

FRANCE

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

World Leader in Small



Group Travel in France

Giverny, Normandy, Mont Saint-Michel Tour

5-days/4 nights

Discover three of France's historic treasures, Monet's Gardens at Giverny, D-Day beaches & WWII stories along the Normandy coast, and the iconic Mont Saint-Michel nestled along the regional coastal border between Normandy and Brittany. With our WWII historian who recently released his second documentary about the events of the war, your heart will be touched by the stories these men, who gave their lives for a cause greater than themselves, relinquished during years of intimate interviews with him.

Indulge & Taste

This tour is truly a one of a kind experience for for travelers interested in combining three major historical sites in one trip. The tour also features stellar luxury chateau accommodations and gourmet and regional specialty dining throughout along with an exceptional visit to our artisan cider and Calvados producer.



EXPERIENCE INSPIRING ITINERARIES, EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY, AND EXCELLENT VALUE!

And, Off the Beaten Path France Tours are Recommended by Best Selling Author PJ Adams as her Tour of Choice to Discover France!!

Traveling on a group tour to France is a fabulous choice for a European vacation experience whether you are a first time traveler to France or a seasoned traveler to the country. And, traveling on an Off the Beaten Path small group, cultural walking and foodie tour provides exceptional and privileged insider experiences at unparalleled value that multi-destination and non-France based tour companies cannot match!

- Our focus and specialty is and always has been dedicated to small group travel in France – **WE KNOW FRANCE BEST!**
- In 2025, we celebrate 31 years experience leading tours exclusively in France.
- Our exclusive relationships with every one of our vendors in France makes these tours truly the trip of a lifetime!
- The most popular small group tours in France, we include “insider” experiences that non-France based and multi-destination tour companies cannot match.
- Our tours sell out year after year thanks to our exclusive benefits, exceptional quality, and excellent value.
- We are proud to be named travelers #1 choice for group travel for two decades!

Book one of our small group tours today to discover for yourself why our exclusive France tours have been named **TRAVELERS #1 CHOICE FOR GROUP TRAVEL FOR TWO DECADES!**

Website - <https://www.traveloffthebeatenpath.com>



Award Winning OFF THE BEATEN PATH TOURS
VOTED BEST ACTIVE, SMALL GROUP TOURS IN FRANCE FOR
DISCERNING TRAVELERS BY: CONDE NAST, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, FORBES ,
CNN TRAVELLER, USA TODAY, THE NEW YORK TIMES and TRAVEL & LEISURE!



WHO IS THIS TOUR DESIGNED FOR?

No EXPERIENCE NECESSARY...our Normandy Tour is designed for travelers interested in a small group tour that features a variety of engaging activities & experiences, plus Giverny and the Mont St. Michel, leisure time, professional and knowledgeable tour guides, luxurious accommodations and sumptuous gourmet meals that reflect the heart and soul of the region. It's vacation and our tours are all about having fun, enjoying new experiences and being active!

GUEST TESTIMONIALS:

Christy and Florent and Christine did a fantastic job as usual for our tour trip in France and Normandy specifically! We genuinely enjoyed Flo's descriptions of key locations and historical knowledge of the events and people associated with 1944. We were particularly moved by the spots that Flo took us to which were clearly "off the beaten path" and not usually highlighted by other tours, such as the tiny church in Angoville au Plain and the two medics taking care of soldiers and the local child! Thank you, Dana and Kyle (Loire Valley Tour, Champagne Tour)



Normandy TOUR FEATURES & PRICE INCLUDES:

- Full-time services during entire 5 days/4 nights of our France Off the Beaten Path Guide and WWII historian guide, Florent.
- 4 Nights at charming French chateaux luxury hotel
- 9 meals (4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 brunch, 2 dinners)
- Regional wines and/or famous Normandy cidre at group meals
- All non-alcoholic beverages, including water provided daily
- 2 Full day services of our World War II historian, specialist guide, Florent.
- All tastings provided by the artisans (wines, cheeses, pastries...)
- Admission to all places and activities detailed in the itinerary
- Airport Meet and Great with Transfers
- Transportation throughout the tour.

Tour Excludes: International Air to/from Paris, France, meals not detailed in itinerary, gratuities to tour guides and professional driver, hotel extras, personal purchases.



