GO AHEAD TOURS



London, Normandy & Paris

12 days | 14 days with Paris extension

Journey from the banks of the Thames to the Seine, making your way along the beautiful French coastline in between. Experience the local lifestyle and see iconic sights in London. Then, zip below the English Channel on the Eurostar train to France to discover the past along the beaches of Normandy and Brittany. End your trip in Paris for your fill of mouthwatering cuisine and awe-inspiring landmarks.



Your tour package includes

10 nights in handpicked hotels
10 breakfasts
4 dinners with beer or wine
1 brandy tasting
5 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
1 train ride

Included highlights

Big Ben
Buckingham Palace
Eurostar train ride
Honfleur harbor
D-Day beaches
Mont-Saint-Michel
Saint-Malo
Chartres Cathedral
Eiffel Tower photo stop

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to London today.

London → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in London
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to England! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London
Included meals: breakfast
View the regal landmarks of England's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Pass the grand Trafalgar Square and Baroque-style St. Paul's Cathedral, perched atop Ludgate Hill
- See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations, weddings, and funerals
- View icons like Big Ben, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, and the UNESCO-recognized Tower of London
- Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you may catch the Changing of the Guard

Enjoy a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.
+ Windsor Castle

Day 4: Free day in London
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in London or add an excursion.
+ Stonehenge & Oxford

Normandy Coast → 2 nights

Day 5: Normandy Coast via Lille & Honfleur Region
Included meals: breakfast, tasting
Board the famed, high-speed Eurostar train and ride beneath the English Channel as you journey to Lille, France. Then, travel through historic cities and pristine port towns on your way to the Normandy coast.
Please note: Depending on train schedules, you may have a connection in Paris.

- Enjoy a tasting of Calvados, the region's distinctive apple brandy, with local cheese
- See the untouched Honfleur harbor, once an important port

Please note: Porterage is not included for the train transfers. Travelers must be comfortable lifting and carrying all luggage over steps, onto platforms, and into luggage storage

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Normandy
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Dive into World War II history with your Tour Director during a visit to Normandy, where the Allied troops landed in June, 1944.

- Travel to the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, the burial place for more than 9,000 American soldiers who lost their lives during the Battle of Normandy
- Walk along Omaha Beach, the landing site of American troops on D-Day
- Visit Pointe du Hoc to view the granite monument that honors the American 2nd Ranger Battalion, which seized German cannons here before they could be used to fire on American troops
- Stop in the seaside town of Arromanches, home to one of the main Allied landing harbors, and enjoy free time to explore
- Pay a visit to Juno Beach and the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery *(time-permitting)*

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Brittany Region → 2 nights

Day 7: Brittany Region via Bayeux & Mont-Saint-Michel
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Travel to the Brittany region today, making several stops en route.

- Visit the Bayeux Museum to view the famed Bayeux Tapestry
- Explore the striking 8th-century island monastery of Mont-Saint-Michel on a guided sightseeing tour
- See how the UNESCO World Heritage-recognized monastery, perched high on a granite rock, is surrounded by water at high tide and quicksand at low tide
- View the Benedictine Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel with your local guide

Then, continue your journey towards to the Brittany region and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Saint-Malo
Included meals: breakfast
See Saint-Malo's narrow streets, tall granite homes, and medieval ramparts on a guided walking tour.

- Walk along the old walls of the port city, which was once home to many privateers
- View the burial site of the French writer Chateaubriand on the tidal island of Grand Bé

Enjoy a free afternoon in the Brittany region or add an excursion.
+ Brittany's Emerald Coast & Cancale Lunch

Paris → 3 nights

Day 9: Paris via Chartres
Included meals: breakfast
Travel through the French countryside to Paris today, stopping en route to visit the town of Chartres.

- Enter the impressive Chartres Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Explore the surrounding square and medieval houses that line the streets of the old city on your own

Later, arrive in Paris and enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.
+ Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Paris
Included meals: breakfast
A guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called *arrondissements*.

- Drive down the sycamore-lined Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe
- Pass Pont Neuf and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River
- See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house, and Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square
- Marvel at the iconic architecture of the Louvre and Hôtel des Invalides

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Spend a free afternoon in Paris or add an excursion.
+ Versailles Palace & Gardens

Day 11: Free day in Paris
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Explore Paris on your own today or add an excursion.
Then, join your group at a farewell dinner this evening.
+ Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to continue exploring Paris.

