

France (Mont Saint-Michel, Monet's House, Normandy) 4-Day Tour

(Mini Group | 5–9-seat Business Van | Door-to-door pick-up with Driver-Guide)

Tour Dates: Depart Paris every Tuesday & Saturday. Guaranteed departure from 2 guests, max 6 guests. (Perfect add-on to **Red Line & **Green Line** in-depth tour)**

Tour Highlights

World Wonder: Mont Saint-Michel (UNESCO World Heritage) — a dreamlike abbey rising from the sea on the pilgrimage route.

Normandy Essentials: Rouen 'City of a Hundred Spires', Étretat's Elephant Rock, and Le Havre (UNESCO World Heritage).

History & Coastline: Omaha Beach (D-Day landing site), historic Caen, the corsair city of Saint-Malo, and medieval Le Mans.

Impressionist Trails: Giverny — Monet's house & gardens, stepping into the inspiration behind the Water Lilies.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Paris → Giverny → Rouen → Étretat → Le Havre (270 km)

In the morning, meet your driver-guide at the scheduled time and location, and begin the journey.

Giverny — home of Impressionist master Claude Monet and a cradle of Impressionist art.

- **Monet's House & Gardens:** Monet created countless masterpieces here. The house displays a rich collection of Japanese ukiyo-e prints. Monet once said, "My garden is my most beautiful work." The gardens are divided into the Normandy garden and the water garden. Across the road, the pond is filled with water lilies, with the famous Japanese bridge, willow trees and bamboo — the real-life scene behind his iconic Water Lilies series.

Rouen — the medieval capital of Normandy, known as the "City of a Hundred Spires".

- **Rouen Cathedral:** A landmark of Normandy famed for its magnificent Gothic façade and its link to Monet. Built over centuries, it features France's tallest cast-iron spire (151 m), exquisite Gothic carvings, and stained-glass windows. Monet painted over 30 works of the cathedral's west front from across the square.

Étretat — a seaside town in Normandy renowned for its white cliffs and natural arches.

- **Elephant Rock & the Needle:** Nature's masterpiece that has inspired artists such as Monet and Victor Hugo for centuries. Elephant Rock was shaped by waves eroding the cliff, resembling an elephant dipping its trunk into the sea. Nearby, the Needle is a solitary limestone pillar rising about 70 m from the water.

Day 2: Le Havre → Omaha Beach → Caen (210 km)

Le Havre — an important port city in Normandy, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Museum of Modern Art (MuMa): Set by the coast with abundant natural light, it houses an impressive collection of Impressionist and modern works — one of France’s most important art museums.
- The Hanging Gardens: A botanical park within a former military fort, offering panoramic views over the Seine estuary and the city.
- Le Havre Beach: A long pebble beach loved by locals and visitors — perfect for a relaxed stroll and sunset views.

Omaha Beach — one of the most historically significant sites of the WWII Normandy landings.

- Omaha Beach Memorial Museum: Commemorating the Allied soldiers who fell here on D-Day (6 June 1944) at the area known as “Bloody Omaha”. The museum displays extensive artifacts, personal items, uniforms, weapons, military vehicles (including tanks and landing craft), and historical documents related to the Normandy landings.

Caen — the stronghold of William the Conqueror and a key witness to Normandy’s wartime history.

- Caen Castle: Built around 1060 by William the Conqueror, once residence of the Dukes of Normandy and Kings of England. The complex includes the Normandy Museum, a fine arts museum and the Church of St George, and offers sweeping views over Caen.
- Abbey of Men: Commissioned by William I in the late 11th century, a masterpiece of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. The Church of St-Étienne houses William’s tomb.
- Abbey of Women: Founded by Queen Matilda, William’s wife. The Church of the Holy Trinity is a fine example of Norman architecture and contains Matilda’s tomb.
- Vaugueux District: A lively quarter with medieval Caen stone houses, lined with restaurants, cafés and bars — ideal for soaking up the local atmosphere.

