



Normandy

NORMANDY AND MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

4 Days/3 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: PARIS, GIVERNY, BAYEUX

(Private Transfer) Pick up by a private minibus & your driver-guide at your hotel or airport/ train station in Paris. Transfer to Giverny for a guided visit of Monet's house and gardens. Claude Monet lived for forty-three years, from 1883 to 1926; with a passion for gardening as well as for colors, he conceived both his flower garden and water garden as true works of art. Walking through his house and gardens, visitors can still feel the atmosphere of the Master of Impressionism and marvel at the floral compositions and nymphaeas, his greatest sources of inspiration. Transfer to Bayeux. Accommodation and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: NORMANDY TOUR

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by your driver-guide. **(B)**

PACKAGE 1: FULL DAY TOUR US SECTOR (Shared Tour)

Today you will discover an interesting area, stopping to visit all major sites in the U.S sector. Visit of St Mére-Eglise strategically situated on the main N13 highway to Cherbourg and only a few miles away from the coast, this farm-

ing community became the center of the huge airborne operation (with 15,000 U.S paratroopers) that started during the night before D-day.

- **Airborne Museum** Built at the location where a house was on fire during the night before D-day, this museum has been gathering an amazing collection of memorabilia, in particular in the form of donations from the veterans themselves.
- **Utah beach** Closest to the Germans around Cherbourg, and quite separated from the other beaches, it could have been a disaster. Utah was rather lightly defended and had the great privilege to be protected by the American paratroopers (who had been in the area for several hours already). A quick stop at German cemetery that was originally started as an American cemetery in 1944 (for both Americans and Germans). After the war this cemetery became the largest German one in Normandy with over 21,000 soldiers buried here.
- **Pointe du Hoc** One of the largest German coastal batteries with six cannons. Being of 6-inch caliber and of a range of about 10 miles, these cannons would be a threat to both Omaha and Utah beaches. Thanks to the first help of a group of locals to make this incredible site a place of memory, it has been well preserved since, with its monuments and a number of bunkers and also bomb craters all over this 30-acre battlefield.
- **Omaha Beach** The most famous and most difficult of the five D-day beaches. It took the highest casualties, due in particular to its topography, it was the only beach with high ground just beyond.
- **US cemetery** The Normandy American Cemetery is the final resting place for 9,387 Americans. It covers 172 acres and is an actual battleground as it overlooks the "Easy Red" sector of Omaha Beach. Soldiers of all ranks honored here were buried after the war was over, by their families' request. Your guide will give you time on your own at the end, to either stay longer in the cemetery or save time for the Visitor Center that was opened in 2007 by the American Battle Monuments Commission and was designed to put the D-Day invasion of June 1944.





Le Mont Saint Michel

PACKAGE 2 : HALF DAY TOUR CANADIAN SEC-TOR (Shared Tour)

Today, you will discover the places where the principal events and battles made up the Battle of Normandy, in particular all major sites in the Canadian sector.

- **Visit of the Juno Center**

This museum, the only Canadian one in Normandy, commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of Canadian soldiers during the liberation of Europe in WW2. Divided in seven parts, it explains what Canada was before the war started, how the country turned completely toward the war effort, the different Canadian campaigns in Europe and the total human cost.

- **Graye/Courseulles-Sur-Mer**

Western part of the assault on Juno Beach, three sectors were given to different regiments to attack: Canadian Scottish / Royal Winnipeg Rifles/ Regina Rifles. The troops landed on either side of the Seulles river and the small fish-

ing village of Courseulles-Sur-Mer was liberated in the afternoon.

- **Bernieres/St-Aubin**

On this eastern side of Juno Beach, two other infantry regiments attacked: the Queen's Own Rifles and the North Shore. At Bernières, where La Chaudière Regiment later landed, is located the main monument close to the famous big Norman house that is in so many D-day pictures, and which still permanently flies a Canadian flag.

- **Canadian Cemetery**

Located between Bény and Reviere, inland from Juno Beach on top of the little hill that overlooks the coast, this cemetery is beautifully maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Enjoy a visit of the Abbey d'Ardenne, beautiful Norman Abbey from the 12th century. A number of Canadian prisoners were brought here and executed on June 7th and 8th. Back to your hotel in Bayeux. Overnight in Bayeux

DAY 3: THE MONT-SAINT-MICHEL (Shared Tour)

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by your driver-guide and departure to Le Mont Saint-Michel. Perched on a rocky islet in the midst of vast sandbanks exposed to powerful tides between Normandy and Britain stand the 'Wonder of the West'. Visit this exceptional site formed by a granite island with its village houses huddled close together and encircled by walls. On top lies the Abbey of the Mont-Saint Michel, a Gothic and Benedictine abbey dedicated to the archangel St Michael. The breath-taking view from the top that is worth the number of steps you have to come up! Transfer back to your hotel in Bayeux. Overnight at your hotel. **(B)**

DAY 4: DEPARTURE (Private transfer)

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by a private taxi and transfer to Bayeux train station. **(B)**



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Private transfers on Day 1 & Day 4
- Transport in air-conditional minivan (8 participants maximum) with the services of a qualified English speaking driver-guide according to the above program
- Day 2: Full Day Shared Tour Normandy Landing Beaches US Sector or Half Day Shared Tour Normandy Landing Beaches Canadian Sector
- Day 3: Full Day Shared Tour MontSaint-Michel.
- 3 nights hotel accommodation and daily breakfast
- Entrances according to the above program:
 - Juno Beach Museum (Day 2 Canadian Sector)
 - Airborne Museum (US Sector)
 - Entrance & private guided visit of Monnet's House & Gardens in Giverny

NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance to the Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel: Estimate 10 Euros per person
- Any other options, tips or personal expenses, luggage handling
- Insurance



The Centre Juno Beach, D Day Canadian Memorial

Legend

B	Breakfast	CT	Cheese Tasting
L	Lunch	CL	Cooking Lesson
D	Dinner	A	Aperitif
WT	Wine Tasting	HD	Half Day

