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D-DAY: THE INVASION OF NORMANDY AND LIBERATION OF FRANCE

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Nothing can match learning about the Normandy landings as you visit the very places where these events unfolded and hear the stories of those who fought there.

The story of D-Day and the Allied invasion of Normandy have been at the heart of The National WWII Museum's mission since they opened their doors as The National D-Day Museum on June 6, 2000, the 56th Anniversary of D-Day. Since then, the Museum in New Orleans has expanded to cover the entire American experience in World War II. The foundation of this institution started with the telling of the American experience on D-Day, and the Normandy travel program is still held in special regard – and is considered to be the very best battlefield tour on the market.

Drawing on the historical expertise and extensive archival collection, the Museum's D-Day tour takes visitors back to June 6, 1944, through a memorable journey from Pegasus Bridge and Sainte-Mère-Église to Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc. Along the way, you'll learn the timeless stories of those who sacrificed everything to pull-off the largest amphibious attack in history, and ultimately secured the freedom we enjoy today.

Led by local battlefield guides who are experts in the field, this Normandy travel program offers an exclusive experience that incorporates pieces from the Museum's oral history and artifact collections into presentations that truly bring history to life. After planning dozens of trips to Normandy over the years, the Museum added new locations and experiences, forged new friendships and partnerships, and uncovered countless untold stories of those who fought to liberate Europe.

The Virginia Tech Alumni Travel is proud to offer *D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy and Liberation of France*, in collaboration with the Museum to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and to honor those who fought for our freedom. To reserve your space(s), contact The National WWII Museum Travel at 877-813-3329 x 325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Gwen Harrington'.

Gwen D. Harrington, Director of Travel Programs,
Virginia Tech Alumni Association

NORMANDY CHANGES YOU FOREVER



FROM THE MUSEUM'S COLLECTION

DOUGLAS C-47 SKYTRAIN "096"

The National WWII Museum's C-47, serial number 42-93096, was built at the Douglas Aircraft Manufacturing plant in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. "096" was delivered to the US Army on April 8, 1944, at which time it was assigned to the 806th Army Air Force Base Unit at Baer Field, Indiana. The following month "096" was assigned to the 8th Air Force and transferred to the

European theater of operations. Immediately after arriving in England on May 28, 1944, the aircraft was transferred to the 9th Air Force. One week after arriving in England, "096" carried pathfinders from the 82nd Airborne Division into the Normandy invasion.

The plane then dropped pathfinders from the 101st Airborne Division into Holland during Operation Market-Garden. "096" also flew with the rest of its group to drop supplies to the 101st in Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge.

During this mission, "096" sustained minor damage from German ground fire, but the plane was repaired and placed back in service in

a matter of days. The plane's final combat mission occurred on March 24, 1945, when it dropped paratroopers from the 17th Airborne Division across the Rhine River during Operation Varsity.

After the war, "096" participated in the Berlin Airlift before being transferred to the Finnish Air Force. After decades of service as both a military and civilian transport plane, and a reprisal of its participation in Market-Garden for the movie *A Bridge Too Far*, "096" became a part of The National WWII Museum's collection in 2006. It is on permanent exhibit in the Louisiana Memorial Pavilion. *The purchase and restoration of the C-47 was made possible through a gift from Paul Hilliard. The National WWII Museum Inc., 2006.181*



PARACHUTE WEDDING DRESS

Wedding dresses were made from parachutes on the US Home Front and in postwar occupied Europe. The war led to shortages of most fabrics, and to have dresses for their special day, brides often would acquire a parachute from a relative serving in the military.

The parachute would then be cut up and turned into a dress, either at home or by a dedicated dressmaker. This dress was worn by Myrtille Delassus when she married American GI Sergeant Joseph Bilodeau in France shortly after the end of the war.

Gift of Myrtille M. Bilodeau, 2010.233.003



BRITISH PARATROOPER BERET

British paratroopers wore red berets during World War II, and this one belonged to Corporal Wally Parr of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He wore it on D-Day, throughout the Battle of Normandy, at the Battle of the Bulge, in Denmark, and after the war in Palestine. A tear in the beret was caused by a shell fragment that tore a gash in the side of Parr's head on July 22, 1944.

Gift of Wally Parr, 1995.002.001



GERMAN BOOTS

The black leather boots pictured here were worn by Franz Gockel on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. Franz Gockel's 18th birthday passed while he was defending the Atlantic Wall as a member of Germany's 726th Infantry Regiment of the 352nd Infantry Division. He manned a captured Polish machine gun in Widerstandsnest (Resistance Nest) 62 on Omaha Beach.

Gift of Franz Gockel, 2004.235.005

101ST AIRBORNE EASY COMPANY HELMET

This US M1 infantry helmet with airborne liner was worn by Edward Sabo, member of Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, during and after the Normandy invasion. Each of the four infantry regiments in the 101st Airborne used a suit from a deck of cards as its identifying mark. The spade went to the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment hence the mark on the side of this helmet.

Gift of Linda Sabo Peck, 2033.352.001



LEARN THEIR NAMES

Only a fraction of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are still alive today. To remember them and honor the sacrifices they made, guests have access to photographs, intimate details, and personal oral histories of these courageous men and women.



LIEUTENANT JOHN MARR (1918 – 2015)

Company G, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division

Colonel John Marr was born in Johnson County, Missouri, in May 1918. He was drafted into the Army and entered service in June 1941. When he became aware of a new, specialized unit called the paratroopers, which would give him twice his monthly pay, Marr decided to join up. After earning his jump wings he completed Officer Candidate School and became a Lieutenant. Assigned to Company G of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, he was dropped behind enemy lines on June 6, 1944, with the 82nd Airborne Division. Lt. Marr saw action almost immediately near Sainte-Mère-Église, where he was involved in what is considered the costliest small-unit action in United States Army history: the Battle of La Fièvre.

After fighting in Normandy, Marr was put in command of Company B of the 507th during the Battle of the Bulge, and continued to lead the company as it spearheaded Operation Varsity, the crossing of the Rhine River, on March 24, 1945. He returned to the US in September 1945 and continued his career in the Army, earning his Army Aviator wings and eventually commanding the 17th Combat Aviation Group in Vietnam and earning a Distinguished Flying Cross. Marr retired with the rank of Colonel in January 1974 after more than 32 years of service to his country. Prior to his passing in 2015, he frequently shared his story on Museum tours and at the 2009 opening of the US Freedom Pavilion at The National WWII Museum.



PRIVATE HAROLD "HAL" BAUMGARTEN (1925 – 2016)

507th regiment, 82nd Airborne Division

Harold Baumgarten was born in New York City in March 1925. On June 26, 1943, when he was just 18 years old, he was drafted into the US Army. After completing infantry basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, he was shipped overseas to England and assigned to the 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division.



On the morning of June 6, 1944, Baumgarten landed in front of the Vierville-sur-Mer draw at the Dog Green Sector of Omaha Beach. During the hours that followed, he received four serious wounds as he worked his way up the bluffs and moved inland. He received his fifth wound while lying on a stretcher on the beach the following afternoon awaiting evacuation. Of the 30 men on his landing craft, he was one of only two survivors.

After the war, the multi-decorated veteran received a bachelor's degree from NYU and master's degree from the University of Miami. He became a renowned speaker and internationally recognized historian who wrote two books on D-Day, including *Eyewitness on Omaha Beach: A Story about D-Day, June 6, 1944*. Before his passing in 2016, he made it his life's work to share his story and those of the men who were lost on D-Day, with the purpose of ensuring the heroes that paid the ultimate sacrifice on the beaches of Normandy are remembered. In recounting those horrific moments on "Bloody Omaha," Baumgarten would recite the full name and hometown of fellow soldiers who didn't come home. He did so, he said, because "I want them never to be forgotten."



STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE



PHOTO CREDIT: POINT DU HOC, COURTESY OF JOHN SNOWDON

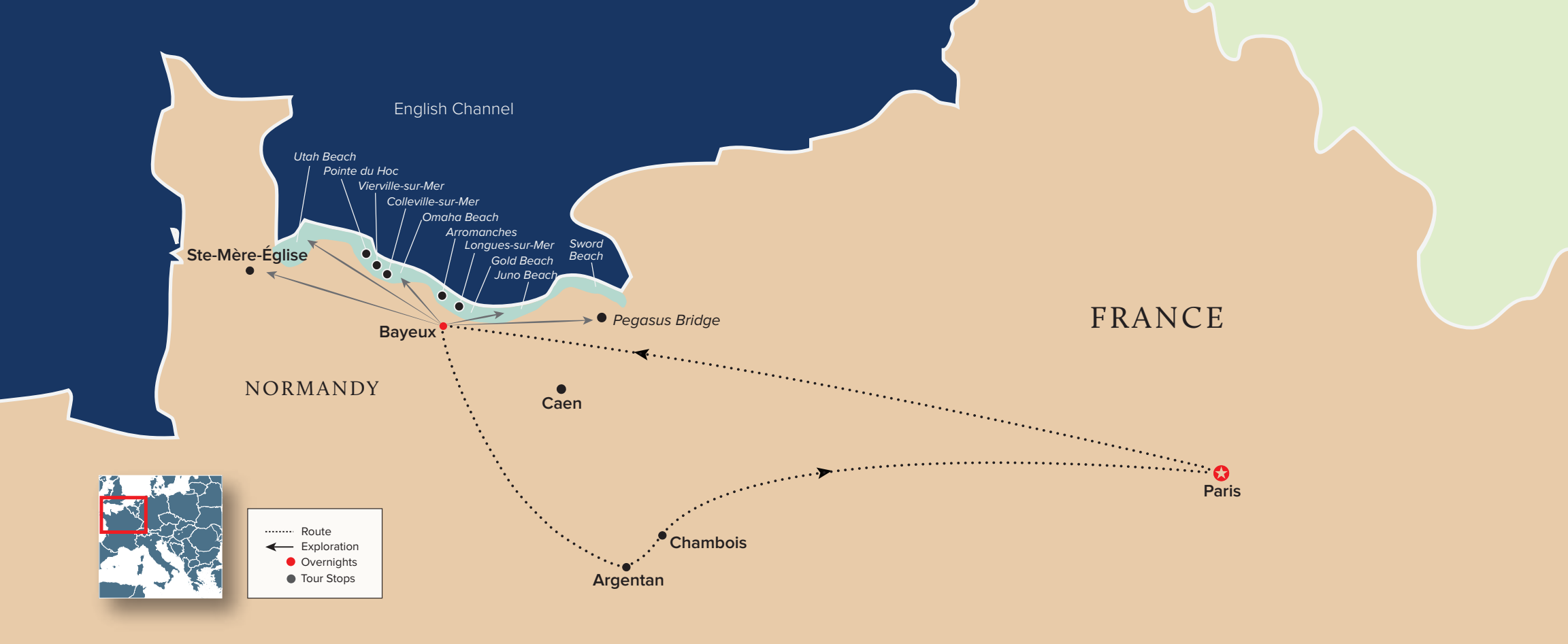
For more than two-and-a-half years the Allies planned and gathered their military strength to launch the decisive amphibious invasion of northern France and strike a mortal blow against the Third Reich. In anticipation, Adolf Hitler stockpiled reserves in the Atlantic Wall defenses across the French coastlines, determined to drive the Allied forces back into the sea. There will be no second chance for the Allies: The fate of the continent hangs upon this decisive day.

After bad weather forces a delay, a break in the weather for Tuesday, June 6, is reported to General Dwight D. Eisenhower at rain-lashed Southwick House in southern England at 21:30 hours on the night of Sunday, June 4. Eisenhower makes the decision only he can make: Operation OVERLORD is unleashed by the Supreme Commander to begin the liberation of Europe from Nazi occupation. As word of his decision spreads to the Allied forces after midnight, men across southern England prepare to enter the climactic battle.

Before dawn on June 5, Eisenhower meets with his staff one last time to hear the latest weather report. With ships sailing into the English Channel, the last opportunity to halt the invasion is upon him.

He confirms his previous order with the simple words, “OK, let’s go,” and in less than a minute he is left alone in the room in Southwick House as his subordinates rush to forward his order. There is no turning back now. The invasion must succeed – no plan has been made to evacuate the forces in the event of failure.

In the early minutes of June 6, 1944, Allied paratroopers and gliders descend from the night sky to wrest control of key bridges and roadways from the Germans. Behind them in the darkness of early morning, an initial force of over 130,000 servicemen from the Allied nations cross a choppy English Channel aboard an armada of more than 5,000 ships. Their destination is Normandy, where they will assault the German enemy and make history.



