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THE NATIONAL
WWII MUSEUM
TRAVEL

NORMANDY AND THE SEINE RIVER TOUR

Sail the Seine to the Shores of Normandy

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by September 18, 2026!



Featuring an exclusive lecture series and comprehensive touring, this unique educational program combines learning and sightseeing with a whole new level of luxury.

Dear World Traveler,

The National WWII Museum has long honored our mission to preserve the history of World War II through exhibitions, educational programs, and battlefield tours. It is with great excitement that I invite you to join the Museum's Educational Travel Program for a unique itinerary cruising the Seine River from the heart of Paris to Normandy, delving into the stories of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy on the French coast and exploring the rich culture of the Normandy countryside along the way.

Our custom-curated itinerary features renowned historians, authors, and experts on World War II, a remarkable advantage to traveling with the Museum. Throughout the journey, these special guests bring interesting historical insights to the places you visit with them during the day and through a custom lecture series in the evenings.

Board the exclusively chartered Uniworld SS *Joie de Vivre* in Paris and spend four nights cruising the iconic Seine River into the heart of Normandy. Debark in Rouen, and transfer by coach to Normandy. While in Normandy, explore the beaches and battlefields by day and enjoy four nights at a 5-star château steeped in history, indulging in gourmet French cuisine every evening.

Accompanied by local battlefield guides and with access to the digital archives of The National WWII Museum, this is truly the most educational and luxurious way to dive deeper into your exploration of the rich cultural and military history of the region of Normandy.

Guests may also choose to relive the joys of the long-awaited liberation of the "City of Light" during an optional two-night pre-tour program in Paris.

Even if you have visited France before, I encourage you to join us on this poignant, unforgettable journey. The exclusive charter and château accommodations provide a backdrop that unites curious lifelong learners seeking meaningful educational experiences. We are honored to share and remember the stories of the heroes to whom we owe so much.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Watson
President & CEO, The National WWII Museum





AMERICAN SERVICEMEMBERS WADE TOWARD A SMOKE-COVERED BEACH ON D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944, AS SEEN FROM THE DECK OF A LANDING CRAFT

PARATROOPER STAINED GLASS WINDOW IN THE CHURCH OF SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE



UNIWORLD SS JOIE DE VIVRE



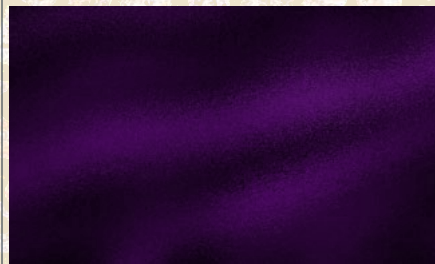
SOLDIERS OF THE 4TH US INFANTRY DIVISION LOOK AT THE EIFFEL TOWER IN PARIS, AFTER THE FRENCH CAPITAL HAD BEEN LIBERATED ON AUGUST 25, 1944. NATIONAL ARCHIVES.



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GERMAN BUNKERS NEAR UTAH BEACH, NORMANDY



CHÂTEAU LA CHENEVIÈRE



ROUEN, FRANCE



Rated the top attraction in New Orleans and among the best museums in the world, The National WWII Museum explores the story of the American experience in World War II through immersive exhibits, multimedia experiences, educational resources, and an expansive collection of artifacts and personal accounts. The Museum's New Orleans campus provides vivid insight into *the war that changed the world*, but nothing can tell its story more dramatically than a visit to the sites where victory was fought for and won.

As part of the nation's preeminent institution for preserving and sharing WWII history, the Museum's Travel Program is dedicated to providing the highest quality educational content by creating custom-curated itineraries, arranging the finest boutique hotel accommodations, procuring comprehensive local culinary experiences in the countries we visit, and touring aboard premium motor coaches and cruise ships. Experience a journey in first-class comfort to the beaches, bridges, cities, and villages where crucial battles took place and history-defining decisions were made.

Traveling with The National WWII Museum offers a unique and enriching experience that goes beyond typical group tour itineraries—it provides a meaningful journey that honors the past while inspiring future generations.

MUSEUM MISSION

The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in *the war that changed the world*—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.





EXPERT BATTLEFIELD GUIDE ADRIEN RECOURA EXPLAINS THE BATTLE OF LA FIÈRE TO TOUR GUESTS



FEATURED HISTORIAN MICHAEL NEIBERG POSES WITH TOUR STAFF AT CHATEAU D'AUDRIEU.

TRAVEL WITH THE AUTHORITY ON WWII EDUCATION:

EXPERT-LED EXPERIENCES

Our tours are guided by a combination of expert historians, local guides, and Museum staff members who provide in-depth insights, drawing from our immense collections of artifacts, oral histories, and personal accounts from WWII veterans that you won't find on other tours.

IMMERSIVE LEARNING

Each tour is designed to offer a deep dive into World War II, engaging lifelong learners of all backgrounds—from those with a vast knowledge of history to others just beginning to explore the events that shaped our world.

