# Ophorus - Cruise Excursion from Honfleur to Giverny Gardens

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| **Location:** Honfleur, France  **Category:** Private Tours  **Currency:** EUR  **Language:** English  **TimeZone:** Europe/Paris  **Duration:** 8.0 hours  **Max Group Size:** 8 | **Magpie Product Code:** DCTLBY  **Company Website:** ophorus.com  **Primary Contact:** Ophorus  **Email:** info@ophorus.com |

**Highlights:**

- Visit Monet's House & Gardens in Giverny

- Book your tickets to Giverny directly with us!

- Visit the Charming small town of Honfleur

- English speaking Driver or Driver/Guide

**Description Summary:**

 Visit Claude Monet's House & Gardens in Giverny including free time for personal discovery and lunch. Visit of Honfleur with your guide on this small group private shore excursion from Honfleur Cruise Port.

**Description:**

Embark on a vibrant Shore Excursion from Honfleur Port of Call to the famous Gardens of Giverny followed by a tour of Honfleur town!

Departing from HonfleurCruise Port, this Normandy full day private shore excursion will take you to the breathtaking village of Giverny where the house and Gardens of famous painter Claude Monet are located. Then upon our return we will stop in the picturesque small town of Honfleur for a short walking tour and time for personal discovery.

**Program & Itinerary**

Pick up at your Ship in Honfleur Cruise Port

Enjoy the drive to Giverny

Visit the House and Gardens of Claude Monet

Guided visit of Honfleur

Return to Ship in Honfleur Cruise Port

**Pick up at your Cruise ship in Honfleur**

At first we will come and pick you up at your Cruise Ship in Honfleur Port. Your driver will be waiting for you outside the terminal with a sign bearing the lead travelers name. You will then be taken to your premium A/C vehicle where it will be time for presentations and a recap of your shore excursion to Giverny.

Your drive to the village of Giverny from Honfleur Port of call is of about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Please note that all our vehicles are equipped with an internal P/A system that allows the driver to make commentaries during driving time. All our vehicles are also equipped with wi-fi so that you will be able to catch up with family and friends during this time.

**Arrive in Giverny**

On this Honfleur shore excursion, reach Giverny village after your driving time. The village is one of the most famous in France as it features Monet's house, one of the most famous 19th century impressionist painters of France.

Upon arrival you will be taken by your guide to the entrance where your visit of Gardens and House of Claude Monet will begin. During your visit you will certainly admire the gorgeous lily ponds - covered with water lily - or the unique Japanese bridge.

**Claude Monet's House**

The painter arrives in Giverny in 1883 aged 43 years old. Thanks to the selling of a number of paintings to art merchant Durand-Ruel, he is able to acquire this house where he believes he will be able to ameliorate his work on light and color.

During more than 40 years, Monet will transform, develop and enlarge the house. As you enter, you will first discover the reading room or 'little blue sitting room' followed by the artist's first studio where he worked until 1899.

You will then proceed to the first floor where the private apartments are located. These include Monet's bedroom where objects and artwork from Monet's time are exhibited. There are also reproductions of paintings made by his friends: Cézanne, Renoir, Signac or Caillebote.

Then, move on to Alice's bedroom - Claude Monet's wife - and end the tour of the upper floor with the last room which was Blanche Monet's bedroom. You will then return to the ground floor to visit the dining room and kitchen. Here, you will admire Monet's famous collection of Japanese prints.

**The 'Clos Normand' Garden**

Monet's love for gardens came as he visited the gardens of friends as well as with the one he took care of in his previous house of Argenteuil. In Giverny, the artist will model his garden so as to better paint it. In front of the house, he creates the Clos Normand.

He starts by removing a number of trees, to Alice's great despair, then reorganizes the flower beds playing with the colors for his paintings. The flower garden is composed of daffodils, tulips, narcissus, iris, oriental poppies, peonies while the central path is lined with nasturtiums, fragrant roses, cherry and Japanese apricot trees.

**The Water Garden**

By diverting a small river, the impressionist painter Claude Monet completely created this water garden. He will contemplate nature for hours especially fond of the reflections of the sky that occur on the water. Deeply inspired by 'Japonism' - influence of Japanese art on French Artists and writers - he creates a unique world. A Japanese bridge is built and oriental plants are introduced such as maple trees, Japanese peonies, white lilies, bamboos and Ginkgos Biloba.

