Normandy

Finding France offers a unique perspective from the moment you set foot in Normandy. Meet extraordinarily talented craftsmen and discuss with passionate masters sharing the lore of how things came to be. Quaint and comfortable lodging will sustain the quest to uncover the far-reaching roots of local culture. Guided with gusto throughout the all-inclusive customized tour – fine dining included! – this will be the experience of a lifetime. For any duration from 1 to 6 days, we will work with and for you to plot out a truly authentic journey.

Here's a sample itinerary for a 4-day and 3-night route:

- Day 1: Giverny and arrival in Bayeux
- Day 2: Available options:
 - Route 1: D-Day beaches
 - Route 2: Bayeux and its craftsmen
- Day 3: Mont-Saint-Michel
- Day 4: Camembert, Apple Cider and Calvados





Giverny and arrival in Bayeux

Welcome to Normandy

MORNING

- Pick-up from the place of your choice (Paris and surrounding area)
- Peek into the life of Claude Monet, the painter who invented Impressionism, as you trod upon 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!
- Local produce awaits you for lunch in a nearby restaurant.

AFTERNOON

- Take a walk in historical downtown Honfleur, complete with its century-old fishport.
 Meditate in awe and wonder in the largest wood-built church of all France: Sainte-Catherine.
- Possible alternative: head off to Bayeux right from the start.
- Settle down in the charming hotel that will host you for your entire stay.



OPTION

 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 divas also shared the local spotlight with others from across the pond... Clint Eastwood and Tom Hanks, amongst many more!



DAY 2 - Route 1

-Day beaches

Honor and re-experience the highlights of World War II

AMERICAN ROUTE:

- Laurent, a local with a passion for WWII, will be your guide. Born in Normandy, Laurent spent 3 years in the United States to meet and interview a number of World War II veterans.

If you have relatives who fought in the 1944 Battle of Normandy, he'll delve into historical databases and pinpoint exactly where and when your ancestor set foot on Norman soil.

 Discover the following sites: American Airborne sector, Sainte-Mère-Église, Angoville Au Plain, Utah Beach, Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach, Normandy American Cemetery.

CANADIAN ROUTE:

- March on Juno Beach at Bernières-sur-Mer, where the infantry disembarked in the early morning of June 6th.
- Visit the Juno Beach Center (at Courseullessur-Mer).
- Set foot on Hoc Point, where bunkers and cliff overhangs were stormed by Rangers on June 6th, 1944.
- Salute the fallen soldiers at the 2000-tomb Canadian Cemetery at Bény-sur-Mer in Reviers.



OPTIONS

- Invade the German artillery outpost in Longues-sur-Mer, an exceptionally wellpreserved site still housing its original canons and weaponry.
- Visit 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.



DAY 2 - Route 2

Bayeux and its craftsmen

Set off to learn the know-how of Norman tradition

MORNING

- Walk through Bayeux: historical down-town, Xlth century cathedral, charming medieval streets.
- Meet up with Jean-Pierre and François in their apple orchard, where they produce small batches of cider.
 Visit their cider brewery and cellar.
 Sample their fully natural products.
- Savor a meal prepared by a local Chef on the Cidery grounds.

AFTERNOON

- Get to know three craftswomen working in the center of Bayeux: Angelique (milliner), Aline (ceramic painter), Véronique (lacemaker).
- Dine in a renowned crêperie, feasting on delicious main-course galettes and sweet norman crêpes.



OPTIONS

- Meet oyster farmers as they battle to preserve the environment and their ecosystem. Visit the oyster breeding grounds at low tide.
- Stroll along a typical farmer's market of the Normandy coast. Chat up market gardeners, cheesemakers, fishmongers... as they boast how delicious their produce is.



DAY 3

Mont Saint-Michel

Wonder in awe at this medieval architectural masterpiece

MORNING

- Roam through lush green valleys of the Normandy countryside with fields of emerald green dotted with beefy cows.
- Tour the medieval portion of Mont-Saint-Michel, including the XVth century castle walls and the XIIIth century abbey.
- Sample Pommeau, a local spirit derived from apples, and snack on famed Norman cookies.
- Mealtime, for lunch, is in a restaurant that has a view of the bay second to none.

AFTERNOON

- 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!
- Saunter through the winding narrow streets of this timeless heavenly land between sea and sky.

OPTIONS

- Ride like the wind during a horse-back outing across the bay at low tide*
- Cross the Mont-Saint-Michel bay on foot with a qualified guide*
- Let an pilot enamored with the area fly you over the estuary*

*Additional fees involved, check with us beforehand.



DAY 4

Camembert, Apple Cider and Calvados

Sample local cheese and spirits

MORNING

- Visit an active cheesemaker near the Camembert village, the town that gave its name to that famous cheese!

Sample 3 typical cheeses: Camembert, Livarot and Pont-l'Evêque.

- Let a Calvados brewer have you over for an out-of-the-ordinary lunch.

AFTERNOON

- Visit an apple cider and calvados producer in his distillery. Taste his best vintage bottles: 8 years, 12 years, and Timeless.
- Return to the place of your choice in Paris or in the surrounding area.



OPTIONS

 Visit the majestic Lisieux basilica and open your heart to "the Little Flower", Saint Therese, one of the greatest mystical saints of the XIXth century.

The French art-de-vivre

Finding France offers a unique selection of guest houses and charming bedand-breakfasts that can welcome you and your family, too.



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Number of guests	Price per person for 4 days
6 persons	2 600 €*
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