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5 - Day Itinerary

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5-star hotels and private chauffeur-guides ensure that you don't miss a thing. Begin in charming Deauville and the Côte Fleurie to see the stunning Cliffs of Etretat, Honfleur, and the spots that inspired the impressionists. A private full-day chauffeured tour takes you to the D-Day beaches, the Colleville-Sur-Mer American Cemetery, and history-changing sites of the Battle of Normandy. Spend the night in Bayeux before heading off for a day at the mesmerizing Mont-Saint-Michel and its bay, one of the most popular sights of France.

Day 1 – Paris to Deauville

A private transfer from the airport to Deauville.

By road from Paris to Normandy

France's very first motorway, the famous A13, runs from Paris to Normandy via Rouen. Giverny is just an hour outside of Paris. The Musée des Impressionnismes in Giverny is devoted to the history of Impressionism and its ramifications and in particular the artists' colony at Giverny and in the Seine Vallee. Rouen in one hour and a half: we will discover the historical center and its half-timbered houses, the river banks of the Seine and the cruises, the Cathedral of Rouen and its gothic architecture, gastronomy and local specialties. Deauville or Caen in just over two hours.

Day 2 – The Côte Fleurie and Etretat

Guided tour of the Côte Fleurie and the cliffs of Étretat

With your personal chauffeur-guide in a top-of-the-range vehicle, head for the Côte Fleurie, once dotted with fishing villages and formerly appreciated by impressionist artists and painters and which have since given way to renowned seaside resorts on the Normandy coast. Visit the prestigious seaside resort of Deauville, with its characterful villas, racecourses, golf courses, casinos, galleries and of course the famous "planches de Deauville", along the beach, emblematic of the Normandy coast. Stop in Trouville, to appreciate its large, fine sandy beach, the "Reine des plages", casino, chalets, and villas. The excursion will continue along the estuary of the Seine and the Côte de Grâce, also painted by the great impressionist painters. The next stop will be Honfleur, a charming Norman port painted by Monet with its picturesque alleys, half-timbered houses, old basin and artists' galleries. Continue to Étretat, an old fishing village and now a seaside resort and one of the jewels of the Normandy coast. Its high cliffs have been sculpted by erosion and the majestic arches offer a unique spectacle, which you can explore along the paths that overlook the English Channel. The complex consists of 3 cliffs: Upstream, Manneporte and Downstream, the most famous with its immense flint archway which rises to 71 m high.

Day 3 – Bayeux and the WWII Sites

Private full-day guided tour of the D-Day landing beaches (US Sector)

Guided and detailed tour of the major sites of the landing beaches.

Departure from your hotel, with a quick stop at the German cemetery in La Combe, to Sainte-Mère-Église, one of the first liberated French towns, famous for a paratrooper hanging on the church tower: visit the Airborne museum dedicated to American paratroopers. Continue to Utah beach and Sainte-Marie-du-Mont, one of the five landing beaches where 23,200 soldiers landed on D-Day and Pointe du Hoc, one of the German fortification points overlooking the sea from its vertical cliff. We continue the tour with visits to the American cemetery of Colleville-Sur-Mer: the chapel, the memorial, and the garden, which extends over 70 hectares overlooking Omaha Beach, the German coastal defense battery of Longues-Sur-Mer, a major structure of the Atlantic Wall and Arromanches, an exceptional site of the Battle of Normandy with the remains of its huge artificial floating port and the landing museum, built-in 1954.

Day 4 – Guided tour to Mont Saint Michel

Departure from Deauville for a guided day trip with a visit to one of the most popular and emblematic sites in France: MontSaint-Michel and its bay, a unique site between sky and sea. The site is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with the distinctive characteristic of being built on a rocky islet, surrounded by a magnificent bay with the highest tides in continental Europe. In addition, the Mont enjoys a second worldwide recognition as a stopover for the Chemins de Saint-Jacques-de-Compostelle in France. You will stroll through the maze of streets in the village and, accompanied by your guide, you will visit the Benedictine Abbey founded at the beginning of the 8th century – one of the most important places of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages – and a true jewel of Romanesque, Gothic and flamboyant arts: the cloister, the refectory and its authentic garden overlooking the sea.

Day 5 – Private transfer back to Paris

A chauffeur will meet you for a private transfer between your lodging and the airport.