D-DAY: THE INVASION OF NORMANDY AND LIBERATION OF FRANCE

Commemorate the 75th Year of Liberation

This popular tour provides an in-depth itinerary exploring America's most famous WWII battle. Offering a full week of touring in Normandy at an incredible price, this unforgettable tour offers great value and features top guides, upscale accommodations in prime locations, comprehensive dining, and exclusive access to sites unseen on other programs.

With stops that include the Musée Airborne, Mémorial de Caen, and the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, this tour is for both the advanced and amateur historian in search of the most authentic experience of Normandy as it was. Quaint, upscale accommodations, regional cuisine, and affordability are matched with firsthand history lessons found nowhere else.

TOUR PRICING

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DATE	REGULAR	EARLY BOOKING	BOOK BY
September 5 – 11, 2019	\$4,995	\$4,495*	May 17, 2019

*Price listed is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is \$6,745 (early booking price, limited availability). Pricing and itinerary subject to change. Airfare is not included in the price listed. Please inquire at time of booking for best available airfare pricing. \$199 Taxes and fees per person are additional.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Normandy's WWII history is intriguing and moving in countless ways. You will experience these sacred sites in ways other tours can't offer with the Museum's Travel Program. With unmatched local expertise, our itinerary delves deeper into the stories and tumultuous times of World War II while providing the convenience and attention to detail you expect while traveling.

- Full-time logistical Tour Manager
- Expert local battlefield guides
- Roundtrip Airport Transfers (when arriving & departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- Historic, fully renovated accommodations in Normandy
- Four-star Charles de Gaulle Airport accommodations
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Video Oral History presentations from the Museum collection
- Included gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- 6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, and 3 Dinners
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinner
- Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge
- Keepsake journal and pen to document your journey

LEARN AS YOU EXPLORE

“My husband and I enjoyed every aspect of our tour. [The guide and tour manager] were superb guides, always friendly and extremely informative. We loved the hotel and fell in love with Bayeux. We thought the tour was beautifully paced; we rarely felt rushed. Participating in our private ceremony on June 6th with the beautiful bouquet was incredibly moving, something we’ll never forget.” – Judy P., St. Louis, MO

“[The guide and tour manager] made this tour fantastically enjoyable, educational, and comfortable. [The tour manager] went beyond the call of duty, handling every challenge with easy and professionalism. [The battlefield guide] is terrifically knowledgeable and a great communicator. Willing to respond to all questions and comments from the group. Two real professionals. Great representatives of the WWII Museum.” – Henry L., Metairie, LA

“We had been to Normandy twice before and this was by far our best experience. The Museum took us to three new place we had not seen before and [the tour manager and guide] made them come to life. Great experience.” – Doug H., Marietta, GA

“The best thing about WWII Museum tours as compared to other tour companies is that all participants share the same interest and passion about our history. This strong focus keeps everyone pointed in the same direction. This is my fourth tour and it speaks volumes about where I want to spend my money. I can’t wait for my next trip wherever that may be.” – Drew L., Winston-Salem, NC



ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE PARIS / TRANSFER TO NORMANDY

September 5: Upon arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris guests are warmly welcomed and transported by private motor coach to Normandy. After enjoying some free time to relax or explore Bayeux, the group gathers this evening for a welcome dinner at a local French restaurant.

Accommodations: Hôtel d'Argouges (D)



VIERVILLE-SUR-MER, OMAHA BEACH, NORMANDY

DAY 2: BRITISH SECTORS - PEGASUS BRIDGE / GOLD, JUNO & SWORD BEACHES / ARROMANCHES

September 6: Today's tour of Normandy begins where the first shots of the invasion were fired by British glider troops at the crucial Pegasus Bridge. Guests learn about Major John Howard and his men of the "Ox and Bucks" and how they were able to secure and hold the bridge. The drives along the British and Canadian sectors become the backdrop for the stories of landings that took place to the east of the American assaults. Arriving at Arromanches, an exploration of the remains of a Mulberry Harbor offers insight into this great feat of engineering and ingenuity.

Following free time for lunch and exploration in the village, a trip up the commanding bluff culminates with a viewing of Cinema Circulaire 360 and a visit to the German gun battery at Longues-sur-Mer. Enjoy free time this evening to explore Bayeux and enjoy dinner at one of the many cafés and restaurants serving traditional fare.