Normandy Itinerary: THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE

DAY 1 : MORNING PICK-UP, VISIT GIVERNY, TRANSFER TO HOTEL IN BAYEUX, GUIDED WALKING TOUR – D

Morning: Group pick-up at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport at 10 am for transfer to Normandy to begin the tour.

Giverny & Monet's Gardens

Before arriving in Bayeux, we'll visit Giverny. Peek into the life of Claude Monet, the painter who invented Impressionism, beating the cobblestones in Giverny, his hometown. Enter the house he lived in, and meet the muses of his inspiration: fabulous rare flower gardens and a certain famous pond... waterlilies included!



LUNCH : In "eat local" mode in the village with fresh produce grown nearby.

BAYEUX: Late afternoon check-in at our Bayeux hotel centrally located in town. Enjoy some free time strolling the streets of Bayeux and its boutiques before our welcome cocktail and dinner.

4 Nights at our charming, luxury boutique hotel in Bayeux (unpack once!)

DINNER

Welcome Dinner at our favorite local gourmet restaurant.



DAY 2: WORLD WAR II AND D-DAY LANDING BEACHES – B, L

BREAKFAST.

A FULL DAY

ABOUT OUR GUIDE : Our World War II historian and specialist guide, Florent, is a French native married to an American, and lives in Normandy. With a strong passion for and profound knowledge of World War II history, Florent received his Bachelor's degree in history in 2011 and Master's degree in business and tourism in 2014 from universities in France. With his degrees in hand he set out to interview WWII veterans in order to learn and preserve their stories, and show his gratitude for what they did to liberate his country. He spent three years traveling around the United States in a camper to accomplish his goal. He has also worked for the American Cemetery and, as a tour guide, on the battlefields of Normandy before starting his own guiding company. Florent released his most recent documentary on WWII, called "They Won't Die Twice – Omaha Beach Documentary – D-Day" a little over a year ago where it was featured on French television.



About Florent: As the most knowledgeable and passionate WWII guide we've ever worked with, Florent brings an unparalleled wealth of knowledge to the table. His understanding of the events of WWII runs deep, and is evident when he shares the stories he learned from the 1,000+ veterans interviewed. He recounts WWII history with great passion linking facts with the stories he learned, as if he had been there by their side during the war. He left me speechless and, at moments, in tears, the first time I interviewed him. He dug deep, and did the necessary to track down veterans who had never been interviewed. Today, Florent remains friends with the men he interviewed. Many have since passed, but Florent has vowed to keep their memories alive through sharing their stories with those who come to Normandy.

Set foot on Hoc Point, where bunkers and cliff overhangs were stormed by American Rangers on June 6th, 1944. Trudge along Omaha Beach where 34,000 soldiers made landfall on D-Day. Honor 9,000 fallen soldiers in the American Cemetery, with rank upon rank of white tombstones aligned along the coast. Discover Arromanches and what's left of the artificial port made from scratch by our British allies.

LUNCH : At a local brasserie near the beaches.

Early evening return to the hotel where guests have the evening free and **DINNER** independently in Bayeux. We will offer recommendations.



DAY 3 : 2ND FULL DAY TOURING WORLD WAR II AND D-DAY LANDING BEACHES – B, L

BREAKFAST.

2ND FULL DAY

This morning we depart after breakfast for a 2nd full day of guided visits to the WWII sites and D-Day landing beaches, museums, and cemeteries with our friend and specialist guide, Florent.

DINNER independently in Bayeux. We will offer recommendations.



DAY 4: MONT-SAINT-MICHEL – B, D

BREAKFAST.

MONT SAINT-MICHEL

MONT-SAINT-MICHEL by its 15th century ramparts, visit the abbey.

LUNCH : at the Mont Saint-Michel.

Late Afternoon return to the hotel in Bayeux.

DINNER : Gourmet farewell dinner to celebrate our time together.



DAY 5: VISIT TO OUR CIDRE, POMMEAU AND CALVADOS PRODUCER, VIP TASTING FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH AT THE FAMILY ORCHARD, RETURN TO CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT – B, D

BREAKFAST.

