

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

Overview

France’s Normandy has served as a critical playmaker in Europe’s history from the 1066 Normandy Invasion to the D-Day 1944. Such a dramatic history has imprinted Normandy with impressive symbols of its past, from the Bayeux Tapestry, D-Day memorials, and the magnificent Mont St. Michel. Jump to the west coast of Ireland, you will find yourself entranced by this mystical and lush environment. Irish villages rooted in tradition, dramatic cliff drops and wild rambles, and music being the West’s official language, you might struggle in your search for a single definition of this ancient region along the Atlantic Coast. However, with locals eager to tell their story at a warm pub, you may start putting together the pieces.

<p>FRANCE</p> <p>Temperature Range Highs: High 70’s Lows: Mid 30’s</p> <p>Area 543,965 SQ KM 210,026 SQ MILES</p> <p>Population 62.6 Million</p> <p>Language French</p> <p>Capital Paris</p> <p>Currency Euro</p>	<p>IRELAND</p> <p>Temperature Range Highs: Low 60’s Lows: Low 50’s</p> <p>Area 70,182 SQ KM 27,097 SQ MILES</p> <p>Population 4.6 Million</p> <p>Language Irish, English</p> <p>Capital Dublin</p> <p>Currency Euro</p>
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Day 1

Fly to Paris

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assisted with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2

Arrive Paris + Transfer to Port-en-Bessin

Upon arrival in Paris, you will be privately transferred to Port-en-Bessin. En route you may stop in Giverny, home to Claude Monet.

Chateau La Cheneviere

Set amidst 30 acres of lush grounds and surrounded by rose gardens, we feel the 29 room luxury La Chateau Cheneviere to be the finest property in Normandy. The Chateau’s 55 acre location is priceless, just minutes from the D-Day Beaches and

1 hour from Mont St. Michel. The hotel includes the chateau itself in addition to two other converted structures, all decorated with a nice mix of contemporary and classic furniture. Among La Chateau Cheneviere’s amenities include a quality restaurant serving classic Normandy cuisine (seafood specialties!), a beautiful walled garden with a large heated outdoor pool, tennis and croquet, bicycles, and an adjacent golf course. The hotel’s vegetable garden provides fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables for the restaurant, while the nearby bee hives provide home-cultivated honey you are served at breakfast (!) Enjoy this special place.

Meals: --

Accommodations: Chateau La Cheneviere

Day 3

Normandy Private Tour

Your stops today include the cities of Caen and Bayeux. Founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century, Caen has impressive architecture as well as a compelling World War II history, with Le Memorial Caen being one of the most riveting story-telling of the Normandy during World War II. At Bayeux, you will visit the UNESCO World Heritage Bayeux Tapestry, 255 foot tall tapestry depicting the Norman Conquest of England.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Chateau La Cheneviere

Day 4

Normandy Coast Private Tour

Starting at Sainte-Mere-Eglise, you will be touring the coast of Normandy, where American parachutists were dropped as D-Day began. Other points of interests include Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach, and the U.S. Military Cemetery and Interpretation Center at Collerville-sur-Mer.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Chateau La Cheneviere

Day 5

Mont St. Michel Excursion

Resting on a tidal island and taking over 500 years to construct, you will embark on a private tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Mont St. Michel. Mont St. Michel has been a holy site since 708 when according to legend, Archangel Michael told a local bishop to build this grand fortification. Surrounded by water and salt flats, the granite outcrop is crowned by an Abbey that took more than 500 years to construct and is donned with a gilded statue of St. Michael.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Chateau La Cheneviere

Day 6

Transfer Normandy to Paris + Fly Paris/Shannon, Ireland

Upon arrival at Shannon Airport, you will be privately transferred to Europe Hotel & Resort in Killarney.

Europe Hotel & Resort

The 187-room luxury Europe Hotel has an ideal location for touring the scenic southwest Ireland area and is considered the highest quality hotel in Killarney. Among the unique features here are wonderful views of Lough Leane Lake and the surrounding lakes from all rooms. Compared to continental Europe, Europe Hotel's rooms are quite spacious, comfortable, and embody an understated contemporary design. Other amenities at Europe Hotel include a brasserie, its Panorama Restaurant offering traditional Irish food, and a very nice ESPA spa/wellness center. Outdoor activities include hiking, horseback riding, and golf.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Europe Hotel & Resort

Day 7

Dingle Peninsula Private Touring

A change of pace, you will take to the lavishly green Dingle Peninsula sitting on the western most tip of Ireland. Dramatic cliff drops with a well-preserved Irish culture creates a mystical atmosphere. Off the coast of Dingle, you will be able to tour the Blasket Islands, a symbol of ancient Gaelic culture.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Europe Hotel & Resort

Day 8

Shannon Private Touring

Today you board a “jaunting” cart for a six-mile trip along the mountain pass between McGillicuddy's Reeks and Purple Mountain to Brandon Cottage exploring the Gap of Dunloe. You will then be transferred to the Dromoland Castle with the remainder of the evening free to spend at your leisure.

Dromoland Castle (RL)

Based on your slightly revised Ireland itinerary, you now have the opportunity to spend two nights at the amazing, 16th century luxury Dromoland Castle. The Castle was the ancestral home of the O'Briens of baronial Dromoland, whose lineage dates back 1000 years to Brian Boru, the greatest of High Kings in Irish history. With only 99 rooms, the 450-acre estate has been a big draw of recent clients, which includes a lovely lake (with nice walking trails), expansive grounds, and even a hidden garden (!) Though all the rooms are done in original period aesthetics, they have been refurbished with modern amenities and marble baths. All the deluxe rooms overlook the estate's lake and gardens. Your two restaurant options include the fine dining “Earl of Thomon” and the more casual “Fig Tree” restaurant. Amenities include a health/fitness spa (with 56' indoor pool), an 18 – hole championship golf course, and many other outdoor activities. Past clients have taken part in the archery, fishing, and clay-pigeon shooting options as well. Your stay at the Dromoland Castle will be a very special end to your 9-day Normandy/Ireland trip. Enjoy!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dromoland Castle

Day 9

Lower Shannon + Cliffs of Moher Private Touring

You will first stop at the 1425-constructed Bunratty Castle, surrounded by a moat. Thereafter, the Cliffs of Moher await you rising nearly 400 feet, certainly the iconic image of Ireland. You will then continue to the Burren, a UNESCO Global Geopark containing fragmented limestone landscape with unique flora and fauna in its fissures.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dromoland Castle

Day 10

Transfer to Shannon Airport + Fly Ireland/Home

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: --