

Parisian Winter Holiday

PARIS TO PARIS, 8 DAYS

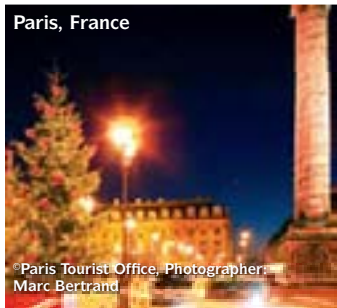
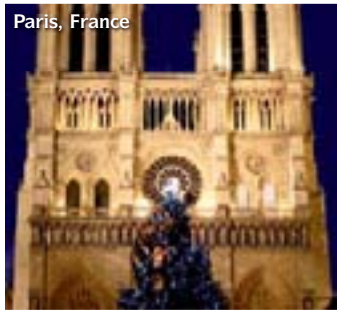
Parisian Winter Holiday River Cruise Package Includes:

- 7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the elegant *River Baroness*
- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner; bottled water in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffees and teas
- 6 shore excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions
- Holiday Gala Dinner
- Captain's Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Signature lecture: "France's Presidents and their Influence on Paris' Architecture"
- An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff
- All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 128)

NZ\$ **3,075** per person,
From **3,075** cruise only



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Be dazzled by Paris in all her winter splendor

The allure of Paris and Northern France during the holidays is like a dazzling holiday package just waiting to be unwrapped! Visit this magical place at this most festive time of year and create memories you'll never forget. Sample traditional Normandy pancakes and cider while in Les Andelys. In the Medieval town of Rouen, browse through the Christmas Market and, later in the day, be enchanted by an ethereal church choir recital at the Rouen Cathedral, which was famously memorialized in Monet's paintings.

Then, it's Paris, Paris, Paris, with all her famous landmarks decked out for the holidays. You'll visit the incomparable Palace of Versailles and enjoy a moonlight drive through the "City of Lights" with an Eiffel Tower light show.

Celebrate the holidays in high style on this memorable trip with the perfect blend of cruising, touring, and free time exploring.

Who will enjoy this cruise: Those with a romantic streak will relish this chance to see Paris dressed up in her finest holiday splendor. Art lovers, history buffs, and shoppers will all celebrate this gift of a winter holiday.

Paris to Paris

| Day | Port | Day | Port |
|-------|--------------------|-------|--|
| Day 1 | Paris (embark) | Day 5 | Paris |
| Day 2 | Les Andelys, Rouen | Day 6 | Paris |
| Day 3 | Rouen | Day 7 | Paris |
| Day 4 | Paris | Day 8 | Paris (disembark), transfer to the airport |

Departure Dates:

December 13, 20, 27

Note: Christmas markets are generally open from the beginning of Advent until December 23. Uniworld reserves the right to substitute appropriate sights and excursions in keeping with the celebrations of the season.

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Day 1: Paris

Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris where you'll be transferred to the ship. (D)

Day 2: Les Andelys, Rouen

Featured Excursion: Normandy pancakes and cider, Rouen Cathedral choir recital

Les Andelys was of considerable strategic importance in the Middle Ages, prompting Richard the Lionheart to build a fortified castle to protect the Duchy of Normandy from the French King Philip II during the 12th century. While in Les Andelys, enjoy a treat of traditional Normandy pancakes and cider in the village. Later, be enchanted by a choir recital at the Rouen Cathedral. (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

Day 3: Rouen

Featured Excursion: Rouen walking tour and Christmas Market

Visit Medieval Rouen, one of France's best preserved cities, with its enchanting Christmas Market and Christmas Crèche honoring the birth of Christ in the stunning Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame, which was painted so vividly by Impressionist painter Claude Monet. Admire the historic Medieval quarter with its half-timbered, slate-tile roofs, and the *Gros Horloge*, a Renaissance clock tower that arches overhead. The walk ends at *Vieux Marche*, where Joan of Arc was punished for her defiance. Afterward, visit the delightful Christmas Market, which features wondrous handicrafts including exquisite porcelain figurines. (BB, L, D)

Note: Christmas market will be closed after December 23.