ENGAGING COMMUNITY

Our tours have created a community of passionate history enthusiasts who often have personal links to those who fought and won the war. Our itineraries include opportunities to foster meaningful connections with other travelers who share an interest in understanding the past.

SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

By traveling with us, you contribute to the preservation of WWII history and support educational initiatives that honor the sacrifices made during the war.

LUXURY ACCOMMODATIONS AND FINE DINING

Our team supports the local economies of the places we visit, staying in hand-selected boutique hotel accommodations and providing dining experiences that showcase locally sourced ingredients.



The City of Rouen in Ruins, 1944



Liberation of Paris



Rangers at Pointe du Hoc



Field Marshal Erwin Rommel



Landing on Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944



The Dieppe Raid, August 19, 1942

ITINERARY MAP

UNITED KINGDOM

BELGIUM

ENGLISH CHANNEL

FRANCE

- River Cruise
- Tour Stops
- # of Nights

D-DAY BEACHES

UTAH OMAHA GOLD JUNO SWORD

Château La Chenevière

Bayeux

Château D'Audrieu

Dieppe

Rouen

Les Andelys

La Roche-Guyon

Mantes-la-Jolie

Paris

Seine River



The Courtyard of the Librarians at Rouen Cathedral



Giverny



Versailles



La Roche-Guyon, Rommel's Headquarters in 1944



Omaha Beach



Dieppe

Sail the Seine *to the* Shores of Normandy

MARCH 20–28, 2027

Featuring Expert Historians
John McManus, PhD, and Clare Mulley

OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 1, 2027

Featuring Expert Historians
Saul David and Keith Lowe

OPTIONAL TWO-NIGHT PRE-TOUR: Liberation of Paris

DAY 1 • ARRIVE IN PARIS / TRANSFER TO THE SS JOIE DE VIVRE

Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) / Transfer to SS *Joie de Vivre* / Explore Paris independently this afternoon or enjoy public areas of SS *Joie de Vivre* / Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner • Accommodations: SS *Joie de Vivre* (R, D)

DAY 2 • MANTES-LA-JOLIE

Enjoy seasonal touring • Guests on the March 2027 tour will visit the Palace of Versailles. Guests on the October 2027 tour will explore the home and gardens of Claude Monet at Giverny • Accommodations: SS *Joie de Vivre* (B, R, D)

DAY 3 • LES ANDELYS / LA ROCHE-GUYON

Visit two 12th-century châteaux with inspiring views and epic histories • Château Gaillard / Château de La Roche-Guyon • Accommodations: SS *Joie de Vivre* (B, L, R, D)

DAY 4 • DIEPPE AND ROUEN

Honor those who fought during Operation Jubilee • Half-day tour in coastal village of Dieppe / Walking tour of Rouen • Accommodations: SS *Joie de Vivre* (B, R, D)

DAY 5 • DISEMBARKATION / BAYEUX

Explore the medieval treasures of the Normandy region • Disembark SS *Joie de Vivre* / Optional guided tour of Bayeux Cathedral / Free time in Bayeux / Check in to château • Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, R, D)

DAY 6 • BRITISH SECTOR

Stand where British airborne troops fired the first shots of the invasion • Pegasus Bridge / Driving tour of Gold, Juno, and Sword Beaches / Explore Arromanches and Mulberry harbor / Longues-sur-Mer • Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, R, D)

DAY 7 • US AIRBORNE

Discover priceless stories of the D-Day paratroopers • La Fièvre Bridge / Brécourt Manor / Sainte-Mère-Église / Airborne Museum / Utah Beach and Museum • Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, L, R, D)

DAY 8 • OMAHA SECTOR

Pay respects to the 9,389 Americans buried in the ground they helped liberate • Omaha Beach / Pointe du Hoc / Normandy American Cemetery / Farewell to Normandy Reception and Dinner • Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, L, R, D)

DAY 9 • FLIGHTS HOME FROM PARIS

After breakfast, transfer to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) for your independently scheduled flight home • (B)

- :: Featured expert tour historian on every departure
- :: Local battlefield guides at every itinerary stop
- :: Full-time logistical tour managers
- :: Four nights' accommodation aboard the 5-star SS *Joie de Vivre* on the Seine River
- :: Four nights' accommodation in Normandy at the hand-selected 5-star Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière
- :: Most meals, including: breakfast each day, 3 lunches, 8 dinners, 8 receptions
- :: House wines, beer and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners during land program and throughout the cruise
- :: All gratuities to drivers, guides, and shipboard staff
- :: Entrance fees to all sites, museums, and attractions
- :: Private first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach transportation
- :: Personal listening devices for touring
- :: Airport transfers when arriving and departing on scheduled program dates
- :: Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- :: Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge



TOUR GUESTS POSE FOR A PHOTO AT THE COASTAL OVERLOOK IN DIEPPE.

Through engaging lectures, insightful conversations, and personal connections, our historians add depth to our carefully curated itineraries.



