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THE GEMS OF NORMANDY & THE CHAMPAGNE REGION

NOVEMBER 2-10, 2023

FROM **\$3,549** AIR & LAND

9 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS INCLUDING HOTELS, MEALS, DAY TRIPS,
AND AIRFARE FROM SAN FRANCISCO



**Early-Bird
Special!**
~~\$3,649~~, **\$3,549**
if reserved by
April 6, 2023
**Hurry, at this price
the trip will sell
out quickly.**

The moments you'll cherish for a lifetime beckon you on this epic two destination-centered program that showcases unparalleled experiences in some of France's most outstanding cities and towns – from its Northern splendors to the delectable Champagne Region, and on to its enchanting capital of Paris. This exciting itinerary combines adventure, history, culture, and distinctive tasting opportunities with time for relaxation in the most inspired settings. Discover Normandy's capital with a stay in Caen that takes you to relish the authentic flavors of Northern France. Travel back in time to 1944 and the D-Day Normandy invasions of World War II. Revel in the mesmerizing tidal island of Mont St. Michel and stroll the stunning postcard-perfect Norman village of Villedieu-les-Peoles. Head on to the heart of the Champagne Region, where you will stay in historic Reims and take time to sip on France's signature sparkling vintage at a historic Champagne House. Get to know the village of Hautvillers and visit Epernay, home to France's second-largest concentration of major Champagne houses, including Moët & Chandon. Extend your stay and experience the magic of iconic Paris with the near-endless culture, art, daytime activities and nightlife, eateries, and chic shopping opportunities that "The City of Light" has to offer. All of this and so much more await you on this adventure to some of the most wonderful gems of France!

For more details and reservations contact:

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Reservations can also be made on our online booking engine
www.aventuraworld.com/booking. The group booking code is: ZQSWAJ



We recommend Cancel For Any Reason Insurance - see registration form for details

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(4) CAEN • (3) REIMS



DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the heart of Caen, Normandy's capital • Travel back in time to 1944 as visiting Normandy D-Day sites • Revel in Benedictine abbey of Mont St. Michel • Stroll the postcard-perfect Norman village of Villedieu-les-Poêles • See the Bayeux Tapestry in Bayeux • Enjoy a tasting experience of local cheeses and cider at Calvados Christian Drouin Distillery in Pays d'Auge • Join in a walking tour of historic Reims • Sip on France's signature sparkling vintage on a Champagne House Tour • Savor exquisite cuisine at a local restaurant in Reims • Discover Paris, City of Light • Take in the vistas of Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame Cathedral, Montmartre's Basilique du Sacré-Coeur, and Eiffel Tower • Bask in the splendors of the iconic Palace of Versailles

TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from San Francisco
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 10 included meals consisting of enhances continental breakfasts and 3 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day guided tour of Caen, a full-day tour of Bayeux and its tapestry and cider distillery, Full day excursion to the Normandy Beaches (US landing sites), Omaha Beach and museum, Reims City tour and a tour of Épernay and the champagne region including tasting. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a visit to the artisans' workshops in the Villedieu-les-Poêles, and champagne tasting
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR GUIDE** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Paris
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

OPTIONAL PARIS EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 2 included meals consisting of 2 full breakfasts
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: City tour of Ancient Paris with entrance to the Eiffel Tower. Optional tours available
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR MANAGER** - Assistance of a professional Tour Manager for the entire length of the tour
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

Day 1 Depart USA Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Paris to begin your adventure in France. Meals and refreshments are served onboard.

