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Paris, Normandy D-DAY beaches & Mont Saint Michel

May 22 - Paris, Rouen, Honfleur & Caen



11:05 AM ARRIVAL

Arrival at Paris airport

Arrival at Paris airport. Meet your driver and begin to make your way towards Normandy.



Discover Rouen

Explore Rouen and immerse yourself in Norman history in the old town, and see the gothic cathedral that inspired Claude Monet's cathedral series. Visit the courthouse, Joan of Arc Square, and walk through "antique-dealer's row". Admire the unusual Renaissance style architecture on rue du Gros Horloge and learn about the city's unique history and culture.

Free time for lunch (at own expense)



Discover Honfleur

Our next stop will be a stop in colorful Honfleur, one of the prettiest small harbor towns of France. Let yourself be transported by the beauty and simplicity of Honfleur as you stroll through its small cobbled stone streets dotted with Art & Artisans shops - a real treat!



Hotel in Caen

After your visit of Honfleur, it will be time to reach your hotel in Caen. Check in at your hotel and night in Caen.



May 23 - Normandy D-Day landing Beaches



Pick up at your hotel in Caen

Breakfast at your hotel.

Pick up at your hotel in Caen and departure for the Normandy D-Day landing beaches.



Stop at Omaha Beach

In the morning, this Normandy battlefield tour will take you to Omaha beach, where the deadliest of the landings took place. Even though bombings occurred before the landing itself, they failed to neutralise the German positions in that sector.

In addition, troops and amphibian vehicles were disembarked too far from the shore, leading to an absolute failure and thousands of men being killed under heat German fire. The assault on this beach was perfectly depicted in the opening scenes of Saving Private Ryan movie.



Stop at Pointe du Hoc

Also located in the American sector, head to the Pointe du Hoc, a breathtaking cliff offering lunar landscapes, stunning bomb craters and a magnificent viewpoint over the English Channel. Given the toughness of the operation, the Pointe du Hoc was given to Rangers to land upon.

The battle site, dotted with German bunkers was rough, as the Pointe du Hoc had been built as a key point of the Atlantic Wall. It was the highest point between Utah beach and Omaha beach and provided a great observation spot to notice any unfriendly arrivals from the sea. You can still see an artillery gun battery there and feel as if it was still 1944.



Free time for lunch (at own expense) in Sainte Mère Église

Here you will have some free time for lunch in the village of Sainte Mère Église. You can shop for some local food and also souvenirs of World War 2.



Stop at Utah Beach

Then, your Normandy battlefield tour will take you to Utah beach, the second beach where the American troops landed. It is here that the 101st airborne pathfinders were dropped the night before d day invasion.



Night at hotel in Avranches or surrounding area

May 24 - Mont Saint Michel & Chartres



Pick up at your hotel

Breakfast at your hotel.

Pick up at your hotel in the morning and departure for Mont Saint Michel.



Discover Mont Saint Michel

The Unesco World Heritage Listed, Remarkable Gothic Jewel Mont Saint Michel is an island off the coast of Normandy, in the English Channel, and is one of the best Normandy tours you can choose. It is located about 1 kilometer from the shore and sits in a bay that sees some of the biggest tides in Europe. A few years ago, it was linked to the mainland by a bridge that gets flooded during high tides a few times a year only.

The first church was built on the mount in 709 at the request of Archange Michael. A couple of hundred years later, a small group of Benedictines settled there permanently and the church was enlarged. The first monastery was carved in the rock in the 11th century and gradually got bigger and bigger over the following centuries. In the medieval time, it quickly became an important destination for pilgrims, just like Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Free time for personal discovery of Mont Saint Michel. Entrance ticket to the Abbey is included.



Discover Fougères Castle

The medieval Castle

Discover more than 1000 years of history... The Château de Fougères is a living monument of military architecture - come and discover its secrets! Learn all about the history of one of Europe's biggest medieval fortresses, which protected the Duchy of Brittany from 1000 to 1500.

The medieval town

Fougères' development began in earnest in the 12th century: the history of the town is inseparable from the history of its castle. In times of war, the town was often devastated. But in times of peace, Fougères' location at the crossroads of several major trading routes brought the town wealth and prestige.

The oldest parts of town, in the shadow of the castle on the banks of the Nançon, were once the site of intense and lucrative economic activity. Wool and bark mills remind us that Fougères once specialized in the production and dying of textiles, as well as leather tanning.



Free time for lunch (at own expense)



Discover Chartres Cathedral

Partly built starting in 1145, and then reconstructed over a 26-year period after the fire of 1194, Chartres Cathedral marks the high point of French Gothic art. The vast nave, in pure ogival style, the porches adorned with fine sculptures from the middle of the 12th century, and the magnificent 12th- and 13th-century stained-glass windows, all in remarkable condition, combine to make it a masterpiece.



Night at your hotel in Chartres - Hotel B&B (or similar)

May 25 - Free day in Paris



Breakfast at your hotel

**Pick up at your hotel in Chartres**

This morning we will come and pick you up at your hotel in Chartres. We will then transfer you to Paris.

**Free day in Paris for personal discovery****Night at your hotel in Paris****May 26 - Departure transfer to Paris airport**

**Breakfast at your hotel in Paris****Pick up at your hotel in Paris**

Pick up at your hotel in Paris and transfer to Beauvais airport.

**3:00 PM DEPARTURE****Flight from Paris to your destination****Information & Documents**

**INCLUSIONS**

- Pick up at airport in Paris on Day 1 Transportation as
- per itinerary
- Accommodation in Caen, Avranches, Chartres & Paris
- Breakfast from day 2 to day 5
- Mont Saint Michel Abbey tickets
- Chateau de Fougères tickets

**EXCLUSIONS**

- Meals and drinks
- Personal expenses & insurance
- Guide services
- Entrance fees other than mentioned in program
- Gratuities