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Notre Dame Cathedral (left), and stained glass windows in Eglise de la Saint Joan D'Arc (right)

RIVER CRUISING ON THE SEINE

Visiting Rouen, St. Joan D'Arc and Le Marais, Paris

Now we are on the last "leg" or lap of this great adventure. I am so glad I decided to do this particular [river cruise](#) - it took me to places I had heard about, read about or learned in school. Take JOAN D'ARC and ROUEN -what a fabulous legend, what an amazing character this young woman must have been.



Joan D'Arc from a Fifteenth-century drawing

She joined the French army at 16 (what 16 year old do you know that would join the army, ride into battle to fight for a cause - her country

and the French king!). She was in several battles, inciting and leading the soldiers to fight for France against the British. The English lost and the French king returned. All was wonderful - except for Joan D'Arc. She was captured, court marshaled at 19 and - gasp - burned at the stake - WOW!

So I was always fascinated by this early woman's rights paragon - and coming to Rouen was extra special. Rouen is a beautiful, medieval city with wonderful churches such as the imposing Notre Dame Cathedral and the Church of St. Joan D'Arc - a modern church with amazingly beautiful stained glass windows that were saved from a 16th century church destroyed in WW2 - visiting is was a very stirring experience.

After stopping in Conflans and admiring the white cliffs of the Seine valley, we arrived back in Paris a day later in the afternoon.



Le Marais, Paris

The next day an excursion of our choice took us to Le Marais, one of Paris oldest and most visually stunning quarters (first developed in the 12th century). Delving into the past of Paris was fabulous. And upon return to the ship we were served a most wonderful Farewell dinner accompanied by great wines, some speeches and music - we were all great friends by then! AND THEN - it was over - and I cannot wait to go back - I fell in love with the Normandy - the scenery, the river and the people.

Au revoir a Paris!
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