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80TH ANNIVERSARY COLLEGIATE MASS BAND

1944-2024

## 2024 D-DAY MEMORIAL PARADE & CEREMONY D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY COLLEGIATE MASS BAND

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024: WASHINGTON, DC

- Arrival into Washington, DC (transportation to/from DC will be the responsibility of each individual band member – must arrive before 5:00 PM) – Check into the hotel – Dulles Airport Marriott or similar
- Dinner provided at the hotel with an orientation and meet and greet
- Evening rehearsal
- Overnight at the hotel

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2: REHEARSAL

- 7:00 Breakfast provided at the hotel
- 9:00-4:00 Rehearsal day – lunch and snacks provided
- 5:00 Depart for Washington DC – Dinner stop en route (dinner provided)
- Evening tour of DC's monuments and memorials
- 10:00 Return to the hotel for overnight



### MONDAY, JUNE 3: DEPARTURE

- 7:00 Breakfast provided at the hotel
- 8:00 Pack and load the buses
- 9:00 Depart for DC
- 10:30 Performance at the **WWII Memorial**
- Lunch on own
- Visit to **Arlington National Cemetery**
- 2:00 Depart for the Airport
- 6:00 Depart on your overnight flight to France (flights TBD) – Be sure to sleep on the plane!



### TUESDAY, JUNE 4:

- Arrival in Paris, Charles De Gaulle Airport. Retrieve your luggage, clear customs. Meet your full-time tour manager outside of Customs
- Board your private motor coach. Lite refreshments provided. Depart for Normandy (approximately 3-hour drive). You will make a lunch stop en route. Lunch will be at your expense
- Afternoon to visit the **D-Day 360 Museum in Arromanches**. It was on the beach of Arromanches that, during the Invasion of Normandy immediately after D-Day, the Allies established an artificial temporary harbor to allow the unloading of heavy equipment without waiting for the conquest of deep-water ports such as Le Havre or Cherbourg
- Depart for the hotel for check in and overnight – Dinner provided at your hotel



### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to **Pointe du Hoc** During the American assault of Omaha and Utah beaches on June 6, 1944, these U.S. Army Rangers scaled the 100-foot cliffs and seized the German artillery pieces that could have fired on the American landing troops at Omaha and Utah beaches. At a high cost of life, they successfully defended against determined German counterattacks.
- Afternoon visit to **Utah Beach**. The World War II Utah Beach American Memorial commemorates the achievements of U.S. VII Corps forces that landed and fought in the liberation of the Cotentin Peninsula from June 6, 1944 to July 1, 1944.
- Dinner and evening in Honfleur
- Overnight at your hotel



## THURSDAY, JUNE 6: BRITTANY

- Breakfast provided
- Visit to the **American Cemetery at Brittany and participate in the tribute ceremony, including the Mass Band performance of "Hymn to the Fallen."** The American Cemetery in Brittany contains the remains of 4,409 of our war dead, most of who lost their lives in the Normandy and Brittany Campaigns of 1944.
- Lunch in St. James (on own)
- Transfer to **Mont St. Michel** for a tour of this one-of-a-kind medieval town and fortress abbey
- Dinner and overnight at your hotel



- Dinner and evening in Montmartre. Montmartre is primarily known for the white-domed Basilica of the Sacré Cœur on its summit and as a nightclub district. Many artists had studios or worked in or around Montmartre, including Salvador Dalí, Amedeo Modigliani, Claude Monet, Piet Mondrian, Pablo Picasso, Camille Pissarro and Vincent van Gogh.
- Return to the hotel for overnight



## FRIDAY, JUNE 7 – NORMANDY

- Breakfast provided
- Morning transfer to the **American Cemetery at Omaha Beach** tribute ceremony. Tour the Cemetery and Visitors Center. The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in France is located on the site of the temporary American St. Laurent Cemetery, established by the U.S. First Army on June 8, 1944 and the first American cemetery on European soil in World War II. The cemetery site contains the graves of 9,387 of our military dead, most of whom lost their lives in the D-Day landings and ensuing operations.
- **Wreath Laying and Commemoration Ceremony**, including the **Mass Band performance of "Hymn to the Fallen"**
- Walk down to Omaha Beach
- Afternoon visit to Bayeux
- Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight



## MONDAY, JUNE 10: PARIS

- Breakfast provided
- Visit to the **Louvre Museum**. The Louvre is one of the world's largest museums and a historic monument. A central landmark of Paris, France, it is located on the Right Bank of the Seine. Nearly 35,000 objects from prehistory to the 21st century are exhibited. The Louvre is the world's most visited museum, and receives more than nine million visitors each year. The Louvre is home to many well-known pieces including the **Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, and Winged Victory**
- Afternoon optional performance in Paris at the beautiful **Jardin d'Acclimatation**
- Farewell Dinner in Paris
- Overnight in the hotel

## TUESDAY, JUNE 11:

- Breakfast provided
- Departure for the airport, Charles de Gaulle
- Departure for the US
- Arrive home

**\$4,489 PER PERSON**  
INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

## SATURDAY, JUNE 8: D-DAY PARADE

- Breakfast provided
- Transfer to St. Mere Eglise to tour the town and prepare for the D-Day Memorial Parade
- Participate in the **Musical Salute to Liberation** concerts featuring outstanding band's, choirs and orchestras
- Participate in the **D-Day Memorial Parade** through the village of **Sainte-Mere-Eglise**
- Dinner provided
- Depart for Paris (approximately 3 hour drive)
- Upon arrival in Paris, check in and overnight at the hotel
- Dinner and overnight at your hotel



- Roundtrip airfare from Washington DC to Paris
- 9-nights in tourist class accommodations: 2-nights DC, 4-nights Normandy, and 3-nights Paris
- Full time private motor coaches during the tour
- Full time multi-lingual tour manager/guide for each motor coach
- Tribute at the American Cemetery ceremonies (Brittany and Omaha Beach)
- Parade entry
- Professional performance arrangement for scheduled performances
- Meals include daily breakfast and dinner
- Entrances as noted on the tour schedule
- Guided tours of Paris and Normandy

## SUNDAY, JUNE 9: PARIS

- Breakfast provided
- Morning visit to the **Eiffel Tower** (a ticket will be provided to the second level observatory)
- Lunch on own
- Afternoon guided tour of the city including **Notre Dame, Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Opera, and Montmartre**



## NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Transportation to Washington, DC
- Lunches
- Tips for your bus driver (recommended tip amount, approximately 10 euros per person at the conclusion of the tour)
- Tips for your tour manager (recommended tip amount, approximately 15-20 euros per person at the conclusion of the tour)
- Travel insurance (we recommend that each passenger consider purchasing a travel insurance plan to protect against unexpected disruptions to the tour)