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A TASTE OF FRANCE: FOOD & WINE RIVERBOAT CRUISE

AUGUST 1-9, 2023
on board Avalon's *Tapestry II*

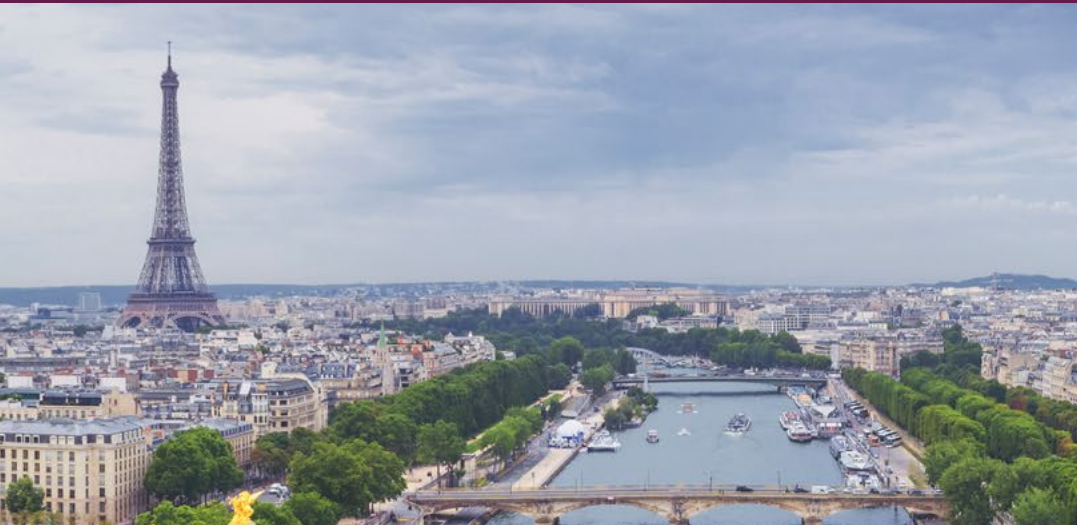
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This trip has something for everyone. If you like to bike or hike or even canoe, options are here! For those who enjoy leisurely walks, the French pastries, cheese, and wine, you'll have many opportunities in the places we visit and on board. The cruise will feature French specialties, wines, and cheese with lunch and dinner. And for those who enjoy the artistry of Monet and Van Gogh, you'll visit some of the beautiful villages, fields, and gardens where they resided and painted. Are you interested in history? We offer the choice to visit the monuments and beaches of Normandy, or you can choose to have a "taste" of Normandy to enjoy the coastal cities and Camembert cheeses they are famous for, and much more. **Food, wine, activity, and discovery—this trip is a great "taste" of France!**



ITINERARY SUMMARY

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Paris, France (Embarkation)

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Paris

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Conflans

Friday, August 4, 2023

Vernon / Les Andelys

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Rouen

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Caudebec / Normandy

Monday, August 7, 2023

Le Havre

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Le Havre/Paris (Disembarkation from ship/Overnight in Paris)

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Paris

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INCLUDED

- Accommodations for 8 days/7 nights on Avalon's ms *Tapestry II*, a 128 passenger ship
- Accommodations for 1 night at a 4-star hotel in Paris at the end of the trip, August 8-9
- All meals while on board
- Breakfast while at Paris hotel the morning of August 9
- Coffee, tea, and juices with all meals; beer, wine, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Standard wifi in all cabins and public areas
- Olivia entertainment and programming, as well as local entertainment
- Included sightseeing tours in each port
- Headsets for guided tours provided
- Welcome cocktail reception
- Gratuities to ship crew, Avalon cruise director, tour guides, and bus drivers
- Olivia staff assistance throughout
- Transfer to included Paris hotel from ship in Le Havre

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to Paris; transfer from the Paris Airport to ship and Paris hotel to the Paris Airport; optional excursions; meals other than breakfast while at hotel in Paris; alcoholic beverages, bottled water, and soft drinks (except where indicated); tips to Paris hotel staff; phone/fax/internet (wifi additional at hotel, but included on board); salon services; travel insurance; and personal incidentals.

