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ALONG THE SEINE RIVER

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Dear Wesleyan Alumni, Parents and Friends,

We are pleased to sponsor VILLAGE LIFE ALONG THE SEINE RIVER, a unique travel opportunity that captures the fascinating history and rich artistic heritage of northern France's Seine River Valley. This highly successful and innovative travel program in the VILLAGE LIFE series is ideal for exploring the local history and the region's true character.

For countless centuries the Seine River has served as the principal cultural and commercial artery of northern France — ideas, trade and armies have traveled the length of its fertile valley, the cradle of French civilization. Along its lush banks stand soaring Gothic cathedrals, traditional family farmsteads, stately manors, the craggy ruins of medieval castles, and Paris, considered one of the most romantic cities in the world. You will explore the cultural treasures and savor the tranquil beauty of the Seine River while enjoying five-star accommodations aboard the M.V. CÉZANNE, specially designed to navigate the waterways of France. As you cruise through the wooded, rolling countryside of northern France, you can relax aboard the ship and enjoy the finest in Continental cuisine, expertly prepared by a master chef.

To further experience the traditions and history of the Seine River, there will be a program of lectures, cultural events and exclusive guided tours of important historical monuments. By special arrangement, you will tour a local market, enjoy a shipboard tasting of the savory regional foods of Normandy, and attend presentations on French cuisine, folklore, history and contemporary social and cultural issues.

This first offering of VILLAGE LIFE ALONG THE SEINE RIVER is certain to be popular because of the region's charm, and the convenience and exceptional value of the trip. So, please register early. We would love to have you along!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail S. Briggs".

Gail S. Briggs
Associate Director of Alumni Education

Rouen's 13th-century Cathedral of Notre Dame is one of France's finest examples of Gothic architecture.



THE SEINE RIVER: FRANCE'S RIVER OF DESTINY

On its journey from Paris to the English Channel, the Seine River covers a mere 277 miles. In terms of its role in history and the development of a distinctively French cultural identity, it has exerted an influence exponentially out of proportion to its length. For countless centuries, it has served as a pathway for conquest, commerce, the exchange of ideas and the migrations of peoples — Gauls, Romans, Franks and Norsemen have all left their indelible mark on the inhabitants of this fertile valley.

Under the Romans, Paris and Rouen rose on the site of ancient Celtic settlements. The Frankish era saw the establishment of the abbeys of Jumièges and St-Wandrille, outposts of civilization and learning in the Dark Ages. The ninth century brought marauding warriors from Scandinavia, the Vikings or Northmen, who penetrated the Seine River as far as Paris. Seduced by the wealth and beauty of the lands they conquered, they settled on the banks of the river, adopted French ways and gave their name to a province — Normandy. In later years, the waterway witnessed the rise of magnificent Gothic edifices in Paris, Rouen and Caudebec and sent forth such intrepid explorers as Champlain and La Salle to the New World. Although revolution and war swept through the region in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, the Seine River has maintained its distinctive character and allure, and it continues to draw admirers from around the world.

Enjoy a romantic sunset along the Seine River in Paris.



VILLAGE LIFE: A WAY OF LIFE ALONG THE SEINE RIVER

VILLAGE LIFE ALONG THE SEINE RIVER is one in a unique series of VILLAGE LIFE programs designed for inveterate travelers who know that the vibrant character of a country is best found in the provinces, on the backroads and around local market squares. It offers you a cultural and educational experience like no other. **An inclusive program and an exceptional value,** VILLAGE LIFE ALONG THE SEINE RIVER focuses on the natural and cultural treasures of northern France, a region that has played a leading role in shaping the course of Western European history. Here, for one full week, you will immerse yourself in everyday life in a land where the past blends seamlessly with the present. Walk through the medieval streets of Rouen, the city where Joan of Arc went to her martyrdom. In Giverny, view scenes of beauty that inspired Monet, perhaps the greatest of the Impressionist painters. And learn firsthand about ways of life that have endured for centuries in the villages and towns of the Seine River Valley.

Exclusive presentations will provide a fascinating and candid look at change and continuity along the Seine, a region that is paradoxically one of the most dynamic yet most traditional in France.

*“All my money goes
toward my garden...I
am totally enraptured,
Giverny is a splendid
place for me.”*

-- Claude Monet

The **intimate, deluxe** M.V. CÉZANNE has been specially selected for this program, as it features superior accommodations, Continental cuisine prepared with a distinctive flair and impeccable standards of service.

Unpack once! This *exceptional travel opportunity includes accommodations, all meals and exclusively arranged excursions for an incredibly attractive price.* Come experience a special way of life: VILLAGE LIFE ALONG THE SEINE RIVER.



Celts, Romans and Vikings have all left their imprint on Rouen, Normandy's historic capital.