Cidre & Calvados

Morning visit at our local artisan cidre, pommeau, and calvados producer including a visit “behind the scenes” at the distillery. Afterwards, enjoy a tasting of Normandy cidres, pommeau, and calvados.

GOURMET BRUNCH at the family orchard.

After Brunch: Group transfers to Charles de Gaulle airport/airport hotel arriving approximately at 4 pm.

For each day, you have the choice between “participating in the activities” or staying in Bayeux for free time with the possibility of visiting the tapestry embroidered in 1066 at the time of William the Conqueror.



OUR COMMITMENT TO ENSURING INSPIRING ITINERARIES, EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY, AND EXCELLENT VALUE!!

- **ITINERARIES ARE DESIGNED TO SHARE THE VERY BEST OF EACH REGION** – Provence, Loire Valley, Bordeaux, Champagne, Normandy, and Dordogne– including luxurious and boutique hotel accommodations that reflect the heart & soul of each region, and offer complete modern amenities, spectacular theme walks, both Michelin-star gourmet and bistro style dining at the best restaurants of each region, cooking classes at the homes and/or private workshops of Michelin-star and Master Chefs who are personal friends and who welcome OTBP guests to their homes and professional kitchens as a group of friends, visits to local artisan workshops, participate in fun workshops with our artisan friends, shopping at the finest craft markets, hot air ballooning and much more.
- **ALL TOURS ARE RUN BY OTBP.** The company does NOT subcontract any of its tours. Many OTBP tours are owner led and those that aren't owner led are led by guides who work exclusively for OTBP and who have been hand-picked by Christy based on her very strict criteria.
- **NO HIDDEN FEES** - Since all OTBP tour guides reside in France, we do NOT have to incorporate any international transportation and lodging costs for tour guides into our tour prices. This means we pass on even greater savings to you, and can guarantee our OTBP luxurious quality tour experiences at even more competitive prices and better value prices.
- **ALL WINES INCLUDED** - Classified regional wines and non-alcoholic beverages are included at all group meals.
- **MOST MEALS INCLUDED** - Group lunches and dinners are comprised of a combination of set menus exclusively elaborated for our groups that reflect the cuisine of the region, ordering off the menu and indulging in select gourmet menus that feature a Chef's local and/or seasonal specialties. We are constantly told that our restaurant selections are one of many highlights of our tours! We are also happy to accommodate vegetarians, vegans, gluten allergies and other special dietary requests and needs.
- **ESTABLISHED, PROPRIETARY RELATIONSHIPS...** with all wineries, chefs, restaurants, bistros, service providers and artisans on each tour based on both its exclusive and privileged network of contacts and French friends, and an outstanding reputation throughout France. All chefs, restaurants and bistros selected for OTBP tours are Michelin-star and/or have been featured/recommended by top "foodie" magazines and/or fellow Michelin-star Chefs. OTBP tours feature dining in both gourmet restaurants and favorite hide-a-ways.
- **NEGOTIATED THE BEST RATES WITH ITS FRENCH PARTNERS** to ensure the best active, luxury and authentic French experience again at the best value tour prices.
- **THE LOWEST SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS** in the France tour industry thanks to established relationships with partner hotels. Our single supplement fees cover exact hotel single occupancy fees charged. We do NOT charge a single supplement for profit, NEVER.
- **FEATURING TRUE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL.** The maximum group size on OTBP tours is 16 guests per tour date, and 12 guests on some tours. Limiting group sizes creates the ideal ambiance for guests to easily mingle and get to know other guests, yet still maintain their independence. OTBP also limits its groups to a maximum of 16 guests per tour date in order to preserve each guest's personalized experience, and ensure its famous quality customer service.