Day 3: Caen → Mont Saint-Michel → Saint-Malo (190 km)

{Mont Saint-Michel — hailed as the “Wonder of the Western World”, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. It is famous for dramatic tides: at high tide it becomes a true “island in the sea”; at low tide, vast sandbanks appear and visitors can walk across the bay.}

- Mont Saint-Michel Abbey & Church: The abbey is the heart of the mount — an architectural and artistic feat steeped in legend. In 708 AD, Bishop Aubert of Avranches reportedly received three visions from Archangel Michael instructing him to build a church here. After the third apparition, a mark was left on the bishop’s skull as proof of the miracle. The relic is still preserved in Avranches today.

Saint-Malo — a famed corsair city in Brittany, known for its impressive ramparts and fortifications.

- Saint-Malo Ramparts: The must-see highlight. Walk along the walls encircling the old town for sweeping views of the coastline, rooftops, and nearby islands.
- Grand Bé & Petit Bé: Two tidal islets just off Saint-Malo, reachable on foot at low tide.
- Old Town: Inside the walls lies Saint-Malo’s historic heart — charming cobbled lanes, stone buildings, and bustling shops and restaurants, rich with the spirit of a “pirate city”.

Day 4: Saint-Malo → Le Mans → Paris (400 km)

Le Mans — a city rich in history and culture, world-famous for the Le Mans 24 Hours endurance race.

- Plantagenet Old Town: Encircled by Roman-era walls. Stroll along the ramparts for views over the Sarthe River; inside, narrow winding cobbled streets form a charming maze.

- Cathedral of Saint Julian: A landmark in the center of the old town. Its architecture blends Romanesque and Gothic styles, adding a grand religious presence to the district.
- 24 Hours of Le Mans Museum: Located near the entrance of the Bugatti Circuit. Exhibits cover the race’s evolution since 1923, technological innovations, legendary drivers and teams, and a rich collection of cars, trophies, posters and memorabilia — a must for motorsport fans.

Arrive in Paris in the early evening. Your driver-guide will see you off at the pre-arranged drop-off point. Tour ends.

Tour Price

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| Adult Tour Price | EUR 840 |
| Child Tour Price | EUR 740 (2-11 yrs, no extra bed) |
| Single Supplement | EUR 75 / pax / night |
| Tips | EUR 10 / pax / day |

Price Includes

- 5–9-seat business van + 4-star hotels with breakfast + professional driver-guide (10 hours/day); includes driver’s meals & accommodation, fuel and parking.
- Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off for joining/leaving the tour (city centre only).

Price Excludes

- Airfare & visas; lunch and dinner; attraction tickets; driver-guide tips (EUR/GBP 10 per person per day).
- Themed activities (e.g., winery visits, truffle hunting), other transport (trains/boats), city taxes, insurance, and driver-guide overtime (EUR/GBP 50 per hour).

Reference Hotels

| City | Hotel (or similar) |
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| Le Havre | Mercure Le Havre Centre Bassin Du Commerce 4* |
| Caen | Novotel Caen Cote De Nacre 4* |
| Saint-Malo | Mercure Saint Malo Balmoral 4* |

(Hotels are subject to final confirmation.)

Reference Entrance Fees & Signature Meal Costs

(Prices are for reference only; please refer to official websites or the restaurant for final prices.)

| Item | Reference Price |
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| Monet's House & Gardens | 10EUR |
| Le Havre Museum of Modern Art | 18EUR |
| Omaha Beach Memorial Museum | 8EUR |
| Mont Saint-Michel Abbey | 11EUR |
| 24 Hours of Le Mans Museum | 10EUR |

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| Signature Meal – Seafood Set | EUR 35 per person |
| Recommended Restaurant | La Voile Bleue(French restaurant, seafood platter) |
| Address | 58 Rue des Sauveteurs, Le Havre, France |
| Opening Hours | Sun12:00-14:00; Wed12:00-14:00, 19:00-22:00; Thu12:00-14:00, 19:00-22:00; Fri12:00-14:00, 19:00-22:00; Sat12:00-14:00, 19:00-22:00 |
