



**House of Hope Pilgrimage to France
with Pastor Julia Carlson
Including a Retreat at Chartre Cathedral
Led by the Rev. Dr. Jill Geoffrion**

September 25—October 6, 2020

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Vacations



DAILY ITINERARY

DATE	ITINERARY	INCLUSIONS	OVERNIGHT
Day 1 September 25, 2020	<p>Arrive at Charles De Gaulle airport and meet your tour manager who will be with you during your stay in Normandy. Walk to your touring coach. Transfer to Caen.</p> <p>Stop in Rouen (<i>2-2½ hrs drive</i>), the historical capital city of Normandy. Once one of the largest and most prosperous cities in medieval Europe, it is also known as the site where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in 1431.</p> <p>After lunch at leisure, discover the beautiful cathedral. This Gothic building from the 13th century was depicted by Claude Monet in a series of paintings. (<i>Subject to flight arrival times.</i>)</p> <p>Continue with a visit to St Joan of Arc Church. This modern church, designed by Louis Arretche, was completed in 1979 and stands in the Old Market Square, where executions once took place. Admire the shape of the building resembling an inverted boat and the original stained glass windows from the former Saint Vincent's church. (<i>Subject to flight arrival times.</i>)</p> <p>Continue to Caen (<i>2 hours</i>) to check in at the hotel. Enjoy dinner as a group.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist guide • Touring coach • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CAEN 4-star hotel: Mercure Caen Port De Plaisance (or similar)
Day 2 September 26, 2020	<p>This morning, visit the Memorial de Caen, an award-winning museum dedicated to peace. Its interactive exhibitions commemorate the Second World War and the battle for Caen. You will also see a short film retracing the D-Day events. The museum also includes a gallery covering the Cold War.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Tourist guide • Touring coach • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CAEN

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Day 2 cont'd September 26, 2020	<p>After lunch at leisure, continue to the American Cemetery at St Laurent-sur-Mer, overlooking Omaha Beach. The full horror of the Omaha landings can barely be imagined. Naval gunfire and pre-landing air bombardment had not softened German defences or resistance, and the first wave of troops, landing at 6:30 AM, were met with heavy machine gun fire and explosives. By midday, a bleak picture was emerging of landing conditions, and the U.S. First Commander even considered pulling back. But bravery and force of numbers ensured that by the end of D-Day, the Allies had a toehold on this section of the Normandy coast.</p> <p>*** Possible wreath-laying ceremony at the American Cemetery *** (subject to availability)</p> <p>Time to reflect on Omaha Beach after the ceremony.</p> <p>Continue to the town of Arromanches, renowned for its artificial "Mulberry" harbor, known as Port Winston. The impressive remains continue to remind visitors of the remarkable technical feat of taking 600,000 tonnes of concrete and equipment across the Channel in wartime to serve as a base for Allied troops. It's hard to imagine this quiet, seaside town filled with soldiers and tanks landing on D-Day.</p> <p>Return to Caen. Enjoy dinner as a group.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Tourist guide • Touring coach • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CAEN
Day 3 September 27, 2020	<p>Transfer to Honfleur by coach (<i>1½ hrs</i>).</p> <p>Located on the Seine estuary, Honfleur is an enchanting place that has inspired many Impressionist painters. Discover the old medieval center and its narrow, cobbled streets. Admire the beautiful Eglise St Catherine, a 15th-century church made of wood, and the old port and its houses with slate-covered frontages.</p> <p>After lunch at leisure in Honfleur, transfer to Bayeux (<i>approx 1½ hrs</i>).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Tourist guide • Touring coach • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CAEN

