Gothic churches and half-timbered houses. Witness Notre-Dame de Rouen, the city's grand cathedral captured so brilliantly in paintings by Claude Monet. Marvel at Le Gros-Horloge, the famous astronomical clock. Along the way, listen to tales of Joan of Arc. Back on board, enjoy a delicious dinner.

Day 5 | Le Havre | Étretat | Honfleur

Étretat. The grand white cliffs and arches along Étretat's coastline are represented in nearly 80 works of art by Monet. Take a gentle stroll along a cliff-top path, enjoying the views before you.

🌐 PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Calvados Farm Tour.** Head to the country to visit a family-run cider farm. Tour the farm and learn about the production of pure fruit juices, Calvados and Pommeau, a delightful mixture of apple juice and apple brandy. Enjoy a sampling of these special items! *(Active)*
- **Musée d'art moderne André Malraux.** Join a tour of the MUMA, an art museum known for its collections by Renoir, Pissarro, Sisley, Degas and other wonderful artists.

Gardens at Versailles





Honfleur

• **Deauville.** Get to know this beautiful seaside resort located along the Côte Fleurie. Wander along the boardwalk, lined with elegant shops, hotels and golden-sand beaches.

Honfleur. Continue the day in the French port town that has captivated artists for centuries, including Monet, Gustave Courbet and Eugène Boudin. Soak up the ambience of its picture-perfect Vieux Bassin, or old harbor, located where the Seine River meets the English Channel. Stroll through the pretty harbor and along the narrow side streets to see the city's landmarks. The Church of Sainte-Cathérine is a special stand-out.

Enrichment: Normandy's Culture, History & People. Join a local expert to uncover the rich, fascinating history of the Normandy area.

Day 6 | Caen | D-Day Beaches | Caudebec-en-Caux

Normandy and D-Day. Begin a memorable

Omaha Beach



journey into World War II history at Pointe du Hoc. It was here that U.S. Rangers scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy German artillery emplacements that posed a threat to troops landing on Omaha and Utah beaches. With your guide, learn more about this treacherous mission. Next, step foot on Omaha Beach and contemplate the bravery of the Allied landing forces who advanced under devastating fire across the heavily fortified shoreline to overcome German troops. Continue to Colleville-sur-Mer to visit the Normandy American Cemetery. The cemetery overlooks Omaha Beach and contains 9,385 graves of Americans who died in the invasion and subsequent battles, as well as a garden honoring those missing in action. Finally, visit the moving Caen Peace Memorial Museum.

Normandy American Cemetery



Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **Unpack once** and sail for **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Diamond.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance plan** covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Notre-Dame de Rouen



Day 7 | Les Andelys | Giverny | Vernon

Monet, His Life in Giverny. Delve into the life of impressionist Claude Monet at his Giverny home. Admire the Japanese garden, pond filled with lilies and green footbridge captured in his artistry. Visit the studio where he created his famous “Water Lilies” series and step into his home to admire the cheerful rooms painted in bright yellows and blues. Relax over lunch while sailing to Paris.

Day 8 | Paris

Gems of Paris. See the City of Light during a cruise on the Seine. Admire iconic landmarks, including the Louvre, and float under charming bridges. Continue on a walking tour through the heart of Paris. Along the way, see the famous Notre-Dame, and cross the Pont de l’Achevêché for a look at the Latin Quarter.

Free Time: The afternoon is at your leisure. Join a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

PYJ experiences are included.

Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

Note About Activity Levels

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats



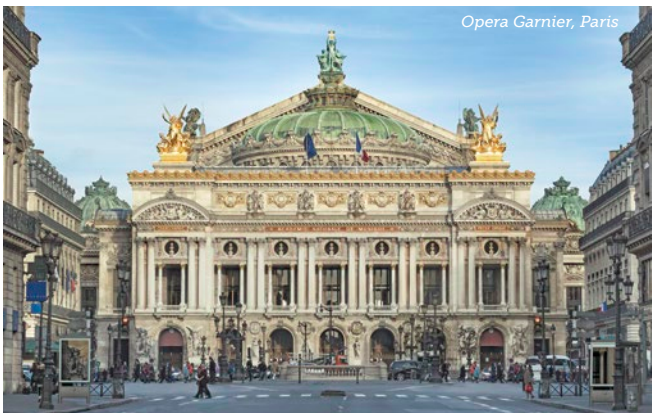
MS Amadeus Diamond



The stylish 74-cabin MS Amadeus Diamond is evocative of a grand European hotel. Step aboard and embark on a cruise where your comfort and enjoyment are the highest priority. From the beautifully appointed surroundings to gourmet dining to generous and comfortable public spaces, your floating luxury hotel provides a stress-free stay while discovering the beautiful Seine River and beyond.



EXTEND YOUR STAY



Opera Garnier, Paris

Paris | 2 Nights

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Spend two additional nights in thrilling Paris! Enjoy a tour of the historic Le Marais neighborhood and spend free time exploring Paris' world-class museums, boutiques and more. This extension includes two nights at the Hilton Paris Opera; Welcome Reception and daily breakfast; guided tour of Le Marais; services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality Desk; transfer with baggage handling between the hotel and the ship; and all taxes and service charges.

\$1,095 per person, double occupancy | \$1,690 single occupancy

Reserve your trip today!

To book your journey,
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Program Dates

Travel dates †

September 24 – October 2, 2024

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates*

September 25 – October 2, 2024

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$4,145	\$3,895
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$4,345	\$4,095
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$4,845	\$4,595
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$5,045	\$4,795
A-Mozart	\$5,545	\$5,295
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$6,045	\$5,795

Suites and categories A, B and C feature a French balcony.
Categories D and E feature a window.

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VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).
Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://texas.ahitravel.com/destinations/1779A?schoold=167>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.



The Louvre, Paris



Abbey Saint-Wandrille

AHI FlexAir

Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays



Calvados

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

Travel Consultants stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

Passenger Service Representative offers personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



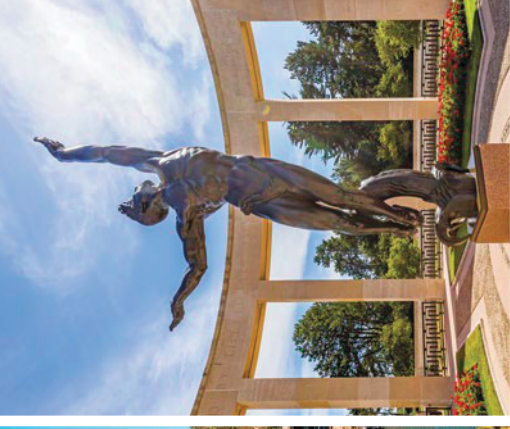
Gros-Horloge, Rouen

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