

# Normandy

## France

#### **Inspiring Moments**

- ► Marvel at stunning **Mont-Saint-Michel** rising spectacularly over the tidal waters.
- ➤ Contemplate the extraordinary bravery of the Allied landing forces as you walk along the **beaches** of **Normandy.**
- ➤ View **luminous impressionist paintings** by the movement's great masters.
- ► Explore the impact of World War II at the Caen Memorial Museum.
- ► Savor a wonderful wine tasting and lunch at a stately, 10th-century castle.
- ► Delight in the local color and delicious cuisine along **Honfleur's picturesque harbor.**
- ► Follow the epic story embroidered into the acclaimed **Bayeux Tapestry.**
- Sip Calvados, Normandy's celebrated cider brandy, on an estate.

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"The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves," Normandy American Cemetery

From Normandy's cliff-lined coast to its breathtaking countryside, discover proud traditions, dramatic history, culinary delicacies and alluring beauty on this seven-night exploration! Take an emotional journey to Omaha Beach, the Normandy American Cemetery and related sites as you ponder the impact of D-Day and World War II. You'll also admire some of France's finest treasures including majestic Mont-Saint-Michel, the delicately stitched Bayeux Tapestry and fabulous impressionist art. This unforgettable, well-rounded adventure also features an artisanal lunch at a castle and a Calvados tasting on an estate!

### **Day-by-Day Itinerary**

#### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Paris, France.

#### Day 2 | Paris, France | Honfleur

Transfer to the Mercure Honfleur Hotel.

Gather for tonight's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

#### Day 3 | Honfleur

**Discovery:** *Historic Honfleur.* Get acquainted with this quintessential French port town that has captivated artists for centuries. Soak up the maritime ambience of its picture-perfect, 17th-century harbor and stroll with your guide on the narrow side streets to see landmarks like the wooden Church of Sainte-Cathérine crafted by 15th-century shipbuilders.

Free Time: While exploring on your own, try the region's four world-class cheeses, Camembert de Normandie, Livarot, Neufchâtel and Pont-l'Evêque! These specialty cheeses are among France's best, made with the rich milk of the Normande cows.

This evening, dine in a quaint restaurant in Honfleur.

# Day 4 | Arromanches | Omaha Beach | Normandy American Cemetery | Pointe du Hoc

**Enrichment:** *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.*Gain insights on the pivotal role that Normandy played during this crucial period of the Allied war effort.

# **Discovery:** D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

In Arromanches, see the site of an offshore mulberry harbour and tour the D-Day Landing Museum, which details how these artificial harbours were constructed. Break for lunch in town afterward. Later, as you walk along Omaha Beach and see the memorial, reflect upon the extraordinary bravery of the Allied landing forces who valiantly advanced under devastating fire across the heavily fortified shoreline to overcome German troops. Pay a poignant visit to the Normandy American Cemetery, which contains 9,385 graves



of Americans who died in the invasion and ensuing battles, and a memorial garden honoring those missing in action. Finally, visit Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers courageously scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy enemy artillery. Learn about this treacherous mission and examine a German defensive emplacement.

## Day 5 | Château du Bec | Le Havre

Free Time: Enjoy the morning at leisure.

Discovery: Château du Bec and the Musée Malraux of Modern Art. Cross the elegant cable-stayed Pont de Normandie that spans the Seine on your way to Château du Bec, a majestic, privately owned, 10th-century castle. Meet one of the owners as you walk through the lovely grounds in a wooded park. Then try flavorful local wines and indulge in a tasty lunch of seasonal specialties featuring ingredients from the estate's garden and orchard. After lunch, journey to Le Havre to visit the Musée Malraux of Modern Art, or MuMa. In its bright galleries, admire one of France's largest collections of impressionist paintings, featuring works by Monet, Degas, Renoir, Pissarro, Boudin and other masters.

#### Day 6 | Le Mont-Saint-Michel

**Discovery:** *Mont-Saint-Michel.* With one glimpse of Mont-Saint-Michel's singular silhouette rising above the surrounding flat sands, you'll understand why this UNESCO World Heritage site is considered a wonder of the Western world. On a guided tour, explore this fascinating tidal island that has served as a fortress, monastery and prison, and visit the serene abbey and church that have drawn pilgrims for centuries. If you'd like, walk on the ramparts to take in the coastal views.

#### Day 7 | Caen | Bayeux

**Discovery:** Le Mémorial de Caen. Expand your understanding of World War II, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy as you explore the engrossing exhibits at this award-winning museum.

**©AHI Connects:** Calvados. Normandy's apple cider brandy is among the world's finest brandies. Visit an estate that distills Calvados from the apples grown on



its 42 acres of orchards and learn about the production process. Relax over lunch at the estate and savor a glass of smooth Calvados.

**Discovery:** *Bayeux.* View the renowned Bayeux Tapestry, an embroidered masterpiece nearly 230 feet long with more than 50 scenes related to the 11th-century Norman conquest of England. Later, admire the Gothic details of Bayeux's Notre Dame Cathedral.

**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.

#### Day 8 | Honfleur

**Free Time:** The day is yours to plan! Visit the markets, walk along the sea walls or dig into a tasty bowl of *moules marinières* at a waterfront café.

Tonight, celebrate your time together in Normandy at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

#### Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer **3** to the airport in Paris for the return flight **4** to your gateway city.

#### **Included Features**

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

-7 nights in Honfleur, France, at the first-class Mercure Honfleur Hotel.

#### **Extensive Meal Program**

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and
   3 dinners, including Welcome and
   Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with
   all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

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**Note:** Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

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