

# Bordeaux, Paris & The Seine

*Discover the beauty of Bordeaux and the charm of the Seine River... Begin with a journey through Bordeaux, renowned for its world-class vineyards and historic architecture, tasting exceptional wines paired with fantastic regional cuisine. Then, embark on a river cruise along the Seine from Paris, exploring Rouen, Versailles, Les Andelys and more, delighting in the picturesque landscapes of Normandy, from quaint villages to sweeping fields. Your journey is a blend of culture, history, and natural beauty, making for an unforgettable French experience.*

*Join Chef Jacques and Carol on April 14, 2026 for 3-nights in Bordeaux and 7-nights aboard a brand new ship on The Seine river sailing through April 24, 2026*

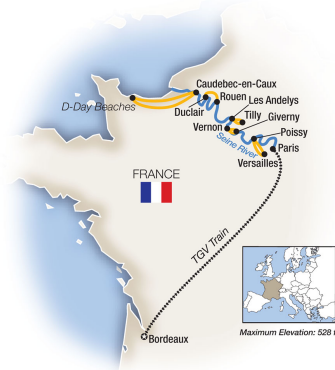


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## Full Itinerary

Embark on an unforgettable journey through France, where every moment blends history, culture, and the art of living...

Your adventure begins in Bordeaux, the world's most renowned wine region, where sprawling vineyards, 18th-century boulevards, and exquisite local cuisine set the tone for an extraordinary journey. Sip fine wines at a family-owned château, savor gastronomic delights on a foodie walking tour, and uncover Bordeaux's Roman roots and artistic treasures. Step into the medieval charm of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where cobblestone streets lead to ancient vineyards, and a leisurely lunch at a local château offers a taste of regional traditions. As the journey unfolds, board a high-speed train to Paris, the "City of Light," where elegance and enlightenment converge, and your riverboat awaits. A visit to the Palace of Versailles offers a glimpse into royal opulence, with its gilded halls and breathtaking gardens. The Seine River becomes your guide as you cruise to Rouen, Normandy, and beyond. At the beaches of Normandy, feel the weight of history as you visit Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc, and the American Cemetery, where poignant stories of courage and sacrifice come to life. Discover the picture-perfect village of Les Andelys, framed by the ruins of Château Gaillard, Richard the Lionheart's medieval fortress. Delight in Normandy's culinary treasures and experience the artistic spirit of France with a visit to Monet's house and gardens in Giverny, exploring the tranquil landscapes that inspired the master of Impressionism.

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# Itinerary

## ONLY WITH TAUCK

- An Exclusive Evening at a 16th-Century Château in Normandy
- Early Access to Monet's House and Gardens in Giverny
- A Guided Exploration of the Historic Beaches of Normandy

## TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES

- Enjoy private wine tastings at prestigious vineyards
- A scenic high-speed train to Paris
- Local entertainment onboard; including live performances and a painting class
- Airport and train station transfers on arrival and departure as noted
- 25 meals; service charges, taxes, portorage, and applicable fuel surcharges

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## DAY 1

### Arrive Bordeaux

Tour Begins: 6:00 PM. A transfer is included to your stay at the InterContinental Bordeaux – Le Grand Hotel. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel, and meet your fellow travelers.

- **MEALS:** Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Bordeaux – Le Grand Hotel

## DAY 2

### Food, wine, art, and more in Bordeaux

Welcome to the most famous wine region in the world. Bordeaux has nearly 6,000 wineries and 272,000 acres of vineyards, with the most planted grape being the Merlot. Known as the "City of art, history and cuisine" this southwestern city of France boasts 362 monuments, including some from the Roman era, well-preserved 18th-century architecture, including grand boulevards, elegant squares and numerous Michelin-starred restaurants. Your first morning begins with a choice of excursion; you may choose a more active e-bicycle ride to a family-owned 16th-century chateau and vineyard for a hike along the nature trails and compliments with wine tasting at the end. Alternatively, discover the beautiful city of Bordeaux with local insights on an orientation drive, en route to La Ciudad del Vino; Bordeaux's wine museum where you'll learn about the influence of wine as a universal cultural heritage. Touring of a wine museum would only be complete with a tasting - which you'll enjoy in their decorated tasting room. Following your choice of explorations this morning, and free time for lunch, join us for a foodie walking tour with a focus on the local gastronomic cuisine. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Bordeaux – Le Grand Hotel

## DAY 3

### Wine tasting at a Chateau / Saint-Émilion & Entre-Deux-Mers

After breakfast at your hotel, depart for the quaint medieval town of Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site named after Saint Aemilianus, a Breton monk who lived in the 8th century. Much like



