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# Battle of Normandy *and* The Liberation of Paris

**JUNE 4 - 11, 2026**

Normandy Beaches • Utah Beach • Sainte-Mère-Église  
Bayeux • Caen • Pointe du Hoc • Rouen • Paris



Save up to \$1,000 per couple when booked by July 31, 2025!

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Nothing can match learning about the Normandy landings as you visit the very places where these events unfolded and hear the stories of those who fought there.

The story of D-Day and the Allied invasion of Normandy has been at the heart of The National WWII Museum's mission since they opened their doors as The National D-Day Museum on June 6, 2000, the 56th anniversary of D-Day. Since then, the Museum in New Orleans has expanded to cover the entire American experience in World War II. The foundation of this institution started with the telling of the American experience on D-Day, and the Normandy travel program is still held in special regard—and is considered to be the very best battlefield tour on the market.

Drawing on historical expertise and an extensive archival collection, the Battle of Normandy and the Liberation of Paris tour takes visitors back more than 80 years, to June 6, 1944. Embark on a memorable journey from the famous church at Sainte-Mère-Église to Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc. Along the way, also discover the medieval treasures of Normandy in Bayeux and Rouen, then conclude in Paris to learn about the tragedies under occupation and triumphs after liberation.

Led by local guides who are experts in their fields, this travel program offers an exclusive experience that incorporates pieces from the Museum's oral history and artifact collections into presentations that truly bring history to life. Discover the lesser-known stories of France, and experience this country in a new way. Even if you have been to France before, this tour promises to uncover history you've never heard of! We are pleased to offer Battle of Normandy and the Liberation of Paris, to honor those who fought for our freedom from tyranny.

To reserve your space(s), contact The National WWII Museum Travel at 1-877-813-3329 X 257.

Sincerely,



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An American soldier is given a warm welcome after the town of Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte was liberated.



D-Day Landings on Omaha Beach



Paratrooper of the 101st Airborne Division prior to D-Day



Cover Photo: A view of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France. Photo by Julien Lecomte.

Background photo: Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial The Spirit of America statue. Photo courtesy of Ivoha.

Optional One-Night Pre-Tour Extension Program

## The Treasures of Normandy

\$1,428 per person double occupancy, \$1,728 single occupancy



Aerial view of Mont-Saint-Michel

### The Itinerary

#### DAY 1 • ARRIVE PARIS / TRANSFER TO NORMANDY

Arrive into Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) / Transfer to Normandy by private motor coach / Free time in Bayeux / Welcome dinner at local French restaurant

Accommodations: *Hotel d'Argouges (D)*

#### DAY 2 • PEGASUS BRIDGE / ARROMANCHES / BAYEUX

Pegasus Bridge / Arromanches / Bayeux Cathedral / Group dinner in Bayeux

Accommodations: *Hotel d'Argouges (B, D)*

#### DAY 3 • US AIRBORNE / UTAH BEACH

La Fièvre Bridge / Sainte-Mère-Église / Airborne Museum / Utah Beach / Utah Beach Museum

Accommodations: *Hotel d'Argouges (B, L)*

#### DAY 4 • POINTE DU HOC / OMAHA BEACH / NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY

Omaha Beach Sector / Pointe du Hoc / Included lunch / Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial / Farewell to Normandy dinner

Accommodations: *Hotel d'Argouges (B, L, D)*

#### DAY 5 • ROUEN / TRANSFER TO PARIS

Guided walking tour of Rouen / Notre-Dame Cathedral / Joan of Arc Tower / Gros-Horloge / Independent lunch and free time / Transfer to Paris