Day 4: Paris









Bring a taste of France back to your friends and family as you learn about French-style cooking during an onboard culinary demonstration. Then later in the day, you'll have leisure time to discover this wonderful city. Stroll down the world-famous Champs-Élysées. Visit Notre Dame. View the city from above as you climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower. Explore the city's many museums, including the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, and Orangerie, on your own. Walk through the enchanting Tuileries Gardens. Or just shop, shop, shop in one of Paris' *haute couture* shops found on Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré and Avenue Montaigne. A shuttle bus will be available to bring you back to the ship. (BB, L, D)

Day 5: Paris

Featured Excursion: Paris city tour

Today, you'll view the famous Left Bank sites, starting in the cultural Latin Quarter. View the gorgeous Notre Dame Cathedral, Les Invalides, Luxembourg Gardens, and Marie di Medici Palace; then stroll through the gardens to discover Bartholdi's model for the Statue of Liberty. Continue onto the popular *quartier de Montparnasse* and Sorbonne University, and then cross the Seine and finish at Boulevard Haussmann. Here you can shop for holiday gifts or mementos of your once-in-a-lifetime trip. During the evening, you'll be treated to a splendid Holiday Gala Dinner, where you'll celebrate the season in high style with a wonderful menu featuring excellent wines and irresistible desserts. (BB, L, D)

Note: Holiday Gala Dinner will be served on the December 12 departure. Christmas or New Year's Dinners will be offered as substitutes on December 19 or 26 departures respectively.

 Embark or Disembark  Motorcoach  Museum Visit  Captain's Welcome Dinner **BB** = Buffet Breakfast
 Music Concert  Winetasting  Dining Out  Captain's Farewell Dinner **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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Day 6: Paris

Featured Excursion: Paris at night, “City of Lights” tour

Your senses will be tantalized as you awaken to an exclusive brunch to celebrate the holidays in grand style. During the day, you’ll have more free time to continue exploring this glamorous city on your own as there’s so much to do and see! Europe’s metropolis of style gracefully offers an ultra-cosmopolitan culture with the charms of a centuries-old village. Why not visit the Montparnasse district, or Montmartre, where you can walk through the white-domed Basilica of the Sacré Coeur, or the centerpiece of the city sitting on the banks of the Seine, Notre Dame Cathedral.

Later in the day, discover why Paris has been named the “City of Lights” as you experience the magical beauty of Paris after dark with a panoramic tour starting along the Seine. During the holidays, Paris calls upon her most talented lighting designers to create spectacular illuminations throughout the city. Glimpse many of the city’s most famous landmarks lit up for the winter celebrations. See the Place de la Bastille, Hôtel de Ville, Faubourg St. Honoré, Conciergerie, the Louvre, and the bridges of the Seine River in their glittery evening dresses. Continue on the Rue de Rivoli to the Opera Garnier and stop for a photo opportunity at the Place Vendôme. (BB, L, D)

Day 7: Paris

Featured Excursion: Palace of Versailles
During the ride to the Palace of Versailles, an expert guide will share a glimpse of the rich and opulent world of Marie Antoinette and King Louis XVI. The beautiful Palace and Gardens of Versailles are famous as a symbol of the system of absolute monarchy. It was the official residence of the kings and queens of France from 1682 until 1790. Once you enter the Hall of Mirrors, you will see why Versailles established the European standard of palatial opulence. Marvel at 17 impressive beveled mirrors and resplendent chandeliers. Spend your last afternoon at leisure in Paris, shopping, eating, and generally soaking up the unmatched French atmosphere during this special time of the year. (BB, L, Captain’s Farewell Dinner)

Day 8: Depart Paris

Disembark the ship and transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport for your flight home.

Pay-In-Full Discount

PAY-IN-FULL at time of booking on or before **February 28, 2010** to **SAVE NZ\$1,500 per couple** (NZ\$750 per person) off cruise rates on category 1 staterooms. **SAVE NZ\$1,000 per couple** (NZ\$500 per person) on category 2 and 3 staterooms.

-OR-

Early Booking Discount

BOOK and DEPOSIT on or before **March 31, 2010** to **SAVE NZ\$500 per couple** (NZ\$250 per person) off cruise rates.

Pricing Details Per Person

| Departure Dates | Cruise Only | Ship |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Dec 13, 20 | NZ\$3,075 | <i>River Baroness</i> |
| Dec 27 | NZ\$3,225 | <i>River Baroness</i> |

- Port charges: NZ\$159 - Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 3, Main Deck.
- A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.
- Air fare is not included in these prices. Please contact us for details.

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To upgrade to a higher category, add the following per-person price below:

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| Category 2 | NZ\$399 | See Deck Plan on page 125 |
| Category 1 | NZ\$799 | |