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Day 3 cont'd September 27, 2020	<p>The town is, of course, principally famous for the 70 meter (230 feet) long, 11th-century tapestry that describes in pictures the course of William the Conqueror's victory at the Battle of Hastings, but it was also the first town to be liberated by the Allies in 1944. Bayeux Cathedral has been somewhat overshadowed in tourist terms by the Bayeux Tapestry, but it is also interesting. Parts of the building date back to the 11th century and its bishop, Odo, was likely to have commissioned the tapestry for the cathedral's consecration.</p> <p>Visit the Tapestry Museum, followed by some free time to explore the cathedral.</p> <p>Return to Caen. Enjoy dinner as a group.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Tourist guide • Touring coach • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CAEN
Day 4 September 28, 2020	<p>After breakfast at your hotel, depart for the Mont Saint Michel, "The Wonder of the Western World" (1½-2 hrs). It is a magnificent sight, rising up out of the bay, and has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1979. The picturesque abbey dominates a fortified island, once protected by strong tides, but today linked to the mainland by a causeway, and the slender tower rises majestically out of the mist.</p> <p>Climb the 350 steps (<i>note: no lift/ramp access</i>) to visit one of the undoubted jewels of northern France, the Abbey of Mont Saint Michel, nicknamed La Merveille and possibly the most enchanting and romantic image of the area. Don't miss the Black Madonna in the western crypt, also known as Our Lady of the Underworld.</p> <p>For those who will not wish to climb 350 steps to the Abbey, there is plenty to see and visit in the village. Here you will find a 15th-century parish church dedicated to Saint-Pierre; the Archeoscope, an entertaining multi-media show that describes the construction and history of the Abbey; the History Museum with a collection of old weapons, paintings and sculptures, and Tiphaine's house that Bertrand Duguesclin built in 1365 for his wife.</p> <p>Return to your hotel by coach. Dinner as a group.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Tourist guide • Touring coach • Entrance to bolded attractions • Half day guide • Dinner • Overnight 	CAEN

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Day 5 September 29, 2020	<p>Today enjoy a visit to Lisieux (<i>1-1½ hrs</i>), one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in France, thanks to its 19th-century saint, Therese Martin.</p> <p>St Therese's extraordinary love for God and service to humanity come alive as you visit the Cathedral of St Peter and Les Buissonets, her family home. On display are relics, clothing, and personal objects belonging to the "little flower." View the statue depicting the Virgin Mary who smiled at St Therese during an ecstasy before curing her illness. Combine your prayers in the Carmel Chapel with those of the Carmelite sisters, just as St. Therese did before her death in 1897. Visit the Basilica of St. Therese where the relics of Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin, Therese's parents, are venerated.</p> <p>Continue to Chartres mid-afternoon (<i>2½-3 hrs drive</i>).</p> <p>Check in at your hotel. Enjoy dinner as a group.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Tourist guide • Touring coach • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CHARTRES 4-star hotel: Saint-Yves or similar
Day 6 September 30, 2020	<p>Bid farewell to your tour-manager and start your 3-day retreat with Jill Geoffrion at Notre-Dame de Chartres Cathedral, one of the finest examples of French Gothic architecture, celebrated for its many stained-glass windows and sculptures.</p> <p>Today, enjoy two, 2-hour sessions with Jill Geoffrion.</p> <p>Dinner as a group. Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Tourist guide • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CHARTRES
Day 7 October 1, 2020	<p>Today, enjoy two, 2-hour sessions with Jill Geoffrion.</p> <p>Enjoy dinner as a group.</p> <p>This evening, enjoy a labyrinth walk in the cathedral (<i>special opening for the group - subject to confirmation</i>).</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CHARTRES
Day 8 October 2, 2020	<p>This morning, enjoy a special pre-opening of the cathedral for your group.</p> <p>Later, enjoy your last 2-hour session with Jill Geoffrion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CHARTRES