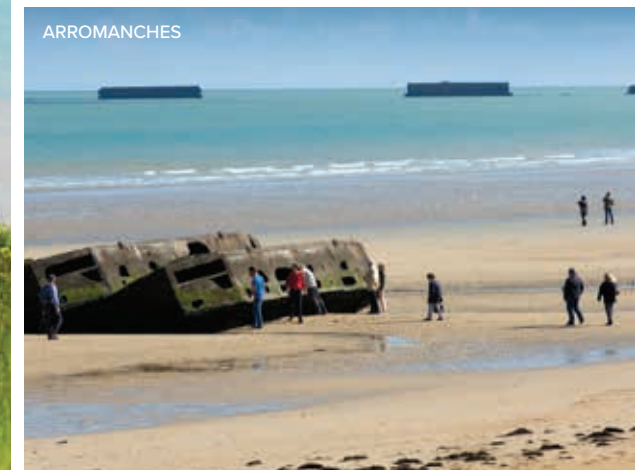
Accommodations: Hôtel d'Argouges (B)



VIEW OF ARROMANCHES



CROSS OF LORRAINE, JUNO BEACH, NORMANDY



ARROMANCHES



DAY 3: US AIRBORNE & UTAH BEACH

September 7: Travel along rural lanes, past hedgerows, and over causeways to La Fièvre, where the 82nd Airborne fought off four days of attacks from German troops trying to retake this strategic bridge. During today's drive both the battlefield guide and the Museum's exclusive oral history collection offer personal stories from the men who fought on the frontlines. On arrival in Sainte-Mère-Église, the famous crossroads town where American paratroopers landed during the predawn hours of D-Day, tour the Musée Airborne and visit the church made famous in the film *The Longest Day*. After an included lunch, continue this afternoon to Brécourt Manor, where Dick Winters and some of his men from "Easy Company" launched the assault on German guns portrayed in the book and miniseries *Band of Brothers*. The day's touring concludes with a visit to the Utah Beach Museum, which includes the story of the exemplary leadership of General Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., during the landings. Enjoy another free evening at leisure in Bayeux.

Accommodations: Hôtel d'Argouges (B, L)

UTAH BEACH MUSEUM,
COURTESY OF JOHN SNOWDON



SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE

UTAH BEACH MUSEUM,
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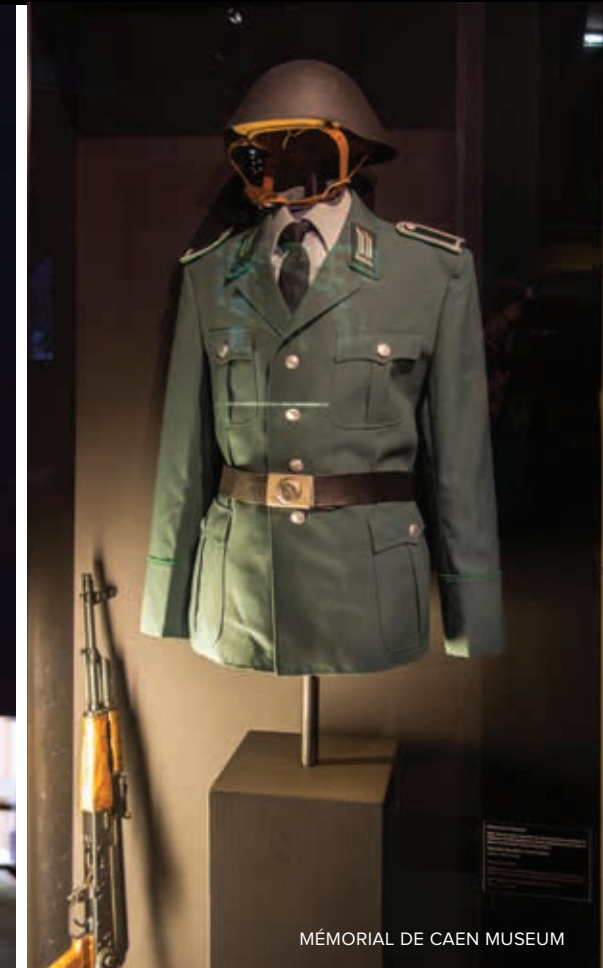


DAY 4: BAYEUX / CAEN

September 8: This morning's tour is devoted to the picturesque town of Bayeux, beginning with a viewing of the Bayeux Tapestry—a 230-foot-long embroidered chronicle of William the Conqueror's cross-channel invasion of England. Continue to the iconic skyline feature of Bayeux and the medieval center of the town, the Bayeux Cathedral, where a guided tour will bring to life the construction of the cathedral from the crypt to the spires. Following free time for an independent lunch, journey to Caen to tour Mémorial de Caen, a museum that places the battles of Normandy within the international context of World War II.

