



## **NORMANDY & LOIRE VALLEY – Rouen, Honfleur, Etretat, St. Malo and Mont St. Michel**

### **Detailed itinerary, 10-day trip:**

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, LG=Luggage)

#### **Day 1: ARRIVAL DAY**

Rouen, the capital of Normandy is our meeting point. Welcome dinner and evening in town.

Accommodation: Hotel\*\*\* in Rouen, double room (D, LG)

#### **Day 2: ROUEN AND SURROUNDINGS**

Today is dedicated to visiting this medieval jewel, its cathedral, the Norman market and various other points of interests. An afternoon hike is planned in the forest high above the city. Dinner in one of the many local eateries serving excellent locally grown cuisine.

Accommodation: Hotel\*\*\* in Rouen, double room (B, L, D, LG)

#### **Day 3: ETRETAT**

Etretat is a small fishing village on the English Channel where we will spend the night. Our walk allows us to hike back to Etretat starting in Fecamp and stopping for lunch in the tiny summer resort of Yport. A coastal walk which meanders along the cliffs, we will have ample opportunity to enjoy the lush Norman countryside, its small farms and numerous churches and other monuments.

Accommodation: Hotel\*\*\* in Etretat double room (B, L, D, LG)

#### **Day 4: HONFLEUR**

From Etretat, we leave the coast and head south to the hamlet of Pont L'Eveque where its famous cheese is made. Time-permitting, we will have a tour of one of several cheese factories in the area. An afternoon hike is planned in the countryside taking in the rich Norman "Terroire" before heading back to the coast and the ancient town of Honfleur, with its miniscule harbour, small fleet of fishing boats and many quality restaurants.

Accommodation: Hotel\*\*\* in Honfleur, double room (B, L, D, LG)

#### **Day 5: LES ARROMANCHES**

The day begins with a guided visit of Honfleur and its many hidden secrets. After lunch, we head to Caen, and the peace Museum dedicated in part to D-Day. A self-guided visit of the museum is planned before driving to the summer resort and fishing village or Arromanches, the epicentre of the D-Day landings.

Accommodation: Hotel\*\* in Les Arromanches, double room (B, L, D, LG)

**Day 6: ST. MALO**

Arromanches, Utah Beach and the Allied Landings are on the menu for today. Our morning will be taken up by a guided visit of the main American landing beaches and the German defensive positions. If time allows, we will also visit the Allied War Cemeteries. After lunch, a roughly 3-hour drive will bring us to the fortified city of St Malo, and the nearby Mont St Michel.

Accommodation: Hotel\*\*\*\* in St. Malo, double room (B, L, D, LG)

**Day 7: MONT ST. MICHEL**

A guided visit of the Mont St Michel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, will be followed by a guided hike across the bay, taking in the spectacular natural beauty of this part of France.

Accommodation: Hotel\*\*\*\* in St. Malo, double room (B, L, D, LG)

**Day 8-10: CHATEAUX LOIRE VALLEY**

The remainder of our trip will take us to the Loire Valley where Chateaux country will be our primary objective. Two nights will be spent in a lovingly restored manor transformed into a B&B. Trip end after breakfast on day 10.

Accommodation: Chateau/Manor\*\*\*\* in Anjou, double room (B, L, D, LG)