Day 2 Arrive in Paris, France/Caen - City Tour Welcome to France's capital, Paris, known as the "City of Light." After clearing customs and immigration, you will be met by your Aventura World tour representative. Then you will travel to your spectacular home base of Caen for a magical 4-night stay. Get to know this enchanting place on an insightful city tour upon arrival. Discover the heart of Caen, Normandy's capital, and explore its history, from The Castle of William the Conqueror, the duke of Normandy and see the archaeological remains of William's palace, known as the Vieux Palais (Old Palace), as well as The Church of St-Pierre. This evening you will enjoy an included dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 3 Caen - Normandy D-Day Tour Rise and shine with a delectable breakfast at your hotel before heading out on a full-day excursion with your tour escort and specialized Battlefield Guide to tour the Normandy D-Day sites. Delve into the history of the Arromanches clifftops where the Allies set up two artificial Mulberry harbors. Here you will also see the British military artifacts from the Caen Memorial collection. The day takes you further along to The Normandy American Cemetery established by the U.S. First Army on June 8, 1944, as the first American cemetery on European soil in World War II, where many who lost their lives in the D-Day landings and ensuing operations are buried. Take time to reflect at the Walls of the Missing, situated in the semicircular garden on the east side of the memorial that features 1,557 inscribed names. Next, we will head to Omaha Beach Memorial Museum. The Museum was founded in memory of all those young men who died in 1944 at the site where the American naval landing took place. (B)



Day 4 Caen Wake to this glorious day with a full breakfast at your hotel before enjoying a day at leisure or embarking on an optional excursion to Mont St. Michel and the village of Villedieu-les-Poëles. Get ready to revel in the mesmerizing tidal island of Mont St. Michel. For centuries one of Europe's major pilgrimage destinations, this holy island is a UNESCO World Heritage Site showcasing its famed gravity-defying Benedictine abbey. Next, it's on to Villedieu-les-Poëles. This stunning historic village is famous for its time-honored copper pots and pans production. Its name means the "village of the frying pans." Its postcard-perfect, cobblestone streets are lined with charming shops featuring beautiful doorways adorned with flowers in copper pots selling the town's famed wares. (B)

Day 5 Caen - Bayeux Tour Start your day with breakfast at your hotel, and then head out to visit The Bayeux Tapestry. The visit to the museum is organized in three sections, providing an understanding of the work and its context. Step into the fascinating story of the conquest of England by William, Duke of Normandy in 1066, told in a 70 meters long embroidery. Next, enjoy a tour of Calvados Christian Drouin Distillery, a family-run traditional distillery located within a group of half-timbered 17th-century buildings in the heart of the Pays d'Auge. With your guided tour, you will discover the cider press, the pot still, the aging cellars, and the manor. You can also stroll through the orchards and discover the former distilling room, the wash house, and the bread oven. The visit includes tasting local cheeses and their cider, calvados, and pommeau. Tonight, you will savor dinner at your hotel. (B,D)

Day 6 Caen/ Reims Adventure is on the agenda today after breakfast at your hotel as you depart Caen and transfer to Reims. Along the way, take in the scenic views and stop in Rouen, famous for its half-timbered buildings and breathtaking gothic cathedral that was the subject of many of Claude Monet's paintings. After your tour, continue to Reims in the spectacular Champagne region for a splendid 3-night stay. Welcome to Reims, meticulously restored after WWI and again following WWII; Reims is endowed with handsome pedestrian boulevards, Roman remains, art-deco cafes, and a flourishing fine-dining scene. This city is the most important center of Champagne production and a good base for gaining a culturally rich experience and exploring the Champagne trail. (B)

Day 7 Reims - City Tour - Epernay & Champagne Tour Have breakfast at your hotel before embarking on a tour of the historic city of Reims, including the entrance to Reims Cathedral. Your day of exploration features a visit to the village of Epernay, home to the country's second-largest concentration of major Champagne houses, including Moët & Chandon, De Castellane, Mercier, and Pol Roger – all situated along the Ave. de Champagne. Take time to visit a Champagne House, such as Moët & Chandon, where you will be taken on a journey through the galleries where the bubbles come to life. Visit the cellars and partake in a glass of champagne. Whether it is your first champagne sip, or you are rediscovering the Moët Impérial created in 1869, the House leads you into the world of unique style. Cheers! (B)

