



Trudel-le Family Association Journey Back to the Roots

Program: 14-days / 12-nights cultural tour in France and Belgium, including visits to ancestral heritage sites of the Trudel-le Family Association, from September 16 to 28, 2026.

Route: Montreal–Paris / Paris–Montreal

Commemorating the 370th wedding anniversary of Jean and Marguerite

Day 1: (Wednesday, September 16) – Air Transat flight from Montreal YUL to Paris CDG. Dinner and supper served on board.

Day 2: (Thursday, September 17) – Breakfast. Morning arrival and reception at the airport. Departure for **Liège**, Belgium, the province where **Marguerite Thomas, wife of Jean Trudelle**, originated. Lunch. In the afternoon, travel to **Stavelot** to visit Marguerite's birthplace, dating back to 1634. Check-in at your hotel in Liège for a one-night stay.



Day 3 (Friday, September 18): Head toward **Normandy** and its regional capital, **Rouen**. En route, visit the Canadian National **Vimy Memorial**.

Nestled in the heart of a 107-hectare forest, the Vimy Memorial stands tall overlooking the plain, honoring the 66,000 Canadian soldiers who died in France during the conflict. Lunch in **Arras**.

Arrival in **Rouen** – Check-in at your hotel for a one-night stay. Free time to explore the historic city center. Dinner on your own.



Evening highlight: *Cathedral of Light* – a sound and light show projected onto the cathedral façade.



Day 4 (Saturday, September 19): Head toward **Le Perche** in the Orne department. Amid rolling hills, forests, and hedgerows, the natural beauty also reminds us that this region is the cradle

of Canadian immigration, home to pioneers like Jean Trudelle. Lunch followed by check-in at your hotel in **Mortagne-au-Perche**, a charming town with exceptional heritage, for a two-night stay.



Day 5 (Sunday, September 20): Breakfast. Visit to **Parfondeval**, birthplace of the Trudelle family (a semi-bocage commune now part of the Mortagne-au-Perche community of municipalities). Stop at Notre-Dame Church, perched above a valley carved by a tributary of the Huisne River. Meeting with local dignitaries (subject to



confirmation). Visit to Jean Trudelle's birthplace located in **La Basse Chèvreerie** (new owner open to welcoming visitors, to be confirmed).

Lunch followed by a visit to a local cider producer, including a tasting session. Return to Mortagne-au-Perche, also internationally renowned for its black pudding — a delicacy to sample during your stay. Free time.

Dinner on your own.



Day 6 (Monday, September 21): Visit to the **Tourouvre** museums dedicated to Percheron immigration to Canada. Tour of Saint-Aubin Church in Tourouvre, which pays tribute to the pioneers of New France.



Lunch on site, then departure for **Caen** — a city of 100,000 inhabitants, capital of Lower Normandy, and stronghold of William the Conqueror. Panoramic tour of the city (Men's Abbey, Women's Abbey, Marina, University, Racecourse, etc.). Historical visit of Caen's city center.

Free time. Check-in at your hotel in Caen for a two-night stay.

Dinner on your own.

Day 7 (Tuesday, September 22): **The D-Day landing beaches**. Breakfast.

On June 6, 1944, and throughout the long summer that followed, men from around the world came to fight in Normandy to defeat Nazism and restore freedom. Normandy forever bears the marks of this history.

Guided tour throughout the day with a private specialist guide on board the coach.

Visit to the Canadian sites that shaped history, including the Canadian War Cemetery in **Reviers**.



Tour of the Juno Beach Centre and the bunkers in Courseulles-sur-Mer. Free time to stroll through Juno Park and along the beach. Lunch. Stop at the remarkable artificial harbor of **Arromanches-les-Bains** — a place of deep emotion and remembrance.

Visit to the German gun batteries at **Longues-sur-Mer**.

Return to the hotel in Caen. Dinner on your own.



Day 8 (Wednesday, September 23): Departure for **Saint-Malo** (2.5 hours).

Towering granite walls surround the old town, which was once a stronghold for corsairs (pirates sanctioned by the king). Today, it serves as a gateway to the Jersey Islands and a departure point for major sailing regattas.

Lunch. Check-in at your hotel for a two-night stay.

Guided tour of the city followed by free time. Dinner on your own.

Take the opportunity to explore the many restaurants within the fortified old town — or perhaps enjoy a stroll along the harbor ?



Day 9 (Thursday, September 24): Breakfast. A must-see visit to **Mont Saint-Michel** — the “Wonder of the West,” listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is one of the most visited sites in France.

Private guided tour of the Abbey!

Free time for lunch and to explore the village: stroll along the ramparts, marvel at the bay, wander through the narrow streets, and shop like the pilgrims once did. Return to Saint-Malo.

Dinner on your own.

Day 10 (Friday, September 25): Breakfast. Departure for Vendée (approx. 3.5 hours). Lunch en route.

Check-in at your hotel in **La Roche-sur-Yon** for a two-night stay. Visit the mechanical bestiary in the water basins of Place Napoléon.