Accommodations: Hôtel d'Argouges (B, D)

BAYEUX TAPESTRY



MÉMORIAL DE CAEN MUSEUM



BAYEUX CATHEDRAL

DAY 5: OMAHA BEACH / POINTE DU HOC / NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY

September 9: After breakfast, visit Pointe du Hoc, where the story of the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaling the cliffs to neutralize this heavily fortified German position is told. After an included group lunch at a local restaurant, spend the afternoon along Omaha Beach with visits to St. Laurent-sur-Mer and Vierville-sur-Mer, providing an up-close view of the intricate German defense system and giving a sense of the overwhelming odds the American soldiers faced on that first day. Stories of individual acts of heroism that helped the Americans win the day at “Bloody Omaha” bring to life the challenges faced and conquered by the Allies. At Colleville-sur-Mer and the Normandy American Cemetery, pay respects to the 9,387 Americans buried in the ground they helped liberate. This evening, join the group at a local restaurant to reflect on the day’s touring.

Accommodations: Hôtel d'Argouges (B, L, D)



POINTE DU HOC, NORMANDY

GERMAN STRONGPOINT, OMAHA BEACH



AMERICAN CEMETERY, NORMANDY

DAY 6: FALAISE GAP / CHAMBOIS

September 10: After breakfast, the group departs Normandy and begins the trip back to Paris. Focusing on the concluding battles of the Normandy Campaign, the first stop is in Falaise, which lends its name to the Falaise Pocket, where the Allies began a move to encircle the Germans. Traveling south from the city, traverse the infamous Corridor of Death, where the awful scenes of the routed Germany army were on display for several months as dead bodies and wreckage covered the landscape. Memorial de Montormel on Hill 262, where the Poles held off a desperate German counterattack commemorates the closing of the pocket and offers an incredible view across the landscape, and the perfect vantage point for recounting these final battles. Upon arrival at the Sheraton Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure..

Accommodations: Sheraton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (B, L)



FALAISE TOWN

DAY 7: PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT TO THE UNITED STATES

September 11: This morning, bid farewell to France and return to Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport at leisure for individual journeys home. (B)



