

France | Normandy, Paris & D-Day Coast | Seine River Cruise & Bike Tour | Bike & Boat - 8 Days

Follow the footsteps of the Impressionists from Paris to Normandy, along the winding Seine, linking the city with the coast. Normandy, once shaped by the Normans, today offers postcard landscapes: half-timbered villages, grazing cattle, romantic ruins, and chalk cliffs that inspired countless painters and poets — above all, the Impressionists. Yet Normandy is more than idyllic scenery. It is a place where history changed the world. A moving ride from Omaha Beach along the D-Day beaches invites reflection. Quiet coastal roads lead past historic sites like the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer — a powerful reminder of the courage and sacrifice of June 6, 1944.

Further highlights include Monet's famous water lily garden, the chalk cliffs of Étretat, and Rouen's historic old town. After a day of cycling, relax aboard your ship as Paris and Normandy glide past — combining art, history, and nature into one unforgettable journey.

You decide how you want to ride: whether with a classic gravel bike or the extra support of an e-bike, the choice is yours — ensuring every guest enjoys the journey at their own pace.

Highlights

- Glamorous places on the river: Rouen, Caudebec-en-Caux, Étretat & Paris
- Picturesque landscapes: Île de France with Giverny, Les Andelys and Normandy
- D-Day Experience including guided visits to the Omaha Beach Museum and the American Cemetery
- Paris: Visit to the Museum Orangerie with Monet's water lily cycle
- Accommodations on the VIVA, state of the art river cruise ship
- Choice of bikes: ride with a classic gravel bike or enjoy the support of an e-bike
- Stress-free battery-assisted cycling with a support vehicle

Itinerary

Day 1: Paris

Day 2: Rouen | 12 mi. (20 km)

services:

What's Included

- Accommodation for 7 nights in selected category of cabin
- Breakfast
- Lunch as a picnic buffet or as a buffet on board according to the program
- 7 multi-course dinners buffet style
- Premium beverages available all day, included: tea, coffee and specialty coffees, water, soft drinks, beer, as well as sparkling wine and a selection of wines—served during bar opening hours, with additional access to water stations.
- Free use of on-board facilities such as sauna and fitness area
- Special rates for onboard spa treatments
- In-cabin amenities: bathroom essentials, bathrobe, and bottled water
- Discounts for accompanying children available on request.
- Expertise and services of our experienced Trip Leaders
- Support van for shuttles and services along the route
- Choice of bike: high-quality gravel bike or electric bike
- Guided visits and admission to the Tuileries Orangerie, Monet's Garden and Rodin Museum.
- D-Day Experience including guided visits and entrance fees to the Omaha Beach Museum and the American Cemetery
- Comfortable Transfers to Omaha beach and back to your ship in Rouen
- All transfers as indicated in the itinerary
- Water provided during excursions

All port and passenger fees (tourist taxes)

- Carbon offset for the excursion package

What's Not Included

- Helmet
- Gratuities
- Bike protection
- Travel Insurance

added options / discounts:

E-bike incl. rental bike insurance (included)	0 €
Gravel bike incl. rental bike insurance (included)	0 €
Rental helmet	10 €
Group Transfer Paris CDG Airport - Pier of the VIVA	20 €
Group Transfer Pier of the VIVA - Paris	20 €

- Day 3: D-Day Experience | 25 mi. (41 km)
- Day 4: Caudebec-en-Caux - Côte d'Albatre | 31 mi. (50 km)
- Day 5: Les Andelys - Vernon | 28 mi. (46 km)
- Day 6: Cruise day on the Seine
- Day 7: Paris | 22 mi. (36 km)
- Day 8: Departure or extension in Paris

Route Assessment:

The total distance by bike and on foot is approx. 197 km (122 mi.). The cycling routes mostly run on cycle paths with little traffic or on small side streets. For the hike on the coastal path, we recommend comfortable running shoes with a good grip.

Important: You can choose to ride this tour with either a gravel bike or an e-bike – whichever suits your style and pace best.

