



**Blowes Travel**  
and **Cruise Centres Inc**  
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# *Blowes Travel's 70th Anniversary River Cruise*

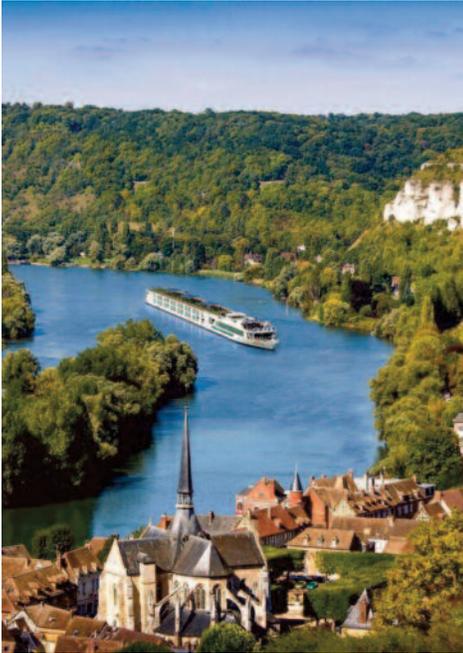
May 24 - June 4, 2019



From Paris to Normandy along the Seine River  
With an optional 3-day stay in Paris before the cruise.

**Fully Escorted!**

# 70th Anniversary River Cruise



## **Normandy and Gems of the Seine 11 day cruise down the river of dreams**

We have planned a very special river cruise in France with Scenic Cruises for May 2019 to celebrate our company's 70th anniversary. Join us on this amazing 11-day "Gems of the Seine" cruise from Paris to the Normandy beaches and back again with the option to add a 3-night pre-cruise stay in Paris. Beyond Paris, you can look forward to the most beautiful landmarks on the way to Honfleur: Les Andelys, Rousen, Caudebec-en-Caux, and then Vernon and Conflans on the return voyage. Ending with one last unforgettable fling in Paris!

It will be an all-inclusive tour where all you really need to do is pack your bags! Everything is taken care for you on this exclusive escorted cruise with plenty of extras along the way!

# Keeping it in the Family



Blowes Travel and Cruise Centres Inc. will be celebrating 70 years in the business on March 31, 2019. We are a family business with a special emphasis on family. Originally founded by Stan Blowes in 1949, our agency now operates out of six locations in central and southern Ontario. It has stayed in the family throughout that time with Barry (Sam) buying the company when Stan retired in 1969. His son, Rob, started full time in 1986. Join us on this 70th anniversary river cruise celebration!

*Left: Rob and Barry Blowes*

# Your Itinerary

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**B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**

## **May 24**

You will be picked up at one of our four gathering locations: Stratford, Strathroy, Listowel or London and taken to Toronto's Pearson airport. Times and flights to be confirmed. Arrive in Paris where you will be transferred to the Cruise dock on the Seine River.

## **May 25 Day 1 of your river cruise: Paris**

Enjoy a welcome reception aboard the luxurious Scenic Gem. Later, cruise out with beautiful Paris as a backdrop. **(D)**

## **May 26 Day 2 Les Andelys**

Enjoy the opulent amenities of your floating hotel as she glides her way peacefully through the Île-de-France region to Les Andelys.

**Freechoice:** Hike to King Richard the Lionheart's Château Gaillard, or journey to Lyons la Forêt, one of the most beautiful villages of France, and visit Fleury-la-Forêt Castle. Sample cider, the region's specialty, after touring this exquisite example of 17th century architecture. Alternatively join your local guide for a walking tour of Les Andelys, the quaint village set on the banks of the Seine River. **(B,L,D)**

## **May 27 Day 3 Rouen**

This morning enjoy a walking tour of Rouen, the capital of the Normandy region. Take in the famous sites of Joan of Arc and the historic Rouen Cathedral. Walk the winding medieval laneways and admire the city's half-timbered houses. This region is also the gateway to the historic Western Front, and you're able to gain fascinating insights into the Somme battlefields with an on board lecture from a local expert. It's a great opportunity as you'll have the opportunity to visit the sites tomorrow. **(B,L,D)**

## **May 28 Day 4 Rouen**

**Freechoice:** Get a glimpse of what the Somme battlefields might have been like for those caught up in this terrible World War I battle, which claimed the lives of more than 150,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers. This full-day excursion commemorates the 102 years since, and includes a visit to the Australian National Memorial and Victoria School in Villers-Bretonneux. Alternatively, explore the collection of Impressionistic paintings, including masterpieces by Renoir and Monet, at the Museum of Fine Arts, which was founded by Napoleon Bonaparte. **(B,L,D)**

### **May 29 Day 5 Rouen > Honfleur**

You'll love cruising toward the open waters of the English Channel, so simply sit back and enjoy the trip.

