

# NORMANDY, LOIRE & PARIS

9 Days | European Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Explore battlefield beaches in Normandy, opulent palaces in the Loire Valley and unique neighbourhoods in Paris on this 9-day student battlefield tour through France. This educational tour will explore the history, architecture and art throughout the different regions of this beautiful country. This trip will expose your students to the excitement of travel and give them an experience they will never forget.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:



**Guided Tours of:**  
Normandy, Loire Châteaux, Paris



**Site Visits:** Étretat Cliffs, Caen Memorial, Juno Beach Centre, Canadian Military Cemetery, Mont Saint-Michel, Azay-le-Rideau Castle, Chambord Castle, Musée du Louvre, Sainte-Chapelle, Eiffel Tower, River Cruise on the Seine



**Local  
Tour Leader**



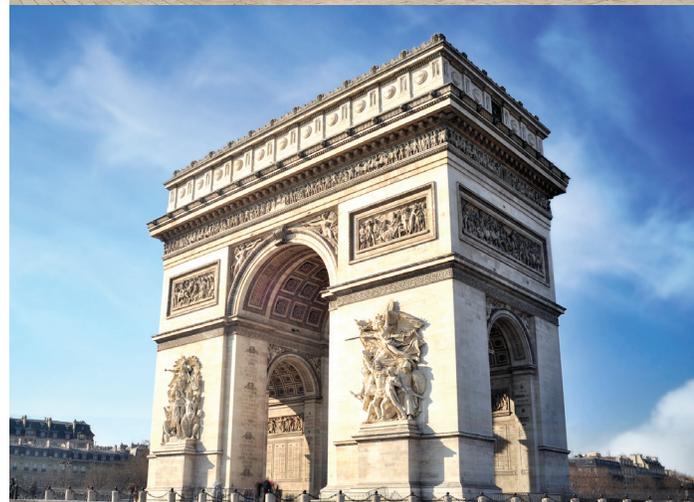
**Accommodations**  
3-star centrally located hotels

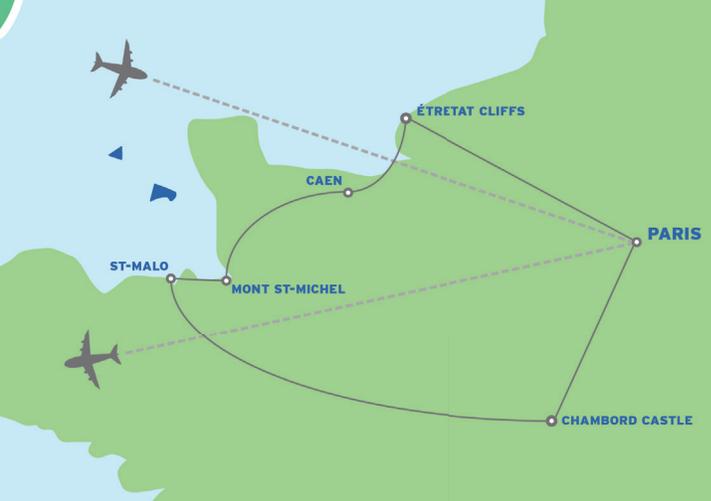


**Transportation**  
Flights, private motor  
coach, public transportation



**Meals**  
Breakfasts, dinners





# WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

## PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Guaranteed Flights and Hotels:** We confirm the booking of flights and hotels when you submit your deposit to avoid last minute hiccups.
- **Centrally Located Accommodations:** Save hours avoiding long commutes and maximize your time in destination with hotels within the city limits.
- **Private Tours:** Personalize your class trip to suit your needs and be assured that your students will never be joined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire:** You are not a tourist but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.

## EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

Our local partnerships allow for personalized tours that are a hybrid of traditional and unconventional.

95%  
OF TEACHERS  
LOVE OUR  
TOURS

60+  
YEARS OF  
TRAVEL  
EXPERIENCE



## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

### 24/7 GLOBAL SUPPORT

No matter your destination or itinerary, our state-of-the-art Operations Centre is designed to proactively protect you and your students during your educational trips around the globe. From the best insurance to advanced incident management software to 24/7 emergency assistance, we've got you covered.



*"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime/our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriele went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"*

*Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB*

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## Day 1: Board your flight to Paris.

