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# Memorials of World War II

April 12 – 21, 2024



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**10 Days • 12 Meals:** 8 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** London & Paris WWII-Focused City Tours, Portsmouth, The D-Day Story Museum, English Channel Crossing, Juno Beach, Caen Peace Memorial Museum, Arromanche-les-Baines, Longues-sur-Mer, Apple Cider Farm Visit, Normandy American Cemetery, Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc, Airborne Museum, Utah Beach, Giverny Gardens, Seine River Dinner Cruise

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton, London
Day 4	Portsmouth Marriott Hotel , Portsmouth
Days 5 – 7	Mercure Caen Cote de Nacre, Caen
Days 8, 9	Renaissance La Defense, Paris

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Friday, April 12, 2024 Overnight Flight** An unforgettable journey of discovery and remembrance awaits you on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

**Day 2: Saturday, April 13, 2024 London, England - Tour Begins** Welcome to London. Discover the city's rich historical relationship with World War II. This evening, get a taste of contemporary British fare as you meet your fellow travelers for a dinner highlighting London's culinary renaissance. (D)

**Day 3: Sunday, April 14, 2024 London** Uncover London's myriad connections to WWII on an expert-guided tour. Step back in time to September 1940, when the city was at the receiving end of the German 'Blitz'. London would be reduced to rubble, but not Londoners, who "Kept Calm and Carried On." View Saint Paul's Cathedral and take in iconic landmarks such as Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Retrace Sir Winston Churchill's steps on a walk by the Cenotaph and Downing Street, before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 4: Monday, April 15, 2024 London - Portsmouth** This morning, journey through the English countryside to Portsmouth. This city played a critical role in the preparation efforts for Operation Overlord. Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery chose Portsmouth for their military headquarters and its dockyards now host The D-Day Story Museum, which you will visit this afternoon before checking into your hotel for a 1-night stay. (B, D)

**Day 5: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 Portsmouth - English Channel Crossing - Caen, France** In the early hours of the morning,\* board a ferry and cross the English Channel. As you breathe in the salted sea air during your 6-hour sailing, reflect upon the parallel journey nearly 160,000 courageous Allied troops took on June 6th, 1944, as they set out to liberate Europe from the Nazis. Your ferry docks in Ouistreham, which housed one of the largest bunkers of the German 'Atlantic Wall' defense system. A coastal drive takes you by Sword Beach (British landing site) to Juno Beach, where Canadian soldiers sacrificed their lives among a deluge of air attacks, naval bombardments, and land offenses. Arrive in Caen in the early evening and settle into your hotel for a momentous 3-night stay.\*\* (B, D)

**Day 6: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 Caen - D-Day Landing Sites** This morning, explore the Caen Peace Memorial Museum dedicated to providing a comprehensive history of the D-Day landings and Europe's post-war transition. Then, set out for Arromanche-les-Bains to view the remains of the Mulberry Harbor, one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII, allowing the Allies to establish strategic bridgeheads on D-Day. Later this afternoon, stop at the German Artillery battery of Longues-sur-Mer, featured in The Longest Day. Then pause at a local farm for a stroll through their apple orchards and a taste of traditional cider. (B)

**Day 7: Thursday, April 18, 2024 Caen - D-Day Landing Sites** Today, immerse yourself in the history of Normandy's beaches – the site of the largest amphibious invasion in history. Pay your respects to the 9,386 servicemen and women who rest at the Normandy American Cemetery. Visit two U.S. landing zones of the invasion of Normandy: Omaha Beach and this



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afternoon, Utah Beach. Discover Pointe du Hoc, a strategic German battery that claimed the ultimate sacrifice of 135 brave men from the 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions and where craters from cataclysmic bombings occupy the landscape to this day. At the Airborne Museum, learn the unique history of paratroopers in Saint-Mère-Église, the first French town liberated from the Nazis. Return to Caen in the early evening. (B)

**Day 8: Friday, April 19, 2024 Caen - Giverny - Paris** Head south to Paris this morning. Your drive through the rich pasturelands of Normandy takes you to the village of Giverny. Here, let the art scene leave its impression on you with a visit to Monet's countryside home.\*\*\* Stroll through the colorful living work of art that is Monet's garden, where you'll see the source for the artist's inspiration, including the setting for his iconic *Waterlilies*. Then, set off to Paris, the French capital that was under German occupation from 1940 to 1944. In the late afternoon, check into your hotel located in the suburban *La Défense* business district. As your day comes to a close, make

the most of an evening at leisure. Or, enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic *Paradis Latin\*\*\*\** for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B)

**Day 9: Saturday, April 20, 2024 Paris** A local expert leads you on a journey back to the time of German occupation and the puppet government of Vichy. From the *Vel d'Hiv*, *Hôtel de Ville*, *Les Invalides*, *Panthéon*, and the *Luxembourg Gardens* to *Le Marais*, see the sites that tell the story of the liberation of Paris and what life was like under the Nazis. Tonight, bid *au revoir* to your fellow travelers and to the *City of Light* while gently floating down the *Seine* on a dinner cruise. (B, D)

**Day 10: Sunday, April 21, 2024 Paris - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

**Experience It! Normandy**

June 6, 1944: the day thousands of allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. Otherwise known as D-Day, it is the day that marked the beginning of the end of the Second World War – and the day soldiers from the United States, United Kingdom, France, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and beyond sacrificed their lives on the shores of Normandy's landing beaches. Embark on a reflective journey through the myriad reminders of this watershed event in world history. Discover the memorials, museums, and landmarks that stand in dedication to the heroic soldiers. Visit Omaha, Juno, Sword, and Utah Beach, and pay respect to the more than 9,000 lives honored at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, the largest American cemetery in the region.

