



## FRANCE

# NORMANDY COAST TO CHATEAUX JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 15804)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Bayeux to  
Tours

### TRAVEL PERIODS

04 Apr 26- 03 Oct 26

### EXPERIENCE

[Group Journeys](#)  
[Cultural](#)

### TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Join our intimate group of just eight travellers, from D-Day beaches to Mont Saint Michel, Loire wines, and fairy tale castles, all in one unforgettable journey.

## Highlights

- **Guaranteed departures with a maximum of 8 guests**
- Explore **Mont Saint Michel's Gothic Abbey** and soak up breathtaking views of the tidal bay
- Walk historic **D-Day beaches** and hear powerful stories of courage from your expert guide
- Discover **Chenonceau and Chambord**, two stunning Loire Valley châteaux steeped in elegance and history
- Taste exceptional **Loire wines in Bourgueil and Chinon** while exploring charming villages and vineyards

Step onto the beaches in Normandy where history was made, wander through medieval abbeys rising from the sea, and sip fine wines among rolling vineyards. Then, lose yourself in the elegance of the Loire Valley's grand chateaus. This escorted journey blends powerful stories, breathtaking landscapes, and unforgettable flavours, all in one seamless experience.



**GUARANTEED  
DEPARTURES**



**VARIED GROUP  
SIZES**



**SUSTAINABLE  
TRAVEL**



**ENGLISH-ONLY  
EXPERT GUIDES**



**HANDPICKED  
CENTRAL HOTELS**



**AUTHENTIC  
EXPERIENCES**



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Bayeux at Grand Hotel du Luxembourg 4\* or similar
- 3 nights in Tours at Hôtel Océania L'Univers 4\* or similar
- Private Arrival Transfer from Bayeux Train Station (daytime)
- Departure transfer to Tours Train Station/Airport (daytime)
- Travel in comfortable & fully equipped Minivans
- Daily Breakfast
- Full day tour of Normandy D-Day Highlights
- Full day tour to Mont Saint Michel with tickets to Mont Saint Michel Abbey
- Full day tour to Chambord, Chenonceau and Amboise
- Full day Loire Valley wine tour to Bourgueil & Chinon wine regions
- Entrances' tickets included: Chambord & Chenonceau
- Wine tasting fees in wineries visited included
- English speaking guide/driver throughout the tour

## ITINERARY

Day

1

### Bayeux

Arrive independently in Bayeux and enjoy a private transfer to your accommodation for a relaxing start to your journey.

Overnight stay in Bayeux at **Grand Hotel du Luxembourg** - or similar.

**Please note: The 4 May departure will operate in reverse, starting in Tours and ending in Bayeux.**





Day 2

## Bayeux

After breakfast, your adventure begins in Bayeux. Meet your guide, hop into a comfy, air-conditioned Mercedes minivan, and settle in for a day packed with history and breathtaking views.

First, explore **Sainte-Mère-Église**, the village where American paratroopers landed under fire. See the famous church where one soldier was left dangling from the steeple during the battle.

Next, visit **Utah Beach**, one of the key landing sites, and pause at the nearby US military cemetery – a powerful reminder of courage and sacrifice.

Stand atop the dramatic cliffs of **Pointe du Hoc**, where Rangers scaled sheer rock faces to take out German positions. Then, walk the sands of **Omaha Beach**, a name etched in history and immortalised in *Saving Private Ryan*.

Finally, pay your respects at the **American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer**, a place of deep reflection.

Overnight stay in Bayeux at **Grand Hotel du Luxembourg** - or similar.

Breakfast



## Bayeux

After breakfast, your adventure begins in Bayeux, where you'll meet your friendly guide and hop into a comfy, air-conditioned Mercedes minivan. Sit back and enjoy the scenic drive to southern Normandy as your guide shares fascinating stories along the way.

Then, prepare for that magical first glimpse of **Mont Saint Michel** – a stunning Gothic masterpiece rising from the tidal bay. Cross the causeway and follow your guide on an engaging walking tour of the **Abbey**, a marvel of medieval architecture dating back to 708 AD. Discover its rich history, from Romanesque beginnings to the breathtaking Gothic Merveille.

Take in sweeping views of the bay, wander through charming cobblestone streets, and browse quaint shops for souvenirs. Your guide will recommend great lunch spots – or treat yourself to the famous omelet at **La Mère Poulard**.

Overnight stay in Bayeux at **Grand Hotel du Luxembourg** - or similar.

