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WWII D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR! LONDON, NORMANDY & PARIS

7 NIGHTS ■ SEPTEMBER 9, 2024



AAA Travel invites you to experience the 80th Anniversary Tour of D-Day with this custom designed tour. This vacation is packed with experiences relating to the history of this monumental day, you'll see Britain and France as it was then - and is now. Explore Winston Churchill's cabinet rooms and the secret underground War Rooms with an exclusive dinner in the Harmsworth room. Visit the Allied headquarters at Southwick House featuring the famous map wall. Cross the English Channel and see Juno, Gold and Omaha beaches in Normandy, site of the D-Day landings. Participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the American Military Cemetery and visit important towns like Sainte-Mere-Eglise before ending your epic march in Paris. Enjoy a free day while in Paris to explore how you wish. This is a moving and memorable experience and we hope you will join us!

From **\$3,929** per person, based on double occupancy

AAA EXCLUSIVE INCLUSIONS

- 7-nights hotel accommodations
- All transportation by exclusive air conditioned, restroom equipped motorcoach
- Private Transfers upon arrival (Sep 9) from Heathrow Airport and on departure (Sep 16) Charles de Gaulle airport
- Winston Churchill's Cabinet Rooms
- Dinner in the iconic Harmsworth Room
- Witness the Ceremony of the Keys ritual
- Wreath Laying Ceremony in Normandy
- Traditional Farm-to-Table Dinner at L'Auberge des Monte
- English Channel crossing by ferry
- 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners
- Services of an Expert Local Guide
- Services of an AAA Tour Manager



WWII D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR!, LONDON, NORMANDY & PARIS ITINERARY:

Day 1

Welcome to London

Upon arrival at London Heathrow Airport, you will have a private transfer to your hotel. Later, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Drink. Continue to your dinner and wine at a local restaurant. You will then learn about the Ceremony of the Keys, carried out every night by the Beefeaters, without fail, for the past 700 years. The Yeoman Warder provides a history of the tradition and explains the etiquette of handling the keys before you are privy to witnessing this ancient gate-closing ritual (D)

The Clermont Victoria or similar – 2 nights

Day 2

London Sightseeing

Today you will visit the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon. Explore the innovative galleries including the multi award-winning First World War in the Air Galleries, Historic Hangars and Bomber Command Hall. Later this afternoon, explore Winston Churchill's cabinet rooms. Dinner will be in the iconic Harmsworth room. The Harmsworth Room is packed full of history with an atmosphere of a wartime bunker yet has all the comforts of a modern venue. (B, D)

Day 3

London - Portsmouth

Today, travel to Portsmouth and visit the Southwick House to see its famous Map Wall. In 1944, the house became the headquarters of

the allied commanders. Continue onto the D-Day Museum to see through personal accounts of people who were there and brought to life through stunning audio-visual presentations. (B) The Queens Hotel Portsmouth or similar – 1 night

Day 4

Portsmouth - Caen - Normandy

Travel in the footsteps of the soldiers as you cross from Portsmouth into Caen, France by ferry. Continue to your hotel, perched on the historic coast where the D-Day landings took place. (B) Novotel Caen Cote de Nacre or similar – 2 nights

Day 5

Normandy

Visit the Airborne Museum in Sainte- Mère-Église, one of the first towns liberated after D-Day. See the town church spire that American paratrooper John Steele got caught on before the Germans took him prisoner. Then explore the Dead Man's Corner Museum and experience the thrill of the StoyHoraC-47 simulation. Later, enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table Dinner of traditional, regional cuisine at the L'Auberge des Monts. (B, D)

Day 6

Normandy Beaches - D-Day Landings & Paris

There are poignant reminders of World War II as you travel past Juno and Gold beaches, which both played a part in the 1944 Normandy

landings. Visit the D-Day Museum and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay of Arromanches. Then with a Local Expert, spend a few reflective moments and a wreath laying at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent near Omaha Beach before following the route of the Rangers and visiting the bunkers and the Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Then, continue on to your hotel in Paris. Enjoy dinner tonight to relive the memories of this week. (B, D)

LeMeridien Etoile Paris or similar – 2 nights

Day 7

Paris, the City of Light

Today is a free day at leisure to relax or explore on your own. Your Travel Director will offer advice on the many Optional Excursions available. (B)

Day 8

Depart Paris

After breakfast, there will be a private transfer to the Charles de Gaulle Airport. (B)

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