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A CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a "taste" of France! Savor French wines, cheese, and regional specialties with onboard meals. Delight in cultural tours and culinary adventures in each port—whether by foot, bicycle, coach or even canoe! Your special activities may include preparing your own Chantilly cream; learning about Normandy cheese and French pastries; taking part in a pastry demonstration; tasting Calvados apple brandy at a local distillery, and more.



AN UNFORGETTABLE "TASTE" OF FRANCE



The beautifully designed Avalon's ms Tapestry II features sliding glass doors in suites. Staterooms have two windows just above the waterline. All rooms are well-appointed and are among the largest on the river.

SHIP AMENITIES:

- Wall-to-wall panoramic windows
- Non-smoking interior
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Headsets for all guided shore excursions in Europe
- Sightseeing with Certified Local Guides
- Onboard lectures, activities, and nightly entertainment
- Room service for Continental breakfast and beverages (*service fee applies*)
- Complimentary wifi access
- Alternate light lunch and dinner in the Panorama Bistro
- Behind-the-scenes ship tour
- Use of Nordic walking sticks
- English-speaking TV channels with over 100 free movie options
- Delectable petite portions of regional specialties, with wines, in the Panorama Bistro
- Self-serve beverage station with complimentary tea, hot chocolate, and premium coffees
- Complimentary maps
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day
- Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs
- Elevator for cabin decks (does not go to Sky Deck)
- Outside viewing deck
- Friendly, English-speaking crew
- Cruise Director
- Revolutionary engineering
- Sky Deck whirlpool
- Bicycles you can check out and use around many port towns for free
- Avalon choice cruising experience
- Choice of leisurely, traditional, or independent sightseeing options
- Local favorites onboard experiences with local chefs, entertainers, artisans, and experts
- Onboard assistance is available to recommend, reserve, and further personalize your cruise
- Sky Deck game area
- Well-stocked library
- Fitness Center
- Selection of local favorites to bring the customs, cultures, and tastes of your destination to life



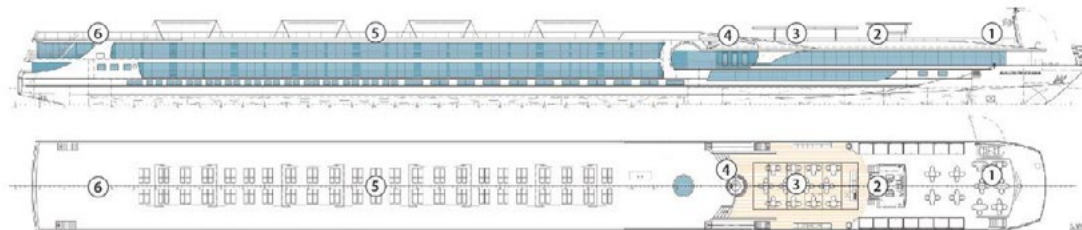
CABIN AMENITIES:

The 172 sq. ft. Staterooms, 200 sq. ft. Panorama Suites, and 300 sq. ft. Royal Suites are some of the largest on the river.

- All Panorama and Royal Suites on the Royal and Sapphire decks have wall-to-wall panoramic windows
- All Staterooms on the Indigo deck have a window just above the waterline.
- Comfort Collection Beds
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft and firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Bathrobes and slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Two windows
- Writing desk
- Memory foam mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channel
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked mini-bar (billed on consumption)
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Complimentary wifi
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity

TAPESTRY II DECK PLANS

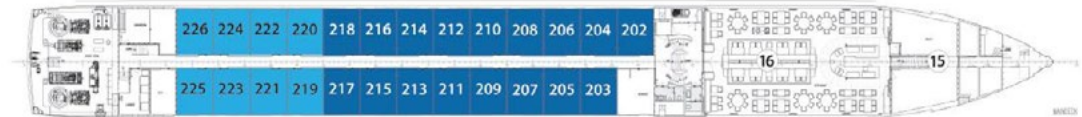
SKY DECK



ROYAL DECK



SAPPHIRE DECK



INDIGO DECK



DECK PLAN

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|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Sky Lounge | 6 Deck Game Area | 12 Elevator |
| 2 Navigation Bridge | 7 Observation Lounge | 13 Lobby |
| 3 Sky Grill | 8 Panorama Bistro | 14 Club Lounge |
| 4 Whirlpool | 9 Panorama Lounge | 15 Galley |
| 5 Premium Lounge
Chairs and Shade
Awnings | 10 Bar | 16 Dining Room |
| | 11 Reception | 17 Fitness Center |

