

Southerners Northern France & Baltics Tour

Departing 28 July 2014

Personally escorted by Tony & Tracey Laker

Join us for a stopover in Singapore, 3 nights in romantic Paris, then an exclusively chartered First Class coach tour of stunning Northern France, visiting beautiful Normandy, Brittany and the Loire Valley. We then board the newly launched luxurious Royal Princess for an amazing 12 day Baltic cruise visiting stunning cities such as Copenhagen, Oslo, Berlin, St Petersburg, Helsinki and Stockholm.

24 day tour

from

\$13,990

per person
share twin

(Based on an Inside Cabin)

Upgrade to a Balcony Cabin for an additional \$1320 per person share twin



PRICE INCLUDES

- Economy class airfares from Christchurch to Paris, Paris to Copenhagen and returning to Christchurch
- Twin/double share accommodation in premium hotels throughout
- 1 night stopover in Singapore
- 3 nights and sightseeing in stunning Paris - "the City of Lights"
- Exclusively chartered First Class coach tour of Normandy, Brittany and the Loire Valley
- 1 night and sightseeing in Copenhagen
- 12 day cruise onboard the luxurious Royal Princess in an Inside Cabin. All meals onboard daytime activities and evening entertainment included
- Personally escorted throughout by Tracey & Tony Laker

Royal Princess

Christened by HRH The Duchess of Cambridge, Royal Princess® is the newest member of the Princess fleet and is sure to delight its 3,560 passengers with exciting new innovations and signature features. An even larger and expanded atrium with additional entertainment and casual dining options, Princess Cruises largest top deck pool ever with a water & light show, an enhanced Movies Under the Stars® screen, and the new SeaWalk with views 128 feet straight down!



Day 1 (Tue 29 Jul) CHRISTCHURCH – SINGAPORE

This morning we depart on our Singapore Airlines flight for Singapore. On arrival transfer to the hotel.

Day 2 (Wed 30 Jul) SINGAPORE - PARIS

A day at leisure in Singapore before an overnight flight to Paris. (B)

Day 3 (Thu 31 Jul) PARIS

On arrival this morning we will be met and begin our European adventure with a picturesque cruise on the River Seine and a visit to the artistic district of Montmartre.

Day 4 (Fri 01 Aug) PARIS

Explore the 'City of Lights' further with a tour taking in the Arc de Triomphe, Opera, Madeleine, the Louvre and the Champs Elysees. Visit the magnificent Notre Dame and take the elevator to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. This afternoon enjoy an excursion to the impressive Palace and Gardens of Versailles. (B)

Day 5 (Sat 02 Aug) PARIS – ROUEN - CAEN

In Rouen admire the façade of the cathedral, have time to stroll along the lovely Rue de Gros-Horloge leading to the square where Joan of Arc was burned. Next, stop in Beuvron-en-Auge along the Route du Cidre for a cider tasting. (B, D)

Day 6 (Sun 03 Aug) CAEN – NORMANDY – MONT ST MICHEL

Focus on the scene of the Allied Forces landing on D-Day, June 6th 1944. Drive by Juno Beach and Gold Beach for a view of the Mulberry Harbour. Continue to Sainte Mere Eglise, the first town to be liberated. This afternoon visit the famous Abbey of Mont St Michel perched on a rocky isle in the Gulf of Saint Malo. (B, D)

Day 7 (Mon 04 Aug) MONT ST MICHEL – LOIRE VALLEY

Enjoy a scenic ride right across Brittany via Chateaubriant to Angers. Continue to the Loire Valley and spend the next two nights in the splendid Chateau du Breuil. (B)

Day 8 (Tue 05 Aug) LOIRE VALLEY

We visit three of the most important castles in the area. Start with the jewel of the French Renaissance, Chateau Chambord. Next is the 16th Century Chateau of Catherine de Medici, lovely Chenonceau, a fairytale castle with a moat, drawbridge and towers! In Amboise visit Clos Luce, where Leonardo de Vinci worked and lived. (B, D)

