



# France, Belgium & Holland

## featuring Normandy

### October 3 - 16, 2019

#### THE SALEM TRAVEL/Gate 1 Travel VACATION PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Motor-coach Salem to Chicago and return
- Non-stop Airfare & taxes from Chicago to Paris and from Amsterdam to Chicago via United Airlines
- One Carry-on and One Checked Bag per person permitted on the flights
- 12 nights accommodations at the following hotels or similar:
  - \* 2 nights **Novotel Tour Eiffel, Paris, France**
  - \* 3 nights **Novotel Bayeux, Bayeux, France**
  - \* 2 nights **Martin's Hotel, Bruges, Belgium**
  - \* 2 nights **Novotel Grand Place, Brussels, Belgium**
  - \* 3 nights **DoubleTree by Hilton, Amsterdam, Holland**
- Breakfast Daily
- Sightseeing by motor coach
- Local guides as required
- Porterage of one piece of checked luggage per person
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhance touring
- Bottle of water per person per day while on tour between Paris and Amsterdam
- \* Three Dinners with a choice of wine or beer
- \* Services of English-speaking Local Tour Manager
- \* Entrance fees per itinerary
- \* Basic gratuities to guides and driver on the tour
- \* Hosted by Salem Travel with agency escorts

#### Special Features:

- Sightseeing tour of Paris
- Visit to Giverny, Monet's home, studio & gardens
- Visit lovely port town of Honfleur
- Visit Sainte Mere Eglise
- Visit Normandy American Cemetery Memorial & Museum
- Visit to Saint Malo
- Sightseeing tour of Bruges
- Sightseeing tour of Brussels
- Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam & Canal Cruise
- Optional Volendam Tour
- \* Free Day in Paris
- \* Optional Versailles Palace Tour
- \* Visit to the remarkable Bayeux Tapestry & Museum
- \* Visit Ranger Memorial at Pointe du Hoc
- \* Visit Omaha Beach
- \* Visit Mont St. Michel
- \* Free Day in Bruges
- \* Visit Bastogne War Museum – Battle of the Bulge
- \* Free Day in Amsterdam
- \* Amsterdam Evening Walking tour

#### *Is this trip right for you?*

*This is a moderately active trip that is designed to have no single night hotel stays.*

*We can spend 2-3 hours on your feet during tours where you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps, and significant slopes. This tour is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking. We can request wheelchairs at airports, however, wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on the tour.*

This group is limited to 45 travelers and two Salem Travel escorts.

**Cost Per Person Based on Two Adults Sharing Room      \$4899**

Single supplement \$1750 – Very limited single rooms.

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## Itinerary For: 14 Day France, Belgium and Holland *featuring* Normandy

### Thursday, October 3, 2019 - Depart for Paris

Depart Salem in motor-coach for Chicago. Lunch stop in Paxton. Arrive Chicago for 6:00pm overnight flight.

### Friday, October 4, 2019 - Arrive in Paris – 2 Nights – Novotel Eiffel Tower Hotel

Arrive at 9:30 am in Paris. Upon arrival, we will be met and begin a **panoramic sightseeing tour of Paris**, the City of Light, drive along the Champs Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe, past the Eiffel Tower, Cathedral of Notre Dame, Napoleon's Tomb, the Latin Quarter, and the lively Opera district. **The balance of the day is free.** This evening join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a **Welcome Drink, Orientation & Welcome Dinner.**

### Saturday, October 5, 2019 - Free Day - Optional Tour to Versailles

Today is a free day to independently enjoy Paris. There are innumerable possibilities in this fantastic city including world famous art museums such as the Louvre, wonderful neighborhoods to explore such as Saint Germain des Pres, and wonderful shopping streets and department stores. This afternoon you have the option to take a tour to the Palace of Versailles.

