VISITORS’ GUIDE of the D-Day Landing Beaches and the Battle Normandy
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On June 6th 1944, and during the long summer which followed, men from the world over came to fight in Normandy to defeat Nazism and to re-establish Freedom.

Normandy will bear the scars of this moment in history for ever, and every year we remember and pay tribute to the veterans from America, Britain, Canada, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Poland, Australia, France and to their brothers in arms, to those many heroes who lost their lives here during that summer of 1944, and are at rest in the cemeteries to be found throughout the area. It is often forgotten that the people of Normandy also paid a heavy price in those terrible battles.

This edition is designed as a practical guide to help you plan your visit. It encourages you to discover, or rediscover the main memorial sites, the cemeteries, the key places and the museums of Destination D-Day 1944 Land of Liberty. These important places are today imbued with fundamental and universal values such as Reconciliation, Peace and Freedom. Each anniversary year is the occasion to pay tribute to the many veterans who, once more, will come to attend the commemorative events and celebrations organised in Normandy.

Our hope is that your visit will present a special moment for you to share as a family with your children and your grandchildren.

Welcome to Normandy!
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To consult all the most recent information on the sites and museums covered by this edition, head to www.normandy-dday.com
After the disaster at Dieppe, the Allies prepare for D-Day

The Dieppe Raid, on August 19th 1942, brought heavy losses for the troops involved, but at the same time yielded a large amount of information for the Allies’ intelligence services. Jubilee – the codename given to the Dieppe Raid – was the first major reconnaissance expedition carried out by Allied troops, particularly Canadian, and was destined to test the German defences along the French coast. In human terms, it was a calamity. Furthermore, the failure of the operation was exploited by the Nazi propaganda machine to demonstrate the invincibility of the Atlantic Wall.

The idea of a landing on the French coast was an old one. “We will return” were the words of Winston Churchill in June 1940, when his troops escaped from Dunkirk and returned to English soil. Germany being the enemy to defeat as a priority, industrial production was diverted towards the war effort: barges, artillery, planes and so on. These were manufactured on the other side of the Atlantic, and then stocked in different camps across southern England. Photographs of the Normandy coast were taken almost daily by planes and submarines. Much vital information (about German defences and/or the movement of troops) was also transmitted by resistance fighters risking their lives.

While the American and British were relentlessly manufacturing assault craft and Mulberry Harbour parts, from the spring of 1944, Allied planes started a systematic bombardment of road and rail infrastructure in northwest France.

The fateful day was fixed for the beginning of June – the 5th, or failing that the 6th or 7th – these days being ones that met crucial conditions, consisting of a dawn assault in the middle of a rising tide, following a night with a full moon for parachutists. The codename for this great landing operation was also chosen: Operation Overlord.
Mont Canisy gun batteries

At an altitude of 110 m, Mont Canisy dominates the Bay of the Seine and the port of Le Havre. This strategic position caused it to be used first as a French Naval artillery battery in 1940, then as a German battery, composed of six French 155 mm guns housed in silos. Two British cruisers, the Warspite and the Ramillies, together with Allied planes, were tasked with neutralising the gun batteries on the Côte Fleurie, including the one on Mont Canisy. The Germans abandoned it without a fight during the night of 21st to 22nd August 1944.

A large network of underground galleries (250 metres long, 15 metres beneath the surface) can be visited thanks to a team of volunteers who conduct guided tours.

OPENING TIMES
Open all year

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Parking available
You are recommended to bring a torch
Free guided tours from April to October at 2.30pm (duration: 2 hours) [FR/GB]
> Tour of the surface workings and underground galleries
Meet at 2.30pm on the square at the ‘Belvédère’
Gates open at 2pm
> Tours as in the programme available in Tourist Offices and year-round for groups only on reservation.
All dates can be viewed on the website mont-canisy.org

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FÉCAMP

〉 The Blockhouses of Cape Fagnet

Built on the orders of the German army, the blockhouses of Cape Fagnet formed part of the famous Atlantic Wall erected from 1942. A visit of these reinforced concrete constructions gives a better understanding of the role of this important watch post. It is also a chance to look at the question of the economic collaboration involved in this military edifice.

The second part of the circuit allows you to follow a narrow hiking trail through the woods to reach the so-called ‘German military hospital’ dug into the rock. Arm yourself with walking shoes and warm clothes.

OPENING TIMES
From May to September: check programme
In July and August: every Wednesday and Saturday at 3pm

TOURS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €5 or €3
Children (under 18) free
Reservation required for groups.
Free for those aged under 18

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DIEPPE

〉 Memorial of the 19th August 1942

At dawn on August 19th 1942 an Allied armada headed towards Dieppe as part of Operation Jubilee, a raid on a huge scale. It involved nearly 6000 men, mainly Canadian, over a quarter of whom would lose their lives. The Jubilee Association and the town of Dieppe have been paying tribute to these men since 2002 at the Memorial of August 19th 1942. Visits here take an hour and a half and include a 40 minute long film from the INA archives, and a collection of documents, photos, uniforms and weapons. At the end of your visit you may also buy a cartoon about the raid at the Memorial shop.

The Memorial is situated in the old municipal theatre of Dieppe, built in 1826 by the town of Dieppe for the Duchess of Berry.

HORAIRES
From March to May:
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays
2pm > 6pm
May to September:
daily except Tuesdays
2pm > 6pm
October to November:
Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays
2pm > 6pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Tour of about 1 1/2 hours including a 40 minute (INA archive) video film and displays of documents, photos, uniforms and weapons.
Adults: €3.50 / Children (under 16): Free
Groups (of more than 10 people, by appointment): €3 per person

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**FORGES-LES-EAUX**

The Normandy Resistance Museum

40 km/25 miles from Rouen, 50 km/30 miles from Beauvais and 80 km/50 miles from Amiens, the Resistance and Deportation museum at Forges-les-Eaux offers a retrospective of the dark years of the Second World War through documents, uniforms and sundry objects displayed on two floors. France and its empire in the war, the Allies, military operations; Germany and Nazism, collaboration; Deportation and the Resistance, from De Gaulle’s call to arms of June 18th 1940 through to the Liberation.

Designed with education always in mind the museum is particularly oriented towards older schoolchildren and students.

**OPENING TIMES**
Open every day from 2pm to 6pm
EXCEPT Mondays and Tuesdays from April to September
EXCEPT Sundays and Mondays from October to March
GROUPS by prior arrangement, morning or afternoon

**TOURS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)**
5 € per person for individuals
4 € per person for groups
2 € for school groups

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www.facebook.com/museeforgesleseaux

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**HONFLEUR**

The Station Blockhouse

One of the last vestiges of The Second World War in Honfleur stands close to the Carnot Basin. Thanks to efforts of the town council and the Honfleur 1939 – 1945 Association, since 2014 it has become a place of commemoration where memories can be shared. In a blockhouse of 3,500 square feet you will find more than 50 period uniforms, documents and photographs, a 45 minute film with eye witness accounts of the Liberation, and a tribute to the three FFI (resistance) police officers arrested here and shot on August 24th 1944.

**OPENING TIMES**
Weekends from start June to end August 2.30pm > 6.30pm

**TOURS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)**
Adult member - benefactor for a tour: €4
Accompanied children up to 12 years old: free
Groups (by appointment): from €3

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**LE TRÉPORT**

Kahl Burg

In the midst of the chalk cliffs of the Alabaster Coast and just a few kilometres from the site of the Dieppe landings, Kahl-Bürg is situated 60 metres above sea level, about 20 metres below the ground, and is 270 metres long. Of about thirty rooms, you can visit three observation posts, a battle position still armed with its 75 mm gun, as well as a German army command post. (245 and 348 ID).

The place is imbued with the suffering of the prisoners, mainly Ukrainian women, who built it. Its architecture of vaulted brick corridors is unique in the Atlantic Wall.

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**
Visits are free.
The facility, which remains in its original state, is not unfortunately accessible to the handicapped.

Visit duration: 1 hour
Bring warm clothes and walking shoes (constant temperature of 11°)

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ST-JOUIN-BRUNEVAL

The Alabaster Memorial

This is a place steeped in history, its strategic position making it a key element in the Atlantic Wall. The networks of bunkers assured the defence of the seafront and the estuary of Veulettes sur Mer by the army of occupation, as well as being a state-of-the-art air defence. The path is therefore punctuated by bunkers, which are visible through the old trenches which have been partially rebuilt, three of which have been converted into interpretative areas on the following themes: “The history of the German military base at Paluel”, “The Atlantic Wall and life under occupation for the local populace”, “The place of memory”. Signs translated into English and German.

With a stunning view of the Durdent estuary, the beach of Veulettes sur Mer and the cliffs of the Catelier, Pont Rouge offers you a unique heritage tour combining an exploration of biodiversity and relics of the Second World War.

OPENING TIMES AND TOURS
Open access year round
Walking path of less than 1km including a section accessible to the disabled.
Free guided tours between April and October.

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VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
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OPENING TIMES
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VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
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The Resistance and Deportation Museum

Opened in 1979, the Resistance and Deportation museum is a showcase for the fruit of the research carried out by the association of the same name. Founded in 1972 its aim was to collect documents and objects relating to this period in France’s history in the department of Eure. The museum particularly puts the spotlight on the activity of the most active resistance network in Upper Normandy, the Surcouf Maquis.

OPENING TIMES
Free access all year

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AFTER THE DISASTER AT DIEPPE

The Bruneval Memorial

During the night of February 27th to 28th 1942, Operation Biting, also known as the Bruneval raid, was a success: a British commando detachment succeeded in getting hold of the main parts of a German radar (whose technology was then unknown to the Allies) whilst making out that it had been destroyed. Situated on the site of the German defences which secured the access to the beach, the Bruneval Memorial was unveiled by Kenneth Holden, one of the last surviving veterans of the raid. A project of the Bruneval 42 association it was designed by the architect Bruno Saas and built by the town of Saint-Jouin-Bruneval.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free access all year

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CHAMPIGNY-LA-FUTELAYE

German military cemetery

This German military cemetery contains the graves of German soldiers who died in the departments of Eure, Orne, Seine-Maritime, Eure-et-Loir, and in the former department of Seine-et-Oise. 19836 German soldiers rest here in 17 differently sized squares of lawn. It was inaugurated on September 12th 1964.

HAUTOT-SUR-MER

Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

Allied combatants who died on the beaches of Dieppe during The Second World War are interred in this cemetery maintained by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. About thirty British soldiers were buried here in 1940. After the raid of August 19th 1942 the Germans buried the Canadian and English casualties here. The cemetery was made permanent in 1949 with 955 graves of soldiers from Canada, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Poland and a sole Indian. All of the gravestones are arranged back to back in symmetrical rows.
Chronologically, there were three definable phases to the operation on June 6th 1944: the air landings (which were centred on Utah Beach in the west and Sword Beach in the east), the air and naval bombardments of the Atlantic Wall, and the seaborne landings on the five beaches (Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword) and at Pointe du Hoc.

So it was that by the early hours of the 6th June, the first airborne troops had already set foot on the soil of Normandy: the British in the east, and the Americans in the west.

The American parachutists of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions were tasked with capturing Sainte-Mère-Église and securing the beachhead at Utah Beach. At 4 am, Sainte-Mère-Église was stormed.

At first light, the sea from the mouth of the Seine to the Cherbourg Peninsula was completely covered with ships. Thousands of craft carrying men, vehicles and equipment, pushed their way towards the coast, while at the same time Allied aircraft bombarded the fortifications along the Channel coast, and naval guns opened fire. Men headed towards the coast on the greatest endeavour of their lives. Utah Beach was rapidly taken without too many losses. The German defences were soon overcome, and breaches opened up to allow troops and heavy equipment to advance.
Utah Beach
D-Day Landing Museum

Built on the very spot where American troops landed on June 6th 1944, the D-Day Landing museum recounts the events of D-Day in ten sequences, from its planning right through to its success.

On an in depth chronological tour you can get really involved in the history of the Landing and discover a rich collection of objects, vehicles, and equipment. Star of the museum is an authentic American Marauder B26 bomber which is displayed in a specially designed hangar. By watching the film “Victory Beach” you can relive the epic effort of the American soldiers in this decisive battle, which was the biggest amphibious operation in military history. Hearing the moving accounts of the veterans, you will get a real idea of their sacrifice which made Europe free once more.
With its spectacular presentation, The Airborne Museum lets you experience the invasion alongside the American paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. You’ll find an amazing collection of historical objects, as well as a real glider and a C-47 aircraft, both of which took part in the D-Day operations.

You can board a real C-47 aircraft by night and relive the parachute drops of June 6th 1944, dropping into the square of Sainte-Mère-Eglise in the midst of the fighting.

**New: Travel back in time with Histopad!**

Thanks to the augmented reality, interactivity and hyper-realistic graphics of a tablet, you will be transported to the midst of Normandy in 1944 and experience the main events of the D-Day invasion. For example, you will be able to watch gliders landing and be witness to an iconic battle, that of “La Fiere”.

**From April to November 2020: Temporary exhibition ‘La Guerre s’affiche’, or France in the Second World War Seen Through Propaganda Posters.**

**OPENING TIMES**
- From May to August: 9am > 7pm
- April and September: 9.30am > 6.30pm
- October to March: 10am > 6pm
- Closed December and January, except during French school holidays

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’) (Histopad included)**
- Adults: 9.90 €
- Children (6 to 16 yrs): 6 €
- Family (2 adults and 2 children paying minimum)
  - Adults: 9 €
  - Children (6 to 16 yrs): 5 €

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D-DAY Experience

A major objective for the Allies, the taking of Carentan was crucial to ensure the linkup of the troops landing on Utah Beach and Omaha Beach. This mission was assigned to the paratroopers of the 101st US Airborne Division, who would soon face their German counterparts, the fearsome Fallschirmjäger – this was the clash of the paratroops. Located in Saint-Côme-du-Mont, whose capture was a necessary precondition for the liberation of Carentan, D-Day Experience is the only museum to offer a double perspective of the events.

Learn about the preparations for the jump over Normandy and attend Lt. Col. Wolverton’s briefing prior to boarding a genuine C-47 converted into a unique flight simulator – now you’re about to relive the crossing of the English Channel. Thanks to a modern and immersive museography, which will offer a new exhibit of more than 5,300 square-feet from June 2019, follow the footsteps of the American paratroopers from D-Day to the liberation of Carentan on June 12, 1944.

Then discover the historic house located at the so-called ‘Dead Man’s Corner’ – a place requisitioned by the Fallschirmjäger on D-Day and subsequently used as a command post and first aid post for a couple of days, until it was captured by the Americans.

Since June 2019, to better understand the stakes and view the confrontation in the wider context of the invasion and the ensuing Battle of Normandy, the 3 D film D-Day Normandy 1944 will be shown on a screen to offer an unprecedented visual and audio experience... Museum, a flight simulator and a movie theater – D-Day Experience: don’t learn History, experience it!

SINCE JUNE 2019
To extend the experience, sit back in our cinema, put on your 3D glasses and explore the ins and outs of the invasion from a new perspective through the film D-Day Normandy 1944.

Benefiting from the latest technologies, shown on a Giant 3D screen, this 36-minute documentary offers a total immersion, unique in Normandy!

OPENING TIMES
Open 7 days a week – warm welcome
October 1st to March 31: 10:00 am – 06:00 pm
April 1st to September 30: 09:30 am – 07:00 pm
Annual closing: December 24, 25, 31, 2019, January 1st, 2020 and from January 6 to 12, 2020
Last admission one hour before closing time

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Individuals – 2 museums and simulator
Adult: €13
Child from 6 to 16: €9

Individuals – 2 museums and simulator + cinema
Adult: €19
Child from 6 to 16: €15

Free for tour guides and bus drivers
Gratuité pour guides et chauffeurs.
Duration of visit: 2 hours (+1 hour with Cinema)

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The Normandy Victory museum is a unique U.S. place where you can touch objects and walk through realistic scenes. You will evolve among U.S soldiers and amoured forces in 1944 from Utah beach until the battle of the hedgerows; the NVM is also dedicated to women at war.