Accommodations: *Hôtel du Louvre (B)*

#### DAY 6 • PARIS UNDER OCCUPATION

Driving tour of Paris landmarks / Group lunch / Le Mont-Valérien

Accommodations: *Hôtel du Louvre (B, L)*

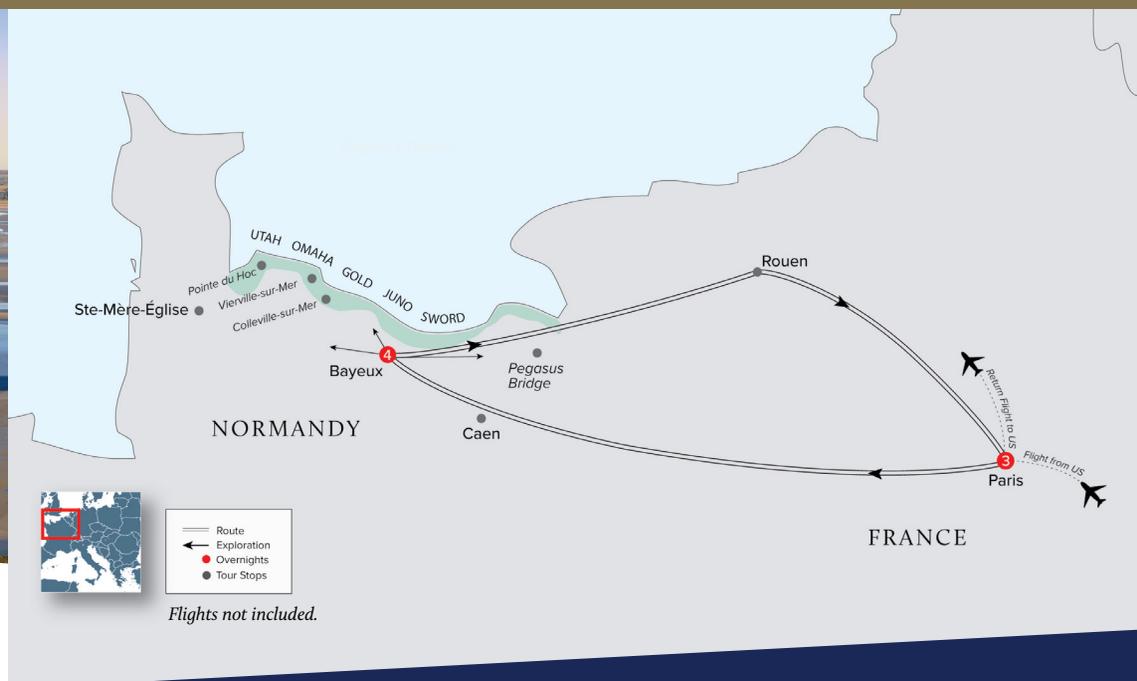
#### DAY 7 • LIBERATION OF PARIS

Liberation Museum / Free time in Paris / Farewell dinner

Accommodations: *Hôtel du Louvre (B, D)*

#### DAY 8 • TRANSFERS TO CHARLES DE GAULLE

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) for independently scheduled flights home (B)



### Historic & Boutique Accommodations



#### HÔTEL D'ARGOUGES Bayeux, France

The ideal location of the historic Hôtel d'Argouges is perfect for exploring Normandy. This elegant, 18th-century residence owned by the same family for two generations invites you to experience luxury and comfort among refined surroundings: high ceilings, original doors, period fireplaces, and parquet floors polished by time.



#### HÔTEL DU LOUVRE Paris, France

A short walk from the Louvre, the Palais Royal, and the Opéra Garnier, the 5-star Hôtel du Louvre invites you to explore the City of Light from one of the best locations in the city. This luxurious hotel offers bright, spacious rooms and stunning architecture. Amenities include a fitness center, room service, and complimentary internet access.

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\$9,099 ~~\$8,599\*~~ double occupancy, \$10,499 ~~\$9,999\*~~ single occupancy

*\*When booked by July 31, 2025. \$239 per person taxes and fees are additional.  
Pricing and itinerary subject to change. Airfare is not included in the price listed.*

## Tour Inclusions

Full-time logistical tour manager

Expert local battlefield guides

Roundtrip airport transfers (when arriving & departing on scheduled group tour dates)

4 nights accommodations in historic, hand-picked, fully renovated hotel in Normandy

3 nights accommodations in 5-star Paris hotel

Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation

VIP access to sites not offered on other tours

Video oral history presentations from the Museum's collection

Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers

Personal listening devices on all included touring

7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, and 4 Dinners

Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners

Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey

Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge

Background photo: Ariel view of Rouen.



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