

Valor Tours, Ltd. presents...

D-Day – The Longest Day Invasion of Normandy June 2 to 8, 2010

Land only from/to Paris - Escorted by Capt. Wilbur Jones, Jr.
USNR Ret. with commentaries by Bob Reynolds

Itinerary in brief

Wed June 2 (D)

Our tour begins with a welcome dinner and briefing at a local bistro, close to the hotel, where you will meet your fellow tour members and tour leaders. Overnight Mercure Terminus Gare due Nord, Paris.

Thu June 3 (B)

After breakfast, depart on our private coach for the two-hour drive through the French countryside to Normandy. Stop at the Memorial-Peace Museum of Caen for visit (lunch in museum café on own), then onto Pegasus Bridge & Café Gondre. Continue to our hotel in Saint Laurent Sur Mer (near American Cemetery) for the next four nights.

Fri June 4 (B)

Mulberry Docks, Arromanches, German coastal defense battery at Longues, German Cemetery, General Eisenhower memorial, Pte du Hoc and Ranger Museum.

Sat June 5 (B)

Omaha Beach, Azeville Batteries, Utah Beach & museum, Ste Mere Eglise for its famous church and Airborne Museum. Possible airborne drop reenactment.

Sun June 6 (B, L)

Ceremony at the American Cemetery with plenty of time at the new visitor center and new U.S. Navy Memorial. Lunch at typical Norman restaurant in Bayeux. Afternoon visit British Cemetery & Battle of Normandy Museum.

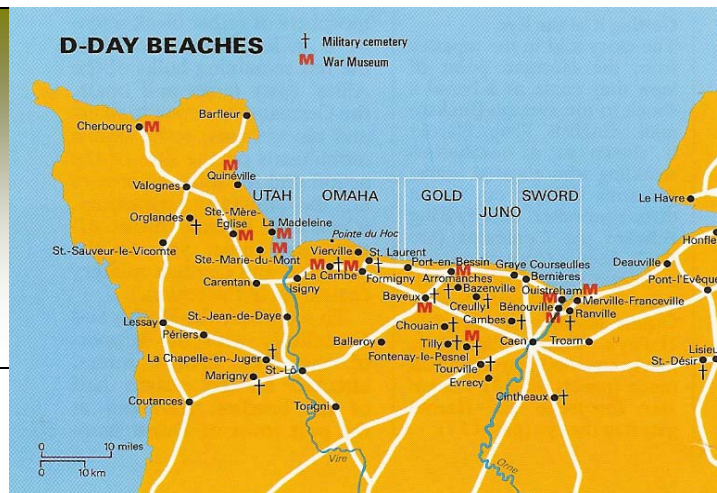
Mon June 7 (B)

Check out of hotel and head south to the "Corridor of Death" Falaise Gap area where Germans were caught in Allied Pinzer movement, and WWII museum at Montormel. Continue onto Paris. Overnight Mercure Terminus Gare du Nord, Paris.

Tue June 8 (B)

After breakfast, checkout. Tour ends.

For those continuing onto the "Battle of the Bulge/Eagle's Nest tour", remain at hotel for one more night. See that itinerary for continuation of activities.



Additional nights in Paris & transfers

Additional nights in Paris \$140.00 per night per person incl. taxes. Individual transfers will be arranged from the airport to our hotel in Paris using a Paris shuttle service.

Combine this tour with the Battle of the Bulge/Eagle's Nest tour, June 8 to 17, 2010 and receive 5% discount on both tours. Take 10% off if you book both six months prior to departure.

"Footsteps of D-Day"

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



Pt du Hoc and Bob Reynolds at Pt du Hoc Memorial 2009



Tour cost land only \$1,995 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$400 extra. Includes two nights accommodations in Paris and four nights at a hotel in Normandy, near Omaha Beach; welcome dinner in Paris; breakfast daily; lunch on June 6th; local taxes; private coach transportation from June 3 through 7; services of Capt Wilbur Jones USNR Ret. and Bob Reynolds as escort/historians; travel insurance; entrance fee to Caen Memorial and Peace Museum on June 3; map of Normandy; round trip airport/hotel transfers in Paris via Parishuttle service; local taxes. Subject to change and currency fluctuations and a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together – maximum 25 passengers. Recommend early booking to reserve your place.

Some comments from previous D-day passengers...

"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

"It was a good war because I am here to talk about it. I saw the invasion fleet as it was crossing on June 5th and then all day long on the 6th. We were the second squadron to land in Normandy (U.S. Army Air Corps) on June 27. We waited a long time to find the right tour and you had the best (D-Day Normandy invasion tour 1999). It was more than just the best, it was perfect. There are some great memories from this tour." Frank Dillon, 1999

"The entire tour (D-Day tour) was complete perfection. Ann and I have been on over 50 ocean cruises and tours and I consider this tour the most outstanding of all!"

Charles and Ann Arlen, 2001

"We want to offer our sincere thanks to you for such a great adventure. When searching for a trip to attend the 60th Anniversary ceremonies (D-Day), we had no idea that we would find such a wonderful gem as Valor Tours, Ltd. We commend you and your group for all of the effort that it took to make this trip such an incredible experience." Marty Ehlert and Sharon Lauder, Houston, 2004

"Just a quick note of 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, Florida, 2005



Graves at the American Cemetery, Normandy.

Photo by John Shively.

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Terms and Conditions

Valor Tours, Ltd. reserves the right to modify the itinerary should road conditions, traffic, unexpected detours or local conditions beyond our control so dictate, or to meet the needs of our passengers. European coach driving laws will be observed at all times. The coach driver is limited to the amount of time he may spend at the wheel. Unused components non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST: Meals not indicated in itinerary, airfare from the U.S., passport fees, items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, alcoholic beverages, tipping to driver & guide, foreign airport departure taxes, museum entrance fees other than Caen Memorial and cancellation insurance coverage.

RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

Reservations will not be accepted without the completed application form and deposit of \$400 per person. Payments can be made by personal check or American Express credit card only. When application & deposit is received, Valor Tours, Ltd. will send participant confirmation and description of insurance coverage (cancellation/trip interruption coverage not included, but available upon request). Space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first come - first served basis. Final payment will be due April 1, 2010. Cancellations received in writing by April 1, 2010 are fully refundable. Cancellations received in writing between April 1 and May 2 is subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation received between May 2 and departure or "no shows" are non refundable. Airfares are subject to separate cancellation and change fees.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

Single occupancy of hotel rooms is an additional \$400 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. Singles are limited.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

You will need a passport valid six months beyond date of travel. Visas and inoculations are not necessary. Travel document package containing airline tickets (if ordered), ID badge, baggage tags, passenger list, hotel contact list and final instructions will be send to each participant about two weeks prior to departure.

PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES

Due to the absent of handicap and disability laws in Europe, any tour participant with disabilities must be accompanied by a companion who is fully responsible for assisting the disabled tour member at all times throughout the tour. Our tour coach does not have wheelchair lift and staff is not permitted to offer physical assistance.

BAGGAGE AND CLOTHING

Due to limited space on board our coach, we can accept only One suitcase and one carry-on bag per person. The weather in France should be warm and dry, but also unpredictable. Wear layers, carry a small portable umbrella and wear comfortable shoes appropriate for walking on wet grass. A small backpack for your personal items such as water, camera, hat, reference material, etc. is suggested for touring during the day to keep your hands free. No formal attire is needed.