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2025 NORMANDY TOUR DATES AND PRICES

- PRICE - 2025 NORMANDY TOUR: US\$4,999 per person based on double/twin occupancy.
- DATES - 2025 NORMANDY TOUR: June 24-28 and September 2-6.
- Single supplement for travelers requesting a single occupancy (non-shared) room: US\$960
- Please email us at christy@traveloffthebeatenpath.com or CALL/Message us at +1.717.683.2827 with questions and/or requests.
- Day Tour Options: Any day of this tour can be booked as a day tour option. Please contact us for details and day tour pricing.
- [Click here to “Book This Tour”](#)

NOT JUST A TOUR: IT'S AN **AUTHENTIC** OFF THE BEATEN PATH *French Experience...*

Unrivaled expertise within France sets Off the Beaten Path, LLC apart from non-France based and multi-destination tour companies. Off the Beaten Path, LLC (OTBP) is American owned and operated. In 2025, the company celebrates 31 years delivering small, engaging group, walking, gourmet foodie, wine and cultural tours exclusively in France. OTBP active, small group France tours offer travelers the very BEST, and most inspiring and exclusive itineraries filled with cultural “insider” experiences to discover Provence, Loire Valley, Bordeaux, Champagne, Normandy, and Dordogne, France.

Enjoy exceptional quality and excellent value on an OTBP small group tour today! Travelers and publications rate Off the Beaten Path Tours the BEST active, small group tours in France thanks to the unparalleled “insider” experiences featured in each tour itinerary. The company’s renowned “insider” relationships with regional French chefs, artisans, and cultural industry professionals put Off the Beaten Path far ahead of the competition when it comes to creating one-of-a-kind itineraries to experience the very BEST of France! Whether you’re a seasoned small group tour traveler, or new to the small group tour scene, Off the Beaten Path tours offer fun, enriching, interactive, local, and authentic French experiences and activities for everyone.

More than just a tour, Off the Beaten Path, transforms the entire guest experience into a personalized and exclusive “unparalleled” active, cultural affair that far exceeds guest expectations! We connect guests with lifelong, French friends who rank among France’s top-rated chefs, specialty artisans, artists, wine producers, hotel & castle owners, and entertainers! Expert Professional English speaking guides who live in France, inspiring itineraries, deluxe historical hotel accommodations, sumptuous French meals, classified regional wines, and comfortable transportation in private, spacious, professionally driven vehicles are immutable standards on every Off the Beaten Path Tour. Each tour itinerary is comprised of a variety of engaging activities and enriching experiences for guests to authentically discover the heart and soul of each region. Participate in cooking classes with our friends who are celebrity Master, Meilleur Ouvrier de France, and Michelin-star chefs who look forward to your arrival, and make you feel welcome in their family homes, professional kitchens, and workshops as a group of friends.

Shop at weekly village markets where OTBP tour guides introduce you to our French friends who are olive oil and wine producers, artists, cheese-makers, herb and spice vendors, craftsmen, perfumery and linen artisans, and designers. Walk the same countryside and vineyard trails that regional French residents do with their families. Enjoy the slow road scenery that comes with walking local country trails through vineyards, flower fields of lavender, poppies, and sunflowers, olive and fruit orchards, and small historic villages. Tour castles, pre-historic caves, and other historical monuments and sites with our knowledgeable, professional UNESCO award-winning guides. Learn the juicy, fun untold stories of French history! Dine in the same gourmet restaurants and bistros, as local French do — where the chefs are our personal friends and set aside a table uniquely to welcome you as their exclusive guests. Built-in leisure time provides guests with opportunities to pursue independent interests and activities or to break away from the group for some quiet or personal time.

Every OTBP tour offers daily options with varying levels of activeness. You always have the flexibility of deciding how each day unfolds. OTBP tour guides sit down with the group every day to discuss the activities, excursions, walks, local events, and options of the day. With so many options available during each tour, we ensure you the flexibility to be as active as you choose (more walking, less walking, shopping time, cultural discovery, people watching, photography, etc.), and to also enjoy leisure time to pursue independent interests, all while enjoying the perks of traveling in a small group. Our tour guides take care and manage the daily logistics and details while you, our guest, spend your time on the critical stuff — having fun, relaxing and enjoying your vacation your way! The idea behind each OTBP tour is to appeal to the discerning traveler of all ages and backgrounds who seeks something new and different, and who wants to reach out and discover something inspiring.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Off the Beaten Path, LLC is an American owned and operated company licensed and bonded to protect your vacation investment.
- Off the Beaten Path, LLC holds a website identity assurance warranty of \$100,000. Travelers are insured for up to \$100,000 per tour reservation booking when relying on the information provided by GeoTrust IdAuthority (Equifax Secure Certificate Authority) on our website.

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