**Freechoice:** Later, take the opportunity to explore Honfleur, with its quaint architecture, its relaxed coastal atmosphere and the many colourful fishing boats bobbing up and down on its waters. Alternatively, immerse yourself in the beautiful la Cote Fleurie region on France's northern beaches, and discover dashing Deauville, playground of the rich and famous.

**Sundowners:** The estate of Manoir d'Appreval exclusively welcomes Scenic guests for a unique cocktail event showcasing their prestigious apple spirits in a setting you'll remember fondly for many years to come. Celebrate your visit to the picturesque Calvados region with a beverage of the same name, and let your eyes drink in the surrounding beauty, from the many flowering apple trees to the blue waters of the English Channel in the distance. Tonight, back on board, kick up your heels on the dance-floor as a fabulous local swing band performs the best of the 1920s in the Panorama Lounge. What a wonderful day. **(B,L,D)**

### **May 30 Day 6 Honfleur**

**Freechoice:** Walk the historic Normandy beaches, the site of the D-Day landings, before visiting the Landing Museum at Arromanches. You'll be struck by the sombre ambience surrounding the 9,387 graves of the Normandy Cemetery and whilst there, take a moment to reflect on the momentous impact of that day, as you look out from your hilltop position above Omaha Beach. Alternatively, with steep limestone cliffs that plunge dramatically towards the emerald waters of the English Channel below, the beauty of the Alabaster Coast will leave you breathless. Sitting proudly atop this dramatic seascape is the town of Étretat, where you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour and time at leisure. **(B,L,D)**

### **May 31 Day 7 Honfleur > Caudebec-en-Caux**

**Freechoice:** Visit Fécamp and its mighty palace. Situated in spectacular surrounds, is the architectural centrepiece, the Benedictine Palace. Alternatively, travel to the hilltop village of Bolbec and view fabrics at the fascinating Textile Museum before visiting the Normand Traditions Museum nearby. For the more adventurous, join a guided cycling tour to the charming village of Villequier and visit the Victor Hugo Museum. **(B,L,D)**

### **June 1 Day 8 Vernon**

In a region rich in visual treasures, enjoy a full morning of relaxation and take in the incredible scenery as you cruise into Vernon. It's easy to understand why this region of France inspired beautiful paintings by many of history's most famous artists. **(B,L,D)**

**Freechoice:** Visit Giverny and Monet's former residence and gardens. If you're feeling more adventurous you can explore by bike, with a self-guided cycling tour that starts at Vernon. You can also discover Vernon with Scenic Tailormade at your own pace.

**Enrich:** Built into a steep rock face, overlooking the mighty Seine River and the small village bearing the same name, Château de La Roche Guyon is a sight to behold. Experience the opulence and grandeur of yesteryear as you enjoy a live classical concert performed by the region's most reputable musicians. The château dates back to medieval times and is so special that you'll be sure to have fond memories of the experience for a very long time.

### **June 2 Day 9 Conflans > Paris**

This morning we cruise to the charming medieval town of Conflans, with its distinctive barge houses docked within easy reach of the quaint main square.

**Freechoice:** Discover the charms of Auvers-sur-Oise and get to see Vincent van Gogh's room, or step inside the magnificent Chantilly Castle for a guided tour of this remarkable château, set amidst beautiful parklands. After a leisurely afternoon of cruising, the evening will see us returning to Paris, the 'city of light', and you'll have the chance to view the beautiful illuminated skyline, and the soaring Eiffel Tower. Make sure you have your cameras ready. **(B,L,D)**

### **June 3 Day 10 Paris**

Today you have the thrilling choice of either spending time exploring France's most celebrated city, or a discovery beyond the city limits. With remarkable attractions at every turn, you'll have a chance to explore Paris at leisure this afternoon and create your own unique memories. **(B,L,D)**

**Freechoice:** Shop with a Chef when you visit one of Paris's local food markets, and enjoy exquisite tastings, or walk the city with a resident expert and hear tales that only the locals know. Alternatively, you may wish to explore beyond Paris and tour the 17th century estate of Château Vaux-le-Vicomte, Louis XIV's inspiration for Versailles Palace. Featured in the James Bond movie Moonraker, the Palace of Vicomte has been leaving visitors in awe of its magnificence for centuries.