Program

Day 1: Welcome to Paris – Embarkation & the Romance of the Seine

Your unforgettable French adventure begins in Paris, where our terranova tour guides warmly welcome you aboard your elegant floating hotel at 5:00 p.m. After settling into your comfortable cabin, take time to relax, unpack, and soak in the atmosphere of the Cruise Boat VIVA. Before dinner, your guides will introduce the journey ahead and share highlights of the exciting days to come: from the charm of Normandy to the legendary D-Day beaches and the artistic treasures of Paris. Later this evening, your ship quietly departs Paris and begins cruising toward Normandy along the beautiful Seine River. As the illuminated skyline slowly fades into the distance, enjoy your first evening on board and anticipate the extraordinary experiences awaiting you in northern France.

Day 2: Rouen – Normandy's Medieval Jewel | 12 mi. / 20 km

Wake up surrounded by the peaceful landscapes of Normandy as your ship glides through the gentle curves of the Seine. Along the riverbanks, picturesque villages, green meadows, and wooded hills create the perfect introduction to rural France. In the afternoon, your cycling adventure begins with a relaxed ride to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the historic city of Rouen. Afterwards, explore Rouen's beautifully preserved old town on foot with your guide. Timber-framed houses, cobblestone streets, and Gothic architecture bring centuries of history vividly to life. The magnificent Rouen Cathedral — famously painted by Claude Monet — rises dramatically above the city and remains one of Normandy's greatest treasures. You'll also visit the historic Place du Vieux-Marché, where Joan of Arc met her tragic fate in 1431. Your ship remains overnight in Rouen, giving you ample time to stroll through the atmospheric medieval streets at your own pace. During summer evenings, the cathedral becomes the stage for a spectacular light and music show — a magical experience we highly recommend after dinner.

Day 3: The D-Day Beaches – Cycling Through History | Approx. 25 miles / 41 km

Today is one of the emotional highlights of your journey through France. Travel to the legendary D-Day landing beaches of Normandy, where history changed forever on June 6, 1944. This deeply moving experience combines easy coastal cycling with powerful moments of remembrance and reflection. Your day begins at Omaha Beach, where American forces courageously landed during the Allied invasion of Europe.

CDG Airport	
Private Transfer Paris CDG Airport – Pier of the VIVA	170 €
Private Transfer Pier of the VIVA – Paris CDG Airport	170 €
Private Transfer Paris Train Station – Pier of the VIVA	120 €
Private Transfer Pier of the VIVA – Paris Train Station	120 €

dates & prices:

06.08.2026 - 13.08.2026 - Accommodation - VIVA Seine River Cruise Ship	
Cabin Category A double-use / per person	3440 €
Cabin Category A single-use	4320 €
Cabin Category C double-use / per person	3905 €
Cabin Category C single-use	5065 €
Cabin Category D double-use / per person	4040 €
Cabin Category D single-use	5280 €
06.05.2027 - 13.05.2027 - Accommodation - VIVA Seine River Cruise Ship	
Cabin Category A double-use / per person	3557 €
Cabin Category A single-use	4692 €
Cabin Category C double-use / per person	4091 €
Cabin Category C single-use	5545 €
Cabin Category D double-use / per person	4224 €
Cabin Category D single-use	5758 €
10.06.2027 - 17.06.2027 - Accommodation - VIVA Seine River Cruise Ship	
Cabin Category A double-use / per person	3557 €
Cabin Category A single-use	4692 €
Cabin Category C double-use / per person	4091 €
Cabin Category C single-use	5545 €
Cabin Category D double-use / per person	4224 €
Cabin Category D single-use	5758 €
15.07.2027 - 22.07.2027 - Accommodation - VIVA Seine River Cruise Ship	
Cabin Category A double-use / per person	3424 €
Cabin Category A single-use	4478 €
Cabin Category C double-use / per person	3957 €

During a guided visit to the Omaha Beach Museum, authentic artifacts, personal stories, and immersive exhibits vividly recount the dramatic events of D-Day. A short ride brings you to the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, overlooking the English Channel. Nearly 10,000 American soldiers are buried here. Walking among the endless rows of white crosses is an unforgettable and profoundly humbling experience. The cycling route continues along Normandy's peaceful coastline, passing sandy beaches, quiet country roads, and breathtaking sea views. The gentle terrain allows plenty of time to enjoy the scenery and reflect on the significance of this historic landscape. Midday, we pause for a relaxed picnic lunch overlooking the coast before returning comfortably by transfer to your ship in Rouen.

