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“Footsteps of D-Day”

By Brian Woods available only through Valor Tours, \$20 incl. S&H. 166 pages w/photos. Call Valor Tours to order.



D-Day – The Longest Day
Invasion of Normandy
75th Anniversary
June 2 to 8, 2019
Escorted by George Cressman



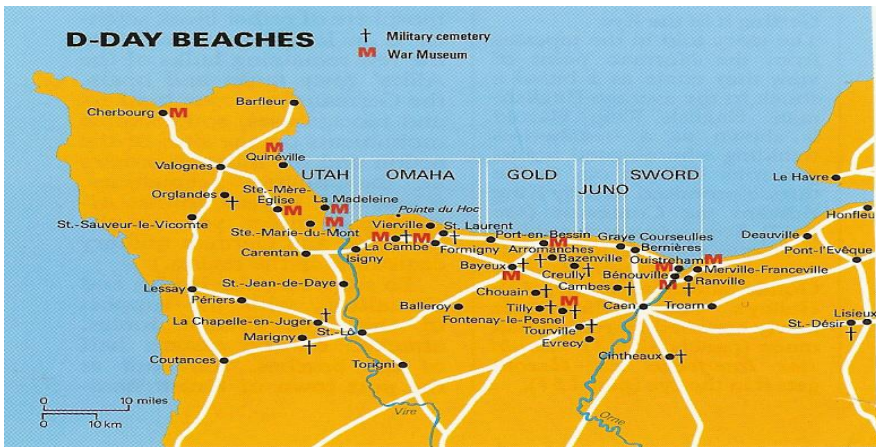
Almost 75 years have passed since General Eisenhower said, “OK, we’ll go!” and a mighty Allied invasion force sailed from England to liberate Europe from Nazi tyranny.

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day we invite you to join us on our commemorative visit to Normandy featuring “Operation Overlord”, a sentimental journey recalling the largest and most complex combined military operation ever undertaken by man involving the cooperation between Allied, air, land and sea forces on an unprecedented scale.

America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator

Shortly after midnight, 6 June 1944, more than 17,000 American and British paratroopers stepped into space over the heavily mined and fortified beaches of Normandy, the first act in Operation Overlord – the long-awaited Allied invasion of Hitler’s Europe. These brave men were the advance guard of the world’s greatest amphibious operation, the logistics of which even now stagger the imagination: nearly a quarter million fighting men to be loaded aboard almost 7,000 ships of every description under an aerial umbrella of 3,000 planes.

Richard Collier, D-Day



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75th Anniversary D-Day – the Longest Day 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965 Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504

Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of _____ (\$600 per person, per tour) in the form of a check____, or credit card:

Exp _____ Sec Code _____

For accommodations based on a ___ twin share basis or ___ single occupancy:

___ I am traveling alone and wish to share with another tour member,
 ___ Smoking ___ Non smoking

or

___ I am traveling alone and do not wish to share and will pay the single supplement.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (days) _____

Email: (if any) _____

Veteran of WWII, family member, history buff:

 ___ I/we require assistance with air fare/arrangements from _____ to Paris to coincide with tour.

I/we require _____ additional nights pre-tour in Paris.

I/we require _____ additional night post-tour in Paris.

___ I/we would like to participate on the June 8 to 17 Battle of the Bulge tour.

Signature _____

Date _____

Reservations and Final Payment

Reservations can only be held with a deposit of \$600 per person per tour, accompanied by the Application form. Valor Tours Ltd. accepts checks and all major credit cards. Once received a confirmation/invoice, reading list and travel insurance information will be sent to you. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure unless otherwise stated on confirmation. Reservations will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend that children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Passport required. Visas are not required. This tour does not qualify for Early Booking/payment discounts.

Cancellations and Changes

If Valor Tours, Ltd. receives cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellations received between 89 to 30 days prior to commencement of tour subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation within 30 days or ‘no shows’ are non refundable. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Cancellation charges also apply to additional travel arrangements such as airfare. Travel medical emergency insurance is included in tour cost, but does not include cancellation or trip interruption coverage. Available upon request.

Baggage allowance

We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Porterage is not included so bring luggage on wheels. It is to the benefit of the passenger to travel light. Passengers are responsible for carry-on bags, purses, camera bags, briefcases, etc. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to baggage, or any of the passenger’s belongings. Limited baggage insurance is included in the tour cost.

Disabilities

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.