CATEGORIES

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| Royal Suite | Royal Deck Royal Suites |
| Cat. P | Royal Deck Panorama Suites |
| Cat. A | Sapphire Deck Forward Panorama Suites |
| Cat. B | Sapphire Deck Aft Panorama Suites |
| Cat. D | Indigo Deck Aft Deluxe Staterooms |
| Cat. E | Indigo Deck Forward Deluxe Staterooms |



DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY E

EARLY BIRD \$4,799 PP REGULAR \$6,199 PP

Located on the Indigo deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows above the waterline, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full shower with glass doors, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, and full-length closets. 172 sq ft.



DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY D

EARLY BIRD \$4,899 PP REGULAR \$6,299 PP

Located on the Indigo deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows above the waterline, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full shower with glass doors, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, and full-length closets. 172 sq ft.



PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY B

EARLY BIRD \$5,999 PP REGULAR \$7,499 PP

Located on the Sapphire deck aft, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, bathroom with marble counter, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, sofa, and full-length closets. 200 sq ft.

PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY A

EARLY BIRD \$6,099 PP REGULAR \$7,599 PP

Located on the Sapphire deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, bathroom with marble counter, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, sofa, and full-length closets. 200 sq ft.

PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY P

EARLY BIRD \$6,199 PP REGULAR \$7,699 PP

Located on the Royal deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, bathroom with marble counter, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, sofa, and full-length closets. 200 sq ft.

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ROYAL SUITE

EARLY BIRD \$7,199 PP REGULAR \$8,769 PP

Located on the Royal deck, the Royal Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two single beds, soft and firm nonallergenic pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, bathroom with marble counter and two sinks, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, sofa, and full-length closets. 300 sq ft.



YOUR SHIP

*PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE NDAS (TAXES, FEES, & GRATUITIES): \$499 PP



Tuesday, August 1, 2023 | Paris, France (Embarkation)

Welcome to France! Your Suite Ship® is ready for boarding. Flights into Paris must arrive by 2:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. Your day is free to explore the world's most romantic city before embarking on your cruise on the Seine. Get acquainted with the City of Lights today with some shopping, strolling, or with a croissant and café au lait to watch the world go by amid the Parisian cityscape. *Overnight docking in Paris (D)*

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 | Paris

Cafés, Cathedrals, and Canvases—The City of Lights Truly Shines

Your choice of included excursions:

ACTIVE

Hop on a bike to explore Paris like a local on this enjoyable guided tour through Bois de Boulogne! *OR:*

DISCOVERY

Immerse yourself on our Food and Cultural Tour of Paris where you will find out why the French food and culinary tradition has been even added to the UNESCO heritage list, *OR:*

CLASSIC

Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour, which will show you magnificent must-see sights.

This afternoon, you may want to choose among the Guided *Optional* Excursions available. Alternatively, stroll through Paris on your own or linger over wine in a literary café on the Left Bank. *Overnight docking in Conflans (B/L/D)*

Thursday, August 3, 2023 | Conflans

Walk in the Footsteps of Van Gogh and Bonaparte

Your choice of included excursions:

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

ACTIVE

This Guided E-bike Tour will take you to the Château de Maisons-Lafitte where you will enjoy a special snack, *OR*:

DISCOVERY

Travel to the Chantilly Castle on your own where the experts of the Confrérie des Chevaliers Fouetteurs de crème Chantilly will show you how to prepare your own Chantilly cream, *OR*:

CLASSIC

Join a Guided Tour of Auvers-sur-Oise, and walk in the footsteps of Vincent van Gogh, who lived, worked, and is buried here. See the landscapes and village scenes captured in his paintings, *OR*:

CLASSIC

Take a Guided tour of the opulent Château de Malmaison—home of Napoléon Bonaparte and his wife Josephine.