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## PLEASE NOTE:

**Book Now rates valid until Aug 13, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only. The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices. This comprehensive tour features multiple long days, with early mornings and long bus days exceeding 4 hours of driving between destinations. In particular, the day you cross the English Channel will require departing as early as 5:00 a.m. While in Normandy there will be 3 consecutive days when you will depart the hotel between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., returning not before 6:30 p.m. Our touring in Normandy will include numerous daily stops, requiring you to climb on and off the bus a minimum of 8 to 10 times per day. Due to local health and safety regulations, it is not possible to stay on the bus when stops exceed 10 minutes in length. The weather in the UK and Normandy is unpredictable, with sudden showers and gusts of wind. The average temperature in March, April and November is 44 Fahrenheit (7 Celsius). The average temperature in May and October is 53 Fahrenheit (12 Celsius). Between June and September, the temperatures average 61 Fahrenheit (16 Celsius). For your comfort we recommend packing a raincoat and waterproof shoes.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

## IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

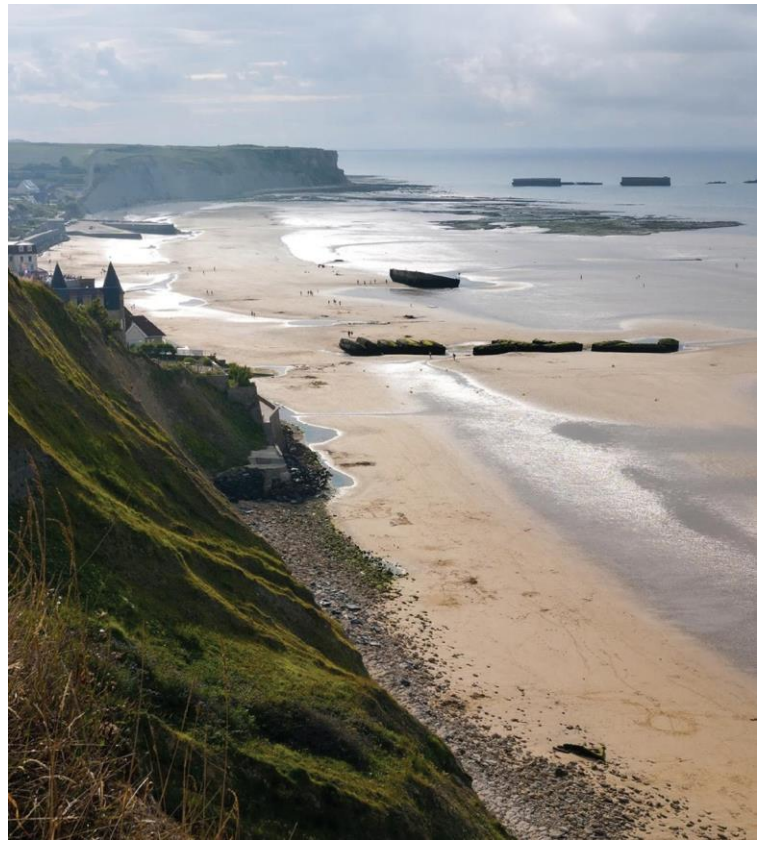
*Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>*

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations and twin beds are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Guests requesting a twin-bed room for double occupancy may be accommodated in a queen bed. Triple accommodations are not available due to hotel restrictions. When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in France are often smaller in size and furnished with a true single cot-sized bed.

Due to the remoteness of the Normandy region, hotels are carefully chosen, yet also reflective of the rustic nature of the area. Rooms in these hotels are smaller than average and breakfast is mostly continental, consisting of pastries, jams, some cold cuts and cheese. Scrambled or hard-boiled eggs are occasionally available.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays. In France, most museums are closed on Mondays or Tuesdays. In Normandy, museums and monuments may not be accessible due to unforeseen closures connected to the 80th anniversary commemoration ceremonies.



\*Depending on the ferry schedule, this morning you may depart your hotel as early as 5:00 AM. A boxed breakfast will be arranged and there is a cafeteria available aboard the ferry, which is serving breakfast and lunch. You will be accommodated in the seating area of the ferry. There is no portage service available in the maritime stations, nor on board. You will therefore be responsible for handling your own luggage on and off the ferry. The crossing takes approximately 6 hours and may be delayed or even postponed due to sea conditions. Travelers prone to seasickness should take the proper precautions.

\*\*Hotels in Normandy are carefully chosen yet rustic in nature, similar to motels. Some properties are located on the outskirts of town or even in the countryside. The locations are chosen to allow you closer access to the D-Day Landing Sites. Most hotels are 3-star properties. Some properties do not offer portage to the rooms and may not have elevators, requiring guests to navigate stairs to reach their rooms. Rooms in these hotels are smaller than average. Caen is a representative location, as some groups may be accommodated in Bayeux, Deauville, Saint-Lo and Cherbourg.

\*\*\*Monet's Gardens in Giverny are open from April 1 to November 1. If you are travelling at a different time of the year, you will visit Rouen instead.

\*\*\*\*The cabaret show at the Paradis Latin includes some tasteful nudity and may be considered unsuitable for children – consult your Tour Manager.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of August 06, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 12, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until August 13, 2023.**

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