

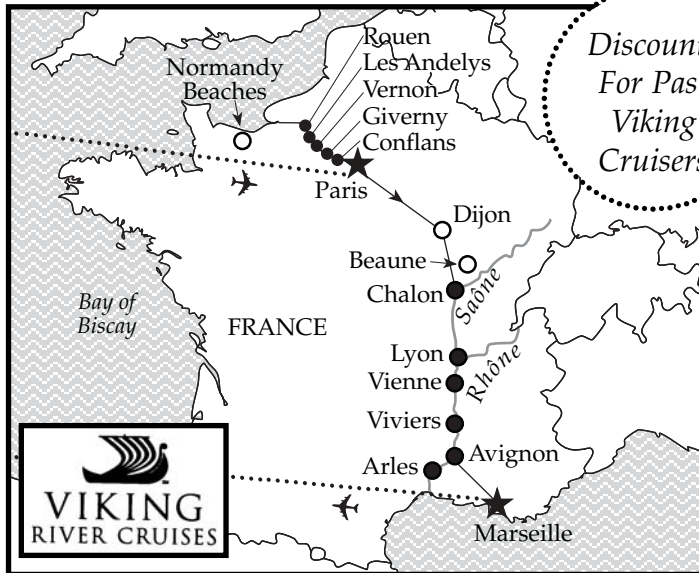
Vive la France!

RIVER CRUISE

Cruising on the Seine, Saône, and Rhône Rivers

on the *Viking Spirit* and the *Viking Neptune*

Imagine seeing many of France's best sights from the comfort of a deluxe cruise ship: first Paris, then along the Seine through the Norman countryside to the historic Normandy beaches. The second half of this grand tour of France begins at Chalon-sur-Saône and sails on the Saône and Rhône rivers through Burgundy and Provence whose colors and sunlight inspired artists.



Discounts
For Past
Viking
Cruisers

Oct. 27 - Nov. 11, 2012

16 Days

**New
Cruise!**

Discounted prices available ONLY through Sun Tours

Daily Sightseeing Tours Included

Our Floating Hotel



The *Viking Spirit* & *Viking Neptune*, built in 2001, have only 75 cabins each, which creates a friendly atmosphere. All passengers are English speaking and announcements are in English only. Deluxe categories A, B, C, D have large (154 square feet) cabins, comfortable twin beds convertible to one double, and panoramic windows. Standard cabins (category E) are smaller with twin beds and a smaller window. All cabins have air conditioning, bathroom with shower, hair dryer, telephone, safe, TV, and storage space. All meals are included on the ship.

DAY 1 DEPART U.S.A.

DAY 2 ARRIVE PARIS

Our flight arrives in Paris and we transfer to our ship docked in the heart of Paris near the Eiffel Tower. After boarding the *Viking Spirit* we have free time to explore Paris—or join a “welcome walk” to stretch our legs and get oriented.

DAY 3 PARIS B,L,D

We wake up in Paris—a dream come true! Our morning city tour takes in the remarkable sights: Eiffel Tower, École Militaire, Orsay Museum, Latin Quarter, Cathedral of Notre Dame, Louvre, Champs Elysées, and Arc de Triomphe. The afternoon is free time to explore the wonders of Paris.

DAY 4 GIVERNY/VERNON B,L,D

We ride to nearby Giverny, where Claude Monet lived for 43 years. We visit the charming stone farmhouse where he lived and painted and the water garden with its Japanese bridge that inspired many of his masterpieces. Our afternoon in the provincial town of Vernon features a stroll to the Maison du Temps Jadis, Vernon's oldest house and the 11th-century Church of Notre Dame.

**Great
Cruising
Season**

- No Tourist Crowds
 - Temperatures Are Cool:
- Highs average
53-60 degrees**

DAY 5 ROUEN

B,L,D

After a leisurely morning cruising along the Seine, we reach the medieval city of Rouen, historic capital of Normandy. On a walking tour through the old town we see the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral so often painted by Claude Monet, the 14th-century courthouse where Joan of Arc was sentenced to death, and the nearby Market Square where she was martyred. Then we have free time to discover more of Rouen on our own.

DAY 6 NORMANDY BEACHES

B,L,D

On our full-day excursion to the historic beaches of Normandy we see World War II landmarks such as Omaha Beach, the American Military Cemetery, and Arromanches Debarkment Museum. On the return drive we pass Gold Beach, Courseulles sur Mer, and Juno Beach.

