



DAY 9

Continuing south towards the Loire Valley, we'll visit the **Chateau d'Angers** with its gardens in both the moat and the upper/inner walled areas. Next, we'll tour the gardens at **Chateau de la Chatonniere**. The evening will be topped off with a tour and group dinner at **La Cave** vineyard and restaurant! Stay the night in Amboise, our home base for 3 nights.

DAY 10

We begin our day in Amboise with a visit to **Le Clos Luce**, the last home of Leonardo da Vinci. In the afternoon, we will attend the international garden festival at the **Chateau de Chaumont-sur-Loire**. Stay the night in Amboise.

DAY 11

Visits in the morning to **Chateau du Rivau** and **Chateau d'Azay-le-Rideau**. We'll finish the day at the fantastic potager garden at the **Chateau de Villandry**. Stay the night in Amboise.

DAY 12

Our last full day of the tour, we'll begin by visiting the much photographed **Chateau de Chenonceau**. On our way north to Paris, we'll stop to see the **Chartres Cathedral** and a quirky little garden, **Maison Picassiette**. Farewell group dinner and stay the night in Paris.

DAY 13

After breakfast, enjoy sightseeing on your own in central Paris or make your way to the airport for your return home. Bon voyage!



PRICE

THE TOUR IS LIMITED AND PRICED TO 24 PARTICIPANTS.

PRICES ARE IN **EUROS** AS FOLLOWS:

PER PERSON SHARING A TWIN ROOM: 2060 EUROS

SINGLE (WITH INDIVIDUAL ROOM): 2600 EUROS

AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE (AS OF JULY, 2009) OF \$1.42 PER EURO, THE ESTIMATED EQUIVALENT PRICE IN DOLLARS IS \$2925 PER PERSON (DOUBLE-SHARING) OR \$3690 FOR A SINGLE.

THE PRICE MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE AT THE TIME WHEN FINAL PAYMENT IS MADE TO THE AGENT.

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON
1930 NW LOVEJOY STREET, PORTLAND, OR 97209
503.224.5718

WWW.HARDYPLANTSOCIETY.ORG
EMAIL: ADMIN@HARDYPLANTSOCIETY.ORG

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON

EXPLORING NORMANDY AND THE LOIRE VALLEY

GARDENS, CHATEAUX, & MORE



🌿 JUNE 27 - JULY 9, 2010 🌿

Thirteen days in two of France's most beautiful regions - Normandy and the Loire Valley - where verdant landscapes, good food, history, and quaint towns converge to make a delightful vacation experience. Visit these regions' finest gardens and chateaux. See historical sites from Norman times to Joan-of-Arc to D-day. Tour and dine at a French vineyard. Have the trip of a lifetime!



Exploring Normandy & the Loire Valley

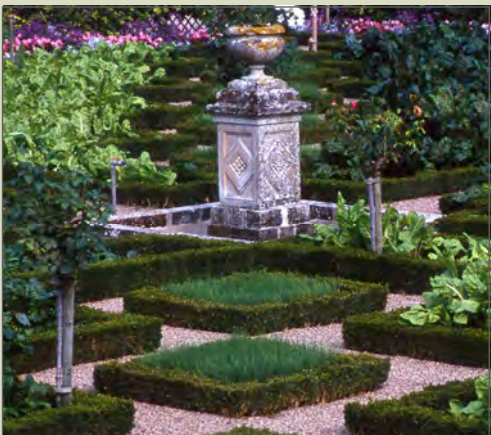
15 days of gardens, chateaus, and must-see places of interest. Below is the itinerary at a glance.



PORT OF HONFLEUR



CHATEAU D'AZAY-LE-RIDEAU



POTAGER GARDEN AT VILLANDRY

DAY 1

Arrive in St. Germain-en-Laye (near Paris) to our first hotel. Spend the day on your own visiting the chateau and museum or take a short train ride to Versailles. Join the group back at the hotel for our welcome dinner. Stay the night in St. Germain en Laye.

DAY 2

We begin our garden tours today. We will depart early to see Monet's famous garden at **Giverny**. There will be time to visit the museum across the street. In the afternoon, we'll visit **Le Jardin Plume** and **Jardins d'Angelique**. Stay the night in Rouen. Rouen will be our home base for 3 nights.

DAY 3

The first garden today will be **Clos du Coudray**, a collection of over 6000 plants in 22 different garden settings. Later we'll visit privately-owned **Chateau de Galleville** and then a much newer garden, **Les Jardins Agapanthe**. Stay the night in Rouen.

DAY 4

We'll head up to France's northern coast to the Dieppe area. We'll have a guided visit of Princess Sturdza's garden, **Le Vasterival** - a fabulous garden of about 20 acres. Later, we'll continue to nearby **Parc du Bois de Moutiers**, then the **Shamrock** garden (time permitting), and finally visit the **Chateau de Miromesnil**. Stay the night in Rouen.

DAY 5

We leave Rouen today and head west. On our way, we'll take in a shopping and sightseeing stop in **Honfleur**. Next, we'll visit the **Chateau de Canon** and also the **Chateau de Brecy**. Stay the night in Bayeux, our home base for 3 nights. Group dinner provided.



DAY 6

A day trip to the Cherbourg peninsula to see a private collection of 600+ species of southern hemisphere plants and 10,000 garden tools at the **Chateau de Vauville**. Two more beautiful chateaus will complete our day - the **Chateau de Nacqueville** and **Chateau des Ravalet**. Stay the night in Bayeux.

DAY 7

Today includes a nursery visit, **Jardins de Plantbessin**, with a fine display garden. Later we'll head back to Bayeux to see the historic **Norman tapestry**. In the afternoon, we'll visit **Omaha Beach** and the **American cemetery**. Included will be a stop in **Arromanches** for the D-day museums. Stay the night in Bayeux.



DAY 8

On our way south today, we'll stop to see **Jardin d'Elle** at **Villiers-Fossard**, the **Christian Dior Museum & Garden** on the coast in Granville, and then we'll explore the abbey and gardens at famous **Mont St. Michel**. Stay the night in Rennes.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

13 DAYS (12 NIGHTS LODGING IN 3-STAR HOTELS)

ALL BREAKFASTS

4 DINNERS (INCL. DINNER AT LA CAVE)

MOTOR COACH (BUS) AND DRIVER

ENGLISH-SPEAKING TOUR MANAGER

ALL GRATUITIES FOR PROVIDED MEALS & SERVICES

ADMISSIONS TO FEATURED GARDENS AND ATTRACTIONS