Single travelers

Single occupancy of hotel rooms is an additional cost over and above the tour cost. If you would like to avoid this expense, you may share with another single traveler. Valor Tours will make every attempt to find you a suitable roommate of the same age and gender, however Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot be held responsible for incompatibility, nor can they guarantee a roommate should one not be available. In that case, the single supplement will apply.

Travel insurance

Emergency travel insurance is included in tour cost but cancellation coverage is additional and available. Details will be sent with confirmation.

Itinerary – subject to change

Sunday June 2 (D)

Independent arrivals into Paris. Met by Limo and transferred to the Mercure Eiffel Paris Hotel in District 15. Welcome dinner tonight for introductions and briefing.

Overnight Mercure Eiffel Paris Hotel.

Monday June 3 (B)

After breakfast, depart Paris aboard our private coach through the French countryside to Normandy. First stop Caen Memorial-Peace Museum (lunch in museum café on own), then onto Pegasus Bridge & Café Gondre, ending the day with check in at our hotel on Omaha Beach.

Tuesday June 4 (B)

After breakfast head for Ste Mere Eglise. Visit the church with its two stained glass windows to the airborne division, and the Airborne Museum; Ste Marie du Mont village where some of the Airborne landed; Merderet Causeway; Point du Hoc; Utah Beach; Crisbeque Battery.

Wednesday June 5 (B)

After breakfast drive to Canadian Museum at Juno beach by way of the Eisenhower Monument at Bayeux; continue across Gold beach to the high grounds above Arromanches for view of the Mulberry artificial harbor (port Winston); D-day Museum in Arromanches to see the working models of the harbor; Longues sur Mer battery; Bayeux cathedral to see the SHAEF (Supreme Head Quarters Allied Expeditionary Force) stained glass window; British Cemetery and Battle of Normandy Museum (if time permits).

Thursday June 6 (B)

75th Anniversary of the D-Day Ceremony at American Battle Monument and Cemetery. Following ceremony, time to stroll among the graves, visitor center, Omaha Museum.

Friday June 7 (B, D)

Check out of hotel and head to Paris with a stop at the “Corridor of Death” museum at Montormel in the Falaise Gap area where the Germans were caught in an allied pincer movement. Late afternoon arrival at our Paris hotel. Farewell dinner.

Overnight Mercure Eiffel Paris Hotel.

Saturday June 8 (B)

After breakfast, checkout. Tour ends. If you need a lift to the airport, our limo is standing by. Private or shared with other tour members, depending on passenger’s requirements.

Option: Continue your WWII experience by participating on the Battle of the Bulge/Eagle’s Nest tour, Paris to Munich, June 8 to 17, 2019.

**Tour cost land only \$2,595 per person, twin share.
Single supplement \$1000 extra.
Single availability limited**

Includes two nights accommodations in Paris and four nights at a hotel in Normandy, near Omaha Beach; welcome and farewell dinners in Paris; arrival and departure limo transfers in Paris; breakfast daily; local taxes; private coach transportation from June 3 through 7; services of tour leader/historian; emergency travel insurance; entrance fees in Normandy; map of Normandy. Subject to change and currency fluctuations and a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together – maximum 25 passengers.

“George Cressman was so knowledgeable & interesting, and made the tour very memorable. We loved the sights visited and to see the Rennactors everywhere. Of course, the D-Day 70th Anniversary ceremony was awesome. Loved, loved Falaise and Normandy countryside. George made it very informative and special.” Susan Stockdale, 2014

“The experience of spending four days (D-Day 50th Anniversary tour) surrounded by the heroes of the finest generation to walk the Earth, our bus of Vets singing ‘White Cliffs of Dover’ as we rolled into Gold Beach, gray heads stirring as the Royal Band played Lily Marlene, a chance meeting with the daughter of a Royal Engineer killed on June 6th and her fond recollections of her father while standing by his stone in Ryes...” Timothy Wikle, 1994

“ thanks and appreciation to you for putting together a very inspiring and memorable tour of Normandy. I have waited many years for such an opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.” Robert Britigan, 2005



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Additional nights in Paris \$125.00 per night per person twin share, incl. taxes. \$250.00 single occupancy. Individual transfers will be arranged from the airport to our hotel in Paris.



Eisenhower and Churchill inspecting an artillery unit in the UK just before the Normandy invasion. Note the censor has deleted bumper markings on the command car and the unit patch on the officer standing next to the car.

Optional Battle of the Bulge/Eagle’s Nest tour from Paris June 8 to Reims, Bastogne, Luxembourg, Maginot Line, Strasbourg, Bavaria, Eagle’s Nest, Dachau, ending at Munich June 17. Approx. \$3600.00 per person, twin share. Separate brochure available.