### **June 4 Day 11 Paris**

Your trip concludes this morning after breakfast. You'll disembark and transfer to Paris Airport. Make sure you remember to pack up all those wonderful memories before you leave. **(B)**

# Cabin Pricing

	Price Per Person**	No. of Cabins
E - Jewel Deck – Standard Stateroom	\$7,300	2 <b>Sold Out</b>
D - Jewel Deck – Standard Stateroom	\$7,625	5*
C - Sapphire Deck – Balcony Suite	\$8,715	4 <b>Sold Out</b>
BA - Sapphire Deck – Balcony Suite	\$8,965	8 <b>Sold Out</b>
B - Sapphire Deck - Balcony Suite	\$9,070	10*
BD - Sapphire Deck - Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$9,240	6 <b>1 left</b>
PA - Diamond Deck – Balcony Suite	\$9,290	10*
P - Diamond Deck - Balcony Suite	\$9,555	11*
PD - Diamond Deck - Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$9,710	4 <b>Sold Out</b>
R - Diamond Deck – Royal Suite	\$11,025	2 <b>Sold Out</b>
RP - Diamond Deck – Royal Panorama Suite	\$12,915	2 <b>Sold Out</b>

**AIR FARE IS EXTRA: \$700 per person, based on availability**

\*\*Plus departure tax of \$465 per person

\* Limited cabins available

Prices are based on double occupancy. All prices are in Canadian funds.

1st Deposit of \$1,000 per person is due at time of booking.

2nd Deposit of \$1,500 per person is due by May 01, 2018.

Balance for cruise will be due by November 30, 2018.

# *What's Included*

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- Airfare and transfers to and from Scenic cruise ship
- Airport transfers from Listowel, Stratford, London and Strathroy
- All gratuities
- Complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages while on board
- Scenic sightseeing tours
- Complimentary wifi throughout the ship
- Infotainment system in every stateroom
- Complimentary use of bicycles
- Authentic local onboard entertainment
- Blowes Travel Welcome Reception and more!

A large photograph of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The tower is illuminated, and the surrounding cityscape and trees are visible at the base.

# 3 Days in Paris

Blowes Travel's  
pre-cruise option before our  
70th Anniversary River Cruise  
May 21-25, 2019

You've booked your France river cruise on the beautiful Scenic Gem in May 2019. Here is an option to extend your vacation and enjoy springtime in Paris before your cruise! Optional city excursions and tours available by fall 2018.

### This package includes:

- private transfer from the airport to the hotel
- 3 hour guided city tour on a motor coach upon arrival
- 3 nights in the luxurious Hotel Mercure Paris
- 3 delicious buffet breakfasts
- a local host and escort at your service
- transfers to the Scenic cruise ship

**NOTE: Minimum 30 persons required**

### Three Days in Paris Pricing:

\$950 CDN per person

Based on double occupancy

Deposit of \$250 due February 15, 2018

Balance due November 30, 2018



Hotel Mercure Paris Centre, 20 Rue Jean Rey. This modern hotel is a 4-minute walk from the metro subway station, and 5 minutes from the Eiffel Tower.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CAREFREE JOURNEYS

(by CWT Blowes Travel & Cruise Centres Inc.)

### Terms and Conditions

Please take the time to read and fully understand these conditions. Your payment of deposit indicates your acceptance of these terms.

### Reservations

A non-refundable deposit is due at time of booking and the amount required is shown on each tour itinerary. Please make cheque payable to CWT Blowes Travel and Cruise Centres Inc. We also accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Interac. Verbal authorization of the use of your credit card commits you to your reservation whether or not you have signed a credit card draft.

### Final Payment

The date which final payment is due in our office is noted on each itinerary.

### Cancellation Charges

All payments are non-refundable 90 days prior to departure. We strongly recommend the purchase of Tour Package Insurance. We will be happy to quote and explain coverage. We cannot be held responsible for loss of money due to cancellation. In some cases, other cancellation charges may apply, and these will be noted on each individual itinerary.

### Insurance

Cancellation and Medical Insurance is highly recommended and quotes will be provided to you on booking your tour. If you decline to purchase any of the insurance plans that we have offered and explained to you, we will respectfully request that you sign a form confirming to us that you have declined our insurance coverage. Ask one of our travel professionals for full details about the insurance options available.

### Tour Pricing

All prices listed are per person in Canadian Dollars unless otherwise noted. As we need to price our tour packages using many different currencies, we reserve the right to adjust rate due to significant currency fluctuations. Prices are based on exchange rates at time of securing our space with suppliers. We reserve the right to pass along any changes to airport taxes, fuel surcharges and airline imposed taxes, and Government tax structure to the consumer. All tours may be subject to surcharge until such time as your tour is paid in full.