From virtual reality to simulators and amoured vehicles to ride, you will relive the history of the time!

On site a bar restaurant is open to share a pleasant moment.
AZEVILLE

Azeville Gun Battery

With an impressive subterranean network and a complete defensive system, the Azeville gun battery was one of the main targets of the Allies on June 6th 1944. It fell on June 9th after intense fighting. You can look round the battery on your own on an audio-guided tour, and see the pillboxes camouflaged as ruined houses, as well as an incredible 350-metre-long network of underground tunnels.

On your tour, thanks to an exhibition (in French and English), learn about the battery’s construction, the life of the German garrison posted here and its relations with local people. A book, on sale in the shop, also covers these themes. The presentations are based on historical research and new archival material. The German Mess, where the garrison entertained itself, has been recreated. There’s a new reception area, shop and exhibition space. Temporary exhibitions for 2020, Year of the Cartoon: ‘The Children of the Resistance’, from 01/03/20 to 05/07/20; then ‘Maus’, from 07/07/20 to 30/10/20.

OPENING TIMES
Open April to 11 November, daily except 1 May. Groups, year-round, by reservation, except during French Christmas holidays. The ticket office closes 1hr before the site closes. Guided tours every Tuesday during French holidays, except Christmas holidays. Guided tours for families with children, Wednesdays at 11am, during French holidays, except Christmas holidays. Booking recommended
Night-time tours: every Thursday, 14/07 to 15/08

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €7 / Reductions: €5.50
Children (from 7 to 18 years old): €3.50
Families: €21

Visit with an audio guide
(F(F Children)/GB/D/NL/I/E)

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CARENTAN

The Carentan 1944 Historical Trail

This 40km-long circuit encourages you to discover 13 major sites in the battle for the liberation of the Carentan Sector, retold in the story of ‘Band of Brothers’, during which, over several days, American paratroopers of the 101st Airborne were pitted against German soldiers, just after 15,000 US parachutists had been dropped over the Carentan Marshes and the D-Day landings had occurred on Utah Beach.

You can follow this circuit, with its informative bilingual panels, at your own pace, in your own vehicle, at any time of year, aided by the app KitM. You can download the app in advance and for free via your smartphone.

OPENING TIMES
Accessible year-round.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
You can also rent a touch-screen tablet at the Tourist Office at the price of €8, on condition that you pay a reimbursable deposit of €250 and present official ID. At the Tourist Office, you can get a brochure with a map and GPS data too. A virtual tour of the sites is available on www.carentan-circuit-44.com

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ÉCAUSSEVILLE

Airship Hangar

A place which has known three wars (14-18, 39-45 and the Cold War). Built as a maritime air station in 1916 to hunt down German submarines and mines, the concrete hangar (150 metres long, 40 metres wide and 31 metres high) is today the biggest in the world. From 1936 to 1939 it was batteries of marines who were based here. The Germans took it over between 1940 and 1944. On June 9th 1944 the hangar was liberated after a furious battle led by the US 8th Infantry. It remained a logistical base for the maintenance of vehicles for the Americans until 1945. Between 1967 and 1969 (during the Cold War) the site became a base for the construction of balloons for nuclear tests.

New temporary exhibitions
New showcase displays / New video screens at the heart of the museum.

Opening Times
February: daily from Saturday
15 February to Sunday 1 March, 2pm > 6pm (school holidays)
March: closed
April/May/June: daily, 2pm > 6pm
July/August: daily, 10am > 6pm
Sept/Nov: daily, 2pm > 6pm

Visits and Entrance Fees (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €6 / From 8 to 14 yrs: €2.50
Groups (over 10 people): €5
Family 2 + 2 teens: €15 Family 2 + 1 teen: €13

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îLE TATIHOU

The Fort of Tatihou

No less than 30 structures were built by the Germans within the defensive walls of Fort Vauban on the Island of Tatihou during The Second World War! The casemates, the field gun emplacements, the tobruks, the machine gun posts, the trenches etc formed a condensed version of the Atlantic Wall. The particularity of Tatihou is in the juxtaposition of military fortifications dating from between the 17th and the 20th centuries. Some of the most recent structures are directly built into the older ones. This arrangement clearly illustrates how well these defensive systems have stood the test of time.

Every summer, artists put up installations around the bunkers, blockhouses and casemates. These fortifications are turned into creative spaces, throwing quite a different light on the Atlantic Wall.

Opening Times
From start April to end October

Visits and Entrance Fees (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €11.50 / Children: €5
Reduced price: €9.50 / Families: entrance free for a 3rd child

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SAINT-MARCOUF-DE-L’ISLE

Marcouf 44

Command post

A guided tour around this German command bunker allows you to explore inside one of the rare restored vestiges of the Atlantic Wall. Enclosed in the bunker, the captain in charge of this key position that then held 400 soldiers organised its defence during more than six days of combat. The events that occurred at this historic site featured in one of the famous scenes in the war film The Longest Day (which you’ll recognise immediately on the tour if you know the movie) and lie at the origin of the facts that inspired the film Saving Private Ryan.

Made up of four levels, with ten rooms spread out over three underground storeys, this was the only observation and artillery bunker located overlooking Utah Beach. Adopting a unique system, here you’re left to wander freely around this historic site, without any signposted route or showcases. You find yourself directly amidst items plunging you 75 years into the past.

Opening Times
From July to September:
Monday to Thursday 11am > 7pm
Outside of the summer period: find the opening days on the website www.marcouf44.com

Visits and Entrance Fees (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €6.5 / Children (under 15 years of age): free

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SAINT-MARCOUF-DE-L’ISLE

N°24 - B3

Crisbecq Gun Battery

Totally immerse yourself in the 22 subterranean blockhouses with their period fittings. It’s so much more than just a gun battery, more a real village with barracks, munition stores, kitchen, infirmary and tobrooks via an amazing complex of trenches and galleries extending to 800 metres. A unique place not to be missed, from where the first artillery gun fired at dawn on June 6th 1944. This is where it all began!

An iconic place from which the first artillery gun was fired at dawn on June 6th 1944
> 22 subterranean blockhouses with their period fittings
> Anti-aircraft L104 command post on two floors, 6 rooms with their fittings and its Flack 20mm gun
> A complex of tunnels, trenches and underground rooms covering 5 ha / 12.5 acres
> Tour with explanatory signs in 6 languages

OPENING TIMES
April to mid-November: daily, 10am > 6pm
July and August: daily, 10am > 7pm (Ticket office closes 1hr before site closes.)

VISITS, TOURS AND PRICES (from, not including special events)
Tour without a guide
Adults: €10
Reductions (15 to 18 years old, military personnel and partners): €9
Children (6 to 14 years old): €6
Guided tours (in French) by reservation (for groups of 15 or more)

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World War II Museum

Walking through 10,000 square feet of exhibition space, the visitor is transported back to life during World War II, with realistic scenes showing the atmosphere of the period as it really was. Wander down a typical street from the 1940’s which has been completely reconstructed complete with its shops and houses. Many vehicles and items of the period, including a blockhouse form part of the visit, with a view of the anti-tank wall, which can still be found on the beach of Quinéville.

For the first time ever, you can experience the Second World War at 1/6th scale with many figurines and vehicles. A visit not to be missed just 10 minutes from Sainte-Mère-Église.

