

Valor Tours, Ltd. presents...

D-Day – The Longest Day Invasion of Normandy 74th Anniversary

June 2 to 8, 2018 – Escorted by Henry Bodden



Itinerary in brief

Sat June 2 (D)

Arrival limo transfer to Mercure Eiffel Paris Hotel in District 15, near the Eiffel Tower and river. Welcome dinner for introductions and briefing. Overnight Paris.

Sun June 3 (B)

After breakfast, depart on our private coach for drive through the French countryside to Normandy. Stop enroute at La Roche Guyon – Rommels Seine HQ's. 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.

Mon June 4 (B)

After breakfast drive to Canadian Museum at Juno beach by way of the Eisenhower Monument at Bayeux; Canadian Museum cross 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 Tapestry; Bayeux cathedral to see the SHAEF (Supreme Head Quarters Allied Expeditionary Force) stained glass window; British Cemetery and Battle of Normandy Museum.

Tue June 5 (B)

After breakfast head for Ste Mere Eglise by way of Omaha Beach National Guard Memorial and Omaha Museum; visit the church with its two stained glass windows to the airborne division, Airborne Museum; Ste Maria du Mont village where some of the Airborne landed; Utah Beach; Crisbeque Battery.

Wed June 6 (B)

Today is the 73rd Anniversary of the Allied invasion so today we spend at the American Battle Monument and Cemetery with time following to browse cemetery and visit the new visitor center. British Cemetery & Battle of Normandy Museum.

Thu 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. Check in and farewell group dinner, overnight Mercure Eiffel Paris Hotel.

Fri June 8 (B)

After breakfast, checkout. Shared limo to airport. Tour ends.

For those continuing onto the "Battle of the Bulge/Eagle's Nest tour", remain at hotel in Paris for one more night. See Battle of the Bulge itinerary for continuation of activities. 5% discount on both tours if taken back to back. Also Early Booking/Payment Discount Holiday applies to both tours.



Normandy American Cemetery above Omaha Beach



Henry Bodden & Pt. Du Hoc

Tour cost land only \$2,295 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$700 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; 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.

Optional pre-tour and additional nights in Paris

Additional nights at our hotel in Paris available for \$125.00 per night per person twin share, incl. taxes. 250.00 single occupancy.

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

"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

"We just wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed these two tours (D-Day and Battle of the Bulge). Henry did an excellent job.... He knew the history very well and was able to add color to every visit. He was especially good at discussing the personalities, characteristics and motivations of many of the famous players of the European Campaign. We thought we knew quite a bit about World War II in Europe, but this trip certainly expanded our knowledge base. It was the trip of a lifetime and we would rate it an A. Our driver Gerrit really knew the roads of Europe and how to navigate them. An outstanding job of driving." Frank & Kathy Hansen, 2013

"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.

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Travel Insurance

To ensure worry free travel, this tour includes valuable travel insurance at no additional cost to you. This coverage is provided by TRAVELEX Insurance Services. A description of insurance coverage will be sent to each participant upon receipt of his/her application and deposit. Coverage includes sickness and accident medical expense; trip delay or missed flight connections; medical evacuation and repatriation; baggage and personal effects loss or delay; assistance services worldwide. Cancellation/trip interruption available for an additional charge of \$187 per person for \$3000 per person worth of coverage, \$248 for \$4000 per person worth of coverage, \$313 for \$5000 worth of coverage, etc..

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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, cancellation & trip interruption insurance coverage.

RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

Reservations will not be accepted without the completed application form and deposit of \$500 per person. Payments can be made by personal check or credit card. 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 March 1, 2018. Cancellations received in writing by March 1, 2018 are fully refundable. Cancellations received in writing between March 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 \$700 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.

Not recommended for children under the age of 12.