Enjoy an afternoon sailing to Vernon. *Overnight docking in Vernon (B/L/D)*





Friday, August 4, 2023 | Vernon / Les Andelys

Vernon: Monet's Muses, Castle Courtyards, and Crêpes du Jour

Your choice of included excursions:

ACTIVE

Spend a fun and active day canoeing. Join an expert guide and paddle your way through areas accessible only by canoe, *OR*:

DISCOVERY

Enjoy and learn all about the Normandy cheese trail and traditional French pastries during this Guided Walking Tour, *OR*:

CLASSIC

Take a Guided Tour of Giverny, home and inspiration of the master impressionist painter Claude Monet. Walk the grounds and see Monet's charming residence, and the flower and water gardens captured in his masterpieces.

DISCOVERY

While sailing, enjoy a traditional French luncheon of authentic French crêpes, followed by a Pastry Demonstration.

This afternoon, enjoy a beautiful cruise to the picturesque town of Les Andelys.



Friday, August 4, 2023 | Vernon / Les Andelys

Les Andelys: Serenity on the Seine's Most Beautiful Riverbends

Your choice of included excursions:

ACTIVE

Join a Guided Hike up to the castle ruins of Château Gaillard—historic home of King Richard the Lionheart and a masterpiece of medieval military architecture, *OR*:

DISCOVERY

Visit one of 'most beautiful villages of France' situated in a beautiful forested setting in Normandy. Afterwards discover the legends of the haunted Abbey de Mortemere, *OR*:

CLASSIC

Take a Guided Walking Tour of Les Andelys—one of France's most picturesque spots on the Seine. Visit the Saint Sauveur's Church of Le Petit Andely.

Evening/overnight to Rouen (B/L/D)



Saturday, August 5, 2023 | Rouen

The Cathedral of Notre-Dame, and a Heroine for France

Included excursion:

CLASSIC

Take a Guided Walking Tour of Rouen—home of the martyred Saint Joan of Arc—and see the medieval quarter with its 16th-century Astronomical Clock, and Notre-Dame Cathedral.

In the afternoon, you're free to explore the city on your own or to join one of our Optional Excursions. *Overnight docking in Rouen (B/L/D)*

Sunday, August 6, 2023 | Caudebec / Normandy

Heroic Bravery on Normandy Beaches and French Farming Traditions

Your choice of included excursions:

DISCOVERY

Join "A Taste of Normandy" Guided Tour for an in-depth look at this rich agricultural region. See the famous Bayeux Tapestry, visit the beautiful village of Beuvron en Auge and taste Calvados apple brandy at a local distillery, *OR*:

CLASSIC

Join a Guided Visit to the WWII landing beaches of Normandy. Take a full-day tour of significant U.S. sites, including Omaha Beach, the Pointe du Hoc monument, and the American Cemetery, *OR*:

CLASSIC

Take a full-day Guided Tour of the British and Canadian commemorative sites, including the British cemetery, Pegasus Memorial, the seaside town of Arromanches, the Juno Beach Center, and the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery.

Overnight docking in Le Havre (B/L/D)





Monday, August 7, 2023 | Le Havre

20th Century Architecture and White Cliffs of Normandy

Your choice of included excursions:

ACTIVE

Explore the city as only a local would: by bicycle. Cycle up to the quartier Saint François, *OR*:

