

We left home on **Friday, August 4** and spent first night (**Saturday**) at the Hilton at **Charles de Gaulle Airport**. A private driver took us on a tour of the city at night. He drove us to Eiffel Tower and got us there at 10pm in time for the nightly illumination of the Tower. We also went to Champs-Élysées, Concorde, Madeleine, Louvre, Notre Dame, Invalides, and Sacré Coeur. We also saw memorial to Lady Diana.

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Sunday 8/6: We arrived onboard the **S. S. Joie de Vivre** for our week tour.

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Evening cruise to **Vernon**.

Here are the daily ship's programs.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/57q9ajp5q413c1l/JoieDeVivre.pdf?dl=0>

And some of the local maps.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ucexw2bix7v1tlc/Local%20Maps.pdf?dl=0>

Monday 8/7: We visited Monet's Garden at **Giverny**.

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Then in the afternoon I hiked to **Chateau Galliard**. This is the castle of Richard Lion Heart

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Miscellaneous cruising photos. Green tint is from the ship's windows. We noticed that swans seemed to be everywhere on the Seine (maybe renamed to Swan-eee, ha ha).

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Tuesday 8/8: I took tour of **Le Mont-Saint-Michel**. This is the abbey that gets surrounded by water at high tides.

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Wednesday 8/9: We had a great day touring the city of **Caudebec**. I especially liked the museum of the Seine and learned about Tidal Bores, a river tsunami.

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<https://www.dropbox.com/s/i4j7jftn8m10ty5/Caudebec.pdf?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/w27igzyjs3rrlmp/MuseoSeine.pdf?dl=0>

In the afternoon I bicycled to **Villequier** and the museum of Victor Hugo.

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Thursday 8/10: We bussed to Normandy beaches.

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And visited the Bayeux Tapestry. I was unaware of its existence that highlighted the Battle of Hastings.

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Later we went to the Normandy American Cemetery where there are over 9,000 burials from World War II.

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Friday 8/11: I visited Chateau de Malmaison, the home of Josephine de Beauharnais who married Napoleon. What I found most interesting is her descendants include kings/queens/dukes of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Luxembourg, the Belgians.

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Saturday 8/12: This is the final busy day. Toured the roofs of **Paris** including Arc de Triomphe (yes, walked to the top), Arab World Institute, and Galeries Lafayette department store. In the evening I went to Moulin Rouge cabaret and dinner.

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<https://www.dropbox.com/s/o8zs8tleyqfasd2/ArcdTriomphe.pdf?dl=0>

Sunday 8/13: Flew home via Dallas - 22 hour trip

Tom/Brenda