+ Paris extension

Paris is always a good idea, so extend your trip to keep exploring. Take a couple of days to museum-hop, stroll along the boulevards, brush up on your français, and let your expert Tour Director point you toward the crème de la crème.

Paris → 2 nights

Day 12: Free day in Paris
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Paris or add an excursion.
+ Food of Paris Walking Tour

Day 13: Free day in Paris
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a free day in Paris or add an excursion.
This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ Paris Home-Hosted Dinner

Flight Home

Day 14: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.ca/LNP | 1-800-754-5066**

Day 3: Windsor Castle
$175CAD (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)
Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longest-inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where knighting ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the Garter take place. View the exhibit of royal treasures within the castle. You'll then have time to stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry. Please note: When the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Wednesday, entrance will be replaced by an excursion to Hampton Court. For any departures where the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Tuesday, the excursion will be moved to another day on tour or cancelled. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 4: Stonehenge & Oxford
$190CAD (9.5 hours, departs in the morning)
Pay a visit to Oxford, home to one of the most prestigious universities in the world. You'll admire the charming city's spire-studded architecture and learn more about its academic legacy during a visit to New College at Oxford University. Founded in the 14th century, this college is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and you'll discover its extensive history during your visit. Then, enjoy free time for lunch before continuing on to Stonehenge, perhaps England's most mysterious landmark. The origin and purpose of this ring of stones, which dates back an estimated 5,000 years, is unknown, though most believe it was a temple and observatory. Take some time to explore the intriguing stone formations and visit the newly opened exhibition and visitor center before heading back to London. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 8: Brittany's Emerald Coast & Cancale Lunch
$175CAD/$185CAD* (5.5, departs in the morning)
Admire stunning ocean views as you take a short drive along the Brittany region's Emerald Coast toward Cancale. This small fishing town has earned a reputation as the region's oyster capital due to the world-famous Breton oysters it produces, and you'll learn all about the production during a visit to a nearby oyster farm with a local guide. Sip a glass of wine as you taste three types of oysters pulled from the surrounding waters. Then, continue on to Cancale to taste more local specialties during an included lunch at a French restaurant known as a crêperie. Spend free time exploring the town before making your way back to Saint Malo. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from January through November.

Day 9: Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise
$175CAD/$185CAD* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Take in the nighttime allure of the City of Light on a special evening excursion. The event begins with dinner at a local restaurant. After you dine, board a boat cruise along the Seine. As you coast along the river and under Paris' bridges, you'll behold the illuminated monuments of the city glittering alongside the riverbanks. Please note: The dress code may vary depending on the restaurant for your dinner. Your Tour Director will advise you on what to wear, but shorts and sneakers are likely to be considered inappropriate attire.

Day 10: Versailles Palace & Gardens
$199CAD (5 hours, departure time varies)
The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion, you'll see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then, stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds. Please note: Versailles Palace is closed on Mondays. The optional excursion may be moved to a different day on tour to accommodate schedules. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 45 days prior to departure.

Day 11: Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny
$149CAD/$159CAD* (6 hours, departs in the morning)
The village of Giverny was home to Claude Monet from 1883 until his death in 1926. On a visit to Monet's home and gardens, discover the subtle palette of colors that inspired his Water Lilies series and gave rise to a new way of seeing. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through October.

Extension excursion options

Day 12: Food of Paris Walking Tour
$149CAD (2.5 hours, departs in the morning)
Meet up with a local guide for a culinary-themed walking tour through Le Marais. This chic district is located on the Right Bank of the Seine and is home to some of the city's best boutiques, cocktail bars, and restaurants. You'll walk through Marché des Enfants Rouges, the city's oldest covered market, stopping to sample fresh fruit, cheese, and crepes. Then, watch locals go about their daily lives as you stroll along the charming cafe-lined streets. Your guide will talk about the various flavors and cooking techniques that have come to define French cuisine as you taste fresh pastries and macaroons at local shops. After your tour ends, opt to stay in the area where you can shop and eat lunch or travel back to your hotel. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 13: Paris Home-Hosted Dinner
$129CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Join a local at their home in Paris to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Parisian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about French culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms