

24 August – 13 September 2026

**ESCORTED  
TOUR**



# FRANCE TO SWITZERLAND

**French Canal Cruise & Swiss Trains**







EXPERIENCE THE SPLENDOUR OF FRANCE'S CELEBRATED WINE REGIONS BEFORE DISCOVERING SWITZERLAND'S ALPINE WONDERS ON THIS EXCLUSIVE CANAL CRUISE AND RAIL ADVENTURE.

Take in the natural beauty of France's Champagne Region as you travel by canal cruise from Epernay to Paris. Pass through vibrant towns and cities steeped in history and culture before arriving in the capital where we spend our time exploring the famous sights of this bustling city. We continue our adventure through the Burgundy Region before arriving in Annecy, known as the 'Venice of the Alps'. The charm of this historic town gives way to the elegance of Switzerland as we begin our Swiss train journey from Lake Geneva to Lucerne, where you'll ascend breath-taking alpine peaks, cruise on pristine lakes and marvel at the picturesque landscapes, historic cities and charming villages.

## August 2026

### Mon 24 Auckland – Singapore

Depart on Singapore Airlines mid afternoon with connection in Singapore for Paris

### Tue 25 Singapore – Paris D

Arrive in Paris and transfer to your centrally-located hotel. After time to refresh, walk to the Eiffel Tower and take a ride to the top of the tower to enjoy the spectacular view. Welcome dinner tonight.

### Wed 26 Paris – Epernay B D

A leisurely morning before we travel to Epernay in the Champagne Region to board the canal boat MS Deborah and settle in for the next six nights.

### Thu 27 Epernay – Dormans B L D

This morning we travel by coach for Reims, the 'City of Coronations'. On arrival we explore the city by foot and discover the Place Royale, Place Du Forum, the Place de l'Hotel de Ville as well as a guided visit to the gothic Reims Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where French kings were crowned. We return to our barge this afternoon and cruise through vine-covered hills towards Dormans.

### Fri 28 Dormans – Chateau-Thierry B L D

Today we explore the famous Champagne Route by coach. We visit the village of Hautvillers, the birthplace of champagne and continue on to a local champagne house for a tasting. This afternoon we cruise on to Chateau-Thierry.

### Sat 29 Chateau-Thierry – Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux B L D

After breakfast we depart by foot to explore the medieval castle of Chateau-Thierry which has dominated the Marne Valley for centuries. Witness a spectacular live falconry demonstration, recognised as an Intangible Heritage Art of Humanity by UNESCO. This afternoon we cruise on towards Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux.

### Sun 30 Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux – Meaux – Lagny-sur-Marne B L D

We set off this morning to the charming town of Meaux and explore the Episcopal Palace and the Brie de Meaux exhibit hall. We will learn about the technique of making the region's most famous cheese before enjoying tasting.

### Mon 31 Lagny-sur-Marne – Paris B L D

Today we cruise to Paris. On arrival we pass by some of the city's most important sights including the Place de la Madeleine before a walking tour through the unique Parisian covered walkways within the heart of this bustling city. We return to our barge for a final gala dinner on board.



## September

### Tue 01 Paris B L

This morning we disembark the MS Deborah and begin our second day in Paris. Our tour will include iconic landmarks such as The Arc de Triomphe and the newly renovated Notre Dame Cathedral. After lunch we visit the Louvre Museum, with free time to explore at your leisure.

### Wed 02 Paris – Beaune B L D

Today we travel on to Beaune taking us into the heart of Burgundy's prestigious wine region. This ancient and historic town is full of beauty, great food, and cosy wine cellars. This afternoon we step into the town's medieval soul and visit the Beaune Hospices founded in 1442. Dinner tonight at a local vineyard.

### Thu 03 Beaune – Annecy B L D

We visit a traditional mustard factory to learn about the harvesting and production process, before travelling on to Annecy – known as the 'Venice of the Alps'. Explore its charming canals, pastel buildings, medieval architecture, and enjoy stunning mountain views.

### Fri 04 Annecy B L D

Today we explore Annecy Castle. Dating back to the Middle Ages, this historic sight offers a mix of medieval history, art, and panoramic views over Annecy and its stunning lake. After lunch we relax and enjoy a lake cruise on crystal-clear waters surrounded by Alpine Peaks.

### Sat 05 Annecy – Lake Geneva, Switzerland B L D

A relaxing morning in Annecy with free time to explore. This afternoon we travel from the French Alpine charm of Annecy to the Swiss international elegance of Lake Geneva.

### Sun 06 Lake Geneva B

Enjoy an orientation walk of the city including the Olympic Museum before we take a train to Cully to visit the vineyards and enjoy a wine tasting at a local Domanine. We travel on to Vevey, a picturesque town renowned for its stunning lakefront, with free time to explore.

### Mon 07 Lake Geneva – Zermatt B D

Today we board our Swiss train for Zermatt including an excursion to the famous Gornergrat [3,089m]. We travel on Europe's highest rack railway and marvel at the spectacular panorama of 29 peaks including views of the Matterhorn.

### Tue 08 Zermatt – Interlaken B

All aboard the Loetschberg Train as we travel through the stunning Swiss Alps with views of the alpine peaks Eiger, Monch and the Jungfrau enroute to Interlaken.

### Wed 09 Interlaken B

Today we ascend to the summit of the Jungfrau Massif on board the modern Eiger Express Cable Car. Take in the breathtaking views. We continue our alpine ascent by cogwheel train and

disembark at Europe's highest railway station Jungfrauoch [3,454m]. We have free time to explore the Ice Palace and take the chance to ride in the ultrafast lift to the Sphinx Observatory to get a fantastic view of the longest glacier in the Alps.

### Thu 10 Interlaken – Lucerne B D

This morning relax on a lake cruise taking in the alpine vista's and atmosphere. Indulge in a hearty feast of Swiss specialties such as classic cheese fondue at a typical Old Town restaurant. We travel on to Lucerne on board the Interlaken Lucerne Express Train.

### Fri 11 Lucerne B D

Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne including the Lion Monument, Old Town and the Chapel Bridge. We continue with a thrilling ascent on the world's steepest cogwheel railway to the soaring Mount Pilatus [2,132m]. This evening a farewell dinner awaits.

### Sat 12 Lucerne – Zurich – Singapore B

After breakfast we transfer to Zurich Airport to check in for our return flight home.

### Sun 13 Singapore – Auckland

Change planes in Singapore and fly home – late arrival.

\*Itinerary subject to change

Please ask if you would like to extend your stay in Europe





ESTIMATED Cost Per Person\*

	<b>Twin</b>	<b>Single</b>
	<b>\$24,457</b>	<b>\$31,197</b>
<b>Business Class Upgrade</b>		<b>T.B.C</b>
<b>Premium Economy Upgrade</b>		<b>T.B.C</b>

**Early Booking Discount** **\$150** per person  
**[If deposit is paid by 01 November 2025]**  
**Previous International Pukekohe Travel Tour Discount \$100** per person

\* This is a cash / direct debit price. Credit cards will incur a 1.5% fee.  
\* Itinerary and costs subject to change, airline fuel charges and currency fluctuations prior to final payment



**Inclusions**

- Return Economy flights Auckland – Singapore – Paris // Zurich – Singapore – Auckland (Singapore Airlines)
- English speaking guides throughout
- Six-night French Canal Cruise on board MS Deborah
- French gourmet cuisine and wines on board
- Air-conditioned cabins with en-suite bathrooms including shower and toilet
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board
- All meals and unlimited drinks included on board
- Hot tub on board
- Bicycles available on board
- Champagne tasting in Dormans
- Cheese tasting in Meaux
- A total of 3 nights in Paris
- Travel by air-conditioned luxury coaches
- All transfers on tour
- Sightseeing tour in Paris
- Entry to the Louvre in Paris
- Visit and tasting at a mustard factory in Beaune
- Lake cruise in Annecy
- Wine tasting in Cully
- Breakfast daily
- Lunches and dinners as specified
- Entrance fees included
- Pukekohe Travel Escort subject to 15 passengers travelling

**Exclusions**

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance is essential (please ask us for a quote)
- Airline and airport taxes (approx \$280)
- Items not specified

**Booking Conditions**

- A non-refundable deposit of \$3,500 per person will secure a place on the tour
- Full payment is due no later than 20 March 2026

**Cancellations and Refunds**

- From the date of booking to 20 March 2026 – loss of deposit
- After 20 March 2026 – no refund

**Documentation**

- A current passport is required, valid six months beyond date of travel
- No visa is required for New Zealand Passport holders
- All other passport holders – please ask

**Currency**

- Euro

**Luggage**

It is essential you can manage your own suitcase. A bag with wheels is an advantage when travelling through airports. Only one suitcase weighing no more than 22kg is allowed on the Swiss Trains.

**Health and Fitness**

- To ensure the tour is enjoyable for the whole group a good standard of health and fitness is required.
- Clients should be independently mobile with the ability to walk on uneven surfaces and negotiate stairs without hand rails.
- This tour is not suitable for those who require airport wheelchair assistance or any mobility aids.
- It is essential that you arrive on tour fit, healthy and ready to travel.

<b>Weather</b>	<b>Max °c</b>	<b>Min °c</b>
Paris	26	16
Annecy	27	14
Lake Geneva	21	14

**Terms and Conditions**

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**Travel Insurance**

We strongly recommend all clients purchase travel insurance to protect against emergencies, cancellations, lost items, and delays that could lead to unexpected costs. Please ask us for a quote.

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