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AIRFARE**  
WHEN RESERVATIONS ARE  
MADE BY APRIL 30, 2024



# Splendor of the Seine River Cruise

featuring two-nights in Paris

Tour Dates: April 30 - May 10, 2025



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Iconic sites of Paris - postcard perfect



See the amazing astronomical clock in Rouen

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Paris, France.

**DAY 2 Paris, France:** Your journey begins in Paris, the 'city of light'. Upon arrival, you will be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and assisted with the transfer to your hotel. The day is free to explore on your own or simply relax.

**DAY 3 Paris:** After breakfast, enjoy an included panoramic tour of this capital city. See such famous sites and landmarks as the Louvre, Opéra Garnier, Place Vendôme, the trendy district of Le Marais on the Right Bank, Place de la Concorde, Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Bastille, the Trocadéro and the pièce de résistance...the Eiffel Tower. After your orientation to the city, the remainder of the day is at leisure to pursue independent interests. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Embark the *MS Scenic Gem*:** In the early afternoon, depart the hotel and embark the *MS Scenic Gem*, home for the next seven nights. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to unpack, discover the amenities onboard or take a leisurely stroll along the Seine. This evening, the ship departs Paris and a delicious welcome dinner awaits. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 5 Conflans Sainte Honorine / Auvers sur Oise:** This morning arrive in the charming medieval town of Conflans. In port, your **Freechoice** options are: discover the charms of Auvers-sur-Oise and the landmarks immortalized by Vincent van Gogh. Visit his attic room, which has remained unoccupied since 1890. OR, visit the magnificent Chantilly Castle for a guided tour of the remarkable château set amidst beautiful parklands. This afternoon, enjoy the amenities of the vessel as you sail to Rouen. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 6 Rouen:** The ship arrives in the quaint, historic capital of Normandy and one of the most prosperous cities of medieval Europe. **Freechoice:** Join a local guide on a walking tour to see the historic Rouen Cathedral and the famous sites of Joan of Arc, including Place du Vieux-Marché where she was burned at the stake. Walk the winding medieval streets and admire the city's half-timbered houses. OR, join the authentically dressed Viking warlord Rollo the Walker for a guided walk focusing on the city's medieval past. Alternatively, join a guided cycling tour along the Seine to the beautiful 19th-century botanical gardens that boast a number of rare and exotic plants. This afternoon set sail for the picturesque village of Honfleur. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 7 Honfleur / Normandy:** Today's **Freechoice** options are: Visit Normandy and its beaches or enjoy quaint Honfleur. On an excursion to Normandy, see the now peaceful province which is very different than it was on June 6, 1944. Learn about the U.S. contribution to the battle at Utah Beach and Memorial. At the Normandy American Cemetery, see thousands of white crosses marking the graves of our military heroes. From the cemetery, see Omaha Beach. Alternatively, take the opportunity to explore postcard-perfect Honfleur with its colorful fishing boats and historic houses. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 8 Honfleur – Caudebec-en-Caux:** Enjoy a choice of four **Freechoice** excursions today. Travel to Fécamp, situated in spectacular surroundings amidst the tallest cliffs of Normandy and visit its architectural centerpiece, the Benedictine Palace. OR, choose to travel through picturesque landscapes that were once dotted with over 100 abbeys. Along the way, see and visit some of the abbey ruins of this magnificent region. OR, learn about the Roman past of the town of Lillebonne. It is said that William the conqueror was in his castle at Lillebonne



Pay tribute to our war heroes at the Normandy-American Cemetery

in 1066 when he decided to invade England. Alternatively, join a guide for an e-bike ride across historic bridges and past traditional houses of Caudebec-en-Caux. This afternoon, the ship sails for Vernon. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 9 Vernon:** Your **Freechoice** activities include an excursion to Giverny to visit Monet's former residence and gardens. You will be amazed by the beauty of the landscape as you stroll along the paths and wander through the gardens that provided Monet with inspiration for his paintings. OR, if you're feeling more adventurous, explore by bike with a self-guided cycling tour to Giverny. As a special **Scenic Enrich** treat, experience the opulence and grandeur of yesteryear while attending a classical concert performed by the region's most reputable musicians at the Château de La Roche-Guyon. The memories are sure to last a lifetime! **Meals: B, L, D**

**Scenic Enrich:** Classical concert

**DAY 10 Paris:** Arriving back in Paris, your **Freechoice** activities are: shop with a Chef at a local food market and enjoy exquisite tastings, OR, walk through the trendy Marais District with a resident expert and hear tales that only the locals know. Alternatively, you may choose to explore beyond the city limits and tour the 17th-century estate of Château Vaux-le-Vicomte, featured in the James Bond movie *Moonraker*. Enjoy time to explore Paris at leisure in the afternoon. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 11 Paris / USA:** Bid 'au revoir' to France and return home with memories of wonderful experiences aboard the *MS Scenic Gem* along the Seine River. **Meal: B**

Itinerary and vessel subject to change.



