

# Mid-American Coaches

75th Anniversary of WWII - Paris & Normandy Cruise

## Printable Tour Itinerary

Wed, Oct 30, 2019 to Thu, Nov 7, 2019

### Tour Highlights / Inclusions: (Inclusions subject to change)

9 Days · 20 Meals

- 20 Meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners )
- Round trip air and airport transfers
- 7 night Cruise aboard the AMALyra
- All Meals Onboard Ship
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Daily Complimentary Cocktail Hour
- Immersive tours in every port
- Port Charges and Onboard Gratuities
- **Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation**

### Departure Points:

Washington: Depart TBD / Return TBD

Lowe's in Kirkwood: Depart TBD / Return TBD

### Wednesday, October 30 – Travel Day

This day is set aside for your travel from home to the airport and your overnight flight to Europe.

### Thursday, October 31 – Arrive Paris & Transfer to Ship

Today your flight arrives in Paris. You will meet your AmaWaterways Cruise representative and transfer to the AmaLyra waiting to start your 7 Night Cruise.

#### **The AmaLyra**

Introduced in 2009, the 144-passenger AmaLyra quickly earned a "Best New River Cruise Ship" distinction in comfort and style. Most staterooms have a French balcony. Stateroom amenities include Entertainment-On-Demand, featuring free high-speed Internet access, unlimited Wi-Fi, movies, music and English language TV stations; climate-controlled air conditioning; and an in-room safe. The AmaLyra offers a host of added comforts and conveniences, including a sauna, whirlpool, massage and hair salon, a stylish and inviting Main Lounge, and specialty coffee station. You will also enjoy a variety of dining venues, including The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, featuring an exquisite tasting menu prepared right before your eyes. (Dinner)

### Friday, November 1 – Les Andelys

Uncover the history of Chateau Gaillard, the former stronghold of Richard the Lionheart, situated on the chalk cliffs high above the Seine, on a tour. Or, if you prefer a more active adventure, you can hike there from the banks of the Seine, admiring the scenic views along the way. For those who wish to explore the area on two wheels, join a guided bike tour through the charming town of Les Andelys. After your adventure, set sail along the meandering Seine, enjoying the beautiful views of the Seine Valley's dramatic white cliffs and centuries-old half-timbered houses. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

### Saturday, November 2 – Le Havre

Visit the seaside town of Honfleur, renowned for its picturesque harbor, and for being an inspirational site for Impressionist painters. If you wish to experience a different kind of inspiration, the Romanesque Normandy Abbey Route will take you to the magnificent Abbaye de Montivilliers and Abbaye du Valasse. For a more active adventure, you can bike through Normandy's picturesque landscape. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

### Sunday, November 3 – Caudebec – en – Caux

Experience the Normandy region with one of three tours. For those wishing to go to the American sector of the historic Normandy Beaches, you will visit the cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, Omaha Beach, the artillery battery at Longues-sur-Mer and the village of Arromanches, where the remains of the floating harbor used during the WWII landings can be seen. If you prefer, you can tour the Gold and Juno beaches in the British and Canadian sectors, where you will visit Ranville Cemetery, Pegasus Bridge, the Canadian cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer, the WWII museum in Courseulle and finally Arromanches. As an alternative experience, travel through the beautiful countryside of Pays d'Auge

surrounded by the apple orchards of the famed Cider Route. Visit the 17th century Chateau du Breuil, one of the most prestigious Calvados distilleries and taste a broad range of cides and Calvados, before visiting Canbrener and Beuvrin-en-Auge, voted one of the most beautiful town in France. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

#### **Monday, November 4 - Rouen**

Spend the morning enjoying medieval Rouen with a choice of three excursions, Join a walking tour past the imposing Notre Dame Cathedral, painted numerous times by Monet, and see the square where Joan of Arc was martyred, as well as the Medieval Quarter and Great Clock. For those who wish to be more active you can join a biking or hiking tour around the city. Later in the day, you can explore the Jewish area of Rouen; or go on the "Tastes of Normandy" tour, where you'll be treated to the delicious flavors of the region including chocolate, cheese, and cider. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

#### **Tuesday, November 5 – Vernon**

Sail along picturesque Seine to Vernon, where you will have a choice of three exciting excursions. Art lovers who choose to visit Claude Monet's gardens in Giverny will immediately recognize images immortalized in Monet's most beloved paintings – such as water lilies, Japanese bridges, and graceful willow trees. Wander around his famous gardens and home where he lived for more than four decades, you also have the choice to explore the 18th-century Chateau de Bizy, inspired by the opulence of Versailles. Or for those who wish a more active adventure, you can go on a guided bike tour, taking in the enchanting beauty of the region. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

#### **Wednesday, November 6 - Conflans**

Visit Chateau Malmaison, the former home of Napoleon and Josephine Bonaparte. You'll learn what life was like for the Bonapartes and how Josephine endeavored to transform the large estate into "the most beautiful and curious garden in Europe". Alternatively, travel to Auberge Raviux in the heart of Auvers-sur-Oise the last home of artist Vincent Van Gogh. His spirit still lingers in his former attic rooms at the Ravoux Inn. The mere 70 days Van Gogh spent in Auvers-sur-Oise were astonishingly prolific as he painted more than 70 works here before his death. Later in the day, set sail for Paris. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

#### **Thursday, November 7 – Arrive Paris, Depart for US**

This morning you will disembark in Paris. A transfer back to the airport will be provided. Fly back to the US. (Breakfast)

#### **Tour Cost if Booked by May 31, 2018:**

\$4,449.00 - Category E - Per Person Double Rate  
\$4,749.00 - Category D - Per Person Double Rate  
\$5,299.00 - Category C - Per Person Double Rate  
\$5,499.00 - Category B - Per Person Double Rate  
\$5,599.00 - Category A - Per Person Double Rate

#### **Tour Cost if Booked after May 31, 2018:**

\$4,999.00 - Category E - Per Person Double Rate  
\$5,299.00 - Category D - Per Person Double Rate  
\$5,849.00 - Category C - Per Person Double Rate  
\$6,049.00 - Category B - Per Person Double Rate  
\$6,149.00 - Category A - Per Person Double Rate

\$500.00 per person deposit due with reservation,  
\$200.00 of deposit is non-refundable

Final Payment due: June 25, 2019

Rates are subject to change  
Penalties will apply for early cancellation