JOHN MCMANUS, PHD MARCH 2027 DEPARTURE

John C. McManus, PhD, is Curators' Distinguished Professor of US Military History at Missouri University of Science and Technology and one of the world's leading historians of World War II. He has written 12 books, most of which cover some aspect of the American combat experience in World War II, including *The Americans at D-Day*; *The Americans at Normandy*; and *The Dead and Those About to Die: D-Day: The Big Red One at Omaha Beach*. Other relevant titles include

September Hope: The American Side of a Bridge Too Far; *Alamo in the Ardennes*; and *Grunts: Inside the American Infantry Combat Experience, World War II Through Iraq*. McManus has made hundreds of appearances as an expert commentator for radio and television outlets as well as in numerous major documentaries for PBS, The History Channel, Netflix, the Smithsonian Network, Discovery Channel, National Geographic, and others.



CLARE MULLEY MARCH 2027 DEPARTURE

Clare Mulley is an award-winning historian, author, and broadcaster whose work primarily focuses on the female experience during World War II. Her debut, *The Woman who Saved the Children*, which chronicles the life of Save the Children founder Eglantyne Jebb, won the *Daily Mail* Biographers' Club Prize. Mulley's other acclaimed biographies include *The Spy Who Loved: The Secrets and Lives of Christine Granville, Britain's First Female Special Agent of World War II*;

The Women Who Flew for Hitler; and *Agent Zo: The Untold Story of a World War II Resistance Fighter*, which was shortlisted for the 2025 Women's Prize for Non-Fiction and awarded silver in the *Military History Matters* magazine's best books of the year. Beyond her writing, Mulley contributes to historical documentaries for the BBC and other broadcasters, has judged several literary prizes, and writes for publications including *The Spectator*, *TLS*, *Literary Review*, and *BBC History Magazine*. A popular public speaker, Mulley has spoken at the House of Commons, Royal Albert Hall, Imperial War Museum, and major literary and history festivals. Mulley is also a proud recipient of the Bene Merito cultural honor of the Republic of Poland. She lives in England with her husband, the sculptor Ian Wolter, and their dog.



SAUL DAVID, PHD OCTOBER 2027 DEPARTURE

Saul David is an award-winning military historian, author, and broadcaster. He earned his PhD from the University of Glasgow and is currently a Professorial Research Fellow at the University of Buckingham and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. His many books include *The Force: The Legendary Special Ops Unit and WWII's Mission Impossible*, as well as *Sunday Times* Top 10 bestsellers *Sky Warriors: British Airborne Forces in the Second World War* and SBS: *Silent Warriors*.

His book *Operation Thunderbolt: Flight 139 and the Raid on Entebbe Airport* was named a 2015 Amazon History Book of the Year and later adapted into the movie *Entebbe*. He is currently working on a history of the Battle for Europe, 1944-45. He has presented and appeared in history programs for major TV and streaming channels, and co-hosts the popular *Battleground* podcast with Patrick Bishop.



KEITH LOWE OCTOBER 2027 DEPARTURE

Keith Lowe is a writer and historian whose works have been translated into more than 20 languages worldwide. He is the author of several books about World War II, including the international bestseller *Savage Continent: Europe in the Aftermath of World War II* (2012), which won the Hessel-Tiltman Prize for History and Italy's national Cherasco History Prize; *The Fear and the Freedom* (2017), which was described by *The Wall Street Journal* as "one of the best, most useful

books on World War II to have emerged in the past decade"; *Inferno: The Devastation of Hamburg 1943* (2007); and *Prisoners of History* (2020). His latest work, *Naples 1944*, describes the liberation of Italy and the political and economic chaos that followed. Lowe regularly speaks on TV and radio, and has lectured at universities, conferences, and literary festivals all over the world. He has written for a variety of newspapers and journals, including *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *El País*, and the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*. He serves on the historical advisory board for Liberation Route Europe and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. A graduate of Manchester University, he lives in London, England.



LIBERATION OF PARIS

OPTIONAL TWO-NIGHT PRE-TOUR

Offered for both departures:

- **March 18-20, 2027** | Featuring Historian Jonathan Boff, PhD
- **October 22-24, 2027** | Featuring Historian Michael Neiberg, PhD

Only \$2,999 per person double occupancy (\$3,299 single occupancy)

Includes airport transfers

DAY 1

Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) / Afternoon touring of Trocadero and the Eiffel Tower / Vel' d'Hiv monument and Children's Memorial Garden / Welcome Reception and Lecture • **Accommodations: Hôtel du Louvre by Hyatt (R)**

DAY 2

Mont-Valérien and Suresnes American Cemetery / Group lunch / Paris Liberation Museum • **Accommodations: Hôtel du Louvre by Hyatt (B, L)**

DAY 3

Gardens to Notre Dame / Jewish Deportation Memorial / Lunch on own / Embark SS *Joie de Vivre* for start of main tour program • **(B)**

DAY 1 • ARRIVE IN PARIS / TRANSFER TO THE SS JOIE DE VIVRE

Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) and transfer to S.S. *Joie de Vivre*. Early morning arrivals may choose to enjoy a morning exploring Paris independently after dropping luggage at the ship or may board the vessel and enjoy the ship's public areas before settling into a luxurious stateroom or suite this afternoon. This evening, bid farewell to the "City of Light" during a welcome reception and dinner on the Seine River.

Accommodations: SS *Joie de Vivre* (R, D)



LEFT: PARIS AND THE SEINE RIVER SEEN DURING THE WALKING TOUR | RIGHT: SS JOIE DE VIVRE

DAY 2 • MANTES-LA-JOLIE

March 2027 tour: Versailles

At the end of World War I, the world's statesmen gathered at The Palace of Versailles to sign the ill-fated peace treaty ending "The Great War." The defeated Germans ultimately rejected the harsh provisions of the Treaty of Versailles, setting the stage for another world war just two decades later. Visit the famous Galerie des Glaces (Hall of Mirrors), the actual site of the treaty signing. Also included is an exclusive tour of the royal apartments, which still look much as they did when Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette fled in 1789.

Accommodations: SS Joie de Vivre (B, R, D)



October 2027 Tour: Giverny

Explore Claude Monet's home and gardens at Giverny, immortalized through his impressionist art. Badly damaged during World War II, Giverny has been painstakingly restored to its former magnificence. After a tour of Giverny and lunch on your own in the area, return to the ship for an afternoon and evening at leisure.

Accommodations: SS Joie de Vivre (B, R, D)

Alternately, spend free time independently exploring the areas near port Mantes-la-Jolie.



ABOVE: VERSAILLES HALL OF MIRRORS | BELOW: CLAUDE MONET'S HOME AND GARDENS AT GIVERNY

DAY 3 • LA ROCHE-GUYON / LES ANDELYS

La Roche-Guyon is the famous 12th-century château on the Seine where German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel established his headquarters. At La Roche-Guyon, "The Desert Fox" planned and prepared the tough defenses that the Allies encountered on D-Day, as well as the German maneuvers during the campaign that followed. After lunch aboard the ship, dock at Les Andelys, and visit Château Gaillard, Richard the Lionheart's 12th-century stronghold, offering inspiring views of the Seine River.

Accommodations: SS Joie de Vivre (B, L, R, D)



A TOUR GUEST AT CHÂTEAU GAILLARD, LES ANDELYS



DAY 4 • DIEPPE / ROUEN

On the northern coast of France lies the fishing community of Dieppe. It was here in August 1942 that the ill-fated Allied raid, consisting mostly of Canadian forces, offered invaluable lessons for D-Day nearly two years later. Marvel at the smooth stones, called shale, that make up the beach. Traction is difficult while walking on them, so one can imagine the difficulty of landing and advancing while under fire. The boardwalk behind the beach contains tributes to the units and men who came ashore in hopes of seizing and holding the town. A keen eye will be able to spot the German emplacements on the cliffs above Dieppe. After lunch and free time in this charming seaside town, return to Rouen. Described by Victor Hugo as “the city with a hundred bell towers,” Rouen was the scene of the Eighth Air Force’s first bombing mission over Europe in 1942, just two days before the Dieppe Raid. Take part in a walking tour of the town center or return to the ship to relax before dinner this evening.

Accommodations: SS Joie de Vivre (B, R, D)

WALKING TOUR IN ROUEN

DAY 5 • DISEMBARKATION / BAYEUX

Disembark SS *Joie de Vivre* in Rouen and transfer to Normandy. Spend the afternoon exploring the picturesque town of Bayeux and enjoy lunch on your own. With plenty of free time to shop and discover the medieval treasures of this quaint village, an optional guided tour of the Bayeux Cathedral is offered. Check in to your 5-star château this evening, then attend a welcome reception and dinner.

Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, R, D)



