



## Medieval France, Romance of Fontainebleau and Paris (#18537)

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### Overview

This cruise brings you gently from the edges of Burgundy to Paris. Discover prestigious monuments and famous sites. The architectural treasures of Provins' a medieval city listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site' and Sens unfold before your eyes. You'll fall in love with Barbizon, the timeless painters' village. Travel back in time at the Fontainebleau and Vaux-le-Vicomte castles. You'll pass the famous beautiful forest of Fontainebleau' once the hunting grounds for French royalty and a natural inspiration for many artists.

### Trip Highlights

Paris - Sens - Montereau-Fault-Yonne - Moret-Loing-Et-Orvanne - Melun - Evry - Paris

### Detailed Itinerary



### Day 01

#### DAY 01: Paris - SENS

Possible transfer(1) by coach from Paris to join our ship in Sens (duration ~2:00.) Passengers are welcome to board our ship in Sens at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner.

**Meal:** Dinner

### Day 02

#### DAY 02: SENS - MONTEREAU-FAULT-YONNE

In the morning, visit the city, home to a variety of historical buildings with impressive architecture. The cathedral in Sens was the first of the great Gothic cathedrals in France and was the inspiration in layout and design for many others, including Canterbury Cathedral in Great Britain. Strolling through the street and along the promenades, you'll take in the remarkable homes, buildings and wall fronts that are testimony to the town's rich past. Take some time to browse in the market and taste the local products. We'll return on board and begin to cruise on the Yonne River, a tributary of the Seine. During our peaceful journey, we'll pass by several lakes and ponds. We'll arrive in Montereau-Fault-Yonne in the late afternoon. The evening is free to do as you please.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 03

#### DAY 03: MONTEREAU-FAULT-YONNE - MORET-LOING-ET-ORVANNE

Morning sail to Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne.

Afternoon excursion included: Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne. Situated on the edge of the Fontainebleau forest, this royal town is famous for its barley sugar and landscapes immortalised by the Impressionist Alfred Sisley. You'll discover the fortified medieval gates, the superb Renaissance facades, the banks of the Loing and Notre-Dame church. Free time after the visit to wander around the town at your own pace, and don't hesitate to visit the barley sugar shop, a sweet and delicate flavour created during the reign of Louis XIII in Moret. Return on board. Evening free.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



## Day 04

### DAY 04: MORET-LOING-ET-ORVANNE - MELUN

We'll spend the morning cruising to Melun.

In the afternoon, join us for a tour of the Palace of Fontainebleau and its magnificent gardens. All the kings and queens of France passed through Fontainebleau at one time or another. The château is a unique example of a residence that was inhabited regularly for more than eight centuries. The French gardens, fountains and flowerbeds will transport you back to the palace's days of glory. We'll also visit the cosmopolitan town which sprung up around the château to round out your tour.

After our visit, we'll return to the ship. The evening is free to do as you please.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 05

### DAY 05: MELUN - EVRY

We'll spend the morning cruising to Evry. In the afternoon, visit the village of Barbizon. Around the year 1820, Edmée and François Ganne set up a grocer's shop in the hamlet of Barbizon. In 1827, Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot discovered the village, paving the way for other painters to come here, including Théodore Rousseau and Jean-François Millet. A whole generation of young artists decided to paint "from nature", leaving their studios to work in situ, like their two great English precursors, John Constable and Turner. Stroll through the cobbled streets and push the door of small shops and art galleries! Afterwards, we'll return on board. Tonight is our gala dinner and evening.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 06

### DAY 06: EVRY - PARIS

In the morning, visit of the sumptuous Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte. The architect Louis Le Vau was already widely celebrated when Fouquet called on his services in 1653. As the Kings Principal Architect, he had erected a number of Parisian mansions including the Hôtel Lambert. Considered the greatest ambassador of the Italianate style in France, Le Vau also drew inspiration from classical antiquity. Drawing on these traditional sources, he then created a powerful new style of his own, starting with Vaux-le-Vicomte and thus lay the foundations of French architecture for the next 150 years. After our tour, we'll return on board on Evry. We'll spend the afternoon cruising to Paris.



"Parisian titi" evening on board.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 07**

**DAY 07: PARIS**

Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - on board drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - the excursions mentioned in the program - assistance from our onboard multilingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - travel assistance and repatriation insurance- all port fees.

## Exclusions

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - the transfer by coach from Paris to Sens(1) - personal expenses.

## EXCLUSIONS INCLUDED:

\*Price based on double occupancy.

- Peaceful Sens, its cathedral and covered marketplace

• Medieval Moret-Loing-et-Orronne

Child discount (2-9 years) is 20% (On request)

- The Palace of Fontainebleau and its splendid gardens, one of the most beautifully decorated and furnished in France

The ships available for this cruise are Ms Déborah and MS Raymonde.

- Visit the village of Barbizon
- Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.
- Vaux-le-Vicomte, a 17th-century masterpiece.

**Valid national identity card or passport required.** Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

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### Fixed Departure

**11 Sep, 2024**

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