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# Splendor of the Seine River Cruise

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featuring two-nights in Paris

Travel Dates: May 2-12, 2024



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**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 rèsistance...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 see Vincent van Gogh's room, 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-Marche with a monument indicating where she was burned at the stake. Walk the winding medieval streets and admire the city's half-timbered houses. 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 three **Freechoice** excursions today. Travel to Fécamp, situated in spectacular surroundings amidst the tallest cliffs of Normandy. The city's natural setting contrasts perfectly with its architectural centerpiece, the Benedictine Palace. OR, choose to travel through picturesque landscapes that were once dotted with over 100 abbeys. Along the way, visit some of the abbeys of this magnificent region that are still operating today. OR, learn about the Roman past of the the town of Lillebonne. It is said that William the conqueror was in his castle at Lillebonne in 1066 when



he decided to invade England. Back onboard, enjoy a tasting of Calvados – a locally produced apple-brandy. 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** 

**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.

### **CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Days 2 and 3** – Les Jardines du Marais or similar, Paris, France **Days 4 through 10** – Aboard the *MS Scenic Gem* 



## **Exceptional Inclusions**

- 22 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Airport transfers 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

## Scenic Gem

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

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### **Public Areas and Ship Amenities**

- Riverview Terrace 2 Wheelhouse
  - 10 Reception
- 3 Sun Deck
- 4 Walking Track
- 6 Panorama Deck
- L'Amour Restaurant 6
- 7 River Cafe
- B Panorama Lounge & Bar



Crystal Dining

16 Fitness Centre

Gift Shop

Elevator



CAT RP



**Royal One-Bedroom Suite** 455ft<sup>2</sup> Including Scenic Sun Lounge

**Royal Balcony Suite** 305ft<sup>2</sup> Including Scenic Sun Lounge

CAT R



**Deluxe Balcony Suite** 225ft<sup>2</sup> Including Scenic Sun Lounge

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**Balcony Suite** 205ft<sup>2</sup> Including Scenic Sun Lounge C BA B



Standard Suite 160ft<sup>2</sup>

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			May 2 - 12, 2024	
Splendor of the Seine River Cruise		PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM	
CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	TWIN	ADD
E	Standard Suite	Jewel	\$7,074	\$4,669
D	Standard Suite	Jewel	\$7,188	\$4,755
С	Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$8,248	\$5,499
ВА	Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$8,358	\$5,579
в	Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$8,414	\$5,619
BD	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Sapphire	\$8,524	\$5,705
PA	Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$8,468	\$5,669
Р	Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$8,684	\$5,825
PD	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$8,894	N/A
R	Royal Balcony Suite	Diamond	\$9,794	N/A
RP	Royal One-Bedroom Suite	Diamond	\$11,168	N/A

## Pricing includes roundtrip MSP airfare, transfers, hotel/ship baggage handling, adult beverage package on ship, Travelers Protection Plan, gratuities to guides, drivers and ship staff, and a professional tour manager.

Round-trip transportation to the airport may be offered depending on participation.



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Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises INCLUDED - \$499 First 2 categories and \$569 balance of ship

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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