Day 8 Reims Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and then bask in a day at leisure or join an optional excursion to discover the Gems of Reims. Our first stop is the Palace of Tau, the former residence for French monarchs, previously occupied by the Archbishop of Reims, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1991, the Palace (Palais du Tau) is one of Burgundy's critical historical landmarks. The palace's name comes from its distinctive "T" shape (tau is the Greek equivalent of "T," and its history dates back to the 6th century. Then continue on a walking tour to discover Art Deco in Reims. Many towns in France were built in the art deco style from 1920 to 1940, but Reims is considered the capital of French art deco. Reims was damaged in the First World War, so the town had to be rebuilt afterward. See the Carnegie Library and the Boulingrin covered market and many facades of buildings. This evening, reminisce with your travel companions and new friends on the moments of a lifetime you have shared throughout your trip to France during your included farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Reims. (B,D)

Day 9 Reims to USA or extend your stay with an optional Paris extension Savor breakfast at your hotel and transfer back to Paris for your flight home. (B)



OPTIONAL PARIS EXTENSION

Day 9 Reims/Paris - City Tour After breakfast at your hotel, get ready to savor the "joie de vivre" – the joy of living – in Paris today! Whether you're a fashionista, history buff, lover of the arts, or wish to enjoy fabulous food and wine at a sidewalk café, Paris awaits with all its splendors. First, you will embark on a concise sightseeing cruise on the Seine River. Then, join in a half-day panoramic Paris tour. You will be mesmerized by its famed attractions, including such sites as the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame Cathedral, Montmartre's Basilique du Sacré-Cœur, and the Eiffel Tower, with entrance to the top included. (B)

Day 10 Paris Today, enjoy a free day to enjoy the endless discoveries in this singular, magical, and majestic city. Let your imagination wander as you stroll the streets of this capital, brimming with the imprints of those who shaped the history of France: Joan of Arc, Louis XIV, Louis XVI, and Napoleon Bonaparte. Or enjoy an optional half-day tour to the Palace of Versailles. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Versailles is one of the most outstanding French 17th-century art achievements. Louis XIV transformed his father's (Louis XIII's) old hunting pavilion when he installed the Court and government here in 1682. After that, a succession of kings continued to add to the palace until the French Revolution. Today, Versailles boasts an impressive 2,300 rooms. (B)

Day 11 Paris to USA Today, enjoy a free day to enjoy the endless discoveries in this singular. After breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred to Paris airport for your flight home enriched with cherished memories to share and enjoy Normandy's magic, the champagne region, and Paris. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change. On some departure dates you may stay in Bayeux, not in Caen.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL EASY 1 2 ③ 4 5 ACTIVE

TOUR PRICE

Tour price is **\$3,549** per person, double occupancy.

For single occupancy, add \$699 (limited availability)

Fuel surcharges of \$350 per person are included in the price. Taxes and other fees are currently \$150 per person and are additional. Fuel surcharges and taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

The price of \$3,549 is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by April 6, 2023. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$3,649) after this date.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

OPTIONAL PARIS EXTENSION:

Paris Extension: \$699 Double Occupancy or \$998 Single

REGISTRATION FORM

(One per passenger)

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We strongly recommend registration via our online booking engine www.aventuraworld.com/booking. Please use booking code: **ZQSWAJ**

Please complete the form below (one per passenger) and e-mail it with a clear color copy of your passport information page to Paul Farmer at Paul@MCBC.biz

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY - NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

Name: Mr. /Mrs. /Ms. : _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
First/Middle Name Last Name

Passport#: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Expiration date: ____/____/____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Rooming as: ☐ Single occupancy (+\$699) ☐ Double/Twin occupancy with: _____
First/Middle Name Last Name

Notes: _____

OPTIONAL TOURS	YES	NO	PRICE
Saint Michel Tour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$119
Gems of Reims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$89
Versailles Tour (Paris Extension Only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$129
TOTAL			\$ _____

OPTIONAL EXTENSION	YES	NO	PRICE
Paris	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$699 (Double)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$998 (Single)
TOTAL			\$ _____

Please Note: A minimum of 15 passengers is required for the optional tours and a minimum of 20 to operate the extension.

