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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visits to the UK and France to see the build up to D-Day and then walk the landing beaches to understand the scale of their heroism.
- Explore locations which still today bear testimony of the sacrifice and courage of Allied troops during WWII
- Learn of the build-up to D-Day and battle staging that took place in the UK while visiting key sites in London and Portsmouth.
- Special visits include Bletchley Park where you will discover the story behind the Enigma Code; Southwick House, Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force, and location from which Eisenhower made the “let’s go!” decision on the eve of June 6th; and the HMS Belfast, a light cruiser moored in the Thames that participated in the bombardment of Gold Beach before the invasion and after the battle.







## INTRODUCTION

Class of '65 who are interested in exploring the D-Day landings and the Normandy Campaign of 1944 in detail are invited to participate (along with tolerant or interested and spouses) as we analyze the campaign from the top down and the bottom up. We will start by visiting allied leaders' headquarters in England. We will, however, also endeavor to understand the events depicted in the opening moments of *Saving Private Ryan* from the perspective of the individual soldier on the Dog Green Sector of Omaha Beach on D-day. Five Dartmouth men died in the Normandy Campaign and are buried in the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer. We will seek to understand the situation that confronted them as they fought to liberate France and preserve our way of life.

For several years, I have taught a course about D-Day and the Normandy Campaign at George Washington University. Each student does research about a person from his or her hometown who died in the campaign and is buried at Omaha Beach. The object of the course is to impress on the students that "freedom isn't free" As the culminating event of the extensive exploration of the battlefield, the students present a eulogy for their soldier while standing at his graveside. At our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion some of our classmates suggested that they would like to participate in a similar tour of the Normandy battlefield. The Dartmouth Alumni Travel Office has graciously agreed to coordinate our trip, so we can actually do it.

We will trace the events of those fateful months leading up to the famous World War II Battle of Normandy. Exclusive tours, poignant excursions, and insightful discussions will further your understanding and appreciation of this monumental military operation.

Our trip begins in England to learn about the build up to stage the largest amphibian landing in history. In London, discover Winston Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms, where he directed the British War effort. Learn about the Enigma code during a special tour of Bletchley Park, and visit the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force at Southwick House in Portsmouth. Cross the English Channel to France by ferry. Here, in Normandy, explore Sainte Mère Eglise, site of the dramatic landing of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Division Paratroopers, as well as Utah Beach and Omaha Beach, where the Americans landed. We will also trace the battle along all the beaches where the allies fought. Visit museums that offer deeper understanding of the Battle for Normandy, and at the dramatic site of Pointe du Hoc, stand atop the bluffs that U.S. rangers reached by scaling the steep cliffs in order to destroy key German gun positions. We will also visit places of extraordinary **heroism** that still bear testimony to the sacrifice and courage of Allied troops.



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## TOUR EXPERT

### Professor Tom Long

After retiring from his law firm in 1998, Tom Long returned to school to earn a Ph.D. in history. Tom conducts research on the military and legal interactions between Britain and America through 1815. In his teaching at George Washington University he particularly enjoys the challenge of engaging his students on the subject of military history. Tom served as the founding academic director for the “Albert H. Small Student/Teacher Institute: Normandy 1944: Sacrifice for Freedom.”

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## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>: Depart the U.S for London.

### Day 2 Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>: London – The High Command and the Naval Element

Arrive in London and transfer to your hotel. This afternoon visit **Winston Churchill’s Cabinet War Rooms** and adjoining Museum. It is from this underground “safe place” that Churchill directed the British war effort and where today one can still see maps, telephones and bunks preserved since 1945. This evening, enjoy a private reception and a brief Overview of the Campaign and our plans by Tom, followed by a welcome dinner. *Hotel Millennium Gloucester* (Reception, Dinner)

### Day 3 Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>: London, Bletchley Park, *HMS Belfast*

Travel to **Bletchley Park** and discover the real story behind the **Enigma code breakers**, credited with shortening the war by successfully deciphering the encryption used by the Wehrmacht to safeguard its messages. This afternoon, return to London and visit the *HMS Belfast*, a light cruiser moored in the Thames. She was the flagship of one of the squadrons and participated in the bombardment of one of the British landing areas, Gold Beach at Ver-sur-Mer, before the invasion and during the battle. Dinner is on your own. *Hotel Millennium Gloucester* (Breakfast)

### Day 4 Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>: Ike’s Headquarters and the Channel crossing to Normandy

Travel by coach to Portsmouth where we begin with a stop at Southwick House, Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force, and the location from which Eisenhower made the “let’s go” decision on the eve of June 6th. Take the cross-channel ferry this afternoon, arriving in Ouistreham, part of Sword Beach tonight and transfer to the Hotel d’Argouges, a lovely hotel in the middle of Bayeux, near the center of the 60-mile long Normandy battlefield. There are several dining options on board the 6 hour crossing. *Hotel D’Argouges* (Breakfast, Lunch)





