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River Cruising On The Seine

Remember our recent blogtelling you about my testing out the [river cruise on the Seine](#), starting from Paris. (If you want I can resend it).



So we spent the first night on board ship and when we woke we were gliding West up (or down??) the Seine towards our first stop: Vernon - Vernon has kept streets that seem to come straight out of the Middle Ages. Half-timbered houses with ancient doors and carved timbers, shop signs in wrought iron, cobbled paths are of exceptional character and are a frequent sight throughout this charming town. Vernon is a delightful town with a beautiful gothic church, Notre Dame. On a morning outing we strolled through town, visited the church and found a typically French farmers market and were tempted into buying some great tasting smelly cheeses of the region (to bring home) which we regretted bitterly (more about that later). Back on board ship we were treated to a wine tasting and a light lunch.



In the afternoon there was an excursion by coach to the exquisite Chateau de Bizy. This little gem is surrounded by a large park and was nicknamed a "little Versailles" because of its fountains. The chateau de Bizy stands on the hill one mile away from downtown Vernon. It is privately owned and furnished – it was spectacular!!!!!! Returning to the ship we saw something rather unusual – on roofs covered with reeds one could see green leaves growing out from the peaks (see photo). The guide explained that those were Iris plants that were purposely planted there (this method goes back hundreds of years) and as they need moisture to grow they pull it out of the roof and so the roofs stay dry and intact – what a wonderful idea.



Backat the ship we were treated to a delicious meal paired with great wines –
quell lux!! (More next time)

Stay tuned - more from the [Amalegro cruising the Seine](#) by Susanne Servin



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