Relive the glorious period of Louis XIV, XV and XVI as you pace one of the largest and most influential formal gardens in the world. Today's tour takes you to **Versailles Palace**. Visit the Palace and extravagant State Apartments, including a guided visit to the Reception Halls, the Queen's Bedroom, and the Hall of Mirrors. You will also have time to walk the palace grounds and formal gardens. Enjoy VIP access and skip the lines.

### Sunday, October 6, 2019 - Giverny - Honfleur – Bayeux – 3 nights - Novotel Bayeux

This morning we depart Paris to **Giverny** to visit the former house of Impressionist painter Claude Monet. Explore the famous gardens which inspired many of Monet's paintings. Following the visit to this remarkable site, we will travel to the port town of **Honfleur**, a charming city lined with 16th - 18th century townhouses and filled with interesting shops and art galleries. Then we will continue to Bayeux, our home for the next 3 nights.

### Monday, October 7, 2019 - Bayeux Tapestry, Normandy Landing Beaches

Spend the full day in Normandy exploring the sights and sandy beaches. Begin by stepping back in time to a historical battle, and see the intricate **Tapestry**, woven to commemorate the Norman invasion of England by William the Conqueror in 1066. Then we turn our attention to World War II and the D-Day invasion, a day that is remembered for true bravery and sacrifice and the beginning of the liberation of France. Visit Sainte Mere Eglise. The paratroopers landing at this strategic location was featured in the movie The Longest Day, located near Utah beach along the east coast of the Cotentin Peninsula where the allied invasion began on June 6, 1944 - D-Day. Make a stop at the **Ranger Memorial at Pointe du Hoc**. Continue east to visit **Omaha Beach** and the site of the **Normandy American Cemetery, memorial and museum**. The cemetery covers 172.5 acres and contains the graves of 9,387 American soldiers. Return to Bayeux in the early evening.

### Tuesday, October 8, 2019 - Saint-Malo - Mont St. Michel

Depart this morning for a visit to **Saint-Malo**, a lovely coastal walled city. Then we will continue to **Mont St. Michel**, rising from the sea on a mighty rock. Cross the causeway by shuttle and browse the narrow streets and admire the views of the bay, with time for lunch on our own in this charming town. One of France's most recognizable landmarks, the fortified town is crowned by the mighty 10th century Abbey. Entrance is included for those who want to climb the steps to the Abbey. This evening we have a **dinner included at our hotel**.

### **Wednesday, October 9, 2019 – Bruges – 2 nights – Martin’s Hotel**

Today we depart Normandy for the delightful town of **Bruges**. Upon arrival, enjoy a delightful **orientation tour** in Bruges with its charming squares and some of Europe's most well preserved medieval buildings. The tour takes us first to view the Lake of Love (Minnewater) and the Beguinage convent. Continue with a walking tour of the city's medieval districts, where we will visit Our Lady's Church, which houses the famous Madonna statue by Michelangelo, the Market Square and Belfry, and the Town Hall Square with its Chapel of the Holy Blood.

### **Thursday, October 10, 2019 - Free Day in Bruges**

Today is a free day to sleep in and independently explore this lovely town often called the "Venice of the North".

### **Friday, October 11, 2019 – Brussels – 2 nights – Novotel Grand Palace**

A short drive today to nearby Brussels. We will enjoy a **Brussels city sightseeing tour** with views of the Atomium, Palace of Justice and 17th-century Grand Place with its decorated guild houses. Stroll the city center to view the famous Mannekin Pis fountain. The balance of the day is free to independently explore Brussels.

### **Saturday, October 12, 2019 - Bastogne - War Museum**

Following breakfast, we will depart for **Bastogne to visit the Bastogne War Museum** which covers the Second World War, "from its origins to autumn 1944 and then focuses on the Battle of the Bulge. Key events of the war and the combatants' ordeal are reproduced with the aim of clarifying the broad sweep of history." The museum is housed in a new building. Following the visit, we will return to Brussels where the balance of the day is free.