### **Day 5 Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>: Normandy Before the Landings: German Defenses, French Residents, and the First Attack**

Begin your journey in Normandy by visiting the German battery at Longues-sur-Mer, part of the Atlantic Wall, where four massive concrete casements still house the original 152mm naval guns. Just down the beach from the battery is the Museum of the Atlantic Wall, originally a German fire-control station from which observers were able to direct shots of local artillery onto the British landing at Sword Beach. The structure remains intact and the museum shows how the garrison functioned. Next, drive to Marie Lousie Osmont's house in Perier-sur-le-Dan, near Caen. Osmont was a widow whose home was occupied first by German soldiers and later by British soldiers while she remained in residence. After lunch at the *Café Gondrée*, visit the Pegasus Bridge where the first combat took place when British soldiers including Major John Howard landed to capture two bridges and secure the left, eastern flank of the allied landings. Visit the Pegasus Bridge Museum and see a replica of the first Airspeed Horsa glider to land near the bridge. Conclude the day with a visit to the nearby British military cemetery at Ranville where some of the men who died at the Pegasus Bridge are buried. Return to the Bayeux. Gather this evening over a glass of wine to view a short PowerPoint presentation by Tom about the American Landings to put the next day into context. Dinner is at leisure this evening. There are plenty of great restaurants within an easy walk of the hotel, the tour manager will be able to make recommendations. *Hotel D'Argouges* (Breakfast, Lunch)

### **Day 6 Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>: The First American Attacks**

Begin the day exploring Sainte-Mère-Église, site of the dramatic 82nd and 101st Airborne Division Paratrooper landing on the night of June 5th and early hours of June 6th. It's on the small church steeple in Sainte-Mère-Église that John Steele's parachute became ensnarled. He survived, suspended throughout the night with church bells ringing in his ears. Enjoy lunch on Utah Beach at the Roosevelt Café, a haunt for returning veterans. After lunch visit Utah Beach, site of one of the two American amphibian landings in the early hours of June 6th, 1944 and explore the recently redone and very informative Utah Beach Museum. Proceeding along the beach, visit the LeClerc Monument where the French 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division led by Marshal Philippe LeClerc came ashore on August 1, and the remains of WN 103 at Varreville. Not far away at Azeville is another artillery post that has been excavated and restored. The guns here dueled with the battleship *Nevada*, survivor of Pearl Harbor. Return to Bayeux for an evening of leisure. *Hotel D'Argouges* (B, L)

### **Day 7 Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>: The British and Canadian Beaches – an Effort to Take Caen**

Begin the day at the Juno Beach landing sites including where Charles de Gaulle came ashore on June 14. Continue to Bernières-sur-Mer and see the Canada house where the first headquarters for journalists was set up. Drive past the statues to the "Mad Piper" Bill Millin (who led the commandos ashore and all the way to the Pegasus Bridge playing the bagpipes), and to Viscount Bernard Montgomery. After a group lunch, visit Site Fortifié Hillman, the huge German bunker complex





at Colleville Montgomery. This command bunker for the 716<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was the scene of heavy fighting on D-Day and impeded British efforts to capture Caen with its airstrips early in the campaign. Enjoy an evening of leisure. Join Tom for an optional presentation about the cross-channel invasion conducted by Bayeux-native William the Conqueror in 1066. Dinner is at leisure. *Hotel D'Argouges* (Breakfast, Lunch)

### **Day 8 Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>: Pointe du Hoc, La Cambe and the Bayeux Tapestry**

Visit iconic Pointe du Hoc where three companies led by Lt. Col. James Rudder landed to secure the western flank of Omaha Beach. The scene of intense fighting, the area is still deeply marked by bomb and shell craters. See where US rangers scaled steep cliffs in order to destroy key German gun positions. Walk through cratered pathways and imagine the bravery of those rangers as they faced a barrage of German artillery fire and a fierce storm. Pause at La Cambe, a large WWII German Cemetery, which provides contrast to the British and American cemeteries. Enjoy lunch on your own in Bayeux. In the afternoon, visit the Musee Memorial de la Batallie de Normandie, an excellent and comprehensive museum that explains the entire campaign chronologically. See a film about the effect of the campaign on the people of Bayeux. Continue into the center of Bayeux and visit the Bayeux Tapestry Museum showcasing the incredible fabric narration of the cross-channel invasion by William the Conqueror in 1066. Return to the hotel. This evening Tom will offer an optional talk about the German efforts to defend Caen. Dinner is at leisure. *Hotel D'Argouges* (Breakfast)

### **Day 9 Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>: Omaha Beach and The American Cemetery**

Tour along Omaha Beach at low tide and see where the fighting took place. Drive to Colleville-sur-Mer, the American Memorial and Cemetery.

