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RIVER CRUISING ON THE SEINE

Sightseeing in River Towns and Eating White Asparagus

You have not heard from me in a while - I wish I could say that I was traveling to some glorious places but in reality life got in the way.

I promised to write more about [the river cruise on the Seine with AMA Waterways](#).....I left you in **Vernon** on the Seine and the charming Chateaux de Bizet.

A scenic morning cruise brought us to **Caudebec-en-Caux** in the Lower Normandy on the right bank of the Seine. We had a chance to stroll thru this charming old fishing village with the typical grand gothic church. After lunch back on board we left the ship again and went on one of the cruise co. excursions to **Honfleur** – an absolutely lovely picturesque and historic port located on an estuary of the river Seine across from Le Havre. We thoroughly enjoyed walking through the historic streets and the

shops with local products and admired the colorful houses along the harborfront. We had a little trouble with the weather and spent some time in a covered coffee shop on the harbor watching the rain and the ships, drinking coffee and (me) a calvados for warmth only.

The evening found us in the ship's dining room enjoying the wonderful scenery gliding by. The German Chef prepared for us asperge blanc (the famous white asparagus) – steamed served with brown butter sauce. This is the time in which most of Europe frolics in eating white asparagus which is harvested only during late April and most of May.

Growing up in Austria it was a beloved Spring tradition to eat white asparagus – or weisser Spargel - prepared in many different ways. It tastes so much better than green asparagus.

Here in New York you can find white asparagus dishes at Kurt Gutenbrunner's restaurant 'Blaue Gans' or 'Wallse'. [A recipe from another famous Austrian Chef Wolfgang Puck is on our home page.](#) And of course you should pair this dish with a white wine such as [Grüner Veltliner](#) or Grauburgunder (Pinot Gris).

I leave you dreaming of Paris, the Seine and white asparagus

More next time from *Susanne Serwin*

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