# **Boisset Collection Wine Cruise**



# Cruise from Paris to Normandy with Jean-Charles Boisset

Uniworld SS Joie de Vivre • 7 Nights • May 16-23, 2021



#### DAY 1 EMBARKATION - PARIS

Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

#### DAY 2 LA ROCHE-GUYON, VERNON, GIVERNY

Today is a celebration of northern France's natural beauty, with an excursion to a splendid château and gardens situated in an equally grand setting, plus a chance to immerse yourself in the very landscapes that inspired Impressionist master Claude Monet. Visit the hilltop Château de La Roche-Guyon, surrounded by beautiful gardens and offering sweeping views over the Seine. Later, you can visit the home and gardens of Claude Monet. Or take in the beautiful French countryside in a more invigorating way, with a guided bike ride from Vernon to Giverny. Choice of Château La Roche-Guyon or "Let's Go" hike on the Crests trail or Monet's gardens at Giverny or "Let's Go" bike ride from Vernon to Giverny. This evening, a special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.

#### DAY 3 ROUEN

Walk in the footsteps of greatness in Normandy's medieval capital, a city with a historic quarter that remains amazingly intact. From the cathedral Monet painted dozens of times to the cross marking the spot where Joan of Arc was martyred, Rouen is a treasure trove for the culturally curious. The roll call of famous people who lived or died in Rouen is long and varied—Richard the Lionheart, Joan of Arc, Gustave Flaubert and Claude Monet are among them. Featured Excursion: Rouen walking tour, the Dukes of Normandy's capital.

#### DAY 4

## **CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX (HONFLEUR OR ÉTRETAT)**

Caudebec-en-Caux, a lovely little town on the right bank of the Seine Estuary, is your base for one of two very different excursions. You could drive through the beautiful Calvados countryside to Honfleur, a delightful seaside harbor and city of painters, or head to the windy cliffs of Étretat for a game of golf. Choice of Honfleur walking tour or "Let's Go" golfing in Étretat

#### DAY 5

#### **ROUEN (NORMANDY BEACHES)**

There are moments when we travel that move us on an otherworldly level—experiences that stir a profound emotional connection. The Normandy beaches certainly have that effect. On your full-day outing, you'll visit Normandy's beaches, including Utah Beach and Ste-Mère-Église, with a choice to venture to either the American, British and Australian or Canadian beaches. After, you'll go to the American cemetery and partake in a private ceremony at the Omaha Beach Memorial—a sentimental remembrance of Operation Overlord. Choice of Normandy Beaches: highlights of American sites, or Normandy Beaches: highlights of British & Australian sites, or Normandy Beaches: highlights of Canadian sites.

#### DAY 6

#### **MANTES-LA-JOLIE (VERSAILLES)**

How did France's rulers live over the centuries? Step into the private rooms of the Palace of Versailles, the lavish palace built by the Sun King, to find out. Choice of Versailles Palace secret apartments or "Versailles Gardens and Queens Hamlet". A special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

#### DAY 7 PARIS

Whether you're a first-time visitor to the "City of Light" or you've been here many times before, there's something for everyone today in Paris. Enjoy a panoramic overview of the city, join a local expert for a walk through two much-loved neighborhoods, or pedal your way along the Left Bank, a fresh and fun way to take in the sights. Choice of Paris city tour or "Do as the Locals Do" Île de la Cité and Latin Quarter or "Let's Go" Seine riverbanks bike ride or "Heart of Paris" Seine River cruise.

## DAY 8

#### PARIS (DISEMBARK)

Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Charles de Gaulle Airport for your flight home.