DAY 7 LES ANDELYS/CONFLANS

B,L,D

The small town of Les Andelys is known for the ruins of the castle, Château Gaillard, built in 1196 by Richard Lionheart. A guided walk leads us to the ruins of this very historic site where the French & English fought for control of Normandy. We cruise the Seine this afternoon to Conflans.



Eiffel Tower



Notre Dame Cathedral - Paris

DAY 8 CONFLANS / PARIS

B,L,D

We take a walking tour through the charming neighborhoods of Conflans and visit its museum. Or, join an optional tour to the Palace of Versailles. In the afternoon we sail back to Paris and enjoy a free evening in the City of Light.

DAY 9 PARIS / CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

B,D

We disembark in Paris and drive through the countryside of east central France to Dijon where we see its many churches and its Porte Guillaume (a miniature Arc de Triomphe). Then we continue to Chalon where we board the *Viking Neptune*.

DAY 10 BEAUNE / BURGUNDY WINE TOUR

B,L,D

We take a scenic drive along France's Burgundy wine route through Pommard, Volnay, and Meursault. In Beaune, wine capital of Burgundy, we tour the beautiful Hôtel Dieu, founded as a hospice in 1443. We learn about local viticulture and enjoy a wine-tasting at one of Beaune's famous cellars. The afternoon is free time to explore more of picturesque Beaune. We sail through Burgundy this evening.

DAY 11 LYON

B,L,D

We cruise to Lyon this morning and tour this UNESCO World Heritage City in the afternoon. We visit the Basilica of Notre Dame, drive through town past St. Jean Cathedral and the Palace of Justice, and enjoy a walking tour through the cobbled streets of Vieux Lyon.

DAY 12 LYON / VIENNE

B,L,D

The morning is free time to explore this remarkable 2000-year-old city in the heart of France. This afternoon we take a walking tour of Vienne, a beautiful town with an ancient roman past. We visit the Temple of Augustus & Livia, the Roman amphitheater, and the Gothic Cathedral of St. Maurice.



DAY 13 TOURNON / VIVIERS

B,L,D

We awake in Tournon and take a ride to Châteauneuf-sur-Isère. On our guided tour of the area we learn about the region's winemaking traditions and visit the Musée de Tain l'Hermitage. We cruise the Rhône River and arrive in Viviers this evening for a stroll through the Old Town.

DAY 14 ARLES

B,L,D

A local guide takes us on a walking tour of Arles, whose vibrant colors and striking quality of light has inspired artists like Vincent van Gogh. We see the impressive Roman Les Arènes, an arena that seats 20,000 and is still in use, and the 15th century Romanesque church of St. Trôphime. The afternoon is free time for exploring this charming and historic city.



The Pont d'Avignon

DAY 15 AVIGNON

B,L,D

Avignon is nicknamed the "City of Popes" because it was home to seven popes in the 14th century. With our local guide we stroll through the historic center, stop at the picturesque Pont d'Avignon, walk the Place de l'Horloge, and tour the renowned Palace of the Popes, a monumental medieval gothic fortress.

DAY 16 FLY HOME

We transfer to the Marseille Airport for our flight home.

PRICES ARE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Stateroom Category	SUN TOURS Price
E - Standard Cabin, Lower Deck	\$4,669* SOLD OUT
D - Deluxe Cabin, Main Deck	\$5,619* SOLD OUT
C - Deluxe Cabin, Main Deck	\$5,809* SOLD OUT
B - Deluxe Cabin, Middle Deck	\$6,189*
A - Deluxe Cabin, Upper Deck	\$6,569*

*Prices valid with full payment by March 21, 2012.

PASSPORT REQUIRED

CRUISE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Airfare (and air taxes) Albuquerque to Paris, Marseilles to Albuquerque. (Not including airline baggage and in-flight charges)
- 14-Night Cruise with All Meals on Board
- Guided Sightseeing at Each Port
- Airport Transfers in Paris and Marseilles
- Transportation by Deluxe Motorcoach
- Your SUN TOURS Escort (with 20 or more travelers)

DEPOSIT: \$500.00 Per Person NOW Holds Your Place

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: March 21, 2012

CANCELLATION FEES:

- \$100.00Through June 19, 2012
- 15% of Full FareJune 20 - July 17, 2012
- 35% of Full FareJuly 18 - August 17, 2012
- 50% of Full FareAugust 18 - September 17, 2012
- 100% of Full FareAfter September 17, 2012

Cancellation Insurance is Recommended

Itinerary is subject to change

Fuel surcharges will be passed on if imposed by vendors.