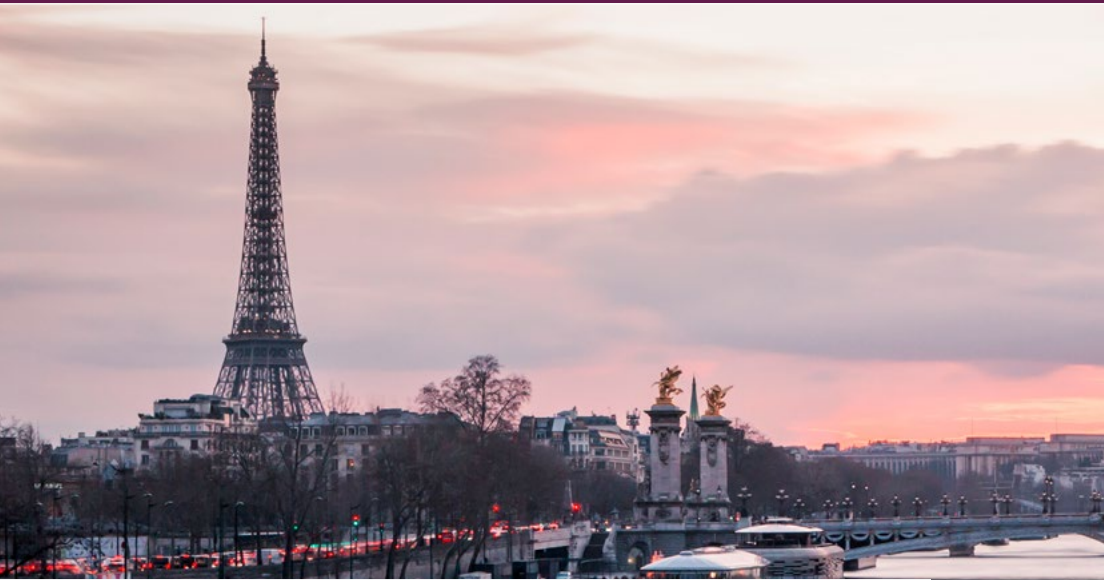
DISCOVERY

Travel to Fécamp to visit the Palais Benedictine where the world famous Benedictine liquor is made. Enjoy a short Self-Guided Tour followed by a cocktail workshop focused around the famous liquor, *OR*:

CLASSIC

Take a Guided Tour to Le Havre and discover the modern architecture of its city center, rebuilt by Auguste Perret and part of the World Heritage of Humanity.

This afternoon, you may want to choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available.
Overnight docking in Le Havre (B/L/D)



Tuesday, August 8, 2023 | Le Havre (Disembarkation) / Paris

Au Revoir, River Seine. Bonjour, Paris! Bid farewell to your ship's crew and take an included transfer to your hotel in Paris. Take time to linger in a sidewalk café, shop for mementos, or take photographs of the city's picturesque bridges. *Overnight at a 4-star Paris Hotel (B)*

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 | Paris

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Please note: Itinerary subject to change.



PARIS, FRANCE

VACATION STRETCHERS

We will be overnighting on the ship in Paris on August 1 and will enjoy some of the highlights of Paris on August 2. We will not be offering pre- or post-hotel extensions on this trip. However, if you wish to extend your trip, we will have the information on the 4-star hotel we use on August 8 available approximately 9 months prior to the trip. Please visit our [Vacation Stretcher tab](#) for more information.

CATEGORY

DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY E

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DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY D

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PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY B

Located on the Sapphire deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling window. 200 sq ft.

PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY A

Located on the Sapphire deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 200 sq ft.

PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY P

Located on the Royal deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 200 sq ft.

ROYAL SUITE

Located on the Royal deck, the Royal Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 300 sq ft.

PRICING PP

EARLY-BIRD: \$4,799

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REGULAR: \$7,499

EARLY-BIRD: \$6,099

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REGULAR: \$7,699

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REGULAR: \$8,769

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ACTIVITY LEVEL

This trip requires a moderate to high level of mobility, as most of the tours are walking tours (including walking on cobblestone streets and navigating some stairs). If you are bringing a portable wheelchair and scooter, they may be used only on tours, not on the ship. Because of the limited space on the ship, they cannot be driven to your cabin or other parts of the ship and will need to be collapsed and stored in your cabin. On tours, the usefulness of a portable wheelchair or scooter may be limited because we will be navigating cobblestone streets with hard curbs (no curb cutouts) and stairs. A 'Gentle Walkers' group is included on most included walking tours; this group accommodates those needing a little extra time and sometimes offers a shortened version of a tour, designed to go at slower pace and encounter as few stairs as possible.

If you do have limited mobility, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

FLIGHTS

You will need to fly into and out of the **Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)** or the **Paris Orly Airport (ORY)**. On August 1, all flights should arrive in Paris by 2:30 pm. On August 9, all flights can depart Paris at any time as we overnight at a Paris hotel on August 8. Hotel checkout is 11 am. We encourage all passengers to arrive a day early to avoid the stress of unexpected delays.

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