Breakfast



## Bayeux Tours

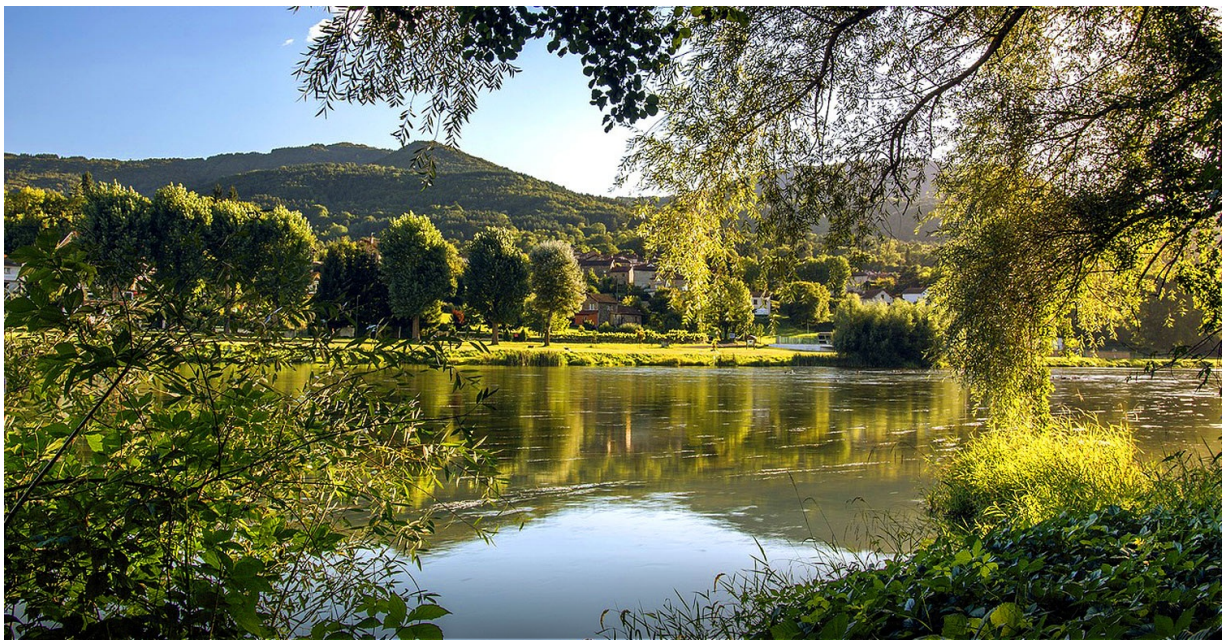
After breakfast, sit back and relax as you enjoy a scenic transfer from Bayeux to Tours. Travel in comfort through the beautiful French countryside, passing rolling fields, charming villages, and historic landscapes along the way.

Your journey takes you from the heart of Normandy to the Loire Valley, a region celebrated for its grand châteaux, world-class wines, and rich cultural heritage. Upon arrival in Tours, the remainder of the day is yours to explore the city on your own.

Overnight stay in Tours at **Hotel Oceania L'Univers** - or similar.

Breakfast





Day **5**

## Tours

After breakfast, embark on an unforgettable journey through the Loire Valley, home to France's most iconic castles. Your day begins in Tours, where you'll meet your friendly English-speaking guide and settle into a premium, air-conditioned vehicle for a scenic drive through this enchanting region.

**First stop: Château de Chenonceau**, the "Ladies' Castle," gracefully spanning the River Cher. Discover its fascinating past, shaped by remarkable women like Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Medici. Explore elegant rooms filled with fine art and tapestries, stroll through manicured gardens, and soak up the charm of this Renaissance masterpiece.

After free time for lunch in a nearby village (at your own expense), continue to **Château de Chambord**, a true architectural marvel and UNESCO World Heritage site. Commissioned by King Francis I, Chambord boasts 440 rooms, 84 staircases, and the famous double-helix staircase, said to be inspired by Leonardo da Vinci. Wander through grand halls, climb to the terraces for sweeping views, and admire the ornate rooftop that makes Chambord so unique.

As the day ends, return to Tours with lasting memories of two of France's most extraordinary châteaux.

Overnight stay in Tours at **Hotel Oceania L'Univers** - or similar.

Breakfast



CHATEAU CHENONCEAU



Discover the flavours and history of the Loire Valley on this unforgettable wine adventure. Meet your friendly English-speaking guide, a true expert in Loire wines, and settle into a comfortable, air-conditioned Mercedes minivan for a scenic drive through the vineyards.

**First stop: Bourgueil**, a charming wine region known for its elegant reds and fruity rosés. Visit a traditional winery, learn about the winemaking process, and enjoy a guided tasting of local vintages. If you find a favourite, you'll have the chance to purchase a bottle to take home.

Next, explore **Chinon**, a picturesque town steeped in history. Stroll through medieval streets, admire Renaissance architecture, and hear stories of Joan of Arc and Richard the Lionheart. Your guide will recommend the best spots for a delicious lunch (at your own expense).

In the afternoon, head to the **Chinon wine region** for another tasting at a family-run estate. Savour exceptional reds while soaking up views of rolling vineyards.

End the day with a relaxing drive back to Tours, filled with memories of fine wines and stunning landscapes

Overnight stay in Tours at **Hotel Oceania L'Univers** - or similar.

Breakfast



After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the train station in Tours.

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Guaranteed departure with a minimum of 2 guests.**

**Please note that the 4 May departure will operate in reverse, starting in Tours and ending in Bayeux.**

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package

## IN PARTNERSHIP

