



MEJDI TOURS

MEJDI Tours Group Departure

- Tour:** Two Coasts of France
- Included:** 9 nights' accommodation at 4- & 5-star hotels
1 local expert guide for 10 days
10 days of private bus transportation including group arrival & departure airport transfers
Meals listed in the itinerary: 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 7 dinners
Wine at welcome & farewell dinners
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers¹
Internal flight (Nantes-Marseille)
Gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel staff, & staff at included meals
US-based customer service representatives
- Not included:** International airfare
Travel insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement-\$1,250
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Drinks at included meals
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section
- Pricing²:** 8+ Paying Participants - \$4,775 Per Person

¹ Subject to confirmation based on availability

² Subject to change based on confirmation. This quote is valid for 2 weeks.

Overview:

Most weathered travellers know Paris, but not all have explored France beyond it. An obvious obstacle is the sheer size of the country and the variety of landscapes to explore: where does one begin? This tour joins two contrasting coasts of France, that of Normandy in the northwest and that of Provence in the southeast. Visiting both allows a true acquaintance with the country as a whole. The journey begins in Paris. This allows travellers to make an urban “prologue” in the capital, before venturing to taste the diverse delights of the country at large. Normandy greets us with the art of Monet and of Eugene Boudin. We will explore the D-Day beaches, marvel at the Tapestry of Bayeux and at the dramatic Mont St. Michel, and have a taste of Brittany in Rennes and Nantes. We will then swap the cider and butter of the north for the wine and olive oil of the mediterranean. Here’s we will stay in a quaint Provencal village, Delight at the cities of Aix, Marseille and Nice, and take in the art of Picasso, Cezanne and Van Gogh.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival

Arrive in Paris and transfer to hotel. Evening for a welcome dinner near the hotel.

Overnight: Paris (D)

Day 2: Entering Normandy

9:00 – Departure from Paris

10:30 - Stop at Giverny, and experience the home and garden of Claude Monet, including his water lilies.

12:00 - Departure from Giverny

13:00 - Lunch at La Couronne restaurant, Rouen.

14:30 – We explore Rouen, the old marketplace, the cathedral, the historic center.

15:30 – Departure from Rouen.

16:30 – Arrival at Honfleur check in and free time.

18:30 – We take a walk through old Honfleur,

19:30 - Dinner by the port.

Overnight: Honfleur (B, L, D)

Day 3: Norman Heartland, Norman Coast

9:00 – Departure from Honfleur

9:30 – Stop at the village of Beaumont for a country walk, and a taste of local cheese.

11:00 – Visit to a local Calvados distillery.

12:00 – Departure from the pays D’Auge

12:30 – Lunch in Cabourg

14:00 – Departure to Arromanches

14:30 – A visit to Arromanches, including the Arromanche 360 experience and the remains of the WWII harbor of Gold Beach.

16:00 - Return to Honfleur

19:30 – Dinner at Honfleur.

Overnight: Honfleur (B, L)

Day 4: The Beaches and Bayeux

9:00 – Visit of the Eugene Boudin Museum

10:00 - Departure to Bayeux

11:30 - Arrival at Bayeux, Visit of the Bayeux Tapestry.

12:30 – Lunch at Bayeux

14:00 – Departure for Omaha beach.

14:30 – Visit of Pointe du Hoc, Omaha beach, and the American cemetery.

16:00 - Departure for Mt. St. Michel

18:00 – Arrival at Mt. St. Michel and check in.

19:30 - Dinner in Pontorson: Galette Bretonne

Overnight: Mt. St. Michel (B, L, D)

Day 5: Mt. St. Michel and a taste of Brittany

8:00 – We visit the famous Mt. St. Michel at high tide, the village and the Monastery.

11:00 - Departure for Rennes.

12:30 - Lunch at Rennes

14:00 - A short tour of Rennes' old town

15:00 - Departure for Nantes

16:00 – Arrival at Nantes and check in.

16:30 - A tour of Nantes, including the Ducal palace and the animals of the island

19:30 – Dinner at Nantes.

Overnight: Nantes (B, L, D)

Day 6: The Heart of Provence

8:50 – Flight to Marseille

10:00 - Arrival at Marseille, transfer to St Remy de Provence.

11:30 - Visit to Carrières des Lumières

13:00 - Lunch at St. Remy de Provence.

14:30 - Departure for Lourmarin

15:30 - Arrival in Lourmarin, Check in.

16:00- A walk through the village and a visit to the castle.

19:30 - Dinner at Lourmarin.

Overnight: Lourmarin (B, L, D)

Day 7: Aix and the Southern Luberon

9:00 - Departure for Aix en Provence

10:00 - A tour of Aix and its four markets.

12:00 - Departure for Chateau La Coste

12:30 - Lunch at Chateau la Coste

14:00 - An exploration of the Chateau's treasures of contemporary art.

15:00 - Departure for Cucuron

15:30 - A walk through the village of Cucuron.

16:30 - A visit to a Luberon winery

19:30 - Dinner in Lourmarin

Overnight: Lourmarin (B, L)

Day 8: The Coast

9:00 - departure for Marseille

10:00 - View of Marseille from Notre Dame de la Garde.

11:00 - Visit to Cité Radieuse

11:30 - Departure for Cassis

12:00 - Arrival in Cassis and walk around the old harbor

12:30 - Lunch at Cassis

14:00 - Departure for Antibes

16:30 - Arrival in Antibes and check in

17:00 - Walk of old Antibes

19:30 - Dinner in Antibes

Overnight: Antibes (B, L, D)

Day 9: riviera

9:00 - A visit to Antibes daily market

9:30 - The Picasso museum, Antibes

10:30 - A Walk along Antibes seawalls

11:00 - Departure to Nice.

12:00 - Tour of Nice: Place Masséna, Promenade des Anglais,

12:30 - Lunch of Nicois street food.

14:00 - We take the elevator to Nice's castle hill for a panoramic View.

16:00 - free time for shopping in Nice

17:30 - Transfer to Antibes

19:30 - Dinner in Antibes.

Overnight: Antibes (B, L, D)

Day 10: Departure.

If time allows, visit Matisse's chapel in the town of Vence. Then, transfer to Nice Airport and return home. *(B)*