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Day 8 cont'd October 2, 2020	<p>Enjoy a free afternoon in Chartres. The labyrinth is uncovered and open for walking from 10 AM to 5 PM on Fridays and you may want to take advantage of this as part of your non-guided experience.</p> <p>Enjoy dinner as a group. Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	CHARTRES
Day 9 October 3, 2020	<p>Meet your coach and transfer to Paris (1½ -2 hrs).</p> <p>Enjoy a panoramic tour of Paris. See such magnificent sights as Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde and the Champs Elysées.</p> <p>After lunch at leisure, you will enjoy the best view of Paris from the Montparnasse Tower. It is one of the tallest skyscrapers in France and from here you will have a spectacular view of the most iconic Parisian monument, the Eiffel Tower.</p> <p>Continue to your hotel and check in. Enjoy dinner as a group.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Full-day coach incl Chartres-Paris transfer • Full-day guide • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	PARIS 3 or 4 star hotel: Novotel Paris Tour Eiffel, Jardins d'Eiffel or similar
Day 10 October 4, 2020	<p>This morning, attend a service at the American Cathedral.</p> <p>After lunch at leisure, discover the area around Notre-Dame with a local guide. No other building is so associated with the history of Paris than this Gothic masterpiece standing at the very heart of Paris on the site of a Roman temple.</p> <p>Visit the stunning Ste Chapelle, located on the Ile de la Cité. See the Conciergerie, where many prisoners of the Revolution were kept, including Marie-Antoinette. Cross the Pont St Louis to see the tiny Ile St Louis. Walk over the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in Paris, to the Latin Quarter.</p> <p>You will also visit Saint-Sulpice, the second-largest cathedral in Paris.</p> <p>Farewell dinner as a group.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Full-day coach • Half-day guide • Entrance to bolded attractions • Dinner • Overnight 	PARIS

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Day 11 October 5, 2020	<p>Today enjoy a free day and explore the city on your own with your travelcards.</p> <p>There are so many wonderful parts of Paris to visit – explore the Tuileries Gardens and all around the Ile de la Cite and the Latin Quarter.</p> <p>Window shop along the Champs-Elysées or climb the impressive Arc de Triomphe. Walk down to the Place de la Concorde where nearby is the magnificent church of La Madeleine and the Place Vendôme where the Ritz hotel is located.</p> <p>You might enjoy a visit to the Opera Garnier (Paris Opera). It is the largest opera theater in the world with enough staging for 450 performers. Made famous by Gaston Leroux in his novel <i>The Phantom of the Opera</i>, it is a sumptuous building to visit. The Grands Magasins are located just behind the Opera area and are home to shops such as Galeries Lafayette and Printemps.</p> <p>Or discover the Marais district of Paris - once swampy marshland it became the commercial heart of Paris by the 12th century. The delightful Places des Vosges is located here.</p> <p>You may like to explore the area of Montmartre, perched high on a hill north of the city center. By the end of the 19th century, the area was a mecca for artists, writers, poets and their disciples. Although many of the artists have long since departed, the area still retains its village atmosphere. Walk through the Place du Tertre and visit the Sacre-Coeur.</p> <p>Enjoy dinner as a group. Overnight at your hotel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • 1-day Paris travelcard, zones 1-3 • Dinner • Overnight 	PARIS
Day 12 October 6, 2020	<p>Check out, board your coach and transfer to Paris airport for your flight back to the USA.</p> <p><i>(International air flights not included)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Airport coach transfer 	

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM COSTS:

- Eleven nights' accommodations with buffet breakfast daily
- Eleven three-course dinner
- Touring and entrances as listed in the daily itinerary (subject to change in the event of scheduling conflicts or changes)
- Transportation as outlined in the daily itinerary

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM COSTS:

- International airfare
- Airline luggage fees
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Drinks with meals
- Participant medical, lost luggage, trip cancellation or any other travel insurance
- Gratuities for guides or portorage

COSTING

- \$3,292* per person, based on double occupancy, with 25 participants
- \$3,525* per person, based on double occupancy, with 20 participants
- \$1,399* single supplement

*Price is based on current EURO to USD conversation at time of print. If rate of exchange varies more than 5%, please note price is subject to change.

PAYMENT/DEPOSIT TERMS

- Deposit: \$900 deposit per person and reservation form is required to confirm space
- Payment 2: \$900 per person is due by June 1, 2020
- Payment 3: final balance is due by August 1, 2020

CANCELLATION TERMS

- From receipt of deposit: immediate cancellation penalty is \$400 per person
- From June 2, 2020 to July 31, 2020: penalty is \$900 per person
- From August 1, 2020 until departure: non-refundable



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