Day 4: Étretat & the Spectacular Alabaster Coast | Approx. 31 miles / 50 km

This morning, we travel to one of France's most stunning coastal regions, the famous Alabaster Coast. The charming seaside town of Étretat is renowned for its dramatic white chalk cliffs and extraordinary rock formations rising from the Atlantic Ocean. A short and easy walk along the cliffs reveals breathtaking panoramic views that inspired artists such as Monet, Boudin, and Manet. After time to fully appreciate this extraordinary scenery, continue by bike through the idyllic Norman countryside. Quiet lanes lead past traditional farms, grazing white cattle, charming villages, and elegant manor houses. Your bike ride ends in Lillebonne, where a comfortable transfer returns you to your ship in Caudebec-en-Caux. Relax on board this evening as the Seine quietly carries you deeper into the heart of France.

Day 5: Richard the Lionheart's Castle & Monet's Garden | Approx. 28 miles / 46 km

Today combines medieval history, magnificent landscapes, and the beauty of French Impressionism. Your ship arrives in Les Andelys, where the ruins of Richard the Lionheart's mighty Château Gaillard tower high above the Seine River. Perched dramatically atop white limestone cliffs, the castle offers spectacular views across the valley below. After a guided walk through the historic ruins, continue by e-bike along scenic riverside paths toward Giverny — the beloved home of Claude Monet. Monet lived here for over 40 years, creating many of his world-famous masterpieces inspired by his enchanting gardens and water lily ponds. Walking through the vibrant flower gardens and across the iconic Japanese bridge feels like stepping directly into one of his paintings. The ride continues along peaceful country roads to La Roche-Guyon, one of the most beautiful villages along the Seine. Its impressive château rises directly from the limestone cliffs above the river. In the early evening, a short transfer returns you to your ship in Vernon.

Day 6: Savoir-Vivre on the Seine

Today offers a leisurely day of cruising aboard the VIVA as we gracefully navigate the Today is dedicated to relaxation and enjoying the timeless beauty of the Seine River. As your ship cruises gently back toward Paris, sit back and savor the changing scenery of the Île-de-France region from the comfort of the sun deck or lounge. During the afternoon, your tour guide will offer fascinating insights into French culture, traditions, history, and everyday life — a wonderful opportunity to deepen your appreciation for this remarkable country. Whether enjoying a glass of wine on deck, unwinding in the wellness area, or simply watching the French countryside drift by, today perfectly captures the art of French "savoir-vivre."

Day 7: Paris Urban Quarters & Museum Orangerie | Approx. 22 miles / 36 km

Your final cycling day is dedicated to one of the world's most beautiful cities: Paris. You explore Paris by bike along scenic bike paths, riverside promenades, and charming neighborhoods largely free from traffic. This intimate perspective allows you to experience the city like a true Parisian. Cycle along the Canal Saint-Martin and the Seine River while admiring iconic landmarks including Notre-Dame Cathedral, Île Saint-Louis, Pont Neuf, and the elegant boulevards of central Paris. A cultural highlight awaits at the Musée de l'Orangerie in the Tuileries Gardens, home to Monet's breathtaking Water Lilies series. During a guided visit, discover the revolutionary world of French Impressionism and the artists who transformed modern art. Following lunch

person	
Cabin Category C single-use	5332 €
Cabin Category D double-use / per person	4091 €
Cabin Category D single-use	5545 €

05.08.2027 - 12.08.2027 - Accommodation - VIVA Seine River Cruise Ship

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Cabin Category A single-use	4478 €
Cabin Category C double-use / per person	3957 €
Cabin Category C single-use	5332 €
Cabin Category D double-use / per person	4091 €
Cabin Category D single-use	5545 €

16.09.2027 - 23.09.2027 - Accommodation - VIVA Seine River Cruise Ship

Cabin Category A double-use / per person	3557 €
Cabin Category A single-use	4692 €
Cabin Category C double-use / per person	4091 €
Cabin Category C single-use	5545 €
Cabin Category D double-use / per person	4224 €
Cabin Category D single-use	5758 €

30.09.2027 - 07.10.2027 - Accommodation - VIVA Seine River Cruise Ship

Cabin Category A double-use / per person	3424 €
Cabin Category A single-use	4478 €
Cabin Category C double-use / per person	3957 €
Cabin Category C single-use	5332 €
Cabin Category D double-use / per person	4091 €
Cabin Category D single-use	5545 €



break near Place de la Concorde and the Champs-Élysées, continue to the elegant Pont Alexandre III and the magnificent Invalides district before arriving at the renowned Rodin Museum. Here, masterpieces such as The Thinker and The Kiss showcase the emotional brilliance of France's greatest sculptor. This unforgettable final ride concludes back in Paris before a festive farewell dinner aboard your ship.

