

“WINE, WATER LILIES & NORMANDY WAVES: SAILING THE SEINE WITH AMAWATERWAYS”



When you sail on the Seine with AmaWaterways, you realize very quickly this is not “just another cruise”. You’re sipping delicious French wine on deck, your suitcase is unpacked, you put on your sunglasses and watch as you float by little towns. You watched nervous first timers versus the seasoned luxury travelers all relax at around the same moment; somewhere between their second croissant at breakfast and the multiple times someone in the crew remembered their name.

On AmaWaterways, you unpack once, and suddenly you’re that person who wakes up, looks out your balcony, and says, “WOW, we’re in Normandy today!” No frantic train schedules, no rental car drama you are just relaxing in a floating boutique hotel. Each day you decide whether you feel like a gentle walking tour or a bike ride along the river or one of the other available excursions.

Sailing the Seine with AmaWaterways is basically a highlight reel of “I can’t believe I’m actually here” moments stitched together by very good food and wine. One day you’re inside Monet’s world at Giverny, standing by the water lilies and wondering if you should finally learn the difference between Impressionism and “I just like pretty gardens.” Another day, you’re wandering medieval Rouen, following Joan of Arc’s story and staring up at a cathedral that makes you instinctively lower your voice even if you were laughing two minutes ago.

The towns in between—Vernon, Les Andelys, and Honfleur feel like someone carefully curated charming French villages just for your vacation. Imagine markets with cheese and cider, white cliffs guarding Château Gaillard, cobblestone streets that make you reach for your camera more than your phone. AmaWaterways layers in excursions at different activity levels, so whether you love a good hike, prefer a gentle stroll, or just want to taste things; there’s a version of each day that fits your style.

Then there’s Normandy day. AmaWaterways takes you to the D-Day landing beaches, and the American Cemetery, where the endless rows of white markers and the wind off the sea do most of the talking. This excursion turns into something deeper and more personal.

The beauty of a river cruise, after every excursion you come back to a ship where the crew knows you, lunch or dinner is waiting, and the Seine is quietly sliding past the windows giving you space to process without feeling rushed.



Of course, this is still a vacation, not a history lecture; and AmaWaterways makes sure you never forget that part. Every breakfast, lunch, and dinner is included, along with wine, beer, and soft drinks, plus their Sip & Sail cocktail hour so you can say yes to the dessert, the cheese course, and the extra cappuccino without doing mental math.

So if Paris, Monet’s Gardens, Normandy Beaches, and storybook French towns have been sitting on your “someday” list, a Seine river cruise with AmaWaterways is the way to see it all!