OPENING TIMES
From 1 April to All Saints’ Day.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’) Unaccompanied visit: Adults €7
Children (aged 6-12 yrs) € 5.50
Visit Duration: 1 1/2 hrs

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World War II Museum
18, Avenue de la plage, QUINÉVILLE
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Open-air museum

In your own vehicle, going at your own pace, head off on a 50 km-long circuit to discover the 11 sites linked to the history of D-Day around Sainte-Mère-Eglise and Sainte-Marie-du-Mont, guided by the mobile app, Kit’M, offering commentaries, archive images, videos and testimonials.

You can download this app in advance, for free, on your smartphone.

OPENING TIMES
The circuit is freely accessible all year round.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
You can also hire a touch-screen tablet from the Tourist Office at the price of €8, on condition that you pay a reimbursable deposit of €250 and present official ID.

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ORGLANDES

German military Cemetery

Located north of the village of Orglandes this cemetery has 10,152 graves. The Volksbund, which maintains German military graves began landscaping and architectural works in 1958. The cemetery was inaugurated on September 20th 1961.

One of the memorials bears the names of 22 soldiers who died on October 25th 1945. These German sappers lost their lives in the explosion of a load of dynamite at Asnières-en-Bessin near Bayeux. Their remains couldn’t be individually identified so they were buried in block 27, row 13, grave 420/421.
For the latest up-to-date information, go to www.normandy-dday.com
On the other American beach, the situation was difficult. The beaches of Omaha were a real trap for the troops of the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions. The first assault wave was brutally cut down, while the second left the beach strewn with the wounded, the dead and broken equipment. Eventually, drawing on the last of their resources, the soldiers managed to climb the cliff-like slope that overlooked the beach, and negotiate the barbed wire. Towards midday, they began to breach the German defences, and so the battle swung in the Allies’ favour.

The 2nd Ranger Battalion was tasked with climbing 30 metres of cliff, assaulting the German battery at Omaha and destroying its guns. At the price of heavy losses, the Americans finally emerged victorious, and took possession of the coastal villages.

At the same time, a little further to the west, the 2nd Ranger Battalion was charged with climbing the 30-metre cliff at Pointe du Hoc, assaulting the German battery and destroying its guns. In a few minutes, the best climbers reached the top of the cliff. There they discovered a complete field of ruins created by shells and bombs from Allied naval ships offshore, but no sign of the 155 mm artillery, which had been withdrawn by the Germans a short time before. Towards midday Pointe du Hoc was in American hands.
Overlord Museum Omaha Beach

Located at the heart of Normandy’s 1944 D-Day Landing Beaches, 500 m from Omaha’s famed American Military Cemetery, Overlord Museum-Omaha Beach offers visitors an extraordinary tour. It boasts an unparalleled, unequalled historical collection from the period, helping you retrace the events of 1944 that began the liberation of Europe. The immersive presentations allow visitors to better understand the relevant history, from preparations for D-Day through to the liberation of Paris, and are well geared to younger generations.

Forty years of research and passion have enabled the formation of this unique collection. Among the 10,000 pieces are 40 vehicles, tanks and cannons, on display in an exhibition that is unique in Europe. New for 2020/2021: new museum scenery has been created to put the finishing touches to the 2019 extension.

OPENING TIMES
From 15 February to 30 December
The ticket office closes one hour before the museum’s final closing time.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €8.40
Children (under 10 years old): free
Reductions: €6.10

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Pointe du Hoc was a strategic point in the German defences on the Normandy coast. The mission to take it was given to the 2nd Ranger battalion. Under the command of Lt. Colonel J.E. Rudder these soldiers achieved the incredible feat of reaching the top in just a few minutes despite the slope being very slippery, the climbing ropes made heavy by seawater, and intense fire from the defenders. In a lunar landscape full of deep craters, the fierce battle which ensued was even bloodier than the climb. And a big surprise awaited the Rangers: they found that huge wooden beams had been placed in the stations instead of artillery guns!

Today the site still bears the traces of the German artillery battery as well as deep scars from the fierce fighting which took place here on June 6th and 7th 1944, which cost the lives of 135 Rangers.

Pointe du Hoc is one of the few places still showing clear signs of the violence of the Landings in Normandy. Severely hit by the fighting it allows you to imagine the extreme conditions in which the Rangers climbed the cliff under the fire from German soldiers lying in ambush at the top.

OPENING TIMES
Free access year round
Visitor Centre reception:
From April 1st to September 30th: 9am to 6pm
From October 1st to March 31st: 9am to 5pm
Closed December 25th and January 1st

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Pointe du Hoc is accessible free of charge year round

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**Big Red One Assault Museum**

The first division of American infantry of the US Army is nicknamed The Big Red One because of its insignia consisting of a big red ‘1’. After Operation Torch in North Africa it fought Rommel’s Afrika Korps, then took part in the landing in Sicily. It was also on Omaha Beach on June 6th 1944 where it suffered heavy losses. At the end of the war, in 1945, it had lost over 21,000 men (wounded and prisoners included) or nearly half of its numbers.

**OPENING TIMES**
Open from March to November
> From 01/03/2019 to 31/05/2019 : 10am-midday / 2pm-6pm
> Except Tuesdays
> From 01/06/2019 to 31/08/2019 : 10am-7pm
> From 01/09/2019 to 30/11/2019 : 10am -midday / 2pm-6pm
> Except Tuesdays

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)**
Adults: 5 € / Children: 3.50 €
Unguided visits at all times
Average Duration 45 minutes
Languages spoken: French/English

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**Colombières Castle**

Plunge into the heart of the psychological war carried out by the American propaganda services based at the Château de Colombières in 1944. Discover the history of the Ritchie Boys, young refugees from Germany, mainly of Jewish origin, who fled Nazi Germany and joined the American military intelligence services. These little-known historic facts are presented by the château’s proprietor, who has gathered a unique collection of documents, newspapers and propaganda tracts, revealing the major role the Ritchie Boys played in the Allies’ strategy.

**OPENING TIMES**
Guided tour lasting an hour, at 10am on Tuesdays in June, July and August.
By reservation only.

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)**
€5. Languages spoken: French / English

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**Tour of Géfosse-Fontenay Blockhouse**

Every Sunday morning at 10am the guide Luc Le Gleuher offers a guided tour of the Géfosse-Fontenay blockhouse. Visitors can find out about this perfectly preserved piece of the Atlantic Wall. The price of the visit is left to visitors’ discretion.

**OPENING TIMES**
This place on the coast can be visited every Sunday at 10am

**VISITS**
Visits possible by appointment

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For all information
+33 (0)6 74 72 25 15
Leaving every Sunday morning from the Musée Station 70 at Osmanville (close to Géfosse))
SAINT-LAURENT-SUR-MER

‡ Liberation House

Members of “Les Fleurs de la Résistance“ (Flowers of the Resistance) association, messengers of memory, welcome you to the first house to be liberated by the Americans on the morning of June 6th 1944 at Saint Laurent-sur-Mer. It is both a site of remembrance and a vestige of D-Day, dedicated to the Resistance fighters, to the little-known Top Secret operation of mission Ascaín of the Sussex/Proust Plans which took place on the night of June 5th to 6th 1944 at Omaha Beach, to the paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division lost on Omaha: “the stela of memory” to the allies and civilians of the period.

GRANDCAMP-MAISY

‡ Maisy Gun Battery

Built after 1942 this German battery was part of a military area of 44 hectares (110 acres). Completely forgotten for sixty years, it was rediscovered in 2006. It covered Utah and Omaha Beaches. On June 9th 1944 the final assault by the 5th and 2nd American Rangers took place under heavy fire for five long hours.

2.5 km of trenches, tunnels and other underground constructions, as well as six 155 mm artillery platform emplacements are now open to the public.

