

THE NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES TOUR

5D/4N - SEASON 2014



Day 1 :

Arrival in Normandy, in Caen by your own transport. Installation in your three stars hotel.

Dinner and accommodation at your place of stay.

Day 2 : Caen and the Mémorial

In the morning, guided tour of Caen : as the capital of Lower Normandy, Caen is a thriving university city with exceptional historical heritage.

William the Conqueror lent the town his favour in the 11th century and commissioned many of the city's most famous sites including the Abbey aux Hommes and the Abbey aux Dames, where his wife Mathilde is buried.

Return to the hotel for the lunch.

In the afternoon, visit by yourself of the Mémorial of Caen, the center for history and peace: it is designed around the battle of Normandy, but above all it is intended to be an international cultural centre dedicated to peace. The displays are superbly presented, using modern design techniques which make wide use of film. The room devoted to D-Day is particularly fascinating because it uses a large screen, divided into two, to follow the landings simultaneously from the Allied and German viewpoints.

Dinner and accommodation at your hotel.

Day 3 : postcard of Normandy, the Pays d'Auge

In the morning, go to Lisieux to visit the manor of St Hippolyte in St Martin de la Lieue, a traditional farm with historical heritage value. Built in 16th century in a timber frame construction, this place is a mixture of the modernity and the richness of the past... You will discover the farm in activity and the cheese dairy; tasting of several Norman cheeses.

Continue to Pont l'Eveque, and visit the distillery Christian Drouin. Discover the history of Calvados and the secrets of making cider, Calvados and Pommeau. Tasting. Lunch at the same place with a regional meal.



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In the afternoon, the port of Honfleur will tell his story during this walking tour. This is a gem ! Honfleur is a key tourist destination in Normandy, and you too will certainly be enchanted by this lovely port, which has inspired so many artists. Free time in the city. Dinner and accommodation at your hotel.



Day 4 : the landing beaches

A full-day dedicated to the landing beaches of Calvados. Your guide will accompany you in order to reveal the history of the Pointe du Hoc to Courseulles sur Mer.

On 6th June 1944 Allied troops landed on the Normandy beaches to storm occupied Europe. The thousands of white crosses which fill the cemeteries in the region are mute witnesses to the violence of the battles which followed.

In first, the largest German military cemetery in La Cambe, between Bayeux and Isigny: 21,300 graves. Simple square plaques on the ground, scattered over the vast lawn, mark the graves of the German soldiers.

Then, continue to the Pointe du Hoc, the site was also one of key features of the German defensive fortifications. The site reminds us of what an artillery battery was like, with its firing command post, casemates and shelters.

The American military cemetery is located on the coast, between Arromanches and Grandcamp Maisy, this vast 70 hectare site overlooks Omaha beach. It reunites the graves of 9,387 soldiers fallen in combat. The chapel, Memorial and the Walls of the Missing and garden complete the site.

Lunch. In the very heart of the D-Day beaches, Arromanches is renowned for its artificial "Mulberry" harbour, known as "Port Winston", whose remains, both impressive and moving, continue to remind visitors of the remarkable technical feat of taking 600,000 tonnes of concrete and equipment across the Channel in wartime to serve as a base for Allied troops.

And to finish this tour, Courseulles sur Mer, which is located in the heart of the British-Canadian landing zone, Juno Beach.

Dinner and accommodation at your hotel.

Day 5 :

Departure after the breakfast to your region.



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OUR PROPOSAL OF JOURNEY

**This estimate is established on the 22th of October 2013,
and could be subjected to modification and availability.**

**For 30 registered people (29 paying + 1 free)
Price from 332€/person**

**The price can be adjusted according to the number of participants' realities in this journey
(Recommended minimum 20 people and maximum 50 people)**

This rate includes :

The full board from the dinner of the 1st day to the breakfast of the last day,
Drinks for every meal (1/4 wine, coffee, + one aperitif the day 3),
The accommodation in a 3 stars hotel, based on 2 people sharing a double room,
The fees for museums and other sites as mentioned in the programm,
The services of a private guide when is mentioned,
1 free in ½ double for 29 paying (the 30th person),
The costs of accommodation and meals for your bus driver,
The cancellation insurance (from 6€)

Non compris :

The transport by tourism coach (on request if you arrive at the airport or train station),
The single room from + 134€,
Meals not mentioned in the programm

**Practicable program on the season 2014 except 70th anniversary D-Day and holidays
Price list "from" and to re-confirm in the reservation.
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