

PARIS, NORMANDY & THE FLOW OF THE OISE RIVER



JOURNEYS
by Van Dyke
Since 1990



River Cruise

12 Days

\$12,990 CAD

All inclusive from, per guest, double occ.

May 1 to May
12, 2026

20 guest maximum



Journey Highlights



① Juno Beach, Normandy

Walk in the footsteps of history as you visit the site where Canadian troops bravely landed on D-Day. Explore the Juno Beach Centre, a moving tribute to their sacrifice and legacy, offering a deep and personal connection to Canada's role in the Second World War.



② Paris, France

Experience the timeless beauty of the City of Light, where historical landmarks, charming boulevards, and café culture invite you to soak in its elegance. From the grandeur of the Eiffel Tower to the artistic treasures of the Louvre, Paris captivates at every turn.



③ Oise River Cruise

Drift through the serene French countryside aboard the MS Deborah, a private barge for just 20 guests. Glide past charming villages and landscapes that inspired Impressionist masters. Relax as the river's gentle rhythm reveals France at its most picturesque.



④ Château de Chantilly

Step into a world of elegance at this fairytale château, home to an extraordinary art collection and stunning gardens. Visit the Grand Stables, then enjoy a unique experience with a member of the Confrérie des Chevaliers Fouetteurs, who will teach you how to prepare France's legendary Crème Chantilly by hand.



⑤ Auvers-sur-Oise, France

Walk in the footsteps of Van Gogh in the charming village that inspired his final masterpieces. Stroll the Artists' Pathway, visit the vineyards, and experience the Belle Époque at the Musée de l'Absinthe, where a unique tasting of the legendary "green fairy" brings history to life.



Journey Itinerary



Day 1

DEPART FOR PARIS, FRANCE

Have a relaxing start to your journey with a private car home pick up service to bring you to the airport. Guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager alongside your fellow guests, and board your flight to Paris, France. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details throughout, enabling you to focus on creating memories and enjoying the experience.

Overnight flight





Day 2

WELCOME TO PARIS

Upon arrival in Paris, our local guide warmly welcomes us before we transfer to our hotel. Enjoy a leisurely lunch before settling into your room. The afternoon is yours to explore the charming streets of Paris at your own pace. In the evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at our hotel.

Included Meals: Dinner

Hotel Astor *or similar (2 nights)

Day 3

EXPLORING PARIS

In store today is a full-day of exploring Paris, starting with a guided bus tour that unveils the city's most renowned landmarks such as the Opera House, Place Vendome, Champs Elysees, Conciergerie, Eiffel Tower, and Concorde Square.

Following your morning adventure, immerse yourself in the world of art with a private VIP tour of the Louvre. Admire timeless masterpieces including The Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, and the Venus de Milo, gaining insights from expert guides along the way. Conclude your Louvre excursion with a tranquil walk through the Tuileries Gardens, offering a serene escape amidst the bustling city.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 4

MONET'S GARDEN & INSPIRATION, GIVERNY

This morning, we bid au revoir to Paris and journey into Normandy. Our first stop is Giverny, where Claude Monet lived and worked from 1883 until his passing in 1926. His former home and the enchanting gardens that inspired his famed Water Lilies series are now the Fondation Claude Monet museum. Painstakingly restored in the 1970s, the house and gardens provide a stunning glimpse into the private sanctuary of the artist and gardener. The charming pink house and lush flower gardens offer a serene atmosphere, immersing visitors in the world of Monet.

Overnight: [Hotel La Ferme de la Rançonnière](#) *or similar (2 nights)
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

JUNO BEACH, ARROMANCHES & THE LEGACY OF CANADA'S HEROES

On June 6, 1944, over 14,000 Canadian soldiers landed or parachuted into Normandy as part of the largest seaborne invasion in history. Despite the odds, these courageous soldiers played a pivotal role in securing Normandy.

We begin our day at the D-Day Museum in Arromanches, where the Allies built the artificial 'Mulberry' harbour to support the invasion. From the museum, enjoy views of the beach and remains of this engineering feat.

In the afternoon, walk on Juno Beach, reflecting on the same sand Canadian troops traversed in 1944. Our day concludes at the Canadian Cemetery in Beny-sur-Mer, a serene resting place for 2,049 soldiers and 15 airmen, where we pay respects to those who sacrificed their lives.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 6

DEAUVILLE, HONFLEUR & NOYON: A DAY OF SEASIDE CHARM AND HISTORY

Explore Deauville, a glamorous resort town renowned for its beach, 1920s boardwalk, and chic boutiques. After an orientation tour, enjoy free time to wander and have lunch at your leisure.