### **Sunday, October 13, 2019 - Brussels to Amsterdam - Tour Amsterdam – 3 nights - DoubleTree Hilton**

Today we depart Brussels for Amsterdam on a **scenic drive** crossing the patchwork of canals and pasture of the low lands. We will have a brief **walking tour in Amsterdam then board a glass-top boat for a delightful cruise** of the winding canals for an up-close view of stately historic mansions, 16th-century gabled merchant houses, and charming churches with bell towers.

### **Monday, October 14, 2019 - Free Day - Optional tour to Volendam - Amsterdam by Night with Dinner**

Today is a **free day to explore Amsterdam**. There are two world-class museums: Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum. You may also wish to visit the Anne Frank House. You may continue to explore Amsterdam on your own this afternoon or take an optional tour to experience traditional Holland that includes a visit to Volendam, a charming fishing village on the old Zuiderzee. Next, visit a cheese farm and see a historic windmill and clog makers before return to Amsterdam. We will assist with individual museum tickets after final payment.

### **Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - Free Day**

Today is a free day to independently explore Amsterdam.

Tonight enjoy a **Farewell Dinner** and experience the excitement of one of Europe's most cosmopolitan cities. You will enjoy a dinner of local specialties in a traditional and cozy Dutch restaurant, with drink included. Then we take a **guided walking tour** which will explore the notorious "Red Light" district. This intriguing and secretive area is home to Amsterdam's "nocturnal trades" and coffee shops, as well as many trendy bars and restaurants. Your expert guide will lead you through the small streets and winding canals where you'll see that the classical architecture of Amsterdam truly comes alive at night.

### **Wednesday, October 16, 2019 - Depart for U.S.**

Following breakfast you will transfer to the airport to board your flight departing 11:00 am arriving at 1:00 pm in Chicago the same day. Motor-coach to Salem with a stop for pizza at Paxton.

All flight times are subject to change

*The itinerary listed is offered in good faith, while traveling modifications may need to be made due to unexpected occurrences. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.*

**Not Included:**

- Meals unless specified, optional tours, and anything not mentioned.
- Travel Protection Insurance - Premiums are not covered by the initial deposit. Insurance premiums may be paid at any time prior to or with final payment and become effective on the date payment is received.

**Deviation Fees:**

- Airfare is based upon the entire group traveling together on the same flights and same class of service.
- Any deviation on flights when booking will be charged at prevailing rates and package price adjusted accordingly.
- Economy Plus seats can be added after final payment based on availability, at prevailing rates and paid by traveler credit card at the time the seats are upgraded. Airline seat fees are non-refundable.
- Any deviation on flights after final payment is subject to \$500 per person plus any cost difference.
- Land rates are based upon group pricing. There is no refund for unused services.
- Name changes before final payment will incur \$200 per change fee.
- Name changes once full payment has been received will incur \$500 per person per change plus any airline cost associated with the change.
- Arrival and departure transfers will be accommodated for passengers who have purchased airfare independently and arrive/depart at the same group scheduled transfer times.

**Entry Requirements:**

- US citizens require a passport valid for six months beyond travel dates.

**Optional Tours:**

- Versailles Apartments - Day #3 - 5 Oct 2019 - \$97.00
- Half Day Volendam Tour - Day #12 - 14 Oct 2019 - \$60.00

**Discounts:**

All payments for tour by check save \$100 per person

Travelers on the 2018 England and Scotland tour save \$100 per person.

**Travel Insurance:**

**Travel insurance is available through Salem Travel Bureau and is highly recommended. \$299 per person**

If purchased before or with final payment the travel insurance will cover travel interruptions, baggage, medical, trip cancellations for covered reasons, and more. Detailed policy information is available at Salem Travel.

**What you need to know:**

DEPOSIT: \$500 per person non-refundable, if space resold \$200 will be refunded.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due July 19, 2019 – Passport copy required – Final Payment is non-refundable.

OPTIONAL INSURANCE: \$299 Paid with deposit or with final payment, premium is non-refundable

***We look forward to welcoming you on this tour! Mike & Jeannell Charman***

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