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Bordeaux, Saint-Émilion is known for its world-famous wineries, where Romans planted vineyards that date back to 2nd century AD. Join our local guide for a more challenging walking tour through its hilly cobblestone streets, followed by a visit to a local Chateau for a tour, wine tasting and a lunch that entices with local flare. Dinner this evening is at your hotel.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Bordeaux – Le Grand Hotel

## DAY 4

The "City of Lights" awaits today

From the world-renowned wine region to "la ville lumière," (the city of lights) make your way to Paris, where your river cruise awaits. Paris earned its sobriquet during the enlightenment, a philosophical movement that began in the early 17th century, in recognition of its importance as the center for art, education and intellectual pursuits. After a scenic high-speed train ride, embark your ship, settle in and join us for a welcome reception and dinner aboard your floating hotel.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Tauck Ship

## DAY 5

Discovering the sparkling city of Paris

A full day in Paris excites with your choice of must-see sights. After breakfast aboard your riverboat, join a local guide for a walking tour through the Latin Quarter, passing Sorbonne University; the most sought-after college for Europeans and dates back to the Middle Ages, the Panthéon known as the "temple of great men and great women of the nation," and ending in Luxembourg Gardens; voted the "most beautiful garden in all of Europe." Alternatively, Relax aboard a guided coach tour that offers a comprehensive overview of the "City of Light's" most iconic sights. From the Eiffel Tower to the Champs-Élysées, take in Paris's grandeur with the ease of minimal walking. Perfect for a laid-back exploration, this orientation tour lets you see the best of the city at a comfortable pace. Enjoy lunch aboard the ship, with time to relax before an onboard wine presentation that's sets the table for cocktail hour and dinner in the lounge followed by local entertainment.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Tauck Ship

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## DAY 6

### The Palace and Gardens of Versailles

Explore Versailles your way today. Join our local guide for a tour inside Palace of Versailles, a former hunting lodge turned royal residence, and a lavish testament to French royalty. Following your inside tour, walk through the Gardens of Versailles, among the largest and most spectacular in the world and contains over 400 statues, making it the world's largest open-air sculpture museum. Return to your riverboat to learn local insights from your Tauck Director, following a cocktail hour, and dinner at your leisure. Your ship charts for Rouen this evening.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Tauck Ship

## DAY 7

### A day of culture, history and an exclusive elegant evening

Welcome to Rouen, a city rich in history and charm. Admire the early morning views of this enchanting Normandy destination as the ship docks before joining us for a guided walking tour through the heart of Rouen. Highlights include the magnificent Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen and the historic Joan of Arc Square and Church. Return to the ship for lunch at your leisure and enjoy free time to explore Rouen at your own pace, wandering the cobblestone streets. Cruise for Duclair this evening for an evening that is exclusive to Tauck guests at the 16th-century Chateau du Taillis. Sip on cocktails as you explore the elegant grounds of this historic estate. Enjoy a magical dining experience at the chateau, complete with fine cuisine and an ambiance that transports you to another era. Return to your ship and settle in for another day of unique discoveries to follow.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Tauck Ship

## DAY 8

### Discover the beaches of the Battle of Normandy

Embark on a journey through history to the poignant landscape of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Arrive at Pointe du Hoc where the rugged cliffs were scaled by American forces on June 6th, 1944. Your expert guide will transport you to that pivotal day, recounting the courage and sacrifices made

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that changed the tide of World War II. A short drive brings you to Omaha Beach, the largest assault area, stretching over 6 miles. After lunch in Normandy's countryside, visit the American Cemetery, a tranquil resting place overlooking Omaha Beach, dressed with white crosses and stars of David. As the sun begins to set over the beaches that marked history, continue back to your riverboat. Reflect on the day's emotions during cocktail hour, followed by dinner at your leisure. Your ship sets course for Les Andelys as the stars illuminate the Seine.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Tauck Ship

## DAY 9

### Les Andelys & Tilly, France – A Day of Culture and Flavors

As the sun rises over the Seine, the ship arrives in Les Andelys, a charming riverside village with postcard-perfect beauty. Explore history and scenery in Les Andelys on a walking tour led by an expert local guide, discovering its timeless allure. Wander through cobbled streets, admire its quaint charm, and visit the ruins of Château Gaillard, the once-mighty fortress of Richard the Lionheart. Choose a more active option to descend to the village for a closer look at life along the river. Mid-morning, venture to Tilly for an authentic taste of Normandy. At a welcoming family-run farm, savor a cider and Calvados tasting experience. Tour the farm and delight in regional specialties, from velvety brandy to homemade pâté and fruit preserves. The flavors of this pastoral region are sure to linger on your palate long after the visit. Enjoy a scenic drive back to Les Andelys, where you'll reconnect with the ship as it sets course for Vernon. Upon arrival, join your Tour Director for an insightful orientation walk, uncovering the town's rich history and charm. Whether it's the half-timbered houses or the quaint cobblestone squares, Vernon invites you to step back in time. Cap off your day with a festive cocktail hour in the lounge before enjoying the chef's signature dinner. Later, indulge in lively Parisian entertainment as a Can Can group brings the spirit of France to life right onboard.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Tauck Ship