CALCULATE TRIP COST

Trip cost **before** April 6, 2023: \$3,549.00
Optional tours cost (from above): \$ _____
Single supplement (if applicable): \$ _____
Optional Paris extension: \$ _____
Tax: \$ 150.00
Subtotal: \$ _____

Trip cost **after** April 6, 2023: \$3,649.00
Optional tours cost (from above): \$ _____
Single supplement (if applicable): \$ _____
Optional Paris extension: \$ _____
Tax: \$ 150.00
Subtotal: \$ _____

Use this subtotal to calculate your optional trip protection premium cost

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:

We strongly recommend protecting your trip with our Optional Travel Protection Plan or upgrade to our Cancel For Any Reason Plan. The applicable premium must be paid upon registration. For full disclosure of coverage, please visit: www.aventuraworld.com/files/travel-protection.pdf. Policy rates are based on the total Tour Cost per person including taxes, optional tours and optional Paris extension (your subtotal from above).

Tour Cost:	3,501 to \$4,000	\$4,001 to \$4,500	\$4,501 to \$5,000	\$5,001 to \$5,500	\$5,501 to \$6,000
Policy Cost:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$252	<input type="checkbox"/> \$283	<input type="checkbox"/> \$318	<input type="checkbox"/> \$345	<input type="checkbox"/> \$379
Cancel For Any Reason Cost:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$378	<input type="checkbox"/> \$424.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$477	<input type="checkbox"/> \$517.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$568.50

☐ YES, I accept travel protection

☐ NO, I decline travel protection (not recommended)

CALCULATE DEPOSIT:

Deposit: \$800.00 + Optional Tours \$ _____ + Optional Paris extension \$ _____ + Travel protection premium \$ _____ =

Deposit Due \$ _____
Deposit due at time of registration.
Final remaining balance due
August 2, 2023.

PAYMENT METHODS:

Check #: _____

Make checks payable to Aventura World and mail to: **Monterey County Business Council - 123 Capitol St suite B, Salinas, CA 93901.**

When paying by check, please fully complete the form and send the check/reservation form to the indicated address. When paying by credit card (not via the booking engine), please fully complete the form above and complete the calculate deposit worksheet. If you wish to pay more than just the deposit amounts, indicate this in the notes section. Once completed, please submit the reservation form to your group leader to send to Aventura World. We will email you a link to pay via credit card upon receipt. This email will come from Aventuraworld@aventuraworld.com. Please check your spam. To pay and reserve online, go to: <https://www.aventuraworld.com/booking>. Use the booking number at the top of this form.

CANCELLATION POLICY (NEW BOOKINGS, NOT FUTURE TRAVEL CREDITS):

Cancellations with 131 days or more prior to departure-full refund, the cost of trip cancellation & interruption insurance is retained, between 130 and 91 days prior to departure \$800 per person is retained, 90 and 61 days 50% is retained, 60 and 31 days 85% is retained, 30 days or less, or no show 100% of the package price is retained. **Aventura World recommends the purchase of Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) travel protection insurance.**

Note: A person becoming a single as a result of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

Aventura World reserves the right to adjust pricing based on currency fluctuations, gas increases, and government/airline-imposed charges.

I have read the schedule of activities for the Monterey County Business Council - Gems of Normandy & Champagne Region program - November 2-10, 2023 and accept the terms and conditions outlined on our website www.aventuraworld.com/terms-conditions and authorize \$ _____ to be charged to my card (including optional tour/extension and insurance premium if applicable - from Deposit Due line above).

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

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