TOP: CHÂTEAU D'AUDRIEU AT DUSK | BOTTOM: BAYEUX CATHEDRAL

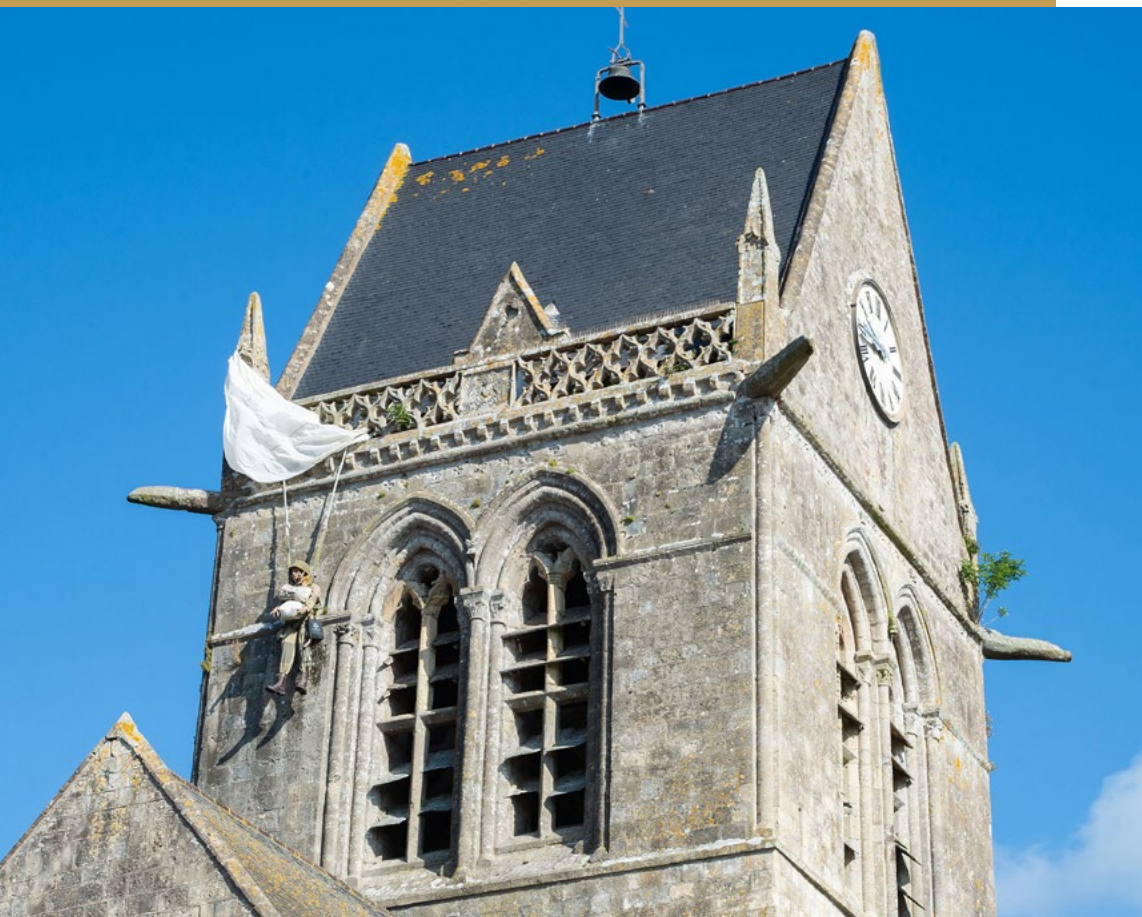
DAY 6 • THE BRITISH SECTOR

Touring in Normandy begins where the first shots of the invasion were fired by British glider troops at the crucial Pegasus Bridge. Learn about Major John Howard and his men of the “Ox and Bucks” and how they were able to secure and hold the bridge. Drive along the British and Canadian sectors while hearing stories of the landings that took place to the east of the American assaults. Midday, arrive at Arromanches. Explore this quaint village and enjoy lunch on your own. This afternoon, view the remains of a Mulberry harbor and gain insight into this great feat of engineering and ingenuity. Next, a trip up the commanding bluff culminates in a visit to the German gun battery at Longues-sur-Mer. This evening, join the group for dinner at the château.

Accommodations: Château d’Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, R, D)



ABOVE: HISTORIAN SAUL DAVID STANDS WHERE THE FIRST SHOTS OF THE INVASION WERE FIRED BY BRITISH TROOPS AT THE CRUCIAL PEGASUS BRIDGE; TOP RIGHT: REMNANTS OF THE MULBERRY HARBOR AT ARROMANCHES; BOTTOM RIGHT: LONGUES-SUR-MER GERMAN BATTERY



STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE THE CHURCH AT SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE

On the night of June 5–6, 1944, during the parachute drop of Airborne troops in the area of Sainte-Mère-Église, Private John Steele was hit in the foot by a burst of flak. He could not control his parachute and landed on the steeple of the church around 1:00 a.m. Steele tried to free himself from his parachute for more than two hours while the battle raged on in the church square below. Finally, two German soldiers freed him, took him prisoner, and cared for his wounded foot. He escaped and joined the Allied lines three days later before being transferred to a hospital in England. For his actions and his injuries, Steele was awarded the Bronze Star medal for bravery and a Purple Heart for wounds in combat. This action was featured in the movie *The Longest Day*, and, to this day, a “dummy” paratrooper hangs from the church steeple commemorating this event.

DAY 7 • US AIRBORNE: SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE & UTAH BEACH

Visit La Fièvre Bridge, the scene of heavy fighting from June 6–8, 1944. Seizing this strategic causeway resulted in over 250 American casualties. Next, visit the town of Sainte-Mère-Église, where paratroopers landed during the predawn hours of D-Day. Dropping into the town square, the men of the 82nd Airborne Division fought tenaciously against the German defenders for control of this vital crossroads. Tour highlights include a visit to Musée Airborne and to the famous church. In the afternoon, visit Utah Beach, one of the two American landing beaches, which consisted of four crucial causeways that allowed for the invasion forces to advance off the beach and through the flooded fields. Hear the story of General Theodore Roosevelt Jr., and visit the Utah Beach Landing Museum, which features a restored B-26 Marauder and detailed re-creations of the German beach defenses. End the touring day with a stop at Brécourt Manor, the scene of the assault led by Dick Winters famously depicted in the HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers*.