ROUEN

Known as Rotomagus in Roman times, Rouen rose to prominence in the 10th century A.D. under the reign of Rollo, the first Duke of Normandy. Its location in a sheltered valley encircled by hills commands a strategic point on the Seine — it was here that the first bridge was built across the river. Visit the dominating 13th-century Cathedral of Notre Dame, one of the loveliest Gothic edifices in France. In the nearby Vieux-Marché (Old Market), where Joan of Arc went to her martyrdom, the Place St-Marc now hosts a bustling market featuring an eye-catching display of local foods and wares. Tour St-Maclou, a Late Gothic gem erected in the 15th and 16th centuries, and one of the most beautiful of Rouen's churches. The Church of Ste-Jeanne-d'Arc offers a more contemporary example of French architecture: completed in 1979, it resembles the keel of an upturned ship.

LE HAVRE

Under the guidance of architect and urban planner Auguste Perret, Le Havre rose from the devastation of the Second World War to become one of the most modern cities in Western Europe, as well as France's leading seaport. Visit the contemporary Musée des Beaux-Arts André Malraux, housing an extensive collection of paintings by native son Raoul Dufy, one of the leading members of the Fauvist School, and by the pre-Impressionist Eugene Boudin.



Le Havre lies just a short distance from the picturesque fishing port of Honfleur, an inspiration to early Impressionists. In Honfleur's old maritime district, amid houses that still have their old charm, stands the magnificent church of Sainte Catherine. The church, along with its separate bell tower, was built entirely out of wood in the 15th and 16th centuries and is the largest wooden church in France.

CAUDEBEC

Caudebec's name first appears in a historical record in an 11th-century charter granted to the monks of the nearby Abbey of St-Wandrille. In 1940 a fire swept through Caudebec's heart, but it spared the lovely Church of Notre Dame, one of the finest examples of Late Gothic architecture in France. A local monk will guide you through the Abbey of St-Wandrille. Founded by the Benedictines in 649 A.D., it was destroyed by the Vikings 200 years later, revived as a monastery in the 11th and 12th centuries, stripped of much of its artwork during the French Revolution, and finally



The colorful fishing port of Honfleur has inspired generations of painters.



British troops landed at Arromanche's Mulberry Harbor on June 6, 1944.

reestablished as a Benedictine religious house in 1931. Downstream from Caudebec, in the tranquil village of Villequier, tour the Victor Hugo Museum, dedicated to the life and career of the celebrated 19th-century novelist.

LES ANDELYS

With its scenic setting at a bend of the Seine River beneath the towering ruins of Château-Gaillard, Les Andelys epitomizes village life in Normandy. Richard the Lionhearted, King of England, raised the imposing château in 1196-98 to deny the French passage down the Seine River to Rouen and the sea. Considered impregnable at the time of its construction, the fortress nevertheless fell to the armies of King Philippe Auguste of France in 1204.

VERNON (GIVERNY)

The market town of Vernon dates from the 10th-century reign of Duke Rollo. In 1196 Philippe Auguste erected a massive fortress here, of which little survives except for its tower and walls. Just outside Vernon is the tranquil village of Giverny, where the Impressionist Claude Monet lived from 1883 to his death in 1926. Visit Monet's attractive house, still standing on the bank of the River Epte, set amid a walled garden planted according to his design and a Japanese-themed water lily garden that inspired some of his most famous paintings of water lilies.

*"At the edge of the cliffs,
the wind is a smack, and
D-Day becomes wildly clear:
climbing that cutting edge into
the bullets."*

-- John Vinocur,
author

LE PECQ (AUVERS-SUR-OISE)

The river port of Le Pecq serves as the gateway to Auvers-sur-Oise, a traditional French village with strong ties to the world of art. Paul Gachet, a physician and amateur painter, moved here in 1872 and patronized a rising generation of young artists who came to be known as the Impressionists. Paul Cézanne visited Auvers on three occasions and completed 100 paintings here. In May 1890, Vincent van Gogh accepted Gachet's invitation to relocate here and in the last two months of his life produced some of his finest works, including his *Auvers Church* that hangs on display in Paris' Musée d'Orsay. Visit sites associated with the great Dutch artist, including the Maison van Gogh, his residence during his sojourn here; the Auberge Ravoux, where he died; and his tomb in the local cemetery.

PARIS

What began as a small, isolated Celtic farming settlement on an island in the Seine River grew over the course of centuries into one of the greatest cities in the world. Its Latin motto "Fluctuat nec mergitur" — "It is tossed about, but does not sink" — sums up Paris' colorful and often turbulent history of war, conquest and revolution. Today, this truly cosmopolitan city, where past and present coexist in harmony, welcomes visitors from all over the globe. Savor the inimitably Parisian ambiance of the neighborhood of Montmartre, a favorite resort of artists since the 19th century. Here you can stroll through its narrow lanes and vibrant squares, or relax in a streetside café over a glass of wine and observe the passing parade of humanity.

M.V. CÉZANNE

The historic province of Normandy captures the essence of France — Gothic cathedrals and churches, tranquil villages with half-timbered houses, rustic farmsteads where the old ways still live on. There is no better way to experience its charms than by cruising the Seine River aboard the deluxe 98-passenger M.V. CÉZANNE. Built in 1993 and refurbished in 2003, she is specially designed to navigate the tranquil waterways of France. The most elegant cruise ship on the Seine River, it provides impeccable standards of comfort and service. Its traditional Provençal decor, enhanced by original works of art and rich cherrywood furnishings, creates an authentically French ambiance.