OPENING TIMES
Open every day from April to September
April, May, September: 10am - 5pm
June, July, August: 10am - 7pm
The ticket office closes 1 hour before the museum closes.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: 7.20 €
Children 6-18 yrs: 4.80 €
Students: 6 €
Adult Group (over 10 people): 6 €

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OMAHA BEACH

‡ Maison de la Libération

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For the latest up-to-date information, go to www.normandy-dday.com

SAINT-LAURENT-SUR-MER

Omaha Beach Memorial Museum

On the actual site of Omaha Beach with a floor area of 1400 m² (14,000 sq ft) the museum exhibits uniforms, personal items, arms, vehicles, a landing craft, Belgian gates, a long Tom 155 mm gun, a tank and more. Many scenes and a wealth of photographic documentation will plunge you into the heart of the history of the Landings. At the end of your visit a 25 minutes long film with witness accounts from American veterans will clearly explain the landings on Omaha and at Pointe du Hoc. Museum with facilities for children.

There is a new shop open to all in the museum reception area.

VIERVILLE-SUR-MER

The Omaha D-Day Museum

Thousands of original objects are exhibited in an area of over 3,000 m² or 30,000 sq ft at the heart of Omaha Beach in an authentic American building of the period. Situated between the American cemetery (4 km) and Pointe du Hoc (7 km), and 200 metres from the beach, this museum displays a unique collection, collected over about fifty years by an enthusiast, who was also a father, but has now died leaving his two sons the duty of continuing this memorial endeavour.

OPENING TIMES
Open daily from April to September
From April 1st to May 30th and from September 1st to 30th: 10.30am-6pm
From June 1st to August 31st: 10am-7pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adult Full rate: 7 €
Students: 5.60 € (16-25 yrs)
Child: 4 € (7-15 yrs)

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OPENING TIMES
01/06 > 31/08: 9.30am-7.30pm (7pm in June)
01/04 > 31/05 and Sept: 9.30am-6.30pm
Check on opening times at other periods.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adult Full rate: 7 €
Students: 5.60 € (16-25 yrs)
Child: 4 € (7-15 yrs)

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The German military Cemetery of La Cambe

Covering 10.5 hectares, this is one of six German military cemeteries created in the aftermath of the Battle of Normandy in the Second World War. Almost 21,300 German soldiers are buried here. A permanent exhibition, in French, German and English, covers the themes of humankind in times of war, the German graves, the civil population, the meaning of commemorations and the duty of remembrance. By presenting examples of the lives of specific soldiers and families, the complexities and tragedies of the war are brought out. The 1,120 Acer Globosum maple trees planted in the Peace Garden act as so many symbols of peace and reconciliation.
Located just above Omaha Beach at Colleville-sur-Mer, the Normandy American Cemetery was dedicated in 1956. It honours the American service members who died during Operation Overlord and is part of the 26 permanent cemeteries on foreign soil managed by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). A key memorial site, it contains the perfectly aligned headstones of 9,387 soldiers who fell in combat. Completing this moving ensemble is a Garden of the Missing where the names of 1,557 soldiers are engraved, a chapel, a memorial and the Visitor Center. The new visitor center will be inaugurated on June 7, 2019. The visitor center exhibition plays an important role in providing visitors with context and emotional engagement to the incredible story of courage and sacrifice of the D-Day landings and Normandy campaign.

This is a place of commemoration and we therefore ask visitors to behave accordingly, and be both silent and respectful.
After landing at Gold Beach, the British 50th Infantry Division was soon at the gates of Bayeux, and took control of the town on the morning of June 7th. Its objective was also to seize Arromanches, making ready for the installation of the future artificial “Mulberry” Harbour and linking up with Canadian troops, who had landed at Juno Beach. This mission would be accomplished on the evening of the 6th.

The principle of the Mulberries, or artificial harbours, was to land vehicles and supplies very rapidly by using quays protected by a line of concrete caissons, until such time as the continental ports were captured. In 100 days, 220,000 soldiers, 530,000 tonnes of supplies and 39,000 vehicles were landed at “Port Winston”. This was of crucial importance because Allied troops needed all their weapon supplies to fend off a German counterattack.
Situated on the heights above Arromanches, the Arromanches 360 circular cinema looks over the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built by the Allies.

The film ‘Normandy’s 100 Days’ plunges viewers into the heart of the terrible Battle of Normandy. Shown in a circular room with nine screens around it, in 19 minutes it uses unique archival images to retrace the 100 days of combat. The film pays homage to the combatants of all nations concerned and to the 20,000 civilians killed during this battle for the liberation of Western Europe, which brought such new hope.
The Landings Museum

On June 8th 1944, two days after the liberation of Arromanches, the first Phoenix concrete caissons were submerged at sea to form a breakwater. Less than a week later unloading could begin. In 100 days 220,000 soldiers, 530,000 tonnes of supplies and 39,000 vehicles were unloaded at “Port Winston”.

Built on the very site of the British artificial port of which the traces can still be seen a few metres off shore, the museum tells the history of the incredible challenge that the construction and running of this port represented, a key element in the Allied victory in Normandy. Apart from showing how it worked, a collection of some 2,000 objects helps to evoke the atmosphere of the time and pay tribute to the soldiers of the nations which took part in the Landings.

An alignment of 30 linear metres of models, a diorama and a film of archive footage help to emphasise the huge logistical and strategic achievement of the Allies. The remains of Port Winston, visible from the museum, show the extraordinary scale of this operation.

- Free explanatory brochures available in 18 languages.
- Diorama available in 6 languages
- Archive film in 9 languages
- 3D Animation with commentary

OPENING TIMES
All year except January

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €8.20
Children (6 to 18 years of age): €6.
Reductions: €7.20
Reductions for families with numerous children

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German Gun Battery of Longues-sur-Mer

The German gun battery of Longues-sur-Mer offers an extraordinary panoramic view over the Landing beaches. The only battery to be listed as a Historic Monument, it notably includes a firing command post and four reinforced concrete pillboxes each housing a long range artillery piece of 150 mm.

Situated in the area between Gold Beach and Omaha Beach at the top of a cliff overlooking the Channel, it played a strategic role during the Landing of Allied forces on June 6th 1944. Subjected to intense bombardment by air and then by sea which prevented it from fully taking part in the action on D-Day, it was taken by British troops on June 7th.

The gun battery at Longues-sur-Mer is the only one today to still be equipped with its guns from the period. Its excellent state of conservation and its well-maintained surroundings make it really worth a visit.

OPENING TIMES
The site is accessible, for free, all year round. There are paying guided tours daily in July and August and at weekends from April to June and September to October.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults : €5
Children (11/17 yrs) : €3
Children under 10 free

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COMMES - PORT-EN-BESSIN

Museum of undersea wrecks

For twenty five years, Jacques Lemonchois has tirelessly scoured the depths off the landing beaches searching for the remains of the big warships sunk around June 6th 1944. The museum keeps these objects in the state in which they were discovered, and also presents war machines (assault tanks, torpedoes, mines, artillery guns, and mechanical parts).

APPLICATION
Arromanches 1944 in enhanced reality

From the artificial port of Arromanches to Juno Beach

Available free at

OPENING TIMES
Daily from June to September and at weekends, plus on French public holidays in May

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults : 7.50 €
Children (7 to 16 yrs) : 4.50 €

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VER-SUR-MER

**America Gold Beach Museum**

The America section of the museum tells of the first postal link between the USA and France by air, the forced sea landing of the America at Ver-sur-Mer on the night of July 1st 1927 and the conquest of the North Atlantic by the pioneers of aviation in the 20th century. The Gold Beach section is devoted to the history of the Landings by the British in the King sector on June 6th 1944, and of the planning up until the assault of the 69th brigade (the 50th British Infantry Division). It pays tribute to the soldiers, sailors and airmen involved in this mission.

**New for 2020-2021:**
- Two new showcases will be put on display:
  - one presenting objects from the B3 advanced landing ground.
  - the other presenting the mannequin of Major Young and his medals, as well as a model.
  - A presentation of souvenirs from British aviators of No.10 Squadron Royal Air Force who took part in the bombardment of the Mont-Fleury Battery during the night of 6 June 1944. The museum enables visitors to view a film on the plane called ‘America’ on large-screen tablets.