### Not Included in the Tour Cost

All tour costs do not include items of a personal nature such as and not limited to alcoholic beverages, phone calls, airline baggage fees where applicable, and meals that are not included or listed in the itinerary, etc.

### Legal Names/Copy of Passport

Carefree Journeys/CWT Blowes Travel & Cruise Centres Inc. will require a copy of your passport prior to final payment if not available at time of deposit should your passport be in the process of renewal. For all bookings, we will require your legal name as it appears or will appear on your passport. Failure to provide proper documentation at time of booking or time of final payment may result in charges assessed by our suppliers and are your responsibility. In some cases we may be able to make name changes for a fee. This is determined by the fees charged by our suppliers and will include a processing fee by CWT Blowes Travel & Cruise Centres Inc.

### Proof of Citizenship/Passports/Visa Requirements

When traveling outside of Canada, all passengers will require a valid passport. Most countries today require that your passport be valid for up to 6 months of your departure date from a country. Some countries may also have visa requirements for Canadian and non-Canadian citizens. Any extra fees for visas and any other additional travel documentation that may be required are your responsibility. Entry into another country is never guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the local authorities. CWT Blowes Travel & Cruise Centres Inc. can take no responsibility for a customer being denied entry into another country. Cancellation charges and any additional fees will be at your own expense.

### Luggage

One large piece of luggage per person with total linear dimensions not exceeding 62 inches calculated by adding together its greatest outside height, weight and length – wheels and handles included – will be tagged with our special Carefree Journeys/Blowes Travel & Cruises luggage tag for porter service (where available) at each of our hotels. Please note that you will be responsible for carrying your own luggage at airports, cruise terminals, rail stations, etc. Each large suitcase should not exceed 50 lbs (23 kg). Although the Coach Driver and/or Tour Manager supervise the transfer of luggage to and from the motor coach and every effort is made to handle all luggage as carefully as possible, CWT Blowes Travel & Cruise Centres Inc. cannot assume liability for loss, theft or damage due to breakage, fire, water, etc. On all vacations, one carry-on bag is permitted which you must handle personally and carry with you at all times. If your vacation involves a flight, you will be subject to the luggage size and weight restrictions imposed by the air carrier, and these can vary widely from carrier to carrier. Full details will be provided with your final ticket package.

### **Accommodations and Special Requests**

Room assignments are always done by the hotel in an impartial fashion. If you have special requests such as a room near the elevator, low floor room, a room near friends traveling with you, etc., please advise us at time of booking. Group seating on airlines is assigned by the individual carrier. In some cases it may be possible to book individual seating with the airline at additional cost to the client. All requests will be forwarded to our suppliers, but these requests are not guaranteed. The hotel, cruise ship and airline names we have listed in our itineraries are published in good faith. Occasionally, substitutions may be necessary. In such a case, we will provide a substitute of a similar or better standard than those named.

### **Tour Guarantee**

Some tours require a minimum amount of participants to operate. We will do everything possible to ensure tours operate as scheduled, however we reserve the right to cancel should we not reach our required number of participants. If a tour is cancelled each passenger booked will receive a full refund, in the manner in which the customer made the payment.

### **Physically Challenged Passengers**

Physically challenged passengers are more than welcome to travel with us, however they **MUST** have a capable traveling companion to assist you at all times and we must be notified of any disabilities when reservations are made. It is the responsibility of users of walkers and wheelchairs to have someone with them to load and unload these from the motor coach as neither fellow guests, our employees or those of our suppliers will be available for such purposes. Some tours may present difficulties for the physically challenged and these tours indicate this on their description.

### **Gratuities**

Gratuities have been included in all of our tours for included meals, local guides and drivers unless otherwise noted on itinerary.

### **Notice to Travelers**

When you travel outside the province of Ontario, please be advised that there may be different living standards with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodations outside of Ontario. **Out of province medical insurance is highly recommended.**

### **Photos Posted to Our Website**

On occasion your Carefree Journeys tour manager will be taking photos of group members participating in various activities. These photos may be posted on our company website or blog. If, for any reason, you do not wish to have your photo taken and published, please advise your tour manager on Day 1 of your journey.

### **Privacy Policy**

To process your reservation, we will need personal information including your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, passport number, date of birth, citizenship, and information you have disclosed regarding health, medical, dietary, mobility and other special requirements. This personal information may be passed on to other suppliers of your travel arrangements in addition to public authorities (such as customs and immigration), and security organizations as required by law. In making your booking, you consent to your personal data being passed to relevant third parties as set out above.

### **Disclosure Notice**

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### **Tour arrangements by:**

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