Day 8: Au revoir Paris or extension in a beautiful Hotel in Paris

After breakfast, it is time to say farewell to your floating home and disembark in Paris. For guests wishing to extend their stay, Paris offers endless opportunities for discovery — from world-class museums and charming cafés to elegant shopping streets and hidden neighborhoods waiting to be explored. Whether you choose a luxurious palace hotel, a charming boutique property, or a cozy Parisian retreat, we are happy to assist you with personalized hotel recommendations for your extended stay. After all, Paris is a city best enjoyed without rushing — and one more night in the French capital is always a wonderful idea.

It's important to note that we reserve the right to make changes to the timetable and program of our journeys. Factors such as high and low tides, maintenance work, and waiting times at locks and bridges may necessitate adjustments to the itinerary at short notice. While we strive to provide a seamless experience, occasional changes may be required.

In rare instances of high or low tide or force majeure situations, parts of the route may need to be covered by alternative transportation such as bus or train. In exceptional cases, hotel accommodation may also be necessary. Rest assured, our priority is to ensure the safety and comfort of our guests while providing an enjoyable and memorable journey. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility in such circumstances.

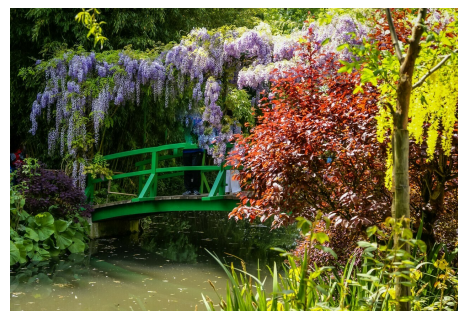
Accommodation - VIVA Seine River Cruise Ship

Your River Cruise ship VIVA

The VIVA is a cruise ship with plenty of space that entered service in 2010. With a length of approx. 130 m, the ship offers a generous design of the public areas: a spacious sun deck, whirlpool, outdoor SPA area, sauna, indoor and outdoor restaurant, putting green, etc. on the upper deck, plus a bar, café, lounge and fitness area on the ship. The cabins are spacious, modern and comfortably furnished, equipped with individually adjustable air conditioning, bath / toilet, TV and hairdryer. The windows in cabins of category C and D (with a French balcony) can be opened. The restaurant offers a buffet with live cooking for all meals and a multi-course menu is served one evening.

Ship Specifications

- Passengers: max. 202 guests
- Cabins: 99 outside cabins
- Length x width: 135 m x 11.4 m
- Speed: max. 22 km / h
- Drive: four times 331 kW / 1,800 PS in total
- Shipyard: Neptun Werft GmbH, Warnemünde



- Year of construction: 2010
- Flag: Germany

Cabin Categories

- **Category A – Deck 1 (approx. 156 sq ft. / 14,5 m²):** Cozy outside cabins featuring Porthole windows (non-opening). Amenities include individually controlled air conditioning, bathroom with shower/WC, TV, and hair dryer. Location: Lower deck – quiet and stable, ideal for restful nights. **Amenities:** Safe, air conditioning, TV, mosquito screen, hairdryer, shower/WC, sauna towel, wool blanket, telephone, bathrobe available on request. Connecting cabins are available on request.
- **Category C – Deck 2 (approx. 156 sq ft. / 14,5 m²):** Comfortable outside cabins featuring a large retractable panoramic window, opening downward to create an open-air balcony experience. Amenities: Same as Category A, with more space. Location: Middle Deck – excellent elevation and views. Connecting cabins are available on request.
- **Category D – Deck 3 (Approx. 156 sq ft. / 14,5 m²):** Comfortable outside cabins equipped with a Juliet balcony, allowing to step outside and let fresh air in and enjoy superb river views. Location: Upper Deck – bright, airy, and scenic. Amenities: Same as Category A, with more space. Connecting cabins are available on request.

[Click here](#) to view the **deck plan** of the **VIVA**

If you have any questions about the ship or onboard services, please feel free to contact your terranova travel expert. We are happy to assist you.