Accommodations: *Château d’Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, L, R, D)*

LEFT: THE FAMOUS CHURCH IN SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE
BELOW: EXPERT TOUR GUIDE MÉLANIE MOREAU TELLS THE TOUR GROUP ABOUT THE LANDINGS AT UTAH BEACH ON D-DAY.



DAY 8 • POINTE DU HOC / OMAHA BEACH / NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY

The morning tour begins at Pointe du Hoc*, where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled the cliffs to neutralize the fortified German position. The next stop is “Bloody Omaha” Beach, where US forces overcame the odds to etch a heroic chapter in history. Visits to the coastal towns of Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer and Vierville-sur-Mer provide a close-up view of the intricate German defense system on Omaha and give a sense of the overwhelming odds American soldiers faced on June 6, 1944. After lunch, visit the Normandy American Cemetery to pay respects to the 9,389 Americans buried in the ground they helped liberate. This evening, take part in a special “Farewell to Normandy” dinner at the château with the group.

Accommodations: Château d’Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, L, R, D)

**American Battle Monuments Commission has announced major site restoration at Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument. For the most up-to-date details on progress, visit www.abmc.gov*

DAY 9 • FLIGHTS HOME FROM PARIS

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AERIAL VIEW OF NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL OVERLOOKING OMAHA BEACH

Our local guides provide a dimension of unmatched expertise, sharing details from their native region of Normandy and personal connections to the history that unfolded there. Guides vary by departure.



GWENAEL PIERRE

Gwenael Pierre was born and raised in Brittany, France. His childhood interest in history led to summers in Normandy where he spent time exploring the battlefields. His grandparents related tales of the Resistance in Brittany and of the paratroopers' dawn landing in the nearby forest on D-Day. In 2015, Gwen began guiding small groups in Normandy and received certification as a qualified interpretive guide and obtained the national certification for guiding. He is a father to two young boys, and is thankful for his career that allows him to follow his passions. He holds degrees in small and medium business management.



PIERRE-SAMUEL NATANSON

Pierre-Samuel Natanson was born in Cherbourg and grew up in Normandy, nurtured by the stories of his grandparents scattered throughout Europe. Early in childhood, Pierre visited the sites of the Battle of Normandy, and developed a passion for WWII history. He went on to study military history at King's College London and Caen University. He started leading tours for the Caen Memorial Museum in 2012, then began leading tours for a small guiding company, where he gained more experience and knowledge of both the history and the geography of Normandy. Pierre offers a rich, enlightening, and friendly experience through one of the hardest battles ever fought in human history. Pierre has led dozens of tours for the Museum, including the 70th, 75th, and 80th anniversary of D-Day cruises, allowing for collaboration with a number of leading WWII historians and scholars.



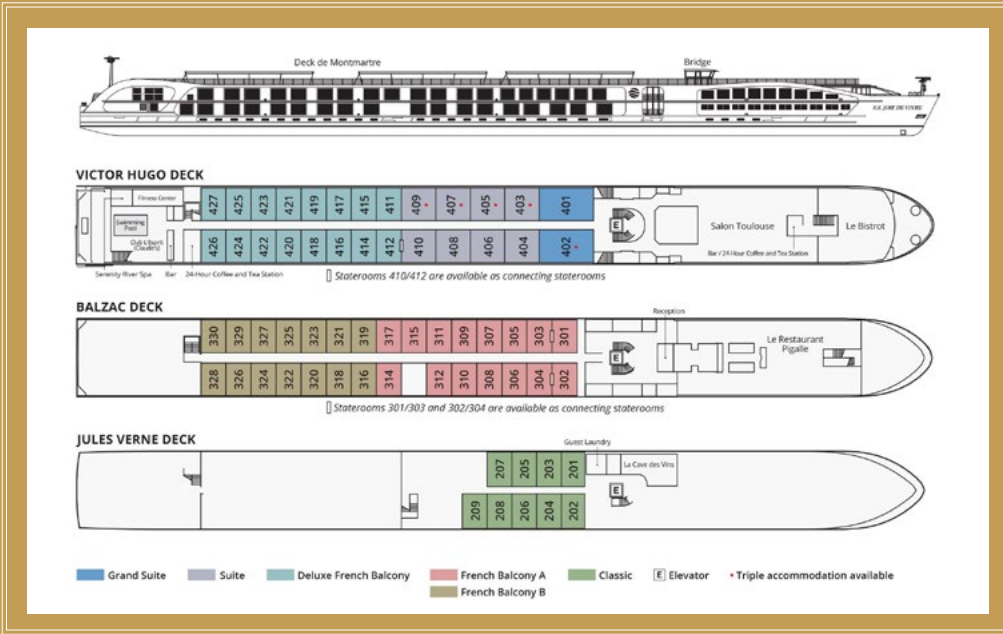
MÉLANIE MOREAU

Born and raised in Normandy, Mélanie Moreau grew up surrounded by the historic sites and commemorations of the D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy. Her passion for WWII history began at the age of 12 after watching *Band of Brothers*, which inspired her father to explore these locations in depth with her. Today, as a professional guide, she specializes in bringing history to life through the personal stories of the men and women whose courage and sacrifice made the liberation of Europe possible. She is committed to offering visitors an authentic, respectful, and deeply engaging experience of Normandy's WWII heritage.