Next, we visit Honfleur, a picturesque harbour town rich in maritime history, from which Samuel de Champlain set sail for Canada. Enjoy time to stroll, visit galleries, or relax by the harbour.

Later, we board the MS Deborah for a welcome cocktail, followed by an evening excursion to Noyon, where we uncover its 2,000-year history and marvel at the stunning Gothic cathedral illuminated at night.

Overnight: MS Deborah (6 nights)

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7

ARMISTICE MEMORIAL & CHÂTEAU DE COMPIÈGNE

In the morning, enjoy a scenic cruise to Compiègne. This afternoon, embark on a guided tour of the historic city, walking through its picturesque streets to see the 16th-century town hall with its intricate Gothic facade and medieval homes, including the 15th-century La Vieille Cassine.

After a tasting of regional delicacies, visit the Armistice Memorial, home to the historic train car from the 1918 Armistice and wartime artifacts, including the Marne Taxi and stereoscopic images from World War I. The memorial honors soldiers from 1870 to the present, including Augustin Trébuchon, the last French soldier killed in World War I.

Conclude the day with a visit to the Château de Compiègne, one of France's largest and most stunning neoclassical palaces, rivaling Versailles and Fontainebleau.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 8

CHÂTEAU DE CHANTILLY & CULINARY DELIGHTS

We'll spend the morning cruising to Pont-Sainte-Maxence. This afternoon, explore the magnificent Château de Chantilly, a masterpiece of French heritage. Once home to the Duke of Aumale, it houses an impressive collection of art and manuscripts, preserved since the 19th century. Visit the galleries, opulent suites, and one of France's most extensive libraries, all frozen in time since the Duke's bequest to the Institut de France.

Later, return to Saint-Leu-d'Esserent, where a special culinary experience awaits. A member of the Confrérie des Chevaliers Fouetteurs will teach us the secrets of making traditional crème chantilly by hand. After dinner, enjoy free time to explore the town or visit the abbatial church for scenic views of the valley.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

VAN GOGH'S AUVERS-SUR-OISE & THE ABSINTHE EXPERIENCE

We begin the day with a scenic cruise to Auvers-sur-Oise, a picturesque village renowned for its artistic heritage. In the afternoon, we'll embark on a guided tour of Auvers-sur-Oise, once home to Vincent van Gogh during the final years of his life. Stroll through the village's charming streets, including the Artists' Pathway, where you'll be able to compare the landscapes captured by famous Impressionists with the present-day surroundings.

Next, we visit the Musée de l'Absinthe, a fascinating museum that immerses us in the bohemian spirit of the Belle Époque. This museum recreates the atmosphere of the cafés where absinthe, also known as the "green fairy," was the muse for poets and artists. The collection provides a fascinating glimpse into 19th-century French culture. Enjoy a demonstration of the traditional absinthe ritual and indulge in a tasting of this legendary drink.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 10

VINEYARDS AND ARTISTIC TREASURES OF AUVERS-SUR-OISE

This morning, we visit the Pressoir Auversois vineyards, a hidden gem rediscovered in the 2000s. Located on the edge of the picturesque Auvers-sur-Oise countryside, the vineyards offer a unique glimpse into the region's winemaking heritage. After exploring the vineyards and wine press, we continue to the Maison-Atelier de Daubigny, a French historical monument and the former studio of landscape painter Charles-François Daubigny. The studio became a gathering place for renowned artists such as Camille Corot and Berthe Morisot, and its walls are adorned with masterpieces.

Later, we visit Madame Guinguette, where we'll indulge in a tasting of local delicacies amidst a beautiful setting.

In the afternoon, we set sail for Bougival, where we'll remain in port overnight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11

CHÂTEAU DE MALMAISON & THE LIGHTS OF PARIS

This morning, set out on a guided tour of the Château de Malmaison, a place of elegance and influence deeply tied to Joséphine de Beauharnais. Acquired in 1799, this exquisite château became both her cherished home and a seat of power during Napoleon's rule. Step inside to explore its beautifully preserved interiors, where the council chamber—designed to resemble a military tent—once hosted key political discussions. The opulent music room, adorned with Joséphine's treasured paintings and harp, reflects her love for the arts, while the grand salons evoke the grandeur of early 19th-century society. After her divorce, Joséphine continued to reside here until her passing in 1814, leaving behind a legacy of refined taste and botanical passion. The château, now a Napoleonic museum, offers a captivating glimpse into her world, with original furnishings, artwork, and personal mementos.