Dinner on your own in town.

Between nature and history, enjoy a city with many faces.



Day 11 (Saturday, September 26): Breakfast. Departure for **La Rochelle**

(1.5 hours). Since the 17th century, the city has been the first Canadian port of the Kingdom. Guided tour followed by free time for lunch and the afternoon.



La Rochelle has been a fishing and trading center since the 12th century — a maritime tradition reflected in its Old Port and its vast, modern marina: Les Minimes. The old town features half-timbered medieval houses and Renaissance architecture. Return to your hotel.

Dinner on your own.

Day 12 (Sunday, September 27): Breakfast. Departure for **the Loire Valley castles**. Visit to a Loire Valley wine producer, where you'll discover the main grape varieties, appellations, soils, climates, and the history of the terroir — with a tasting session.



Lunch break near **Tours**. Arrival in **Blois** for a visit to the Royal Château of Blois. Check-in at your hotel in Blois for a one-night stay.

Day 13 (Monday, September 28): Breakfast. Departure for **Paris** (approx. 3 hours). Lunch en route.



Arrival in Paris for a one-hour narrated sightseeing cruise on the Seine — a warm and convivial moment. As you glide along the river, iconic landmarks unfold before your eyes: the Eiffel Tower, Pont Alexandre III, the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Notre-Dame... Discover the capital from its legendary waterway!

Guided tour of **Notre-Dame Cathedral** (1 hour). Check-in at your hotel in the Paris suburbs for a one-night stay.

Free time for some final shopping. Farewell dinner on your own.

Day 14 (Tuesday, September 29): Breakfast. Return flight from Paris CDG to Montreal YUL. End of services.

PRICE: €4,089.00 per person (based on double occupancy, excluding airfare)

Based on a group of 25 participants.

Single room supplement: €545.00 (For twin or triple rooms: please contact us).

For 26 to 30 participants: €4,024.00 per person.

Single room supplement remains: €545.00.

The price includes:

- ✓ 12 nights in 3-star accommodation; 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches
- ✓ All restaurant and service taxes included
- ✓ Comfortable coach transportation with professional drivers.
 - Comfort: High-quality seating, air conditioning, restroom, video system, refrigerator, and other amenities.
 - Eco-friendly: Complies with the latest environmental standards to reduce pollutant emissions.
 - Safety: Equipped with the latest innovations for your protection.
- ✓ All hotel/airport transfers
- ✓ Visit to the town of Stavelot
- ✓ Visit to the Canadian War Memorial in Vimy
- ✓ Visit to the Tourouvre Museums
- ✓ Guided tour of Caen
- ✓ Guided tour of Saint-Malo
- ✓ Sightseeing cruise on the Seine in Paris
- ✓ Visit to a local Norman cider producer (with tasting)
- ✓ Visit to a Loire Valley winemaker (with tasting)
- ✓ Visit to the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles
- ✓ Guided visit of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris
- ✓ Guided tour of the historic center of La Rochelle
- ✓ Guided tour of Mont Saint-Michel
- ✓ Guided tour of the Château de Blois
- ✓ Evening walking tour for the *Cathedral of Light* sound and light show in Rouen
- ✓ Tour guide throughout the entire stay
- ✓ Onboard expert guide specializing in the D-Day landing beaches

- ✓ Assistance from Racines Voyages throughout the trip (Phone, WhatsApp, Messenger...)
- ✓ A.P.S.T. traveler protection (French travel agency consumer compensation fund)
- ✓ Digital travel wallet

For dinners not included in the package, a list of recommended restaurants will be provided.

Not included in the price: airfare, optional activities mentioned, farewell dinner (subject to 2026 event schedule), certain beverages during meals, and travel insurance.

Not included: travel arrangements (pricing upon request), baggage handling, and personal expenses.

Tips: optional for the driver; at your discretion for the tour escort.

Trip Highlights

- A tailor-made itinerary featuring visits to ancestral sites of the Trudel Association and key locations linked to the departure of pioneers to New France in the 17th century
- Warm welcome from local community representatives
- Tastings of regional specialties
- A pleasant and well-paced travel rhythm
- Scenic sightseeing cruise on the Seine
- Free time for personal discoveries and shopping

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Extension

Why not continue your journey back to your roots with a wellness or discovery stay in another region?

Contact us for:

- A river cruise in France or abroad
- A week-long stay in a hotel residence in France or abroad,
- Participation in major festive, cultural, and sporting events in France in 2026



Marie-Claire PRESTAVOINE, manager of Racines Voyages (a company based in Normandy, just two hours from Parfondeval), will support the association throughout the entire planning of the trip and serve as the liaison with all local service providers — including the tour escort, tourist guides, lecturers, producers, and artisans.

Among the references in Quebec: Richard Families Association of America, Drouin Families Association of America, Plante Families Association, Vachon-Pommerleau Families Association, Pelletier Families Association, Chabot Families Association, Labrecque... Official delegation from Boucherville to Mortagne-au-Perche for a commemorative event.....

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