



Draft Itinerary (subject to change) – Normandy **4th – 8th June 2019**

This year will be exceptionally busy. The roads around the areas of landing are narrow and there are bound to be some hold-ups. Please be patient. We may not be able to reach some areas we would like to on 6th June but please be assured, we will do all we can to fulfil the itinerary. Our previous itinerary from the '70th Anniversary Tour' follows. We currently have a larger than usual take-up of places therefore we will be using a coach as opposed to our normal 8-seater vehicle.

Day One:

We will take the morning ferry from Dover to Calais having stayed overnight in a Premier Inn in Dover, and have breakfast onboard (the journey lasts around ninety minutes) then begin our journey to Normandy.

En route we will discuss the preparations and plans leading up to the Normandy landings. Our first call will be to ***Pegasus Bridge***, where the gliders containing the Oxford & Buckinghamshire men and Major John Howard landed just after midnight on 6th June 1944. We will explore the bridge and visit the excellent museum just across the road before we continue to our hotel.

Our hotel is the ***Clos Normand*** (**subject to availability*) which is situated on Juno beach, the area where the 3rd Canadian Division landed with the 48th Royal Marine Commando.

Day Two:

After breakfast we will follow the route the ***3rd Canadian Division*** took after landing, there are a number of memorials and places of interest concluding at the ***Abbaye d'Ardenne*** where Canadian soldiers were executed by the SS. We will visit the Canadian cemetery at ***Beny-Sur-Mer***.

We head back inland and visit ***Arromanches*** where we see remnants of the ***Mulberry harbour***, used effectively by the Allies to bring ashore supplies and equipment. A visit to the ***museum*** is vital to see the many detailed models.

Day Three:

Today's programme will depend upon the last minute arrangements that we are able to make

Day Four:

This morning we drive to the American sector and ***Utah beach*** before we visit ***St. Mere Eglise***. We will then drive to ***Pointe du Hoc*** where ***Col. James E Rudder*** of the 2nd Rangers and his men scaled the cliffs to destroy the guns. We will visit ***Omaha beach*** and the ***US cemetery*** where we will pay our respects.

Day Five:

We check out of our hotel this morning and drive to **Bayeux** in order for you to visit the **Bayeux Tapestry**, a piece of history which is one thousand years old. You should allow 2 hours for your visit. We will have lunch at some convenient place before we drive back to Calais and the ferry crossing for your onward journey.

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