Land Journey

Normandy ~ Deauville

INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS
(With baggage handling.)
- **Seven nights** in Deauville, France, at the first-class Mercure Deauville Centre Hotel.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM
- Seven breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during meals at local restaurants.

YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

ITINERARY

Day 1  Depart gateway city†
Day 2  Arrive in Paris | Transfer† to Deauville
Day 3  Honfleur
Day 4  Mont St.-Michel
Day 5  Caen | Utah Beach | Sainte-Mère-Église
Day 6  Deauville
Day 7  Arromanches | Omaha Beach | Normandy American Cemetery | Pointe du Hoc
Day 8  Bayeux
Day 9  Transfer to Paris airport and depart for gateway city†

†Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

Inspiring Moments

- Contemplate the extraordinary bravery of the Allied landing forces as you walk along the beaches of Normandy.
- Immerse yourself in wartime history with riveting details from expert guides.
- Explore the impact of World War II at the Caen Memorial Museum.
- Marvel at stunning Mont St.-Michel, a UNESCO World Heritage site, rising majestically over the tidal waters.
- Delight in the wonderful local color and delicious cuisine along Honfleur’s picturesque harbor.
- Study the vivid, intricately embroidered details of the famed Bayeux Tapestry.
- Sip Calvados, the region’s celebrated cider brandy, in an apple orchard.

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ENRICHMENT

The French Resistance. Delve into the origins of the Resistance, its leaders and the heroic efforts of the French patriots who fought to liberate their country.

D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Discuss the role that Normandy and its citizens played during this crucial period of the Allied war effort.

DISCOVERY

Special D-Day Experiences:

Caen Memorial Museum. France’s premier World War II museum offers intriguing insights through engaging exhibits, photos and videos about World War II, the D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy.

Utah Beach and Sainte-Mère-Église. Take an emotional journey along the beaches of the Calvados coastline, the theater for D-Day. Begin at Utah Beach, where the first American troops landed in the early hours of June 6, 1944. Continue to the village of Sainte-Mère-Église, where U.S. paratroopers landed, faced heavy casualties and later captured the town, securing its key crossroads.

D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. See Arromanches, site of one of the offshore mulberry harbors, and step inside a German defense battery. Walk on Omaha Beach, where U.S. forces valiantly advanced across the heavily fortified shoreline under devastating fire to overcome German troops; and Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy enemy artillery emplacements. Pay tribute to the fallen during a poignant visit to the Normandy American Cemetery.

Historic Honfleur. Explore this quaint French port town and savor the maritime ambiance of its scenic old harbor. See Honfleur’s historic landmarks, including the wooden Church of Sainte-Catherine, crafted by 15th-century shipbuilders.

Mont St.-Michel. For centuries, pilgrims have made their way to this tiny, granite tidal island off the Normandy coast. In the 10th century, Benedictine monks began to build the spectacular abbey perched atop, which has served as a monastery, fortress and prison.

Bayeux. View the famed, 200-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, which vividly depicts more than 50 scenes of William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Then visit Bayeux’s cathedral and admire its fine Gothic details.

Calvados. Normandy’s famous apple cider brandy is among the world’s finest brandies. Visit a traditional distillery set among 42 acres of apple orchards. Enjoy a delicious lunch, then sip a glass of smooth Calvados in this idyllic setting.

AHI Travel Expertise

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Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service.

Lecturers | Share their knowledge of and passion for their country.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Mercure Deauville Centre Hotel | Deauville


DATES & PRICES

August 30 – September 7, 2019

From $3,445

Special Savings $250

Special Price $3,195

VAT is an additional $295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

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