ADRIEN RECOURA

Adrien Recoura was born and raised in Saint-Lô in Normandy. He has been working as a licensed guide since 2012, and started guiding with The National WWII Museum four years ago. His love for history and passion for the Normandy region are reasons he feels compelled to share his knowledge on the topic. He enjoys meeting people from all over the world. Adrien's grandparents were deeply involved in the war, as civilians, resistance fighters, and prisoners of war.



Save up to \$2,000 per couple when booked by September 18, 2026

2027 PRICING PER PERSON

ROOM	REGULAR PRICE (Double)	EARLY BOOKING*	REGULAR PRICE (Single)	EARLY BOOKING*
4 nights Grand Suite (Victor Hugo Deck) + 4 nights Suite at Chateau	\$17,999	\$16,999	-	-
4 nights Suite (Victor Hugo Deck) + 4 nights Suite at Chateau	\$15,599	\$14,599	-	-
4 nights Deluxe French Balcony (Victor Hugo Deck) + 4 nights Classic Room at Chateau	\$13,599	\$12,599	-	-
4 nights French Balcony (Balzac Deck) + 4 nights Classic Room at Chateau	\$12,599	\$11,599	\$14,599	\$13,599
4 nights Classic Stateroom (Jules Verne Deck) + 4 nights Classic Room at Chateau	\$11,999	\$10,999	-	-

*\$399 per person taxes and fees are additional.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Guests who book a suite aboard SS Joie de Vivre will receive a suite at either the Château D’Audrieu or Château La Chenivière. Guests booking in the French Balcony category may have the option to upgrade to a suite at their château if desired, for an additional fee. All other levels of accommodation will receive Standard/Classic or Deluxe rooms as assigned by the château.

Single accommodations are available in limited quantities in the French Balcony category only. Pricing and itinerary subject to change. Airfare is not included in the prices listed.



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The SS Joie De Vivre

UNIQUELY BOUTIQUE

The SS Joie de Vivre, a brightly colored, chic, and sophisticated superyacht on the Seine, provides a relaxed social atmosphere and plenty of space for private contemplation. Savor wrap-around views of the Seine while enjoying classic French cuisine prepared by Uniworld’s talented chef. After retracing remarkable battlefield stories on shore, reflect and recharge at Club L’Esprit, the onboard spa and wellness center. Experience the magic each evening as Club L’Esprit transforms into Claude’s, a vibrant bar and entertainment venue. Claude’s glitzy and glamorous atmosphere is the perfect place to listen to local music and enjoy signature cocktails with fellow guests and the world-renowned featured tour historians.

SHIP FEATURES & AMENITIES

- :: Salon de Toulouse with full-service bar
- :: Le Bistrot
- :: Le Restaurant Pigalle
- :: Claude’s/Club L’Esprit with full-service bar
- :: Deck de Montmartre
- :: Heated enclosed swimming pool
- :: Well-equipped fitness center & spa
- :: Laundry
- :: Elevator
- :: 24-hour specialty coffee and tea station
- :: Free internet & Wi-Fi access



GRAND SUITE

SS JOIE DE VIVRE SUITES

In addition to the amenities listed below, all suites onboard also enjoy in-suite butler service, daily fruit and cookie plate, evening snacks, Nespresso coffee machine and fine teas, and a fully stocked mini-bar including bottled water. Other amenities include wine on arrival, shoeshine, and free laundry service.

GRAND SUITE (410 SQ FT.)

- :: French balcony
- :: Spacious separate living room
- :: Separate rain shower and tub
- :: Secluded toilet and bidet area
- :: Handcrafted Savolr® Beds of England
- :: Built-in closet
- :: Hair dryer
- :: Safe
- :: Individual thermostat
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SUITE (260 SQ FT.)

- :: French balcony
- :: Handcrafted Savolr® Beds of England
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- :: Hair dryer
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GRAND SUITE BATHROOM



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DELUXE FRENCH BALCONY (194 SQ FT.)

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FRENCH BALCONY (194 SQ FT.)

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CLASSIC (162-180 SQ FT.)

