



2025 D-DAY MEMORIAL PARADE & CEREMONY ALLIED AMBASSADOR BAND SAMPLE TOUR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025: ARRIVAL

- 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 for a brief rehearsal
- Overnight at the hotel

MONDAY, JUNE 2: REHEARSAL

- 7:00 Breakfast provided at the hotel
- 9:00-2:00 Rehearsal Day at the hotel – lunch and snacks provided
- 4:00 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

TUESDAY, JUNE 3: DEPARTURE

- 7:00 Breakfast provided at the hotel
- 8:00 Pack and load the buses
- 9:00 Depart for DC
- Visit to **Arlington National Cemetery**
- Group Photo at the **US Capitol Building**
- Lunch (on own) at Union Station
- 2:00 Depart for the Airport
- 6:00 Depart on your overnight flight to France (flights TBD) – 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 managers 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 (on own)
- 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

- 6:00 Depart for the hotel for check in and overnight – Dinner provided at your hotel

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 whom lost their lives in the Normandy and Brittany Campaigns of 1944.
- **11:00 Wreath Laying and Commemoration Ceremony**
- 12:00 Transfer to **Mont St. Michel** for a tour of this one-of-a-kind medieval town and fortress abbey
- Lunch on own
- 5:00 Depart for the hotel for overnight
- 7:00 Group dinner provided at the 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



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) –
- Arrival into Paris – Dinner provided
- Check in and overnight at your Paris area hotel



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 in Paris
- Evening to enjoy an audio tour on board a bateau on the **Seine River**
- Return to your hotel for overnight



MONDAY, JUNE 9: PARIS

- European style breakfast provided at the hotel
- Morning to visit **Versailles**.
- Lunch provided
- Afternoon to explore Paris at your leisure. Sites may include: The Louvre, Seine River Cruise, Musée d'Orsay, Luxembourg Gardens, Catacombs
- 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
- Arrive Dulles International Airport, flights TBD

INCLUSIONS & PRICING

- Round-trip airfare from Dulles International Airport (IAD) to Paris (CDG), including one checked bag and fees for shipping instruments to France
- Ambassador Band Uniform Polo
- 8-nights in tourist class accommodations: 2-nights Washington, DC, 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 breakfast and dinner for each night stayed
- Entrances as noted on the tour schedule
- Guided tours of Paris and Normandy

Price per participant - \$4359

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Transportation to/from Washington, DC
- Lunches daily
- Money for souvenirs or other personal expenses
- Excess bag fees other than what is noted above
- Tips and gratuities for bus drivers, and tour managers

