

Finding France

TAILOR-MADE PRIVATE TOURS
OFF THE BEATEN TRACK



STAY SAFE WITH FINDING FRANCE

You'll travel in a private minibus that is exclusively reserved for you during the entire trip.

We pick you up at your doorstep and drop you off at the location of your choice.

Your guide will be with you for the duration of the trip; he or she is also your private chauffeur.

Physical contact is limited to the strict minimum.

Workshops and meet-ups are organized exclusively for you and your group.

We follow all necessary procedures to ensure your protection and comply with all local and national sanitary regulations currently recommended: vehicle disinfected daily, masks, hydro-alcoholic gel, disinfectant wipes and gloves are provided by us as well.

Any bookings cancelled due to Covid-19 will be refunded.

Normandy

Finding France offers a unique perspective from the moment you set foot in Normandy. Quaint and comfortable lodging will nourish the quest to uncover the far-reaching roots of local culture. Meet extraordinarily talented craftsmen, discuss with passionate persons sharing the lore of how things came to be. Guided with talent as a small intimate group – fine dining included! – this will be the experience of a lifetime. In for a day, in for ten – whether short or long, we will work with and for you to plot a truly authentic journey.

Here is what 4 days starting from Paris could feel like:

- [DAY 1: Giverny and Honfleur](#)
- [DAY 2: Great gastronomical tour of Grandcamp-Maisy, Asnières-en-Bessin and Arromanches](#)
- [DAY 3: D-Day beach memorials: US or Canadian pilgrimage](#)
- [DAY 4: Mont-Saint-Michel](#)





4 DAY TOUR

Discover Normandy

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DAY 1: GIVERNY - HONFLEUR

MORNING

- Peek into the life of Claude Monet, the painter who invented Impressionism, beating the cobblestones in Giverny, his hometown.
- Enter the house he lived in and meet the muses of his inspiration: fabulous rare flower gardens and a certain famous pond... waterlilies included!
- Lunch in "eat local" mode with fresh produce grown nearby.

AFTERNOON

- Take a walk in historical downtown Honfleur, complete with its century-old fishport.

- Meet Agathe as she toils away in her cider brewery. She'll certainly spark your interest as she shares her passion and a few tantalizing tastes of her prize bottles. You'll learn all about distillation and aging of strong Calvados apple spirits and the secrets to fermenting apple cider.
- After that, a (perhaps light-headed) walk through her organic apple orchards ought to clear the mind.
- Local specialty cuisine awaits you for dinner in a nearby restaurant.
- Sleep the night away in a typical and welcoming historical house.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Meet up with Patrick, cheesemaker in the town of Camembert. This village is where the world-famous cheese comes from. And why not discover a few other famous places, such as Livarot and Pont-l'Évêque?
- Meditate in awe and wonder in the largest wood-built church of all France: Sainte-Catherine in Honfleur.
- Visit Honfleur by night – only illuminated with fire torches!
- Carole, a distinguished wine-taster in Deauville, will gladly impart her knowledge of the art as you sample a few of her trophy wines.
- Mingle with the Elite of French society at the horse-races of Deauville, and perhaps lodge a bet on one or the other stallion.
- Follow in the footsteps of famous movie actors and actresses when they took to the stage in Deauville. Marion Cotillard, Catherine Deneuve made their debuts here, but these French actresses also shared the local spotlight with several others from across the pond... Clint Eastwood and Tom Hanks, among many more!
- Savor fresh seafood prepared with utmost gastronomical standards directly within the fisherman's abode.



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DAY 2: GREAT GASTRONOMICAL TOUR OF GRANDCAMP-MAISY, ASNIÈRES-EN-BESSIN AND ARROMANCHES

MORNING

- Stroll along a typical farmer's market of the Normandy coast. Chat up growers, cheesemakers, fishmongers, butchers... as they boast how delicious their produce is.
- Learn French Cuisine with Carl, a renowned Chef. With his guidance, fill pots and pans with the morning market's fresh goods for a delicious self-made gastronomical lunch!
- An unusual meeting with Victor who is passionate about snails! He'll quickly convert you to this tasty culinary oddity in his surprising Bessin farm. / only from May 15th to September 15th, reservation required.
- Free time if needed, or guided tour of Bayeux. This town casually flaunts its IXth century cathedral bedecked with a tapestry woven in 1066 by William the Conqueror's own wife!