**OPENING TIMES**
From March to October.

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)**
- Adults: 4.50 €
- Children (under 15): 2 €
- Students: 2.50 €
- Concessions (groups of over 10 people): 3.50 €

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GOLD BEACH

**RYES - BAZENVILLE**

**Ryes War Cemetery**
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

Situated beside the D87 road east of Bayeux, the military cemetery at Ryes, Bazenville has over 600 Commonwealth graves. The first of these were put here just two days after the Allied Landing at Arromanches.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) honours the 1.7 million men and women of the armies of the Commonwealth nations who died in the two World Wars by looking after their graves and memorials in over 23,000 sites scattered across more than 150 countries and territories around the world.

For any further information, don’t hesitate to consult our website www.cwgc.org, where you can access our database at your leisure and also view our on-line archives.
Landing by the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division between Graye and Saint-Aubin. The Canadians had to take the coastal defences in the Courseulles-Bernières sector, and then sweep inland to link up with British troops from Gold and Sword Beaches. After heavy losses on the beaches – Canadian forces suffered 50% of their losses in the first hour of the assault – the 3rd Division liberated its coastal sector and encircled the radar station at Douvres-la-Délivrande. Losing no time, they took control of villages inland: Reviers, Saint-Croix and Bény. Of the five landing zones, this one saw the furthest Allied advance by the evening of D-Day. For a month, Canadian forces battled to wrest the road, RN13, Carpiquet and Caen from the enemy.
Located on the beach where Canadians landed in June 1944 alongside other Allied forces, the Juno Beach Centre presents the role of which Canada played during the Second World War, particularly in Normandy. After a short introductory film, visitors are invited to find out about this history in five permanent exhibition spaces, featuring archival documents, photos, audio-visual and sound records and a interactive media maps, objects and a twelve minute film entitled «They Walk With You», a taste of what the Canadians experienced on D-Day and during the Battle of Normandy.

Bény-sur-mer Canadian War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

The Canadian military cemetery at Bény-sur-Mer is situated close to the village of Reviers, 18th east of Bayeux on the D35. Over 2000 men are buried here. Many of them belonged to the 3rd Canadian Division, which took a major part in the Landings and the march on Caen.

As well as its permanent exhibition, the Juno Beach Centre, the only Canadian museum on the Landing Beaches, offers the youth circuit Explore Juno to discover as a family or as a class. It is also possible to take part in a guided tour of Juno Park and its remains of the Atlantic Wall, including the bunkers in front of the museum, led by a young Canadian.

Temporary exhibition «Great Women during the War 1939-1945» developed by the Canadian War Museum.

OPENING TIMES
February, November, December 10am > 5pm
March and October 10am > 6pm
April to September 9.30am > 7pm
Closed in January and on 25 December.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €7.50
Students, children 8 and over: €6
Groups of adults: €6
Family Ticket: €23

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On June 5th, a little before 11 pm, British gliders were launched towards Bénouville bridge. In the space of a few minutes, the men under Major Howard attained their objective and Bénouville bridge became Pegasus Bridge. The bridge at Ranville, a little further east, was also stormed. At the same time, the parachutists of the 6th Airborne Division overcame the gun battery at Merville.

The landing of troops by sea took place at Hermanville and Colleville. From there, the commandos – including the 177 green berets of the N°4 Commando – were ordered to take Ouistreham from behind. Afterwards, they advanced towards the bridges at Ranville and Bénouville to give their support to the paratroopers.

On the afternoon of June 6th, Hitler gave the order to move several armoured divisions towards Normandy. However, by then it was too late: the die was cast.

On June 6th, at midnight, more than 156,000 Allied soldiers were in Normandy, including 23,000 paratroopers, and 20,000 vehicles of all types. 12,000 men had been killed, wounded or taken prisoner.
Situated on the Eastern flank of the D-Day Coast, the Pegasus Memorial museum recounts the role of 6th British Airborne Division in the early hours of D-Day and during the Battle of Normandy.

The assault and capture of Pegasus Bridge, by glider borne troops, was one of the most spectacular missions of the D-Day Landings. Pegasus Bridge along with a full-size copy of a British Horsa glider are on display in the grounds of the museum.

Guided visits and archive films enable visitors to re-live the dawn of D-Day.

The vast majority of the artefacts on display have been donated by veterans and their families.

Photo Exhibition: Veterans portrait.

**OPENING TIMES**
February, March, October from 10.00 to 17.00
April, May, June, July, August, September from 09.30 to 18.30
Closed from 16th December to 31st January

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)**
Adults: €8
Children: €5.50

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A formidable fortification in the Atlantic Wall, Merville Battery was built on the eastern end of Sword Beach, between the seaside towns of Ouistreham and Cabourg. A top priority to put out of action for D-Day, the Battery was repeatedly bombed by Allied aviation, but unsuccessfully. The British 9th Parachute Battalion, led by Lieutenant-Colonel Otway, was then instructed to neutralise the Battery, on the night of 5 to 6 June. At this historic site (heritage-listed as an historic monument), an educational trail has been put in place to help you explore the area and its various bunkers, offering an immersive experience.

A unique experience awaits you in the largest blockhaus. Sounds, images, lights and smells plunge you, for a few minutes, into the hell of the bombardments and the neutralisation of the Merville Battery on 6 June 1944.

OPENING TIMES
From 15 March to 30 September 9.30am > 6.30pm (last admission at 6pm)
From 1 October to 15 November 10am > 5pm (last admission at 4.30pm)
Annual closure from 16 November to 14 March
(except for groups of more than 20 people, by reservation)

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €8
Children: €5
Reduced price: €7
(students, members of the military, veterans, the handicapped, the unemployed)
Families: if with 3 children or more, those children go free

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musee@batterie-merville.com
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For the latest up-to-date information, go to www.normandy-dday.com

DOUVRES-LA-DÉLIVRANDE

› Hillman Strongpoint

This German position from the Second World War was the coastal defence command post for the 736th Regiment of Grenadiers and 716th German Infantry Division. Twenty blockhouses – of which ten are open for visiting – are scattered over an area of 24 hectares (59 acres).

OPENING TIMES
July, August and September: Guided tour on Tuesdays at 5pm
July and August: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Memorial and its museum open from 10am to midday and 2.30pm to 6.30pm.
Open year-round for groups by appointment

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free, but donations accepted
Guided tours July-August and September on Tuesdays at 3pm

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suffolk@amis-du-suffolk-rgt.com
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SWORD BEACH

COLLEVILLE-MONTGOMERY

› 1944 Radar Museum

Discover what life was like for German soldiers inside wartime bunkers during the Occupation in Normandy. The only radar station on the D-Day landing beaches, the 1944 Radar Museum occupies the former German lookout post. Two bunkers of the period have been reconstructed so that you can learn about the Atlantic Wall, the history of radar and daily life of the German soldiers.

OPENING TIMES
From 4th April to 30th June and from 1st September to 15th November: 10am-6pm, daily except Monday.
From 1st to 31st August: 10am-7pm, daily.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Unguided tour of about 45 mins.
Full rate: €5.50
Concessions: €5
Adult groups: €4.50
School groups: €3.10
Children under 10: free

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OUISTREHAM  N°51 - C3

The museum, was created by British and French veterans, and traces the history of French fighters, who – thanks to the tenacity of Commandant Philippe Kieffer – were able to join the British commandos and join them in a number of missions. In particular, it recounts their training at Achnacarry camp in Scotland, and their participation in the D-Day landings at Colleville sur Orne, during the liberation of Ouistreham, and the Battle of Normandy. All the objects on show are authentic, the majority of the equipment and uniforms being gifts from families and relatives.

In addition to the tour, a 28-minute video composed of papers and period films shows the commandos at Achnacarry camp and during the D-Day landings. Video presenting the model of D-Day.

OPENING TIMES
April to start November

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Visits without a guide, lasting 1hr (FR/GB)
Adults: €5
Children: €3
Reduced price: €4

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OUISTREHAM  N°52 - C3

The Atlantic Wall Museum is located inside the former German Army HQ that controlled the gun batteries of the estuary of the River Orne. All the internal rooms of the Great Bunker have been restored down to the smallest details: engine room, filter room, barrack room, flanking pillboxes, pharmacy, infirmary, armoury, ammunition store, radio transmissions room, switchboard, and an observation post from where you can see for 40 km or 25 miles around the Bay of the Seine.

An exhibition dedicated to the greatest building project of the 20th century describes the construction of the Atlantic Wall, which mobilised two million labourers over a period of three years. With many previously unseen photos and documents relating to the Atlantic Wall, the atmosphere in this unique museum will straightaway plunge you into those troubled times.

OPENING TIMES
> Closed from 6/1 to 8/2
> Open daily:
> From 9/2 to 31/3: 10am – 6pm
> From 1/4 to 30/9: 9am – 7pm
> From 1/10 to 5/1: 10am – 6pm
Closed 25th December and 1st January

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: 7.50€
Children: 5.50€ (6-12 years)

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SWORD BEACH
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APPLYING

Soldat Léon
Ouistreham 1944

Immerse yourself in the world of Soldat Léon: using your tablet or smartphone, you can be at the heart of the events on June 6th 1944, in the company of Léon Gautier, one of Commandant Kieffer’s 177 French troops, who made the landing that morning. Soldat Léon will be alongside you in the capture of Ouistreham’s casino, just as if you were there...

Available free at

App Store

Google play

Douvres-La-Délivrande

N°53 - C3

La Délivrande
War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves
Commission Cemetery

Situated north of Caen on the D7, the military cemetery of Douvres-La-Délivrande is the last resting place of nearly 1,000 victims of war. The graves in this cemetery date from D-Day, and the landings on Sword Beach, particularly in the Obeo and Peter sectors. Other casualties were brought here at a later date, from the battlefields between the coast and Caen.

Hermanville-sur-Mer

N°54 - C3

Hermanville
War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves
Commission Cemetery

With more than 1,000 graves, Hermanville-sur-Mer military cemetery is located north of Caen, on the D60. The nearby village of Hermanville-sur-Mer is close to Sword Beach, and was occupied on June 6th by the men of the 1st Battalion South Lancashire Regiment. Later the same day, the Shropshire Light Infantry, backed up by the armoured units of the Staffordshire Yeomanry, managed to capture and hold Biéville-Beuville, four kilometres south of Hermanville-sur-Mer. Many of the men buried in this cemetery were killed that day, or during the push towards Caen.

Ranville

N°55 - C3

Ranville
War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves
Commission Cemetery

The name Ranville is forever linked with the 6th Airborne Division, which captured the Caen canal bridge during the first hours of D-Day. Nearly 2,300 Commonwealth soldiers are buried in Ranville’s military cemetery and in the graveyard of the neighbouring church. The easiest access to these two sites is by the D513 leaving Caen, then heading left towards Hérouville. The cemetery is located one kilometre after leaving Ranville, on the rue des Airbornes. The famous Pegasus Bridge, as well as its museum, are situated to the west of the village.
On the afternoon of June 6th General de Gaulle said: “The supreme battle is underway. It is, of course, the Battle of France and the Battle for France. For the sons of France, wherever they are, and whoever they are, the simple and sacred duty is to fight the enemy by all means at their disposal.”

“In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on all other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.”

General Eisenhower, June 6th 1944

British troops entered Bayeux without difficulty on the morning of June 6th. There, too, was Maurice Schumann, the spokesman of Free France (one of the voices of the BBC, he landed on June 6th at Asnelles). Without needing to fight, the troops captured the coastal battery of Longues-sur-Mer, and took its garrison prisoner.

On June 14th 1944, de Gaulle was on board the torpedo boat La Combattante. He landed on the beach between Courseulles and Graye and made his way to Bayeux to meet the local populace. He was acclaimed by the crowd.
The Bayeux Memorial is located on Boulevard Fabian Ware (named after the founder of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, or CWGC). It carries the names of over 1,800 soldiers who died during the course of the Battle of Normandy but who do not have a known grave. The Memorial was designed by P.D. Hepworth and inaugurated by the then Duke of Gloucester on 5 June 1955. Opposite lies Bayeux War Cemetery, the CWGC’s largest in France from the Second World War. It contains over 4,100 Commonwealth graves, including those of 338 unidentified soldiers. Another 505 war graves for the fallen of other nationalities also stand here, most of them German. The bodies of the soldiers buried here were brought from the surrounding area, including hospitals in the vicinity.

Memorial Museum of the Battle of Normandy

Situated close to the British Military Cemetery at Bayeux, the Memorial Museum is the only one in the region to be devoted entirely to the Battle of Normandy. It explains the key stages in the conflict and shows the fighting that took place on Norman soil after the D-Day landings, from June 7th to August 29th 1944.

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In February 1944, Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery decided that the landings would take place in an area 80 km (50 miles) long – rather than 40 km (25 miles) – extending from Colleville to Varreville and including the Cherbourg Peninsula, so that the port of Cherbourg could be captured as quickly as possible.

Cherbourg was a strategic objective for the success of Operation Overlord. In a short space of time, the port had to be able to handle troop ships from the United States, as well as munitions and machinery needed for the conquest of Europe. The Americans needed to capture Cherbourg under the orders of General Bradley. On June 21st they surrounded the town. On the 25th, they had advanced into the streets. On the 26th, Fort du Roule was taken. General Bradley responded to the inhabitants who welcomed him: “It is a pleasure to be able to say to the French people: here is the first large town that is returned to you.”

On the other hand the port, sabotaged by the Germans, was in a sad state: a pile of ruins. Not to be discouraged, the soldiers set to the task of making it a working port once more. So it was that from the middle of July, the port of Cherbourg welcomed the first Liberty Ships arriving from the United States.
CHERBOURG-EN-COTENTIN

La Cité de la Mer

20 Days for Cherbourg.
The Cité de la Mer occupies one of the most symbolic places in the liberation of Cherbourg – its transatlantic passenger station. At the heart of the visitor trail you’ll find a permanent exhibition and a film about the liberation, shown on large screen. Learn about why Utah Beach was added to the D-Day Landing plans of 6 June 1944. Relive the first 20 days of the Battle of Normandy in the Cotentin Peninsula. See how Cherbourg was turned into the largest logistics port in the world at that time, serving the Allies.

OPENING TIMES
Consult the calendar on citedelamer.com

ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €19
Children: €14

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CHERBOURG-EN-COTENTIN

The Museum of The Liberation

At the top of the Montagne du Roule, the museum of the Liberation is housed in a Second Empire fort. Its strategic position overlooking the port made it key to the defence of Cherbourg. Hence the expression: “Whoever holds Roule holds Cherbourg”. Once taken by the Germans, subterranean passages were dug into the rock. On June 26th 1944 the fort was retaken by the Americans. Cherbourg was the first port to be liberated in mainland France, as well as the biggest in the world, for several months.

OPENING TIMES
Open from February to November

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: 4€ / Children free / Adult groups 2.50€
Unaccompanied visit: 2 hrs
Guided tour: 1 1/2 hrs
Free on Wednesdays

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www.ville-cherbourg.fr
The capture of Saint-Lô was entrusted to the Americans, who encountered great difficulties in taking the town, an important road and rail junction. After the bombardments of June 6th and 7th, and a month of deadlock and particularly deadly combat, the “capital of ruins” was liberated on July 18th.

The battle of Saint-Lô was one of the most significant episodes in the ‘battle of the hedgerows’, just before Operation Cobra. In the centre of the Cherbourg Peninsula, the war of the hedgerows turned into a real trench warfare. Operation Cobra was the codename given to the American offensive undertaken at the end of July 1944 in the Cherbourg Peninsula in order to open up the way to Brittany and to break through the lines of German defence.