In 1897, Monet begins to paint the "Nymphéas" series inspired by the water lilies pond, achieving one of his most famous artwork reaching the limit of abstraction (Water Lily). Today, ten gardeners take care of Giverny gardens all year round.

Please note that we do not include any tickets on the day of the tour. You must purchase your entrance tickets during the booking process as there are many different options of visit available. Depending on the tickets that you will have bought, your tour will cover different sites and entrances.

**Begin to make your way back, stop in Honfleur**

After the visit and some time for lunch, start your way back to Honfleur. On the way back, we will make a stop in colorful Honfleur, one of the prettiest small harbor towns of France. Follow a short walking tour in town to get your bearing and let yourself be transported by the beauty and simplicity of Honfleur as you stroll through its small cobbled stone streets dotted with Art & Artisans shops - a real treat!

After the visit we will drop you off at your ship. This private tour can accommodate a maximum of 8 persons per minivan. The tour is fully customizable depending on your wishes. If you would like to add a visit that is missing from this description, do not hesitate to let us know! Other popular options include an excursion to Rouen, Paris and the Normandy D-Day landing beaches.

**Inclusions:**

Pick up and drop off at Cruise Ship Terminal

Services of English speaking driver or driver/guide

Small Group Private tour limited to 8 persons

Transportation in Premium A/C vehicle

Itinerary can be fully customized

**Exclusions:**

Entrance fees to monuments, museums or attractions

Meals, drinks unless mentioned in the program

Personal travel insurance and expenses

Gratuities for the driver/guide

**Know Before You Book:**

- Minimum number of 2 participants applies.

- Extras can be pre-paid during booking process

- Price is per group, not per person.

- English speaking tour, other languages on request.

**Know Before You Go:**

- Driver will be waiting for you at Cruise Ship terminal exit with a sign

- Small group, personalized experience

- 8 hour Private Giverny & Honfleur Tour from Honfleur Cruise Port

- Worry free shore Excursion, guaranteed return to Ship

**Minimum:**
2 guests per booking

**Maximum:**
8 guests per booking

**Booking Cut-off:**
29
days
before start time

### Locations:

**API provider:**
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**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
Pick up at Cruise Ship Terminal
Please proceed to exit where your guide will be waiting for you with a sign bearing lead traveler name.

**Type:**
Business Address location

**Address:**
Ophorus Day Tours, Boulevard Pierre 1er, Bordeaux, France

**Type:**
Meeting Point location

**Address:**
Terminal croisière de Honfleur, Grand Port Maritime de Rouen, Honfleur, France

**Type:**
Ends location

**Address:**
Terminal croisière de Honfleur, Grand Port Maritime de Rouen, Honfleur, France

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

**Is this experience private:**
Yes

**Trip difficulty:**
Moderate

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
48
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
Up to 48 hours before the beginning of the activity: full refund
Less than 48 hours before the beginning of the activity or no-show: no refund

**Options:**

Price is per group not per person

### Pricing

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| **Group Price** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Travelers | 18-99 years | €1,100.00 |  |  |  |

### Other Information

**Terms and Conditions**

Ophorus requires full payment to guarantee your booking. In case of registration one month or less before shore excursion date, payment is expected immediately. We accept payment by credit cards (Visa, Master card, American Express), There is no charge or service fee for processing credit card payments but booking process does incur a booking fee. For any cancellation, the following fees will be deducted from the refund:

Up to 48 hours prior to departure (Paris Time Zone) > no cancellation fees except the booking fees 
  
48 hours prior to departure and less > no refund

No refund will be made in case the boat is unable to dock in the port of Call.

All private shore excursions must clearly specify the name of the ship and the local port of call. Ophorus will not be held responsible if the wrong port of call has been notified during reservation process. All private shore excursions departing from Bordeaux must specify local port of call: “Bordeaux city port of call” or “Bassens port of call“ or “Le Verdon port of call”. No insurance for cancellation or assistance is included in the prices mentioned for private shore excursions. Each customer has to check that he or she has the appropriate documents for their journey; a passport (with visa if necessary) or a valid ID card. No refund will be granted in case of lack or loss of ID documents. Eating, drinking and smoking on board the minivans are strictly forbidden (law of September, 17th, 1977). All passengers are insured during the excursions while in the vans. The responsibility of Ophorus is limited to our insurance contract clauses.

**Redemption**
Your voucher will be collected or scanned on redemption