

World War 2 Normandy Beaches
Sunday 29th April—Thursday 3rd May 2018



Travel Arrangements

*Pick-up at convenient points in
Watford/Garston
Area.*

*Travel by Executive Coach to
Folkestone.*

Channel Tunnel to Calais

*Coach will stay with us during
the visit*

Hotel Accommodation

*4 Nights stay at the 4 star
Novotel Hotel in Bayeux
on a bed & breakfast basis.*

*Bayeux has many
restaurants in the Town, a
short walk from the hotel.*

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A number of our U3A Members have expressed an interest in visiting the World War 2 Normandy landing beaches in France. We have arranged to visit the area conjunction in with Andrew Date and 'Battlefield Journey Ltd'. Andrew led our Group on the excellent WW1 visit we made in 2014.

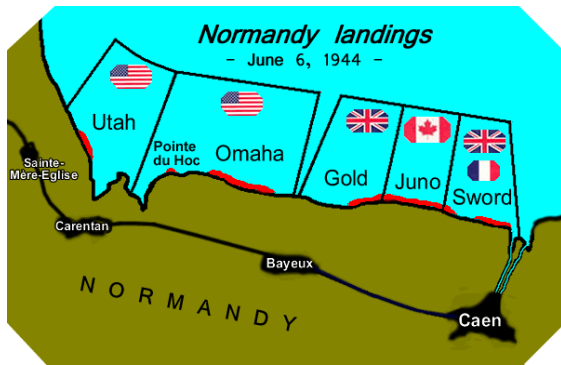
The visit will be from Sunday 29th April returning on Thursday 3rd May 2018. Overleaf there is a proposed programme for the visit. This may change slightly, dependant upon time and weather conditions.

We will stay 4 nights at the 4 star Novotel Hotel in Bayeux in Belgium.

The cost of the visit will be £499 per person with 2 people sharing a twin/double room. Single room supplement will be £100. The cost includes, hotel accommodation on a Bed & Breakfast basis, all travel from and returning to Watford, entrance to museums and places of interest and gratuities. Lunches, Dinners and insurance are not included.

We expect to leave Watford area early (7.30 am) on the Sunday morning, returning early on Thursday evening. Full details and timings will be confirmed nearer the time of the visit.

The price of the visit is based on a minimum of 25 persons. Given the nature of places visited, a certain degree of walking will be involved and may not be suitable for those with mobility problems.



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Included:
4 nights/5 days Bed & Breakfast accommodation.
Entrance fees to Museums & places of interest visited.
Transport provided for all visits. Gratuities.

Cost:
The cost of the break will be £499 per person based on 2 people sharing a Twin/Double room. Single room supplement will be £100

Deposit of £100 is required with the booking form (attached) as soon as possible preferably by Friday 29th December at the latest.

Balance of £399 + single room suppl. if applic. will be required by 17th March 2018

Not included:
Personal Insurance
Lunches & Dinners

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PROPOSED ITINERARY

Sunday April 29th

- Depart Watford for morning crossing via Eurotunnel. Arrive Bayeux late afternoon for four night stay on a bed and breakfast basis.

Monday April 30th

We will focus on the British airborne landings on the eastern flank of the landings and on the British and Canadian beaches.

- Pegasus Bridge and the Café Gondree
- Pegasus Bridge Museum (included in cost)
- Ranville Cemetery and village
- Merville Battery (included in cost)
Sword Beach and German defensive position at Hillman

Tuesday May 1st

The focus of the day will be the landings on Gold and Juno beaches.

- Visit to Bayeux cemetery – there will also be a chance to visit Bayeux and the cathedral if required.
- Longues sur Mer Battery – a well preserved section of the Atlantic Wall
- Arromanches 360 cinema. (Included in cost)
- Arromanches village and Mulberry Harbour
- Asnelles sur Mer – remains of beach defences and point at which Hobart’s “funnies” came ashore.
- Bernieres sur Mer – site of Canadian landings.
Port en Bessin – liberated by No 47 (RM) Commando and one of the sites where PLUTO came ashore.

Wednesday May 2nd

The focus of the day will be the American airborne landings and the beach landings at Utah and Omaha

- Visit to La Fiere – site of fierce fighting to capture a strategic causeway
- St Mere Eglise – liberated by American paratroops early on the morning of June 6th
- Utah Beach – the most westerly of the beaches and the most remote
- Utah Beach museum (included in price)
- St Marie du Mont – a key strategic point in the capture of the causeway from Utah
- Pointe du Hoc – scene of the US Rangers successful assault.
- Omaha Beach: Omaha Beach Cemetery, St Laurent sur Mer with over 9,000 burials, one of the most impressive sites on the former battlefield.

Thursday May 3rd

- Depart hotel mid- morning for return journey to Calais and crossing via Eurotunnel. Return to Watford by early evening.