



# ACROSS THE CHANNEL

FROM LONDON TO PARIS VIA THE CHANNEL ISLANDS & NORMANDY

AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> - SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 2023

Medieval cities, charming small towns, Gothic cathedrals—we'll experience all this and more, in a journey that crosses the English Channel, taking us from London to the islands of Jersey and Guernsey, across the beaches of Normandy, to the beauty of Monet's gardens and the elegance of Parisian boulevards.

We'll begin our tour in London for time to explore the city before taking the short flight to the beautiful shores of Jersey, Britain's southernmost Channel Island and a quiet haven from the bustling world around. We'll also take in the sights of its sister island, Guernsey. These lovely islands offer a range of experiences, from wildlife sanctuaries to military museums to breathtaking scenery. From here, we take a ferry to the northern coast of France, stopping to explore magnificent Mont St.-Michel, one of the wonders of the Western world.

We'll explore the beaches at Normandy, with time also to view the extraordinary tapestry at Bayeux. Then it's off to Paris, the City of Light, and the heady excitement of one of the world's great romantic cities—with a local guide to introduce the splendors of Notre-Dame, Sacré-Coeur, and the Louvre, and free time to follow your own interests. It's a visit that spans a spectrum of experiences—from the drama of medieval villages, to the broad vistas of seaside towns, to the cosmopolitan beauty of city life, with all of their attendant architectural, artistic, and gastronomic masterpieces—truly a feast for the senses!



THE NORMANDY BEACHES



MONT ST. MICHEL

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED)	\$4790
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$1090

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

**THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:**

- HOTELS:** 9 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout.  
Local guides in London, Guernsey and Paris
- EXPENSES:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
- TICKETS:** Airline tickets from London to Jersey and ferry tickets from Jersey to St. Malo
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>** - Evening departure from U.S. for your overnight flight to London.  
**OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

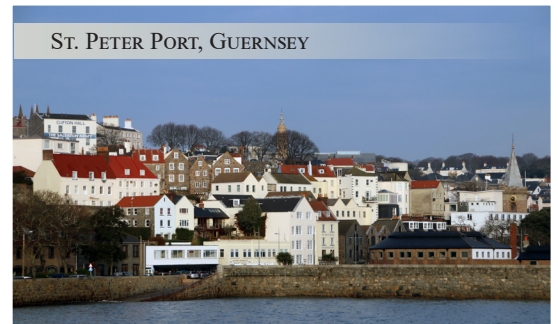
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>** - Upon arrival at London's Heathrow Airport, you will be met and escorted to your central London hotel. After time to unpack and relax, there will be an arrival briefing, where your tour guide will introduce you to the coming adventures. This afternoon you can rest up from the flight or begin exploring the city. This evening, we'll gather for drinks before enjoying a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>** - The day begins with a sightseeing tour of London designed to give newcomers an overview of this great city and acquaint returning travelers with its many charms. We'll start in the City of Westminster where our guide introduces us to 1,000 years of English history. Continuing on, we'll view many of London's major monuments, from the Albert Memorial to St. Paul's Cathedral to Trafalgar Square, touring the city from Chelsea to Bloomsbury. The rest of the afternoon and evening you're free to make your own plans—visit the Tower of London and see the Crown Jewels, or take a stroll through the Tate Modern. This evening, sample one of London's great restaurants or sip a quiet pint in a neighborhood pub. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>** - Leaving London this morning, we travel south to Gatwick Airport for the short flight to Jersey, Britain's most southerly Channel Island. Temperate year round, the island has a unique English/French flavor and jet-set/family resort character. Scattered around the island are early Neolithic carvings, remnants of a medieval heritage, and every kind of attraction, from Elizabeth Castle to golden beaches. After checking in, there will be time to explore before we gather for a welcome dinner. **(D) OVERNIGHT: JERSEY**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we'll discover some of Jersey's sites together, including Mont Orgueil's medieval Gorey Castle, built in the 13th century and surrounded by sea and cliffs, and the German Underground Hospital, a series of tunnels built by German forces. You'll have a free afternoon in the capital of St. Helier to explore the town's attractions and shops, which offer everything from lavender to high-quality jewelry, and at prices generally 15 percent less than found in the rest of Europe. You might also check out the Jersey Museum or Elizabeth Castle, built in the harbor by Sir Walter Raleigh. In the evening, sample a local restaurant—perhaps Season's for its beautiful décor and great food, or Bohemia, Jersey's only Michelin Star restaurant.  
**(B) OVERNIGHT: JERSEY**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>** - A day trip to Guernsey, with its heady mix of stunning scenery and layers of history. From bird sanctuaries and orchid fields to a host of museums (Underground Military, German Occupation, shipwrecks, and diamonds!) and what may be the smallest chapel in the world, this island has an array of attractions. St. Peter Port, the capital, is a bustling harbor town with various interesting architectural styles. Tonight, back in Jersey, we'll meet for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: JERSEY**



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we board the ferry to St.-Malo on the northern coast of France, where we'll explore the town center before continuing on to Mont St.-Michel, the astonishing 11th century abbey perched on a 264 foot-high rock formation. Then it's on to Caen, the "crucible" of Normandy, which played a strategic role in the Battle of Normandy; its two surviving abbeys are magnificent, revealing hints of the city's past. We'll check in to our hotel and meet for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: CAEN**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>** - A full-day excursion to Bayeux to view the extraordinary 231 foot-long tapestry dating from 1077 and commemorating the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings, before continuing on to the D-Day beaches at Normandy, where the deadliest fighting and largest amphibious assault in WWII began. A free evening once we return to Caen for you to dine out at a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: CAEN**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** - From Caen we drive to Giverny to experience Monet's garden paradise, where the artist lived for 43 years. Water gardens, bridges, roses—all create a breathtakingly gorgeous tableau, easily recognized from some of the most famous paintings in the world. With time to visit the gardens and house, we then continue on to Paris, stopping for lunch along the river on our way. On arrival we'll check in to our hotel and enjoy a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: PARIS**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>** - One of the most beautiful cities in the world unfolds at your feet. From the meandering Seine to the Gothic splendor of Notre Dame, a local guide reveals Paris' majesty, concluding with a tour of the Louvre. The rest of the day is free to explore - perhaps the tiny Ile St.-Louis, Rodin's museum, or the Musée d'Orsay. In the evening, we will gather together for a farewell dinner celebration. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PARIS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Morning transport to the airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

\*Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner