



Itinerary

Memorials of World War II featuring the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing

Apr 15, 2020 - Apr 24, 2020

Day 1: Overnight Flight



An unforgettable journey of discovery and remembrance awaits you on a sojourn to Northern France on the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins



Welcome to London! Discover the city's rich historical relationship with World War II. This evening dine amongst history as you meet your fellow travellers for dinner in the iconic Borough Market.

Hotel

Leonardo Royal Hotel London City
London

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 13°
Low 4°
Rain 1"

Day 3: London



Uncover London's myriad connections to WWII on an expert-guided walk. In Westminster, see iconic London sights including Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, 10 Downing Street, and Parliament. Then, go underground to the place history was made: the Churchill War Rooms. Navigate a labyrinth of corridors hidden under the streets of Westminster that sheltered Winston Churchill and his war cabinet from the bombing raids while they planned for victory. This afternoon you may take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle: originally built to guard the city of London, and the home of kings and queens for nine centuries, Windsor Castle was also used as a secret refuge for the royal family during WWII.

Hotel

Leonardo Royal Hotel London City
London

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

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Rain 1"

Day 4: London - Paris, France - Caen



Whisk away from London to Paris on board the high-speed Eurostar train. Arrive in Paris and embark on a drive that delivers you to Normandy by way of the French countryside. Stop at Pegasus Bridge, featured in The Longest Day. This vital structure across the Caen Canal was captured by the heroic British 6th Airborne Division in the opening hours of the invasion, making it the most famous mission of Britain's airborne division.

Hotel
Mercure Caen Cote De Nacre
Caen

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 13°
Low 6°
Rain 1"

Day 5: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen



Immerse yourself in the history of Normandy's beaches – the site of the largest amphibious invasion in history. Visit Juno and Sword Beach, where Canadian and British soldiers sacrificed their lives among a deluge of air attacks, naval bombardments, and land offences. Continue on to Arromanche-les-Bains to view the Mulberry Harbour, one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII and a massive coup for the Allies. Visit the Bayeux Cemetery and Memorial – the largest WWII cemetery of Commonwealth soldiers in France. Pay respect to the 1,800 men of the Commonwealth land forces that perished and have no known grave. Next, explore the Memorial de Caen (Peace Museum) dedicated to providing a comprehensive history of the D-Day landings and Europe's post-war transition.

Hotel
Mercure Caen Cote De Nacre
Caen

Culinary
Breakfast

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Day 6: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen



Set out for the Normandy American Cemetery and visit the cemetery grounds, the memorial, and the visitor's centre. Visit two U.S. landing zones of the invasion of Normandy: Omaha Beach and this afternoon, Utah Beach. Discover Pointe du Hoc, a strategic German battery that defended Utah and Omaha beaches from the Allied invasion, where craters from cataclysmic bombings occupy the landscape to this day. At the Airborne Museum, learn the unique history of paratroopers in the city of Saint-Mère-Église.

Hotel
Mercure Caen Cote De Nacre
Caen

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
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Day 7: Caen - Reims



On a meditative drive to Reims, stop in Compiègne and the Memorial of Internment and Deportation, dedicated to the 40,000 people deported to German camps. Later, arrive in Reims, the city where the World War II treaty was signed. Enjoy some free time, and consider a visit to the Square des Victimes de la Gestapo.

Hotel
Hotel Mercure Reims Cathedral
Reims

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
High 16°
Low 4°
Rain 1"

Day 8: Reims - Paris



Before departing Reims, visit the famous Bayeux Tapestry, listed on the UNESCO "Memory of the World." Afterward, an elevated dining experience highlights the region's reputation for great cuisine and champagne. Raise a glass to Reims before arriving in Paris. Spend the afternoon at leisure and discover for yourself why this is truly one of the world's great cities.

Hotel
Paris Marriott Rive Gauche
Paris

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
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Low 6°
Rain 1"

Day 9: Paris



On the streets of Paris this morning, a local expert leads you on a walk through time on a WWII-themed tour of the city. From the Vel d'Hiv, Hôtel de Ville, Grand Palais, Invalides, Ecole Militaire, Panthéon, Luxembourg Gardens and Saint-Germain-des-Prés, see the sites that tell the story of the liberation of Paris and what life was like under German occupation. This afternoon you may join an optional tour of the Louvre, or spend the afternoon at leisure. Tonight, bid farewell to Paris during an incredible romantic dinner cruise along the Seine River. Set against Paris' glittering skyline, under a glass canopy, experience a local and authentic dinner experience.

Hotel
Paris Marriott Rive Gauche
Paris

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
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Day 10: Paris - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today.

Post Night: Paris Marriott Rive Gauche



The Paris Marriott Rive Gauche is situated in downtown Paris, France, with direct access to major airport is conveniently located by the Latin Quarter and Saint-Germain-des-Pres. The metro station nearby takes you directly to the Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees, Montparnasse business district and Notre Dame in less than half an hour. The Great Room combines a European brasserie, cocktail bar and lounges as well as a take-away counter for guests to enjoy great food in a trendy atmosphere, with wireless internet access.