

**PRE CONGRESS TOUR**

*4 days: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018.  
Minimum 20, maximum 45 participants.*

The registered participants are invited to meet and get to know each other the first evening at 45, rue de Naples, Paris 8<sup>ème</sup>. According to their personal choice they will have arrived at Paris the same or a previous day. We can assist them in making hotel reservations for their private stay. Please note the official start of the pre-tour on 1<sup>st</sup> June is 4.30 pm.

Note the following abbreviations:

IIRB: International Institute of Sugar Beet Research

ITB: Institut Technique de la Betterave (France)

CGB: Confédération Générale des Planteurs de Betteraves

**Pre tour Programme:**

**Visits:** Château de Versailles, the old quarter of Rouen, Jumièges Abbey, Trinity Abbey Church at Fécamp, the Palais Bénédictine, the harbour of Le Havre, the Malraux museum, and the city of Honfleur.

**Meals:** Gourmet menu at Paris, stand-up cocktail, dinner-cruise, Norman lunch, and dinner in a brasserie.

**Hotels:** 3 overnight stays in 4 star hotels.

**Costs of the pre tour = 895 €/person**

## **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June:**

4.30 pm: Welcome at the ITB, 45 rue de Naples, PARIS 8<sup>ème</sup>

Tea time at the 1<sup>st</sup> lower level floor

5 pm: Presentation of the pre tour in the auditorium of the 1<sup>st</sup> lower level floor

Attendance of participants, distribution of name badges and answers to any questions

6 pm: Welcome cocktail in the dining room of the CGB on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor

7 pm: Walk to the restaurant

8 pm: Dinner

11 pm: Return to the hotel Relais Monceau, 85 rue du Rocher, Paris 8<sup>ème</sup>

Night at the hotel



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## **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:**

7.30 am: Breakfast at the hotel

8 am: Check-out

8.15 am: Meeting in the entrance hall of the ITB building; walk to the bus station

8.30 am: Bus departure to VERSAILLES

9 am: Arrival at the Castle of VERSAILLES

9.30 am: Free visit of the castle and the parks with audio guides

12 am: Return to the bus and departure towards Normandy



1.30 pm: Lunch, stand-up reception

3 pm: Departure towards ROUEN

4 pm: Check in at the Hotel Mercure Rive Droite, 12 bis, avenue Aristide Briand



5 pm: Guided walk through the historic quarter of ROUEN (Place Saint Marc, Aître Saint Maclou, Palais de Justice, Cathedral, Rue du Gros Horloge, Place du Vieux Marché, Halle aux Toiles)

6.45 pm: The bus will bring us from the Place du Vieux Marché to Quai Emile Duchemin

7 pm : Wine tasting of the wine cellar Frédéric EMERAUD (under reserve) or the wine cellar ERISAY on a boat (L'Escapade)

8.30 pm: Dinner-cruise on the Seine river, with Traiteur ERISAY

11.45 pm: Departure by bus to the hotel MERCURE  
Night at the hotel.





## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:

7.45 am: Breakfast at the hotel

8.45 am: Departure from the hotel to JUMIEGES by bus.  
Last Check out at 8.30 am.

9.30 am: Visit of the abbey of Jumièges, an ancient Benedictine monastery founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> century which outlasted the centuries. Today it is a well preserved ruin and witness of a rich past.

10.30 am: Departure to the town FECAMP, a small city of 20.000 inhabitants located in the heart of the Pays de Caux on the Alabaster Coast, with its pebble beach and chalk cliffs washed out from the sea, a marina, semaphore and abbey.

11.45 am: Visit of Trinity Abbey. Reconstructed in the 12<sup>th</sup> century on relicts of an early Benedictine monastery dating back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century, this abbey was the first pilgrim destination in Normandy before being surpassed by the Mont Saint Michel.

12.15 pm: Crossing the bridge (Chaussée Gayant) by bus to reach the Northern cliff and Côte de la Vierge with optimal view on the light house and the chapel of Notre Dame du Salut. Panoramic view over the town, the cliffs and the sea.

12.30 pm: Lunch at the chapel farm

3 pm: Visit of the Benedictine palace. This amazing building built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in mixed neo-Gothic and neo-Renaissance style is where the famous alcoholic digestive 'La Bénédictine' is produced.



4.30 pm: Departure to LE HAVRE

5 pm: Stop at the seaside resort of ETRETAT. Walk on the cliffs with a magical view on the 'Aiguille creuse', the chalk cliffs washed out in arches, and the pebble beach.

7 pm: Arrival at the hotel Pasino, Place Jules Ferry, LE HAVRE

- Dinner at the Brasserie du Pasino, free timing and choice of menu, according to own rhythm
- Pool, sauna and fitness room open daily 7 am to 10 pm

Free evening; a casino open to the public is on-site

Night at the hotel



### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June:**

7.30 am: Breakfast at the hotel, last check out at 8.15 am

8.30 am: Departure of the bus to the boat's jetty

9.00 am: Visit of the Harbor of LE HAVRE on the boat 'Ville du Havre 2', Navigation Normande, 125 Boulevard Clemenceau.

Duration of the visit: 1h15



11 am: Visit of the Museum of Modern Art André MALREAUX; 2 Boulevard Clemenceau. Guided visit with 25 people per group, or free visit

Duration: 1h30

The museum's impressionist painting collection is the most extensive in the region. The exhibition includes paintings by Claude MONET, et Eugène BOUDIN, but also RENOIR, DEGAS, MANET, ...

12.45 pm: Departure to HONFLEUR, passing the Pont de Normandie



13.30 pm: Free visit of the town HONFLEUR with lunch (not included)

Honfleur is a little Norman town that represents the Côte Fleurie with its sandy beaches, its charming timber-framed houses in the old streets, the coloured houses along the old harbour and its marina.

It is a pleasure to stroll in the paved lanes admiring the oak beams of the salt store-houses, to visit the church Sainte Catherine with two naves supporting an awesome wooden arch, and to have a drink while watching the colourful bustle of Sainte Catherine and Saint Etienne quays.



3.30 pm: Departure to DEAUVILLE

4.30 pm: Arrival at the Centre International de Deauville (CID), participants can register for the IIRB Congress

5.15 pm: Final tour by bus to bring everybody to their hotel

### **End of the Pre Tour**

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Meeting at the CID from 6 pm onwards for a welcome cocktail.  
Free evening

The timing of the visits might need to be adapted for organisational reasons.  
In an eventual case of unavailability concerning the hotels listed on this date (or a change in the number of participants), the hotel will be replaced by one of similar quality.