



London, Normandy & Paris

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Tuesday, July 8, 2014 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for London, England. (D)



Wednesday, July 9, 2014 • London

Upon arrival in London, we meet our tour director and motor coach and drive into the city. Our activities begin with a locally guided tour of the world's most visited city. Highlighting our tour will be **Big Ben and Parliament, Trafalgar Square** with the Lord Nelson Column, **Westminster Abbey**, and of course, **Piccadilly Circus**. Next we will visit the

medieval masterpiece, **St. Paul's Cathedral**, including the transepts, porticos, towers and domes. We will learn of its fascinating transition from the ruins of the Great Fire in 1666 to its present grandeur and the place where Diana married Prince Charles in 1981. We also take a pause in the **American Memorial Chapel** dedicated in 1958 (with President Eisenhower present) to those service personnel (based in Britain) that died during WWII. We check in at our hotel in time to relax before dinner. (D)

Thursday, July 10, 2014 • London

Our destination today is **Stratford-Upon-Avon**, home of Shakespeare, the great bard himself! Sightseeing highlights center around the Shakespeare sights in the area, including, of course, the birthplace of the great writer, as well as the famed "**Anne Hathaway Cottage**."



On our return to London, we drive through the leisurely lanes of the **Cotswolds**, past bubbling brooks, and quaint villages. We will stop in the seemingly golden village of **Chipping Campden**. On a sunny day the yellow painted buildings take on a golden hue. We will also stop at other towns such as **Bourton-on-the-Water** to enjoy the gardens and leisurely strolls along the river. This will be a memorable day in the charming Cotswolds! (B,D)

Friday, July 11, 2014 • London



This morning we will first visit the magnificent **Tower of London** where we will see the crown jewels and learn something about the lives of child-king Richard II and of Henry VIII. Many of Henry VIII's political opponents were jailed and then beheaded here, including two of his wives. Next we visit the

Imperial War Museum and the Churchill War Rooms. Here

we discover the original Cabinet War Rooms, the wartime bunker that sheltered Churchill and his government during the Blitz. Explore the historic rooms to experience the secret history that lives on underground. The remainder of the day is open for options, a time to explore on our own. Just a few of the many possibilities are the British Museum, Docklands, Greenwich or Olympic areas, and for art lovers, the Tate Gallery. Maybe an excursion to Windsor Castle or Hampton Court Palace? Certainly of interest would be an hour or two at Harrods, one of the finest department stores in Europe. A ride on the London Eye (ferris wheel) would be spectacular on a clear day. This evening we enjoy dinner and a show in the West End. (B,D)

Saturday, July 12, 2014 • Bayeux

We depart London today following in the steps of many of the allied forces to **Portsmouth**, where we leave by ferry for the Normandy area of France as did many of the allied forces. (B,D)



Sunday, July 13, 2014 • Bayeux

This morning we visit the **Caen Peace Memorial**, dedicated not only to the Normandy invasion, but to the international cause of peace. After lunch we set out to explore the sites of the D-Day invasion; the greatest amphibious assault ever attempted and the beginning of the end for Hitler's Third Reich. We visit the **German artillery battery** and observation post (used in the filming of "The Longest Day") at **Longues-sur-Mer** and **Arromanches** where one of the Mulberry Harbors was constructed and where its remains can still be seen today, just a few hundred yards from the shore. (B,D)

Monday, July 14, 2014 • Bayeux



A busy day is on the agenda today as we continue to explore the **sites of the D-Day invasion**; the greatest amphibious assault ever attempted and the beginning of the end for Hitler's Third Reich. Our first stop is the American Cemetery and Memorial situated on a cliff overlooking **Omaha Beach**. The cemetery contains

the graves of 9,387 American military, most of whom gave their lives during the landings and ensuing operations of World War II. At **Pointe du Hoc**, we view the German fortifications where courageous U.S. Rangers climbed the cliffs against incredible odds and overwhelmed the defenders. We also visit **St Mere Eglise** considered to be the first town liberated in France on the 6th of June and also depicted in the film "The Longest Day". From there it is on to **Utah Beach**,

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the site of the first allied beach landings on D Day. Here we start to understand the chaos of war and how American leadership and the GI's initiative would overcome it. **(B,D)**

Tuesday, July 15, 2014 • Paris

Today we drive to Paris, the City of Lights. En route we stop at the medieval city of **Rouen**, to view the square where St. Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. En route into the city, we visit the village of **Giverny**. Here we visit the carefully restored gardens and home of impressionist painter, Claude Monet. Paintings of the Japanese bridge and of water lilies come to life as we stroll amid the colors which inspired Monet. **(B,D)**



Wednesday, July 16, 2014 • Paris

Our day begins with a locally-guided panoramic tour of Paris including its renowned landmarks: the **Arc de Triomphe**, **Eiffel Tower**, **Place de la Concorde**, and the **Champs-Élysées**. Our tour includes an inside visit to **Notre Dame Cathedral**. The afternoon is free to continue our exploration of this historically and culturally rich city. The possibilities are endless. Art lovers with an interest in Impressionism will want to visit the Museums d'Orsay and de l'Orangerie des Tuileries with their works by Van Gogh, Monet, and Cezanne among others. Photographers gain a spectacular city view from the top of the Eiffel Tower. For shoppers there are the famed department stores Lafayette and Printemps. And for people watchers, a stroll along the banks of the Seine or seated at a sidewalk café in the Latin Quarter is just the ticket. Dinner tonight is on our own. **(B)**

Thursday, July 17, 2014 • Paris

We have a **full day free** to continue our exploration of Paris. Our tour director is available to assist in giving recommendations for those with special interests. Those wishing to see one of the world's great collections of art, including Da Vinci's Mona Lisa and the Grecian Venus de Milo, can visit the Louvre. A Batobus pass allows us to "hop on-hop off" along the Seine. Tonight we enjoy a special farewell dinner. **(B,D)**

Friday, July 18, 2014 • Return

Our journey draws to a close as we transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport and board our homebound flight. We return with life-long memories of fascinating cities and villages, scenic landscapes, and a new appreciation for the French people and their culture. Au revoir! **(B)**

TOUR PRICE: \$3,179* per person, land only

Single Supplement = \$700

**Price is per person based on a minimum of 20 participants, double occupancy.*

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- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior 3-star and moderate 4-star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
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- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

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Abbreviations for Meals:

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

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(please fill out if paying by check):

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_____.

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Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____

Single supplement (additional \$700, land only): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

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