

# BACK TO NORMANDY

August 4 - 17, 2012

## PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Round trip air - Washington DC to Paris.
- All private transfers and ground transportation.
- 12 nights in deluxe & first class hotels.
- Meals – breakfast each day & 5 dinners.
- Lunch at the D-Day Memorial Museum in Caen on 6 AUG.
- Admission to all listed tours & tour sights.
- English speaking guides throughout.
- Dinner cruise on the Seine River in Paris.
- Travel insurance (accident and medical)

### TOUR PRICES PER PERSON (include taxes and fees)\*:

Double occupancy\* - \$ 5,385.00

Single supplement - \$ 990.00

Deposit: \$600.00 at the time of booking; Air add-on available

Credit Card payments will require an additional 4% fee

\* subject to change due to currency exchange fluctuation.

## Tour Highlights

**Caen:** Tour the D-Day Museum and the old city of Caen, William the Conqueror's Ducal Castle and Abbeys. Battles in and around Caen.

**Pegasus Bridge:** British 6th Airborne Division objective 6 June 44.

**Merville Battery:** German coastal battery near the Orne River.

**Ouistreham:** British & French Commando & Atlantic Wall Museums.

**Sword, Juno & Gold Beaches:** British and Canadian landing beaches.

**Arromanches:** location of the D-Day manmade harbors (Mulberry).

**Bayeux:** 15th century Norman town and Bayeux Tapestry.

**Longues-sur-Mer:** WWII German coastal gun positions.

**Omaha Beach:** landing beach for the 1st & 29th U.S. Infantry Divisions at Colleville, Vierville and the U.S. military cemetery.

**Pointe du Hoc:** cliffs between Omaha & Utah beaches scaled by U.S. Army Rangers.

**Ste. Mere Eglise:** first town liberated after an airborne assault by the 82nd & 101st Airborne Divisions, 6 June 1944.

**Utah Beach:** landing beach for the 4th U.S. Infantry Division.

**Dead Man's Corner Airborne Museum:** during the battle this was the HQ, 6th German Airborne Regiment.

**Ste. Marie du Mont:** D-Day objective of the 101st Airborne Division.

**Brecourt Manor:** 506th PIR mission, the German guns at Brecourt.

**Mont St-Michel:** 10th century Benedictine monastery and citadel.

**Falaise Pocket & Montarmel:** Last battle of the Normandy Campaign.

**Giverny:** Home and gardens of the impressionist painter, Monet.

**La Roche Guyon:** Rommel's HQ during the battle of Normandy

**Versailles Palace:** King Louis XIV's magnificent 17th century palace.

**Paris:** The Eiffel Tower, Arch of Triumph, Notre Dame and more.

## Tour Escort

Bill Ridley - President, BK Tours & Travel...retired U.S. Army Officer and student of military history, specializing in D-Day and the Normandy Campaign of WW II.

## Itinerary

### DAY 1: SAT (AUG 4) — U.S. DEPARTURE

### DAY 2: SUN (AUG 5) — PARIS to CAEN

Early arrival at CDG airport, meet guide and coach. Transfer to Caen. Check in. After arrival, historic guided tour of Caen (*no entrance fees included*). Dinner at the hotel (3 course meal without drinks). Overnight in Caen. (D)

### DAY 3: MON (AUG 6) — CAEN to PEGASUS BRIDGE

In the morning, visit Caen D Day Memorial and lunch (*4 course meals with drinks*). In the afternoon, departure to Merville. Then, visit the Merville Battery. Then, departure to Bénouville. Visit the Pegasus Memorial. Return to Caen at the end of the day. Overnight in Caen. (B & L)

### DAY 4: TUE (AUG 7) — OUISTREHAM & JUNO BEACH

Full day excursion to Caen area including: Ouistreham: visit the Atlantic Wall Museum, Ouistreham Commando Museum. Juno Beach: visit the Juno Beach center and beach. Bayeux: visit the Tapestry museum. Return to Caen at the end of the day. Overnight in Caen. (B)

### DAY 5: WED (AUG 8) — ARROMANCHES & LONGUE SUR MER

Full day excursion to Caen area including: Arromanches: Visit the Arromanches museum, Longues sur Mer - tour German coastal gun positions, Tilly-sur-Seuille: visit the Musée de la Bataille de Tilly, Saint Martin des Besaces: visit the the Musée de la Percée du Bocage. Return to Caen at the end of the day. Overnight in Caen. (B)

### DAY 6: THU (AUG 9) — OMAHA BEACH & POINTE DU HOC

In the morning, transfer to Sainte Mere Eglise with a stop en-route to: Omaha Beach, Colleville, American Cemetery at St. Laurent and D Day Omaha Beach Museum. Then, travel to Pointe du Hoc. Then, travel to Grandcamp Maisy and the Ranger Museum. Arrive Ste. Mere Eglise and Hotel Le Sainte Mere. Overnight Sainte Mere Eglise. (B & D)

### DAY 7: FRI (AUG 10) — SAINTE MERE EGLISE

Morning visit to Ste. Mere church, town square & Airborne Museum. Visit La Fiere Bridge & Merderet Causeway battle sight. Travel to another 82d Abn Div objective Chef du Pont Bridge. Overnight Sainte Mere Eglise. (B)

### DAY 8: SAT (AUG 11) — D'AZEVILLE & CRISBECQ

Visit German Coastal batteries at Crisbecq & d'Azeville. Tour Angouville au Plain, church aid station for German & American soldiers. Overnight Sainte Mere Eglise. (B)

### DAY 9: SUN (AUG 12) — UTAH BEACH & BREXCOURT MANOR TO MONT ST. MICHEL

Travel to Utah Beach & museum. Visit Brecourt Manor, location of German guns and 101st Abn Div battle. Drive to St. Marie Du Mont. Time for lunch and a tour of a 101st Abn Div D Day objective. Stop at Dead Man's Corner Museum, former HQ of German 6th Parachute Rgt. Now a museum to the American and German Airborne units. Arrive Pontsorson and Hotel Montgomery. Overnight in Pontsorson. (B & D)

### DAY 10: MON (AUG 13) — MONT ST. MICHEL, FALAISE TO MONTMORMEL & EVREUX

Tour Mont St. Michel and its famous abbey. In the afternoon, travel through the Falaise Gap and stop at Montormel. Visit the Montormel battle map board and museum. Travel to Evreux and Hotel Mercure Evreux Palais des Congres. Overnight in Evreux. (B & D)

### DAY 11: TUE (AUG 14) — GIVERNY TO LA ROCHE GUYON TO VERSAILLES

Travel to Giverny and a tour of Monet's house and gardens. Visit La Roche Guyon and Rommel's HQs during the battle for Normandy. Proceed to Versailles, palace of King Louis XIV – tour the palace and gardens. Travel to Paris and Hotel Lutetia. Overnight in Paris. (B)

### DAY 12: WED (AUG 15) — PARIS

In the morning, guided city tour of Paris.-3 hours- with guide Béatrice and coach. Own program in the afternoon. Overnight in Paris. (B)

### DAY 13: THU (AUG 16) — PARIS & FAREWELL DINNER

Own program during the day. Early evening, meet the guide Béatrice and coach. Dinner cruise on the Seine River. Overnight in Paris. (B & D)

### DAY 14: FRI (AUG 17) — PARIS to WASHINGTON, DC

Travel to Charles De Gaulle Airport for the return flight to the USA.

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