## DAY 10

### A Monet-Inspired day along the Seine

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive to Giverny for a Tauck Exclusive early access to explore the Monet House and Gardens, a serene oasis of inspiration for the master of Impressionism. Stroll through vibrant

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flower beds and water lily ponds, capturing the essence of Monet's iconic works. Led by a local guide, this immersive visit is both a cultural and visual feast. After a morning immersed in artistry, return to the ship in Vernon to enjoy a lunch and prepare for a creative afternoon onboard. Join renowned artist Mark Alsterlind for an interactive painting class inspired by your visit to Giverny. Learn techniques tied to Monet's masterpieces as you create your own impressionist-inspired art—a perfect keepsake from your journey. As the Seine carries you toward Paris, enjoy dinner at your leisure.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Tauck Ship

## DAY 11

### Journey home

**Tour Ends: Paris.** Disembark ship by 9:00 AM. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from your ship to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. Please allow 3 hours for flight check-in.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast



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## Accommodations and Pricing

### ms Serene

A new 125m riverboat in Tauck's Destination Fleet, this ship debuts in 2026 with a new deck plan optimized for the utmost in spaciousness – with 80% of her cabins measuring 225 square feet or larger – and accommodating no more than 124 guests. Guest amenities inside her 20 300-square-foot Tauck Suites include spacious bathrooms with separate showers and walk in closets. She also sports 30 roomy 225-square-foot cabins, and 12 180-square-foot cabins. Two decks have floor-to-ceiling windows with real French balconies that open on to a balcony in the fresh air and idyllic riverscapes; all have in-room minibar, adjustable heating and cooling, private bathroom and shower with pampering toiletries. Onboard entertainment includes enrichment lectures, piano music nightly, in-room movies, culinary demos, local entertainment and "themed" fun. Please note: Riverboat is currently under construction. Final design and specifications may vary upon completion.



This schematic is a rendering of a ship currently under construction. Final design and specifications may vary upon completion.

Room Type	Price Per person	Protection Plan Per Person	Deposit Per Person	Total Price
Cat 1: Single	\$9,890	\$799	\$900	\$10,689
Cat 2: Double	\$10,390	\$799	\$900	\$22,378
Cat 3: Double	\$11,640	\$799	\$900	\$24,878
Cat 4: Double	\$11,840	\$799	\$900	\$25,278
Cat 5: Double	\$12,340	\$799	\$900	\$26,278

Note: Above quote was compiled based on the information available to us at the time you ordered this Trip Planner. It is not an offer to sell you the tour at the quoted price. Although not expected, prices in this quote may be subject to change due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted as the time of quote; availability, tour details and other components may also be subject to change. Your quote does not include airfare to and from the tour start and end locations. Tauck's terms and conditions apply upon booking and depositing. Space is limited.

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# Book This Trip



## Have Information Ready

- Mention Chef Jacques Sailing
- Traveler Name(s) and Dates of Birth: Please have first and last names as they appear on the passport or driver's license.
- Traveler's Address(es)
- Traveler's Phone Number(s)
- Emergency Contact Information: This would be a relative or friend whom we could contact during the tour in the event of an emergency. Please provide their name and phone number(s).
- Interest in purchasing a travel protection product (US and Canada)
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## Book Your Trip

For registration, call Jennifer or Jesse in Groups at 800-241-1365.

### Deposit Date

Upon your request, we will hold space tentatively for you and give a "Deposit Due Date," by which a deposit must be received or space is automatically released.

### Special Requests

We will be happy to advise hotels of any special requests, provided we receive them at time of booking. We regret that requests cannot be guaranteed.

### Final Payment

Final Payment is due 120 days before departure for cruises and rail journeys. If your deposit was made by credit card, final payment will be automatic unless you opted out at time of booking. Bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice. Failure to make payment will be considered a cancellation by the guest and all applicable cancellation fees will apply.

### Gift of Time

Past guests enjoy one complimentary pre- or post-hotel night if booked and deposited by July 31, 2025.