## Exceptional Inclusions

- **22 Meals:** 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- **Free home pickup** and return service on tour dates, when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Two-night **hotel stay and touring in Paris, France**
- **Seven-night cruise** aboard the *Scenic Gem*
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking **local guides**
- Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- **Scenic Tailormade App** for river commentary and independent exploration
- All meals included onboard with a **variety of international cuisine**
- **Complimentary beverages** onboard ship, all day, every day
- Complimentary **WiFi onboard**
- **Complimentary mini-bar** in all suites – restocked daily
- **Butler service** for all guests
- **All gratuities included**
- Complimentary **e-bikes onboard** for use ashore
- Variety of **onboard evening entertainment**

### CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

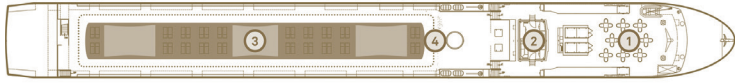
**Days 2 and 3** – Le Meridien Etoile or similar, Paris, France

**Days 4 through 10** – Aboard the *MS Scenic Gem*

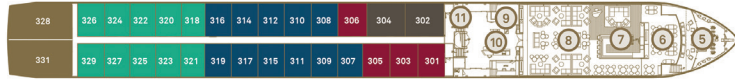
# Scenic Gem

**Built:** 2014 **Suites:** 62 **Length:** 360 ft. **Crew:** 48 **Passengers:** 124

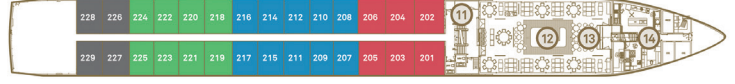
## SUN DECK



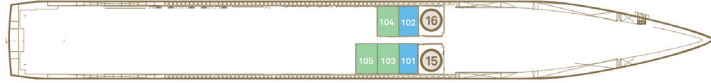
## DIAMOND DECK



## SAPPHIRE DECK

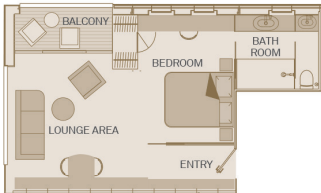


## JEWEL DECK



### Public Areas and Ship Amenities

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Riverview Terrace     | 9 Gift Shop       |
| 2 Wheelhouse            | 10 Reception      |
| 3 Sun Deck              | 11 Elevator       |
| 4 Walking Track         | 12 Crystal Dining |
| 5 Panorama Deck         | 13 Table La Rive  |
| 6 L'Amour Restaurant    | 14 Gallery        |
| 7 River Cafe            | 15 Wellness Area  |
| 8 Panorama Lounge & Bar | 16 Fitness Centre |

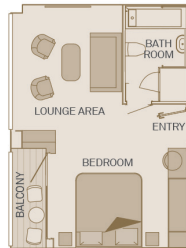


### Royal One-Bedroom Suite

455ft<sup>2</sup>

Including Scenic Sun Lounge

CAT RP

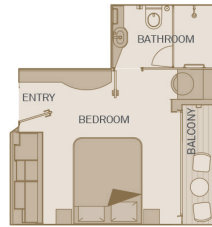


### Royal Balcony Suite

305ft<sup>2</sup>

Including Scenic Sun Lounge

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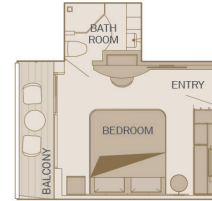


### Deluxe Balcony Suite

225ft<sup>2</sup>

Including Scenic Sun Lounge

CAT PD CAT BD

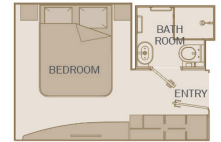


### Balcony Suite

205ft<sup>2</sup>

Including Scenic Sun Lounge

CAT PA P C BA B



### Standard Suite

160ft<sup>2</sup>

CAT D CAT E

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CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
E	Standard Suite	Jewel	\$6,415	+ \$4,735
D	Standard Suite	Jewel	\$6,529	+ \$4,825
C	Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$7,589	+ \$5,619
BA	Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$7,709	+ \$5,705
B	Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$7,769	+ \$5,755
BD	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$7,889	+ \$5,839
PA	Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$7,825	+ \$5,795
P	Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$8,059	+ \$5,969
PD	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$8,295	N/A
R	Royal Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$9,275	N/A
RP	Royal One-Bedroom Suite	Diamond	\$10,715	N/A

**FREE AIRFARE** when reservations made by April 30, 2024.

**Full air from DEN is \$1,650 per person.**

Call for promotional details after May 1, 2024.

**Special \$500 perperson savings when PAID IN FULL one year prior to departure.**

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.



### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$569 per person

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

**Exclusions:** Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. *Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.*

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