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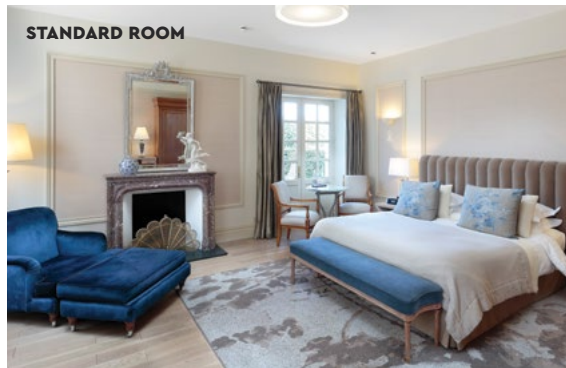


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Château La Chenevière

Château La Chenevière is a 5-star hotel renovated from an 18th-century mansion and farm. The château was occupied by the Germans during World War II and then the Americans after the D-Day landings. It was fully restored in 1988 to become the lush hotel-restaurant that it is today. La Chenevière boasts 28 spacious and comfortable rooms that reflect the elegance and romance of its design. The decor of each room has an individual design, with a perfect blend of modern comforts and traditional luxury.

Room amenities include complimentary Wi-Fi, fully stocked mini bar, hair dryer, bathrobe and slippers, and courtesy Diptyque toiletries.

Château d'Audrieu

Château d'Audrieu, a 5-star hotel situated between Caen and Bayeux in Calvados, is ideally located in the heart of Normandy's countryside. During World War II, the German army set up their headquarters here. On June 8, 1944, 45 members of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division and two British soldiers were killed in the orchards, forests, and clearings around the château. This 18th-century residence is listed as a Historical Monument and joined the prestigious Relais & Châteaux Association in 1977. Twenty-nine elegant rooms with garden views feature satellite TV, Wi-Fi access, and minibars. Suites offer original Louis XV and XVI furniture, or art deco styling. Le Séran restaurant serves high-end cuisine. The property also includes a bar, period-style lounges, and a charming breakfast room.



For more information on Château La Chenevière, please visit lacheneviere.com, or scan the QR code with your smartphone



For more information on Château d'Audrieu, please visit chateaudaudrieu.com, or scan the QR code with your smartphone



101ST AIRBORNE EASY COMPANY HELMET

This US M1 infantry helmet with airborne liner was worn by Edward Sabo, member of Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, during and after the Normandy invasion. Each of the four infantry regiments in the 101st Airborne used a suit from a deck of cards as its identifying mark. The spade went to the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment hence the mark on the side of this helmet.

Gift of Linda Sabo Peck, 2033.352.001



GERMAN BOOTS

The black leather boots pictured here were worn by Franz Gockel on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. Franz Gockel's 18th birthday passed while he was defending the Atlantic Wall as a member of Germany's 726th Infantry Regiment of the 352nd Infantry Division. He manned a captured Polish machine gun in Widerstandsnest (Resistance Nest) 62 on Omaha Beach.

Gift of Franz Gockel, 2004.235.005



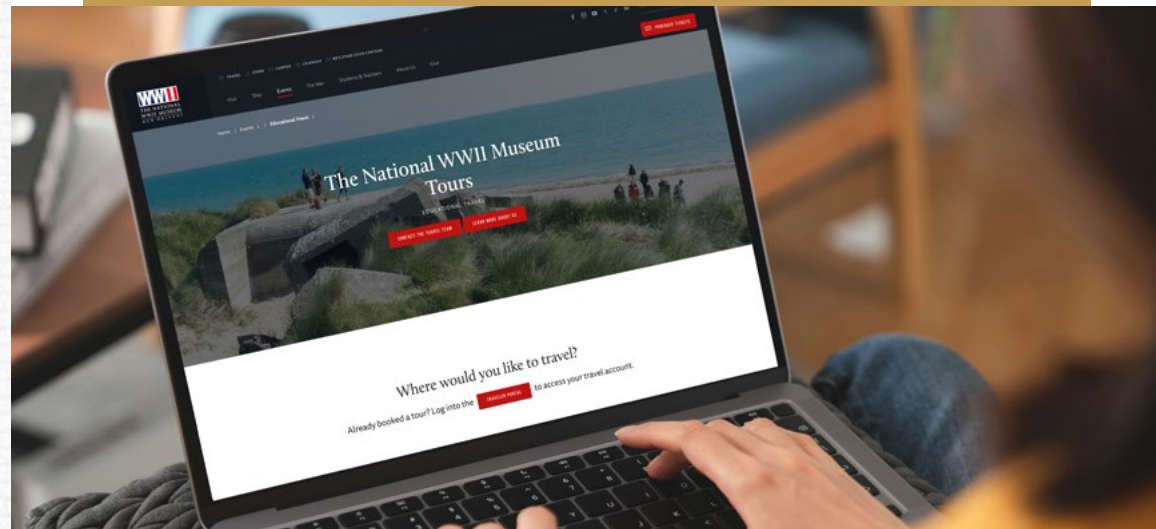
PARACHUTE WEDDING DRESS

Wedding dresses were made from parachutes on the US Home Front and in postwar occupied Europe. The war led to shortages of most fabrics, and to have dresses for their special day, brides often would acquire a parachute from a relative serving in the military. The parachute would then be cut up and turned into a dress, either at home or by a dedicated dressmaker. This dress was worn by Myrtille Delassus when she married American GI Sergeant Joseph Bilodeau in France shortly after the end of the war.

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