Each spacious cabin features two twin beds or one queen bed, full-length window or three large portholes, large bathrooms with teak floors and marble vanities, individual climate control, telephone, audio entertainment center and color television, built-in closet, desk and bathrobes. European-style bedding with duvets and feather pillows contribute to the ship's French Provincial motif.

During your voyage enjoy Continental cuisine prepared by a master chef, with an emphasis on fresh local ingredients, the bountiful yield of Normandy's fields, orchards, streams and coastal waters. All six daily meals — breakfast, morning bouillon, lunch, afternoon tea, multi-course dinner, and late evening snack — are served at a single seating in the intimate Les Quatre Saisons Restaurant, which offers panoramic vistas of the passing countryside through floor-to-ceiling windows.

Shipboard amenities include a lounge, bar, library, boutique, hair salon, nightly entertainment with dancing, and sun deck with deck chairs and blankets. A high ratio of crew members to passengers provides a high level of personalized service.

VILLAGE LIFE DAY BY DAY....

Day 1

Depart from your gateway city.

Day 2

Arrive in Paris. Enjoy a scenic motorcoach transfer to Rouen and embark on the M.V. CÉZANNE.

Day 3

Rouen: City of Joan of Arc

Excursions

Explore Normandy's historic capital on a walking tour.

Exclusive Enrichment

Guided visit to the market in *Place St-Marc*.

Enjoy a tasting of traditional Norman cheese, cider, calvados and jams provided by local vendors.

Day 4

Le Havre: Gateway to the Seine River

Excursions

Choose between an excursion to the D-Day Beaches or a tour of bustling Le Havre, France's largest seaport.

Day 5

Normandy's Verdant Heartland

Excursions

Arrive in Caudebec-en-Caux and enjoy a guided tour of the Abbey of St-Wandrille in the company of a Benedictine monk, followed by a visit to the Victor Hugo Museum in nearby Villequier.

Exclusive Enrichment

Attend a shipboard presentation on French cuisine by the chef of the M.V. CÉZANNE.

Day 6

France's River of History and Art

Excursions

From Les Andelys, walk to the ruins of Château-Gaillard.

Proceed by motorcoach from Vernon to Giverny to tour the home and gardens of Claude Monet.

Exclusive Enrichments

Listen to a local storyteller relate a tale of ancient times at the Château-Gaillard.

Attend a shipboard presentation on life, development and commerce along the Seine River.

Day 7

Auvers-sur-Oise: The Dutch Connection

Excursion

Transfer from Le Pecq to Auvers-sur-Oise to visit sites associated with the last days of the great Dutch Impressionist, Vincent van Gogh.

Exclusive Enrichment

Learn more about the relationship between Paris and the Seine River at a shipboard presentation.

Day 8

Paris: A City for All Seasons

Exclusive Excursion

Explore *Paris'* vibrant artists' quarter of Montmartre. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 9

Transfer to the airport to board your return flight to the U.S.

**THIS VILLAGE LIFE
TRAVEL PROGRAM
FEATURES:**

- ◆ Seven nights aboard the deluxe M.V. CÉZANNE.
- ◆ Captain's shipboard welcome and farewell receptions.
- ◆ Savory Continental cuisine — including breakfast, morning bouillon, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and late-night snack daily.

All tours and excursions listed, led by an exclusive local cultural expert:

- ◆ Half-day walking tour of Rouen.
- ◆ Choice of an afternoon excursion to the historic D-Day Beaches or Le Havre city tour, featuring a visit to the Musée des Beaux-Arts André Malraux and the picturesque fishing port of Honfleur.
- ◆ Half-day excursion from Caudebec-en-Caux to the Abbey of St-Wandrille and the Victor Hugo Museum in Villequier.
- ◆ Morning hike to the ruins of Château-Gaillard at Les Andelys.
- ◆ Half-day excursion to *Giverny* to visit Monet's house and gardens.
- ◆ Half-day excursion to Auver-sur-Oise to tour the Maison van Gogh and the Auberge Ravoux and to view van Gogh's Tomb.
- ◆ Morning tour of Paris, featuring a visit to the colorful Montmartre neighborhood.

Plus a full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:

- ◆ A guided visit to **Rouen's *Place St-Marc***.
- ◆ Specially arranged meeting with local merchants to **taste Norman cheese, cider, calvados and jams.**
- ◆ A shipboard presentation on French cuisine by the M.V. CÉZANNE's chef.
- ◆ A talk by a local storyteller on life in ancient times at the Château-Gaillard.
- ◆ A shipboard presentation on life, commerce and development along the Seine.
- ◆ A shipboard presentation on the Seine and its role in the life of Paris.

And to enhance your travel experience, we will also provide:

- ◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for passengers traveling on group flights.
- ◆ Gratuities to local drivers and guides.
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- ◆ The services of an experienced program director throughout the program.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information for each passenger.
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C	Outside stateroom with two lower beds, portholes, marble- and teak-appointed bathroom with shower. <i>Saône Deck, aft.</i>	\$2095	\$2595
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VILLAGE LIFE ALONG THE SEINE RIVER RESERVATION FORM

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