

Chateaux & Gardens of Normandy



Chateau Vendeuvre

Beautiful gardens abound throughout this fertile region within the many chateaux & manor houses and this popular tour features some of the very best.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: From Dover to Calais and onto your hotel in the Lisieux area.

Day 2: Travel to the captivating city of **Rouen**. Enjoy a fascinating walk through the architectural styles from the half timbering of the Middle Ages to the Renaissance and the classical era. Known for where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake in 1431, today a visit can be made to the St Joan of Arc Church, where she was burned alive – a large cross outside marks the exact spot. Other sites include the Notre-Dame Cathedral, St Maclou Church, the enchanting Gros Horloge and Clock Tower and the old market place. Head to **Chateau de Champ de Bataille**, near Le Neubourg for your included afternoon visit. Known as the 'Norman Versailles', it has recently been restored to its 18th Century splendour, complete with parks and gardens in the style of Louis XIV.

Day 3: Spend a relaxing morning in the charming market town of Lisieux before continuing to the Normandy Jewel **Chateau Vendeuvre** for our included visit to the Chateau, Museum and Gardens.

Day 4: If staying for 3 nights depart the hotel after breakfast and head to Calais and home.

OR if staying for 4 nights

Day 4: **Giverny** has been carefully restored in its original style, to reflect the scene that Monet captured in his world famous watercolours. The wisteria-clad bridges, water lilies, and weeping willows were his inspiration and remain as popular as ever and is well worth a visit. There is the opportunity to have lunch at an idyllic watermill restaurant before going on to La Roche-Guyon with its spectacular chateau.

Day 5: Time to head for home.



Mercure Hotel Lisieux HHH

A comfortable hotel on the outskirts of Lisieux and conveniently situated for all attractions in Normandy.

- 69 Bedrooms • Lift
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- 3 or 4 nights DBB (choice of main) ➤ Welcome drink
- Entrance to Chateau de Vendeuvre House and Gardens ➤ Entrance to the Gardens only of Chateau de Champ de Bataille ➤ Return Ferry

May & Sep: Prices from: £289
Jul & Aug: Prices from: £299

Germany – Romantic Rhine & Mosel Valleys



Cochem

Explore one of Europe's greatest rivers and some of Europe's most memorable scenery. Boppard lies in the Loreley Valley, on the most scenic part of the Rhine which is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel from Dover to Calais and onto Boppard in Germany for your 4 nights stay at the lovely Bellevue Rheinhof.

Day 2: Free day in **Boppard** to explore this beautiful town. Boppard is situated on the largest loop in the River Rhine, known as the Bopparder Hamm, and is also known as the 'Jewel of the Rhine'. The picturesque town is still in parts surrounded by stretches of the old medieval town wall, complete with gates and towers.

Day 3: Today we explore the peaceful **Mosel**, little sister to the mighty Rhine and one of the most picturesque river valleys in Europe. A firm favourite with tourists is the beautiful town of **Cochem** with its cobbled streets and half-timbered houses, overlooked by **Reichsburg Castle** said to be Sleeping Beauty's palace. From Cochem travel to Bernkastel-Kues following the Mosel river all the way, which is known as the Jewel box of the Mosel.

Day 4: Today we explore the River Rhine and make our way from Boppard to St Goar which follows one of the most scenic sections. Continue to **Rudesheim**, which is famous for the lively taverns and wine keller's situated on the tiny alley, the Drosselgasse. Numerous options are available in the town from **wine tasting**, to a visit to **Siegfried's Music Museum**. Take the chair lift up to the imposing monument of the Niederwald Memorial which gives magnificent views of the town and surrounding hillsides covered in the famous wine vines.

Day 5: Return to Calais and your return ferry to Dover and home.



Bellevue Rheinhof HHHH

This lovely hotel has a premier location right in the centre of Boppard, overlooking the promenade and the river.

- 93 Bedrooms • Lift

Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB (choice of main course for dinner)
- Welcome drink ➤ Leisure facilities
- Return Ferry

May, Jul, Aug & Sep: Prices from: £379