AFTERNOON

- Whip up a conversation with Barbara, a young farmer who produces her own cheese, cream and butter. Pat her Normandy-bred cows between the eyes and you'll understand why their milk and cheese are sought after across the planet!
- Dine on delicious crêpes and galettes, a staple Normandy meal, in a nearby Crêperie.
- Spend a night "à la française" in a historical monument, a XVIIth century castle.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Discover Benjamin's work as he manages his apple orchard in Normandy. He produces limited edition cider, pommeau and calvados spirits. He'll gladly walk you around his workshop and you'll get to taste his all-natural products.
- Sweet-tooth? Step inside a candy factory! Visiting this workshop will show you the ins and outs of baking caramel sweets.
- Meet a young couple managing an oyster farm as they battle to preserve the environment and their ecosystem. Visit the oyster breeding grounds at low tide.
- Set foot in the workshop of a pottery maker, located in a XIXth century manor. This artisan was granted the "Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant" label, which roughly translates into "Living Heirloom Enterprise".
- Discover a chocolate maker's kitchen and taste different types of chocolates.
- Visit a permaculture farm and understand the techniques. Your own vegetable patch back home will surely get an upgrade!
- Savor the passing of time during a literal field trip through the French countryside... and savor sweet ripe strawberries straight from the bush, in season!



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DAY 3: D-DAY BEACH MEMORIALS: US PILGRIMAGE

MORNING

- Set foot on Hoc Point, where bunkers and cliff overhangs were stormed by American Rangers on June 6th, 1944.
- Trudge along Omaha Beach where 34 000 soldiers made landfall on D-Day.
- Lunch in a beachside canteen with delicious local specialties.

AFTERNOON

- Honor 9000 fallen soldiers in the American Cemetery, with rank upon rank of white tombstones aligned and overlooking the ocean.
- Discover Arromanches and what's left of the artificial port made from scratch by our British allies.
- D-day as if you were there: a 360° movie experience that hurls you back in the past.
- Spend the night in either a castle or a magnificent townhouse, and learn the local lore as the owners share precious moments with you.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Face-to-face talk with a World War II war veteran who, at the time, was 20 years old.
- Discover Utah Beach and the Sainte-Mère-Église village where parachute trooper John Steel stayed stuck for an entire night on the church steeple during D-Day.
- Embark on a fishing pilothouse boat to view D-Day beaches from the sea.
- Honor fallen soldiers in nearby military cemeteries.
- Visit the World War II memorial in Caen.
- Have a stopover in Dieppe, where, in 1942, a first Allied landing failed to hold.
- Explore Bayeux, a city with a XIth century cathedral. Discover the famous ancient tapestry woven in 1066 by Queen Mathilde, William the Conqueror's wife!
- Reflect on the written word as you visit the Ardenne Abbey and uncover the past in the Institute for Contemporary Publishing Archives in Saint-Germain-la-Blanche-Herbe.



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DAY 3: D-DAY BEACH MEMORIALS: CANADIAN PILGRIMAGE

MORNING

- Juno Beach at Bernières-sur-Mer is where the Canadian Infantry disembarked in the early morning of June 6th, under the command of Officer Rodney Keller.
- Visit the Juno Beach Center (at Courseulles-sur-Mer), where you'll learn all about how vital Canada's actions were during World War II.
- Lunch in a restaurant that boasts delicious local meals

AFTERNOON

- Visit Hoc Point and what remains of its bunkers.
- Thank the fallen soldiers at the 2000-tomb Canadian Cemetery at Bény-sur-Mer in Reviers.
- Spend the night in either a castle or a magnificent townhouse, and learn the local lore as the owners share precious moments with you.



