



D-DAY

MEMORIAL PARADE & CEREMONY

JUNE 6, 1944



2025 D-DAY MEMORIAL PARADE AND CEREMONY – SAMPLE TOUR SCHEDULE COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WWII

TUESDAY, JUNE 3: DEPARTURE

- Depart on your overnight flight to France – Be sure to sleep on the plane!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4: ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

- 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



FRIDAY, JUNE 6: OMAHA BEACH

- European style breakfast provided at the hotel
- Depart for a visit 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.
- 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**
- Dinner and evening in Bayeux
- Return to your hotel for overnight



THURSDAY, JUNE 5 – BRITTANY

- European style breakfast provided at the hotel
- Depart for a visit to the **American Cemetery at Brittany and participate in the tribute ceremony**. 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.
- **11:00 Wreath Laying and Commemoration Ceremony**
- Transfer to **Mont St. Michel** for a tour of this one-of-a-kind medieval town and fortress abbey (Lunch on own at your leisure at Mont St. Michel)
- Depart for the hotel for overnight
- Group dinner provided at the hotel



SATURDAY, JUNE 7: PARADE

- European style breakfast provided at the hotel
- Transfer 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
- Transfer to **Sainte-Mère-Église**, the first town liberated by American paratroopers on D-Day, to tour the town and prepare for the D-Day Memorial Parade
- Performance in the town square as part of the **Musical Salute to Liberation**
- 5:00 Participate in the **D-Day Memorial Parade** through the village of Sainte-Mère-Église
- Depart for Paris (approximately 4-hour drive) – you will stop for lunch en route to Paris (lunch at your expense)
- Arrival into Paris – have dinner in the Latin Quarter (provided)
- Depart for your Paris area hotel for check in and overnight



SUNDAY, JUNE 8: PARIS

- European style breakfast provided at the hotel
- Morning guided tour of the city. Stops to including **Notre Dame, Champs Elysees, Arch de Triomphe, Opera, and Montmartre, Eiffel Tower**
- Lunch on own
- Conclude the tour at **Montparnasse Tower Observatory** for a beautiful view of Paris
- Afternoon of shopping and sightseeing in Paris
- Dinner provided
- Evening to enjoy Paris at your leisure
- Return to your hotel for overnight



MONDAY, JUNE 9: PARIS

- European style breakfast provided at the hotel
- Morning to visit the world-renowned **Louvre Museum**. Highlights include Venus de Milo, Winged Victory, and the Mona Lisa
- Lunch on own
- Afternoon Performance in Paris at the beautiful **Jardin d'Acclimatation**
- Final evening and farewell dinner in Montmartre. Montmartre is primarily known for the white-domed Basilica of the Sacré Cœur on its summit. 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.
- 9:00 Return to the hotel for overnight



TUESDAY, JUNE 10:

- European style breakfast provided at the hotel
- Departure for the airport, Charles de Gaulle
- Departure for the US on your scheduled airline

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- 6-nights in tourist class accommodations: 3-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 6 dinners
- Entrances as noted on the tour schedule
- Guided tours of Paris and Normandy

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Airline transportation
- 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)