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n June 6, 1944, despite mounting challenges, a heroic formation of Allied troops landed along a

50-mile stretch of Normandy coastline. They were there to fight Nazi Germany, and by the end of that day, the Allies had gained a foothold in France. As the soldiers began their march across Europe with one clear mission — to defeat Hitler — the invasion proved to be the beginning of the end of World War II. Walk through history on this exclusive journey through Normandy, featuring two full days of exploration that highlight the Allies' important victory.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend seven nights in Normandy, one of France's most historic regions.
- Spend **two full days** exploring historic D-Day landmarks, including the **D-Day landing beaches** and the **American Military Cemetery**.
- Visit the **Peace Memorial at Caen**.
- Explore the quaint port town of **Honfleur**.
- Marvel at the **Bayeux Tapestry**, which tells the story of William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings.
- Visit the majestic **Mont-Saint-Michel**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Savor a special tasting of **Calvados**, Normandy's signature apple brandy.

Alumni Campus Abroad[®] Advantages

The unique, value-added features of Alumni Campus Abroad[®] programs deliver an outstanding educational travel experience.

- **A carefully selected hotel** with comfortable accommodations is the perfect base for exploring the region's renowned landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in the local culture and lifestyle.
- **Groups are limited to 36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- **An extensive meal plan** is seasoned with traditional specialties.
- **Knowledgeable guides** lead your excursions and **local experts** present insightful educational lectures.
- **An experienced Campus Director** ensures attentive service for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Journey to Normandy, a region that has played a key role in the political, religious, cultural and gastronomic development of Western civilization throughout the ages. This skillfully tailored program includes two full days of exploring the historic D-Day beaches, memorials and landmarks, as well as other highlights of the region, including the UNESCO World Heritage site of Mont-Saint-Michel, the incredible Bayeux Tapestry and the charming port town of Honfleur.

Scheduled to join you on the beaches of Normandy and throughout this journey is General Carter Ham (USAR Ret.), John Carroll alumnus from the Class of 1976. Ham is the former commander, U.S. Army Europe (2008-2011), and former second commander, U.S. Africa Command from 2011-2013. A member of the JCU Board of Directors, Ham will be joined by his wife, Christi, an alumna from the Class of 1975. This unique and special John Carroll tie will truly make this trip a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Your itinerary has been specially planned by travel experts to include incomparable cultural experiences, behind-the-scenes excursions and preferred access to popular attractions. An exclusive educational agenda, the hallmark of AHI's Alumni Campus Abroad® programs, features fascinating educational lectures by expert speakers and will enhance your appreciation of the people and the culture.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and still have time to make your own discoveries. Space is limited, and this remarkable trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

Sincerely,

David Vitaoe '00
Director of Alumni Relations
John Carroll University

"You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you... I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory!"

~ General Dwight D. Eisenhower
(1890-1969), First Supreme Allied Commander Europe, ordering the D-Day invasion

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes, but in having new eyes."

~ Marcel Proust
(1871-1922), French writer

NORMANDY

CELEBRATED WITH HONOR

From your base in the charming town of Honfleur, discover the history of D-Day by journeying to Omaha Beach and the cemeteries, memorials and landmarks of the Allied victory. You will be accompanied by a historian who will provide background and context for your experiences. Then awaken your senses to the cultural history of France with excursions to the incredible granite island of Mont-Saint-Michel and to Bayeux, home of the extraordinary Bayeux Tapestry.

DAY ONE

Depart for Paris, France.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY TWO

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HONFLEUR

Upon arrival, transfer† to Honfleur and check in to the Mercure Honfleur Hôtel.

This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception at the hotel followed by a Welcome Dinner at a restaurant in Honfleur.

DAY THREE

B I L

HONFLEUR

Enjoy an included breakfast each morning throughout your trip.

Excursion:

Historic Honfleur. Get

to know your home base of Honfleur as you stroll the narrow streets in its classic French town center, nestled against a striking 17th-century harbor. Soak in the scene that has inspired artists, writers and musicians for centuries as you visit the Old Port, the wooden Church of Sainte-Cathérine and other historic landmarks.

Local Flavor:

A lunch of local specialties is served at a restaurant in Honfleur.

Left: The Spirit of American Youth Statue, Peace Memorial, Caen



Normandy Beaches

UNESCO

Mont-Saint-Michel and its Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage site featured on the program.