Day 9 (Wed 06 Aug) LOIRE VALLEY – CHARTRES - PARIS

Stop in Chartres with its superb 13th Century gothic cathedral, a jewel of medieval architecture. (B)

Day 10 (Thu 07 Aug) PARIS - COPENHAGEN

Fly to Copenhagen where we spend the evening having fun at Tivoli Gardens, maybe ride the oldest running wooden roller coaster in the world? (B)

Day 11 (Fri 08 Aug) COPENHAGEN - CRUISING

This morning we enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the city, before transferring to the impressive Royal Princess to begin our 12 day Baltic Cruise. (B, D)

Day 12 (Sat 09 Aug) OSLO, NORWAY

Our first day in port takes us to Norway's capital – Oslo. Why not join in one of the optional excursions on offer to see the best Oslo has to offer. (B, L, D)

Day 13 (Sun 10 Aug) GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

Gothenburg is the largest port in Scandinavia and like all great seaports, is a cosmopolitan city with a wealth of cultural attractions, from its ancient University to its beloved pleasure garden at Liseberg Amusement Park. (B, L, D)



Day 14 (Mon 11 Aug) BERLIN, GERMANY

Berlin is a worthy rival to London or Paris in terms of history, art and culture. The city's highlights include the restored Reichstag Building with its magnificent glass dome, the stunning Pergamon Museum, Checkpoint Charlie and of course the remnants of the Berlin Wall. (B, L, D)

Day 15 (Tue 12 Aug) AT SEA

Enjoy a day at sea to make the most of the facilities onboard the Royal Princess. (B, L, D)

Day 16 (Wed 13 Aug) TALLINN, ESTONIA

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia and one of the prettiest cities in the Baltics, the Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Some of the sites here include Toompea Hill, home to some of Tallinn's oldest architectural wonders and the Town Hall Square, home to the Gothic Town Hall built in 1402. (B, L, D)

Day 17 (Thu 14 Aug) ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

The jewel in the crown of any Baltic's Cruise, a visit to St Petersburg is quite simply a delight to the senses. The sights on offer here will leave you in awe. The Hermitage Museum, with an art collection to rival the Louvre, is the Tsar's former Winter Palace and home to over three million artworks, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, a typical onion domed church, the impressive Peterhof Palace, the opulent baroque Catherine Palace and the Peter & Paul Fortress will certainly keep you busy. As we overnight in St Petersburg there is the chance this evening to enjoy a night at the ballet in a spectacular theatre dating back to 1896. (B, L, D)

Day 18 (Fri 15 Aug) ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Another full day to explore St Petersburg. (B, L, D)

Day 19 (Sat 16 Aug) HELSINKI, FINLAND

There's no denying that Helsinki is one of the most vibrant and beautiful cities in Scandinavia. Finland's capital is a city of graceful neoclassical buildings, striking modern architecture and spacious boulevards dotted with squares and parks. (B, L, D)

Day 20 (Sun 17 Aug) STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Stockholm covers 14 separate islands and is interwoven with bays, channels and inlets. The city skyline is a sea of copper roofs grown green with patina, towers, spires and graceful cupolas stand sentinel over the historic Old Town (Gamla Stan). A visit to the Vasa Museum is a must. (B, L, D)

Day 21 (Mon 18 Aug) AT SEA

A second day at sea to enjoy the onboard facilities. (B, L, D)

Day 22 (Tue 19 Aug) COPENHAGEN – SINGAPORE

We finish the cruise this morning in Copenhagen before transferring to the airport for our overnight flight to Singapore. (B)

Day 23 (Wed 20 Aug) SINGAPORE – CHRISTCHURCH

An early morning arrival into Singapore, where an airport hotel room is waiting for you to rest and refresh before our evening flight home. (B)

Day 24 (Thu 21 Aug) ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH

B = Breakfast

L = Lunch

D = Dinner

Please note, the itinerary is subject to change at any time.

