

Marguerite and the D-Day Landing beaches

3 days / 2 nights in 2020



DAY 1:

Arrival at the Mémorial de Caen early afternoon.

Around 2.30pm: **guided tour**. From the origins of the Second World War to the end of the Cold War, the museographical displays depicts these terrible pages in 20th century history. Caen, bombarded during the summer of 1944, a liberated yet martyred city, deserved a tribute well worthy of the suffering it endured. Over your visit, you will discover the historic events that marked the Second World War, from the onslaught of Nazism to the Normandy landings, via the Holocaust. Several films ensure a comprehensive and diversified visit. A museum area is specially devoted to the Cold War and to press illustrations.

Late afternoon, at your own chosen time, return on foot (300 metres) to your 3-star hotel.

Dinner in the hotel restaurant and accommodation.

DAY 2:

Breakfast at the hotel.

Around 8.15am, departure by coach for a day tour of the D-Day Landing beaches. Meeting with your accompanying guide.

Then departure towards the must-see D-Day heritage sites. Your day begins with a visit to the **German war cemetery in La Cambe**, where over 21,000 soldiers are laid to rest. Your tour continues in Sainte-Mère-Église, with a guided tour of the **Airborne Museum**. Opposite the church spire where John Steele's parachute got stuck, the Airborne Museum offers you a fascinating delve into the events on D-Day, from preparations in Britain to newfound freedom (wreath laying ceremony).

You will then head for Grandcamp-Maisy for a booked lunch.

Your day continues over a discovery of **Pointe du Hoc**. This major fortification, towering 30 metres above the sea, was part of the Atlantic Wall. Pointe du Hoc was attacked on the 6th and 7th of June 1944 by Colonel Rudder's US Rangers. Today, the vestiges of the German artillery battery continue to bear witness to the violent combat that took place there. Pointe du Hoc is a heritage site for many Americans; it has become one of the symbols of the immense sacrifice made by the GIs.

Your tour continues on the beaches of Vierville and Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer (possible wreath laying). Tour of the Overlord Museum. Then a visit to **the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial** in Colleville-sur-Mer, located on the top of the cliff that overlooks the famous **Omaha Beach**. Amidst a solemn atmosphere, visit this unique site of remembrance, where 9,387 graves all face westwards: towards the United States.



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Return to your hotel in Caen, **dinner in the hotel restaurant** and accommodation.

DAY 3:

Breakfast at the hotel. **Around 9.30am**, departure by coach towards the Men's Abbey.

Guided tour of the Men's Abbey (lasts around 1 hour 30 minutes).

Founded in 1063 by William the Conqueror, the Benedictine abbey-church of St. Stephen in Caen was consecrated in 1077. The 18th century monastic buildings, including the cloister, wainscotted halls adorned with paintings and the Guardroom, now house the Caen City Council. The abbey-church is home to William's tomb.

AND / OR walking tour with commentary around Caen aboard the tourist train (lasts 50 minutes).

Supplement: approx. + €6 / person.

Lunch in the town centre.

Our services come to an end.

Estimated 2020 rates (per person)

Rates and programme subject to availability and modification up to payment of the first deposit

Basis	50 pax	40 pax	30 pax
Adult	€279	€281	€290

Rates include:

Accommodation in a 3-star hotel in Caen for 2 nights including breakfast

Hotel tourist tax

Meals mentioned in the programme (3-course) including drinks

Entry fees and tours mentioned in the programme

The guided day tour on day 2

24/7 telephone assistance.

Rates do not include:

Coach transport

Single room supplement = + €60 for the 2 nights

Cancellation insurance

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Excursions and visits not mentioned in the programme.



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