After a picnic lunch at the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Monument overlooking the beach at Colleville Draw, we can descend (optional) to the beach and walk along it for about half a mile. That brings us to a path that leads up the (fairly steep) bluffs – the way the soldiers had to go on D-Day and takes us into the American Cemetery from the Channel Side. (Those who don't feel like climbing down to the beach and hiking up the hill can meet us back at the Visitor Center.) We will lay a wreath at the memorial and leave flowers on the graves of the five Dartmouth men buried here. One, a member of the class of 1945, died on D-Day serving on one of the Coast Guard boats that played an important part in the landing. This evening, join your fellow class mates in a farewell reception and dinner at a local restaurant in Bayeux. *Hotel D'Argouges* (Breakfast, Lunch, Reception, Dinner)

### **Day 10 Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>, Departure**

After breakfast, transfer by private coach to Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris for return flights to the US. (Breakfast)





## About Your Hotels

### England:

The Millennium Gloucester Hotel in London is an upscale property located in South Kensington, just south of Hyde Park and the V&A Museum. Rooms at the hotel are spacious, elegant, and equipped with all modern amenities. Guest can take advantage of the on-site gym, business facilities, and a variety of dining options. Wifi is available for free in the lobby and for a fee in guest rooms.

### France:

Hotel D'Argouges is a charming 18th-century townhouse in the heart of historic Bayeux. Guest rooms are elegantly decorated and adorned with antique furniture but the rooms are small. There is no elevator. There is a delightful courtyard garden to relax in. There is no restaurant at the hotel, but nearby you'll find charming shops, cafes and restaurants.

## HOTELS

CITY	NIGHTS	HOTEL
London	2	<i>Hotel Millennium Gloucester</i>
Bayeux	6	Hotel D'Argouges

## RATES

Tour cost	\$5,595.00
For a single room add	\$1,125.00

**Program price based on a minimum of 20 travelers.**

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## HOW TO BOOK THIS TRIP!

We are working with Academic Travel Abroad, Inc., (ATA), a Washington, D.C. based tour operator, to assist us with the arrangements. A deposit of \$500 per person is required to hold reserve your space. Final payment will be due 90 days before departure.

For More Information, call Academic Travel Abroad at 202.785.9000 or 800.556.7896. You may also email [travel@academic-travel.com](mailto:travel@academic-travel.com). ATA will be handling all of the payments, and providing pre-trip information.



# Terms and Conditions

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For a Single Room, add ..... \$1,125

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## LAND COST

Prices are listed in U.S. dollars and are based on a person sharing a room with another. While we do our best to maintain the listed price, because our prices are set over a year in advance, we reserve the right to change costs due to extraordinary circumstances beyond our control. The land cost is based on a minimum of 20 numbers of guests.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Comprehensive educational program by Dr. C. Thomas Long and professional on-site guides
- All accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary
- All ground transportation within the itinerary unless otherwise indicated
- All sightseeing as specified in the itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Gratuities to porters, drivers, and guides
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- Baggage handling for one checked piece and one carry on piece per person
- The assistance of an ATA tour manager for comprehensive logistical and customer service management on the trip
- The assistance of an ATA professional travel team to assist with pre-trip questions, travel arrangements, including flights, extra hotel nights, or other services.
- Comprehensive pre-departure information about the destination and what to expect on the trip, including a suggested reading list

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- U.S. domestic airfare from your home to London UK and from Paris, France to your home
- Airport transfers and baggage handling for travelers arriving well before or after the planned group transfer or departing the trip before or after the planned group transfer
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Passport, visa, airport departure and excess baggage fees
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meals
- Personal items such as telephone, fax and internet charges, laundry, room service, alcoholic or other beverages not specified as included



- Gratuities for non-group services
- Expenses resulting from delays due to bad weather, road conditions, sickness, government action, and flight delays
- Expenses incurred in making individual travel arrangements in conjunction with the trip

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **SINGLE ROOMS**

A limited number of single rooms are available at extra cost on a first-come, first-served basis, but availability cannot be guaranteed. Please understand that, in some hotels, single rooms are very small. The premium you pay is for privacy, not spaciousness.

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

\$500, deposit upon application. Balance due upon receipt of invoice, 90 days before departure. Acceptable forms of payment for the deposit are personal check, wire transfer, Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. **Final payment may be made by credit card, check or wire transfer.** If final payment is not received by 60 days prior to departure, your space is subject to cancellation. If you are making a reservation within 90 days of the trip's departure, full payment will be required upon confirmation.

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### **INSURANCE**

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### **A NOTE ABOUT THE ITINERARY**

While every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, the nature of travel is unpredictable and we must be prepared for changes. The itinerary as described is subject to modification by ATA. Rest assured that, should any changes be needed, we commit to deliver an experience as outstanding as the one originally planned.

## **HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS**

To enjoy your travels to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diets, or treatment must be reported in writing when the reservation is made. We reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant should such a person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity, or attitude jeopardize the operation of the travel program or the enjoyment of other participants. All health information is protected and treated as confidential.

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