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DAY 4: MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

MORNING

- Roam through lush green valleys of the Normandy countryside with fields of emerald green dotted with beefy cows.
- Walking tour of the medieval portion of Mont-Saint-Michel, including the XVth century castle walls and the XIIIth century abbey.
- Mealtime, for lunch, is in a restaurant that has a view of the bay second to none.

AFTERNOON

- Saunter through the winding narrow streets of this timeless heavenly land between sea and sky.
- Get to know Emmanuel, a bubbly shopowner cracking joke upon joke as he mans his shop on the cobblestone Grand Rue at the heart of Mont-Saint-Michel. He'll tell you all about his family's arrival on the Mount... in 1680!
- Spend a memorable night in a quaint hotel directly located on Mont-Saint-Michel.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

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- Ride like the wind during a horseback outing across the bay at low tide.
- Visit Paul, a fourth-generation apple cider and calvados producer, and taste his exquisite produce.
- Discover how an independant jeweler works and visit his workshop.
- Spend some relaxing family time at a traditional wind mill. Milling from wheat to flour and bread won't have any secrets from you anymore!
- Cross the Mont-Saint-Michel bay on foot with a qualified guide.
- Meet local producers in a nearby village market.

Experience the French "art de vivre"

At Finding France we offer a unique selection of elegant, family friendly B&B's.



Example of French-style accommodation. Non-contractual photo.



RATES FOR A DAY TRIP
DEPARTING FROM PARIS
(8 AM TO 8 PM):

Starting at **\$250 USD** (VAT included) per person for a 4-person reservation.
What's included:

- Private bilingual local chauffeur-guide (English French).
- Transportation in a top-notch air-conditioned vehicle, Wifi included.
- Travel to and from your place of residence in Paris + pick-up and transfer from Roissy CDG, Orly, or Le Bourget airports.
- Lunch.
- Tasting and samples when visiting local producers (wine, cheese, pastries...)
- Unlimited bottled water.
- All entrance fees and VIP access to all events and activities described in the itinerary.
- Fees for a local guide when visiting certain historical sites.
- Finding France 24/7 emergency assistance.



RATES FOR AN ALL-
INCLUSIVE TRIP
DEPARTING FROM PARIS:

Starting at **\$500 USD** (VAT included) per person per day for a 4-person reservation. Lower rates for larger groups. Add-on for single room lodging: starting at \$150 USD (VAT included) per person per day.

What's included:

- Night stays in quality, labeled guest houses or typical hotels.
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner).
- All wines from our excellent selection (excluding vintage years and Grand Crus) at meal time.
- All non-alcohol beverages, including unlimited bottled water (replenished daily).
- All tasting and samples when visiting local producers (wine, cheese, pastries...)
- All entrance fees and VIP access to all events and activities described in the itinerary.
- Private driver-guide.
- Transportation in a top-notch air-conditioned vehicle, Wifi included.
- Fees for a local guide when visiting certain historical sites.
- Private vehicle for pick-up and transfer to or from Roissy CDG, Orly, or Le Bourget airports.
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A WORD ABOUT YOUR GUIDE...

Bonjour ! My name is Clement, I look forward to introducing you to the wonderful sights, skilled artisans and places I love throughout our journey. During the trip I will share with you the rich history of the places that we visit, introduce you to the local cuisine and, if you are interested, some of our most beloved French songs too! Every step of the way, I will do my best to meet all your needs and expectations.

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All-inclusive private tours from anywhere in France

◆
*Accommodation in privately-owned châteaux
or charming boutique hotels*

◆
Exceptional local culinary experiences

◆
Reservations at Michelin-starred restaurants

◆
Private bilingual chauffeur-guide (English/French)

◆
Comfortable air-conditioned vehicle with WIFI



DREAMING OF DISCOVERING FRANCE?

Each region bequeaths us with a unique cultural heritage, unparalleled talent and craftsmanship, and gourmet specialty cuisine that cannot be found anywhere else.

*Traveling in France is, above all, striving to meet the soul of a land.
Cared for by passionate men and women.*

We offer an unforgettable and prestigious trip customized to match your dreams.

Get in touch with us right now!

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