Independent Exploration: The afternoon is yours to relax or explore Honfleur at your leisure.

Educational Focus: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.* The region's proud and colorful history has profoundly influenced the development of France, Great Britain and Western civilization. Discuss the fascinating journey that was so pivotal in the Allied effort.

DAY FOUR

B I L I D

NORMANDY BEACHES AND LANDMARKS

Excursion: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.* Take an emotional journey to Omaha Beach and its memorial, where the largest concentration of U.S. troops landed on June 6, 1944 in the face of heavy German resistance. Continue along the Calvados coastline, the theater for Operation Overlord, history's most complex and important military venture. See the U.S. Military Cemetery at St. Laurent-sur-Mer and the German gun emplacements at Pointe du Hoc.

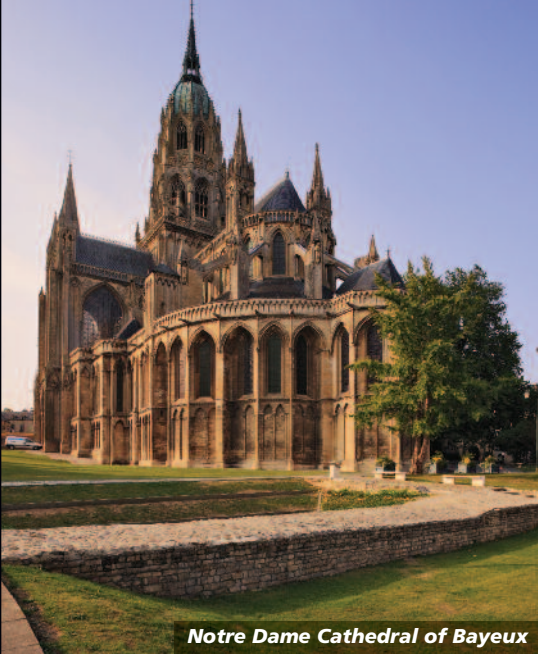
Local Flavor: During the excursion, enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant. On the way back to Honfleur, stop for a special tasting of Calvados, Normandy's famous brandy. Dinner is served at a restaurant on Honfleur's scenic harbor.

DAY FIVE

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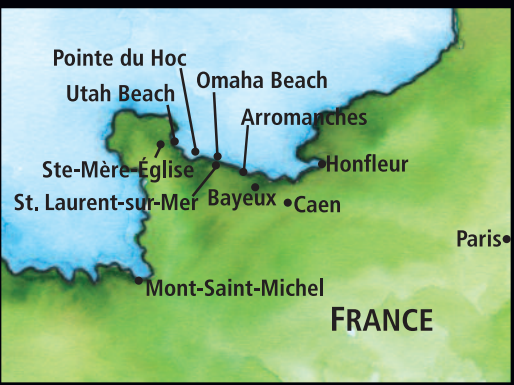
Excursion: *Bayeux.* Travel to Bayeux and see the remarkable Bayeux Tapestry, a



Notre Dame Cathedral of Bayeux



Honfleur



fascinating Airborne Museum. Stop at the German cemetery at La Cambe, a stark contrast to the American cemetery.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch during the excursion and dinner at a restaurant on the harbor in Honfleur.

DAY SEVEN

B I L I D

MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

Excursion: *Le Mont-Saint-Michel.*

The sight of Mont-Saint-Michel's dramatic, sky-scraping turrets towering over the flat white sands that surround the granite island leave little wonder why this UNESCO World Heritage site is considered a Wonder of the Western World. Mont-Saint-Michel's first church was built in the eighth century and as buildings were added, the island also served as a monastery, fortress and prison.

masterpiece that depicts the events leading to the Norman invasion of England and the 1066 Battle of Hastings after which William the Conqueror gained control of England. Then, marvel at the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral of Bayeux, a mix of Romanesque and Gothic architecture.

Local Flavor: Savor a delicious lunch at a restaurant in Bayeux.

Excursion: *Le Mémorial de Caen.*

Visit the Peace Memorial in Caen, a museum dedicated to peace, honoring all battle heroes.