Return on board for lunch as we begin our leisurely afternoon cruise toward Paris. This evening, we celebrate with a festive gala dinner, followed by a breathtaking nighttime cruise, down the Seine and through the City of Light—an unforgettable finale to the day.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 12

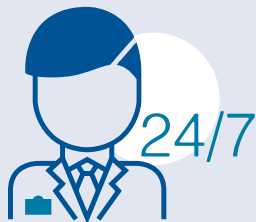
PARIS & HOME

Enjoy a leisurely morning and breakfast on board before bidding the MS Deborah “au revoir” as we prepare for the Journey home. Upon arrival in Toronto, a private car will take you home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

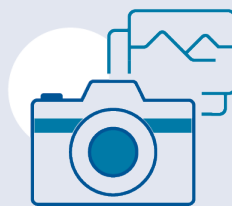
Signature Inclusions on this Journey

In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport



Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

Our essentials included with your Journey:

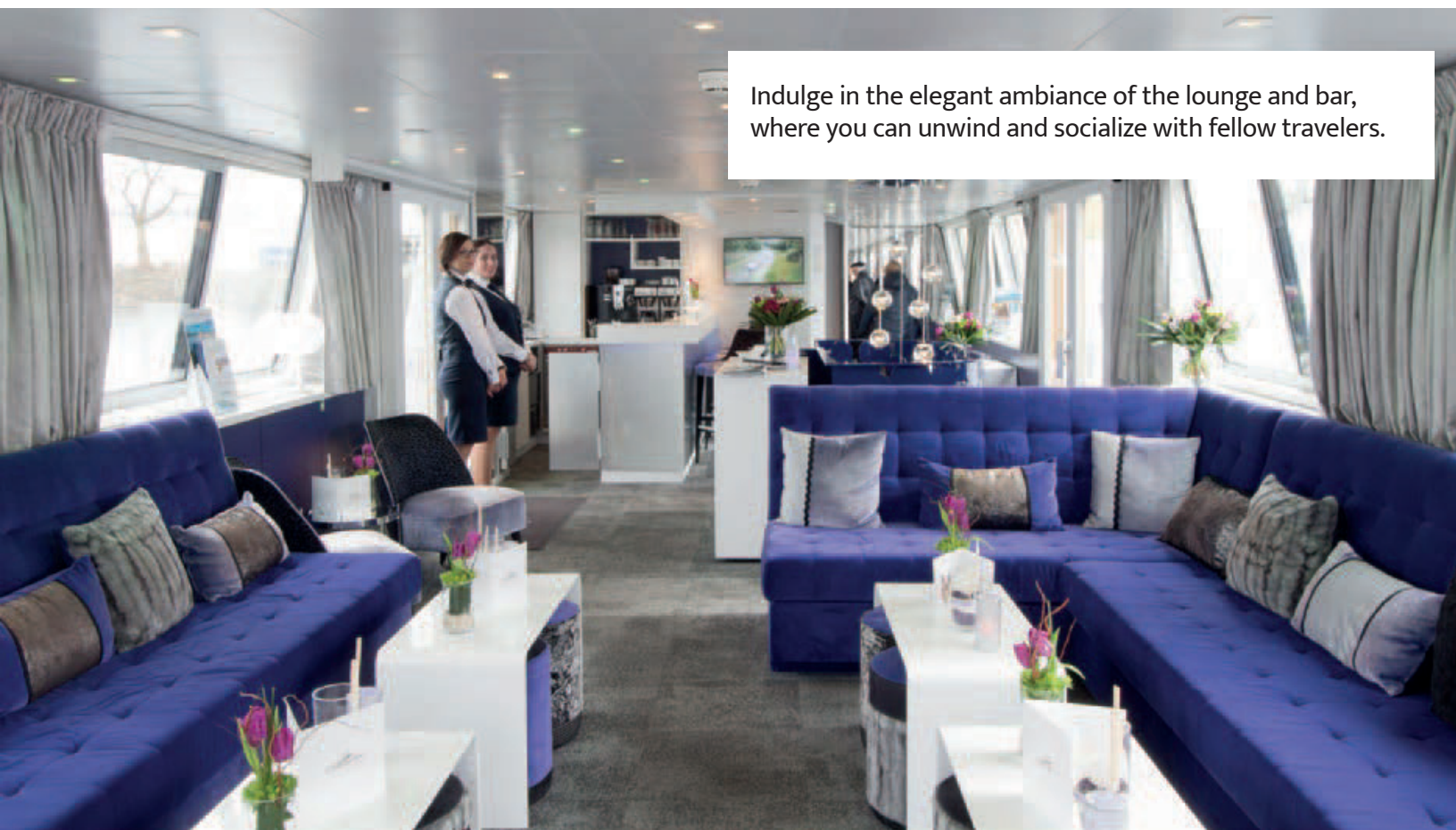
- **6 nights** on the MS Deborah
- 4 nights in outstanding hotels
- **28 meals included** (10 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 dinners)
- **Wine & beer included** with lunches & dinners
- **Round-trip airfare** from Toronto
- **All taxes** as well as port & service charges
- **“Whisper” radios** included for use during excursions
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack

Cruise the MS Deborah, a private chartered barge for Journeys by Van Dyke guests, offering premium comfort and solitude as you traverse the serene Oise River.

A blue and white barge named 'DEBORAH' is shown on a river. The barge has a blue hull with 'DEBORAH' written in white letters. It has a white upper section with a glass-enclosed cabin and a white radar dome on top. Two large tan umbrellas are open on the deck. Several people are visible on the barge. The background shows a lush green forest along the riverbank under a blue sky with light clouds. The water is calm, reflecting the barge and the surrounding scenery.

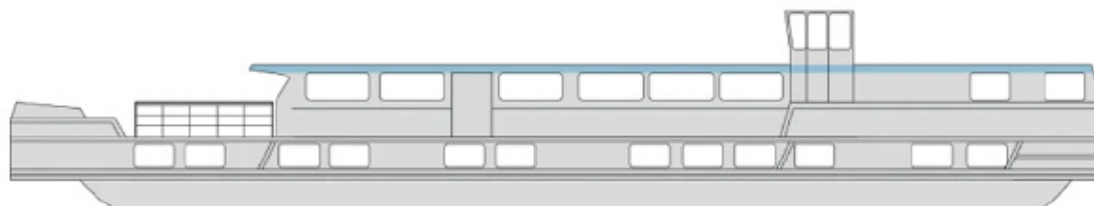
Discover the MS Deborah

Indulge in the elegant ambiance of the lounge and bar, where you can unwind and socialize with fellow travelers.



Ascend to the sun deck, where comfortable loungers invite you to bask in the beauty of the French countryside as you cruise along tranquil waterways.

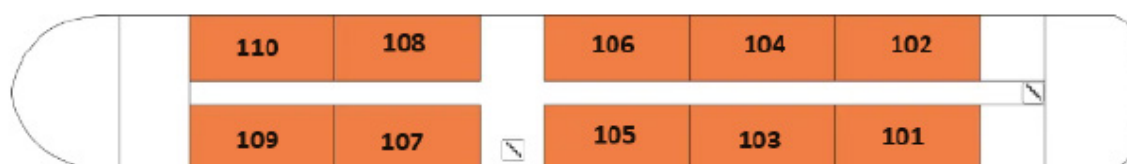




Upper Deck



Main Deck



Double cabin

MAIN DECK

- 10 double cabins - 2 single beds - 97 sq ft

AMENITIES

- TV• Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Towels
- Hair dryer
- Telephone (for internal calls only)
- Safe
- Independent air-conditioning
- Electricity 220V
- Wi-Fi

Please note that there is no laundry service on board the ship.



Deck Plan

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20 guest maximum.

Fares & Staterooms



Stateroom

10 double cabins - 2 single beds - 97 sq ft

Settle into comfort aboard Deborah, CroisiEurope's intimate barge, where thoughtfully designed staterooms offer a cozy retreat. With every detail attended to, you can relax and enjoy the gentle rhythm of the waterways.

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- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Towels
- Safe
- Independent air-conditioning
- Electricity 220V
- Wi-Fi
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Double Occupancy

\$12,990

Single Occupancy

\$18,990

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.