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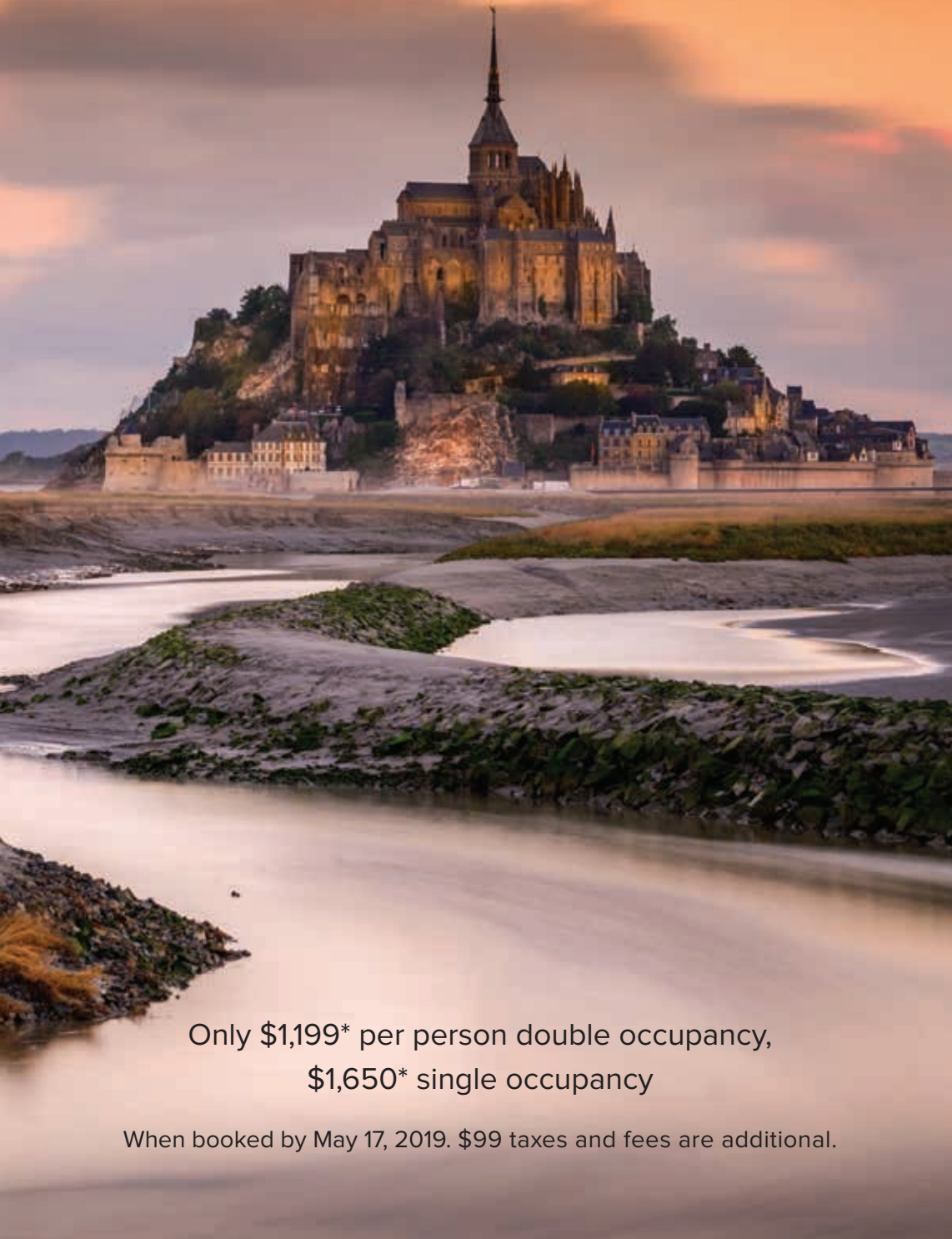
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THE TREASURES OF NORMANDY

September 3 – 5, 2019



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When booked by May 17, 2019. \$99 taxes and fees are additional.



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One of the most scenic landscapes of France beckons you to explore its culture, rich history, architecture, and renowned culinary traditions.

Journey into the Middle Ages on our custom-curated extension program focused on the historic importance of the picturesque Normandy region. Transfer from Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport to Bayeux and settle into Hotel d'Argouges, your home for the next seven nights.

Your first day of touring transports you back to medieval times. Follow the path of William the Conqueror to Château de Caen, which was constructed in 1060. Bombed during World War II, it was beautifully restored and now houses several museums. Enjoy lunch on your own followed by a visit to William's tomb at the nearby Abbaye aux Hommes before returning to Bayeux for an evening at leisure.

The second full day of touring includes a day trip to Mont Saint-Michel, a breathtaking tidal island just off the Normandy coast. The island's signature abbey projects a dominating presence that has attracted pilgrims, armies, and tourists for more than a millennium. The visit includes lunch before returning to Bayeux to enjoy a welcome dinner with main tour guests arriving today.

Pre-Tour Extension Program Inclusions:

- Two-night accommodations at the historic 4-star Hotel d'Argouges
- Transfer from Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to Bayeux
- Two days of touring, including all admissions
- 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches
- Expert local guide / tour manager
- Private, first class air-conditioned coach
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Included gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers

The National WWII Museum Affinity Travel Programs Terms & Conditions, Limits on Responsibility and Binding Arbitration Agreement

This Terms & Conditions, Limits on Responsibility, and Binding Arbitration Agreement is entered into by and between the Tour Participant and the National WWII Museum and co-sponsoring organization (collectively referred to as “the Museum”).

Tour Fare

Your tour fare covers arrangements and services including hotel accommodations, meals as per the itinerary, gratuities, ground transportation, guiding services, and special tour inclusions as described within the travel program brochure. All fares are quoted in US Dollars, are per guest and are based on double occupancy. As indicated below, airfare to and from the tour destination is not included in your tour fare. The Museum accepts no liability for the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets.

Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, up to the time of full payment the Museum reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to the Museum upon notice to the tour participant of such increases.

Not Included

Taxes, unless otherwise noted in the travel program brochure; passport, visas, and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel, unless otherwise noted in the travel program brochure; optional sightseeing excursions; airfare, baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport taxes; and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included in the travel program; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); any overnight expenses on land due to flight schedule(s) or delays; meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel program.

Payment Schedule

To reserve your participation, submit an initial deposit of \$1,000 per person within five (5) days of booking. A \$200 per person deposit is due for any pre and/or post program options that you select. Final payment is due no later than ninety (90) days prior to departure (Friday, June 28, 2019). All reservations are subject to cancellation if payments are not received by the due date. Payment by check is preferred in order to reduce costs to the Museum. VISA, MasterCard and American Express are also accepted.

Cancellations

Should it be necessary to cancel your reservation, please contact the Museum immediately at 1-877-813-3329 X 325. Cancellations for all or any part of a tour including optional pre and/or post tour extension programs will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

CANCELLATION NOTICE RECEIVED BEFORE TOUR DATE FEES	TOUR CANCELLATION FEES	PRE AND/OR POST CANCELLATION START
121 days or more	\$200 per person	\$50 per person
120-91 days	\$1,000 per person	\$200 per person
90-61 days	60% of full tour cost (incl Pre and/or Post Tour)*	
60 days or less, No Show, or Early Return	100% of full tour cost (incl Pre and/or Post Tour)*	

*In addition, applicable cancellation fees for confirmed additional hotel nights may apply. Tour cost is defined as the cost of any cruise, land, or air element purchased from The National WWII Museum.

Travel Insurance:

Because our cancellation policy is strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. Travel Cancellation is offered through the Museum’s Travel Department and information is included in your initial confirmation packet accordingly.

Health, Medical and Tour Requirements

All guests are required to advise in writing to the Museum at the time their reservation is made if they have:

- Any physical or mental condition that may require medical or professional treatment or attention during the tour;
- Any condition that may pose a risk to one’s self and/or other participants on tour;
- Any condition that may require health aids, i.e.; oxygen, walkers, crutches, etc., or any intention or need to use a wheelchair while on the tour.

By booking passage the guest represents and warrants that he/she is physically and otherwise fit to travel and that guests will comply at all times with applicable rules and regulations of the Museum. The Museum reserves the right without liability to require a passenger to leave the tour or to refuse to accept a guest as a tour participant who, in the sole judgment of the Museum, is unfit to travel, is a danger to himself or herself or to others, does not follow instructions of the tour leader, may distract from the enjoyment of the trip by others or may require care beyond that which the Museum is reasonably able to provide.

We highly recommend that participants purchase a travel insurance package that provides medical coverage since most U.S. policies do not provide coverage outside the United States.

Luggage

Luggage will be limited to one (1) suitcase and one (1) carry-on per person to ensure that there is enough room on the motor coach for all passenger luggage. All luggage must be securely packed and clearly labeled. We recommend that all participants secure baggage loss and damage insurance that may be purchased for this tour.

Please see airline weight and size restrictions for luggage on international flights. The Museum is not responsible for loss or damage to luggage or any other personal item during air travel, while in a hotel during land programs, on a cruise or while on shore excursions. Under no circumstances may dangerous items (i.e. explosives, firearms, liquid oxygen, combustible or illegal substances) be taken on the tour. We recommend that you hand carry travel documents (passports and tour tickets), medications and valuables, and check with your airline regarding carry-on baggage restrictions. These items are the full responsibility of the guest at all times. The Museum shall not be responsible for the loss of or damage to such personal items.

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Travel Documents

All travel documents (air and tour tickets, passport) are the responsibility of the guest. It is also your responsibility to comply with all customs requirements. Without the required documents, you may be denied boarding and the Museum will not be liable for such denial or bear any financial responsibilities as a result thereof.

Security measures imposed by governments may change from time to time and you will be required to comply with them. We will endeavor to provide you with notice of measures which may affect you; but complying with any such requirement is your responsibility.

Travel Warnings and Advisories

The Museum strongly recommends that tour participants review the destination country’s specific information at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html> and <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>.

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