## Day 2: Étretat - Deauville - Trouville - Caen

- Arrive at **Charles de Gaulle International Airport** and meet your Tour Leader.
- Travel towards the beautiful region of **Normandy**.
- Don't forget your camera! Our first stop is at the chalky cliffs of **Étretat** for some fresh air. Stretch your legs as you hike to the foot of the gorgeous gate of **Aval**.
- Next stop **Deauville - Trouville**.
- Experience the twin cities of **Deauville and Trouville**. Walk along the wooden boardwalk, the **Promenade des Planches**, and observe the charming villas of this seaside town.
- Next stop **Caen**.
- End the day with beloved French dishes, a sweet crêpe or savory galette, for dinner.

## Day 3: Juno Beach - Beny-sur-Mer - Caen

- Start the day at the **Caen Memorial**, an interactive museum that focuses on the events that led to WWII.
- Depart for your afternoon tour of the **Canadian landing beaches**.
- Begin your journey at the **Juno Beach Centre** to see several exhibits that mark the efforts of Canadian soldiers during World War II. You will also see **Juno Park** and part of the famous **Atlantic Wall**.
- Discover the emblematic remembrance site of D-Day, **Pointe du Hoc**.
- Visit the **Canadian Military Cemetery** in **Bény-sur-Mer** and pay respect to the soldiers killed during the early stages of the Battle of Normandy.
- Return to **Caen** for the night to experience a Normandy style dinner.

## Day 4: Mont Saint-Michel - St Malo

- Depart for **Mont Saint-Michel**, an architectural marvel nestled on an island in the middle of the bay.
- Follow your Tour Leader through the **medieval village** to learn about the fascinating history of this architectural marvel and see the ramparts and Grande-Rue.
- Visit the **Benedictine Abbey of Mont Saint-Michel**. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1979, this stunning building sits at the very top of the island and offers beautiful views both inside and out.
- Travel to **St Malo**.
- Join your guide for a **stroll through the fortified city**. This coastal town was founded in the 1st century and has a Canadian connection - it is the birthplace of explorer **Jacques Cartier**.
- Enjoy a meal of **Breton specialties** with your group.

## Day 5: Rochemenier - Tours

- Depart for the **Loire Valley**.
- Grab your sweater and head underground to the troglodyte village of **Rochemenier**. You will be guided through the museum before getting to explore this unique town on your own. Don't miss the chapel!

- Visit the **Azay-le-Rideau Castle**, which appears to rise from the waters of the Indre River, to discover the gorgeous chateau and gardens with an audio guide.
- Travel towards **Tours** for the evening.

## Day 6: Chamboard - Paris

- Discover the famous double helix staircase inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci at **Chambord Castle**. Follow your local guide through one of the largest castles in the country and get a group photo during a stroll through the magnificent gardens.
- Travel to **Paris**, where you will be living like a Parisian with a 3-day **metro pass** for zones 1-3.
- Feeling daring? Soar to the top of the **Eiffel Tower** for breathtaking views of the city.

## Day 7: Paris

- Start the day with a 3-hour guided tour of the **City of Lights**. You will meet in the gardens of the **Palais-Royal** and continue on to see the **Place de la Concorde**, where King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were publicly executed, the **Tuileries** and the lively **Latin Quarter**.
- Head to **Sainte-Chapelle** to view the beautiful stained glass windows of this gothic church.
- Make sure you have good walking shoes, next stop is the hilly **Montmartre**. Stroll through this charming neighbourhood to see the **Sacre Coeur Basilica** from the top of the hill, the **Wall of Love** and the **Moulin Rouge**.

## Day 8: Paris

- Start your day with an audio guided tour of the **Musée du Louvre**. You will be led through this maze to see the iconic **Mona Lisa**, and other masterpieces along the way.
- Make your way to the reverse pyramid at the **Carrousel du Louvre** on your free time.
- Explore the building that inspired *The Phantom of the Opera*, the **Opéra Garnier**. You will learn about the history and architecture as you are guided through this one-of-a-kind theatre.
- Stroll down one of the most famous streets in the world, the **Champs Elysées** and see the stunning **Arc de Triomphe**.
- All aboard! Savour the last bit of Paris as you listen to a commentary while cruising down the Seine River on a **bateau-mouche**.

## Day 9: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

## START PLANNING NOW!



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