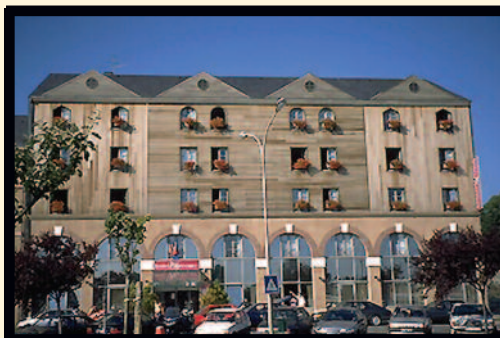
Educational Focus: *The French Resistance.* Discuss the origins and leaders of the resistance, the role of the French in the lead-up to D-Day and the heroic efforts of the service members for their countries.

DAY SIX

B I L I D

NORMANDY BEACHES AND LANDMARKS

Excursion: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.* Journey to Utah Beach and then to the commune of Sainte-Mère-Église, where there will be time to explore the





Local Flavor: Lunch is served at a local restaurant.

DAY EIGHT

B | D

HONFLEUR

Independent Exploration: Delight in the many treasures of Honfleur during a full day at leisure. Spend the day relaxing, shopping or doing some last-minute sightseeing.

This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and a Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner.

DAY NINE

B

After breakfast, transfer⁺ to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary subject to change. Some events on this program involve an element of walking.

Included meals indicated each day as B | L | D = Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS

MERCURE HONFLEUR HÔTEL

Located at the heart of the town center, close to the picturesque port and harbor that have been immortalized on canvas by the likes of Claude Monet and Eugène Boudin, the Mercure Honfleur Hôtel is an ideal base for exploring the Normandy region. The friendly and helpful staff will attend to your needs, and the recently renovated interior provides an oasis of comfort. Enjoy a breakfast room and Le Mora bar, where you can sample regional cider, Calvados cocktails and a selection of Grand Vin Mercure wines. Relax in your modern, air-conditioned room after a day of sightseeing around historic Honfleur and scenic northwest France.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- Seven nights in Honfleur, France, at the first-class **Mercure Honfleur Hôtel**.

Meals

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, five lunches and four dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and a Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner.

Your Exciting Travel Program

(For details, see the day-by-day itinerary.)

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- **All excursions:**
 - Spend two full days exploring the sites of the D-Day invasion.
 - Stroll along the narrow streets and historic harbor of Honfleur.
 - See the incredible Bayeux Tapestry.
 - Explore the Peace Memorial in Caen.
 - Visit the awe-inspiring Mont-Saint-Michel.

Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director**.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



D-Day

In May 1940, with World War II ramping up all over Europe, the Germans invaded and began their occupation of northwestern France. Three years later, as the Allies searched for a way to defeat Adolf Hitler and end the

war, they hatched a plan to invade Germany through France. Of course, this plan required a hefty first step: freeing France from German control.

The Allies chose the Normandy coast as the entry point. Hitler was aware of the threat of invasion, but he was distracted by a carefully devised, large-scale Allied deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended target.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower selected June 5 as the day of invasion into Normandy. But bad weather caused a delay, and anxiety built as the troops awaited the order to attack.

On the evening of June 5, the harbor concealing the mounting forces lit up with activity. They would hit the beach the next day at 6:30 a.m.

Before dawn, the movement began. Planes roared overhead. Orders were to jump whether the paratroopers found their objectives or not — all aircraft must return empty. The jumpers leapt into the fog and into the mercy of a hail of bullets. The ones who survived quickly secured bridges and exit roads behind enemy lines.

Hundreds of ships assembled, to the point that one soldier later joked that they could have just about walked across the English Channel. But the tiny landing boats were battered by huge black waves, and the men had to bail water out with their helmets to keep afloat.

As they approached the beaches, the soldiers disembarked and waded through waist-deep water, dodging machine gun fire. The British and Canadian forces overcame light opposition to capture the beaches code-named Gold, Juno and Sword, as did the Americans at Utah. But American forces faced heavy resistance at Omaha Beach, which saw more than 2,000 American casualties.

But they succeeded. Less than a week later, on June 11, the beaches were fully secured, and Allied troops began an arduous march toward the German border.

By late August 1944, the Allies had reached the Seine River and liberated Paris. By the following spring, they had defeated the Germans and ended the war in Europe. On May 8, 1945, a week after Hitler committed suicide, the Allies formally accepted the Nazis' surrender.

As both a tactical and a psychological blow to Hitler and his troops, D-Day will forever be remembered as the moment of World War II when the tide began to turn against the Nazis.



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Departure City

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Land Program

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April 30-May 7, 2015

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\$3,145

Special Savings

\$250

Special Price*

\$2,895*

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Mont-Saint-Michel

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