On the evening of July 30th American troops took Avranches. General Patton with the American armoured divisions and the 2nd French armoured division of Leclerc, just landed at Utah Beach, could then start to break through massively towards the south. Instead of retreating however, the German troops launched a counter-attack in the area of Mortain with the aim of cutting through the American lines. But this was doomed to failure from the very beginning, mainly due to the almost complete lack of air cover.
For the latest up-to-date information, go to www.normandy-dday.com

MARIGNY

Cobra Marigny Memorial

With its three exhibition rooms, the Memorial recounts the story of Operation Cobra, the name given to the American offensive carried out in the Cherbourg Peninsula at the end of July 1944, in order to open up the way to Brittany. Also included is a space dedicated to the dark years (1939-1945), and also a homage to the “poilus” or French soldiers of the First World War. In all, the Memorial displays more than 950 photos and documents, as well as 130 period objects.

OPENING TIMES
Open June, July and August, and by appointment rest of the year.

ENTRANCE FEES
Free entry

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FOLLIGNY

Py Park at Folligny

Py Park is located close to the railway station at Folligny. During the Second World War, the station was the target of numerous deadly and devastating bombardments. After the bombardment of June 17th 1940, the station was rebuilt, fortified and occupied by the German Army to allow the control of goods traffic. Today, several concrete remnants remain and two restored underground rooms contain panels retracing wartime events in Folligny and its surroundings.

OPENING TIMES
Open April 1st to October 31st
VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free

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AVRANCHES

The Art and History museum of Avranches

In the heart of the old town, the outbuildings of the old episcopal palace, later transformed into a prison during the French revolution, today house the collections of the museum.

Your visit ends with rooms dedicated to the Second World War, and especially the breakthrough at Avranches.

OPENING TIMES
From June 1st to September 30th: Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 6pm
VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free

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FROM SAINT-LÔ TO AVRANCHES

FROM SAINT-LÔ TO AVRANCHES
PONTAUBAULT
N°64 - B5

Francois Mutschler Collection

The François Mutschler Collection contains an array of objects from the Second World War, as well as postcards from the beginning of the 20th century and photographs from 1944, and a scale model of the bridge at Pontaubault.

OPENING TIMES
Open on Tuesday and Thursday every 2 weeks starting from January 6th:
> Tuesdays from 2pm to 4.30pm
> Thursdays from 2.30pm to 5pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free entry
Unguided visits at all times
Guided tours on request

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SAINT-LÔ
N°65 - B3

Chapelle de la Madeleine
US memorial

Now restored, this old leper colony in Saint-Lô houses a Memorial to the US 29th and 35th Divisions that liberated the city.

OPENING TIMES
Open at weekends in July-August from 2.30pm to 6.30pm
Open year round upon request at the Tourist Office (for groups)

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free entry

CONTACT
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FROM SAINT-LÔ TO AVRANCHES

MORTAIN-BOCAGE
N°63 - B5

The Saint Michel Chapel

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VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Open year round (for groups) upon request at The Tourist Office

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VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free entry

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FROM SAINT-LÔ TO AVRANCHES

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The Art and History museum of Saint-Lô

Located in the centre of town, the Musée d’Art et d’Histoire presents very rich and varied collections. The collections offer a vast panorama of painting from the 17th century to the present day. A new exhibition area of over 3,000 square feet is devoted to the rich history of Saint-Lo since Neolithic times until its post-war reconstruction.

The fine arts sections have been redesigned, with more items on display, shown both chronologically and thematically, making your visit more enjoyable and entertaining. The historical trail includes the reconstitution of a typical 1950s flat and a display of materials.

**OPENING TIMES**
From Tuesday to Sunday
2pm > 6pm (last admission at 5.30pm)
In July and August, Tuesday to Sunday,
10am > 12 midday and 2pm > 6pm

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)**
Adults: €5.50
Children: €3

**CONTACT**
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German military cemetery

The cemetery at Mont-de-Huisnes is the sole German mausoleum in Normandy, and indeed in the whole of France. 11,956 soldiers who died in the course of the Second World War are buried here, along with 64 children and infants. The mausoleum is a circular building, 47 metres across, constructed on two levels. In the centre of the interior courtyard is a large cross. The mausoleum was inaugurated on September 14th 1963. It offers a magnificent panorama over the Mont Saint-Michel.

German military cemetery

Inaugurated on September 20th 1961, this cemetery contains 11,169 tombs of German soldiers who died in combat. It is divided into five long rectangles of graves surrounded by a slope on all sides. Groups of crosses are dispersed throughout. From 1957 onwards, the remains of soldiers formerly buried in numerous small cemeteries were transferred here.

ABMC - Brittany American Cemetery

“In Proud Remembrance of the Achievements of Her Sons and in Humble Tribute to their Sacrifices This Memorial has been erected by the United States of America.” The cemetery, the Chapel with its Memorial Room and the Tablets of the Missing, stand in memory of the more than 4,900 service members who rest here.
At dawn on June 6th, the bombing of towns in Normandy began. The entire centre of Caen was destroyed. The Allies’ objective was to destroy the towns so as to obliterate all communications and to slow German reinforcements. On the morning of June 7th about ten of Normandy’s towns including Caen, Lisieux, Coutances, Saint-Lô and Vire had been wiped off the map.

Caen and its airfield at Carpiquet were keenly sought by the airmen of the RAF.

During June the town became a major strategic objective to the distress of its population which fled the bombardments. It wasn’t until the morning of July 9th, a month after the D-Day Landings that Caen was finally liberated by the Canadians arriving from Saint-Germain-la-Blanche-Herbe. The British entered from the east and moved through the ruins.

But the Germans still held the right bank of the river and it wasn’t until July 19th that the last quarters of the town, such as Vaucelles, were liberated.
From the origins of the Second World War to the end of the Cold War, museum exhibits recount the terrible history of the 20th century.

Caen, bombed during the summer of 1944 and martyred city of the Liberation, deserved homage on a scale equal to its suffering.

During the school holidays, make the most of our guided tours for families and share the history of the Second World War with your children.

Watch the new immersive film, ‘Europe, Our History’, a unique audio-visual experience, to understand our common European history. This lively 17-minute-long film, shown on a 360° screen, is impressive and moving, for you to discover with family or friends.

From March 2020:
The Caen Memorial invites you to discover a new visitor space dedicated to the Patrick Chauvel collection. War journalist and photographer, Patrick Chauvel covered 50 years of conflict, including in Israel, Vietnam, Cambodia, Iran, Chechnya and Syria. On all these fronts, this war reporter left an invaluable photographic testimony.

Buy your tickets online
www.memorial-caen.fr

OPENING TIMES
Open all year except the month of January (find all our opening times on www.memorial-caen.fr)

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €19.80
Children (under 10 years of age): free
Reductions (children 10>18 years of age, students and senior citizens): €17.50
Families: €51 (for 2 adults + child(ren) 10 to 25 years of age)

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Digital tour of Caen

Caen, summer 44: civilians in the battle

Between June 6th and July 19th 1944 the inhabitants of Caen, caught in the crossfire of the Battle of Normandy, had to be organised in order to survive. Discover how they ensured their food supply, and how they set up emergency services and medical treatment. A digital tour across town with 12 stops, allowing you to learn about daily life for thousands of Caen’s inhabitants during the war period. Using your smartphone, download the route for free from the web app ‘IStoryPath’. At each stop on the tour, learn all about how the inhabitants survived those times.

https://caen.app.istorypath.com/universe/4

De nombreux autres itinéraires à découvrir via IstoryPath. Discover numerous other routes via IstoryPath.

OPENING TIMES
Freely accessible

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Anybody with a smartphone

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CREULLY-SUR-SEULLES

Musée de la Radio BBC

Located on the upper floors of the Château de Creully, this museum retraces the history of radio, of BBC reports broadcast from the Tour Carrée and of the liberation of Creully. Admire the unique collection of radio paraphernalia, from the 1920s to the present day, plus a temporary exhibition devoted to the French Gendarmerie Nationale in the Second World War. Make the most of the terraces offering splendid views of the Château de Creullet, headquarters for Britain’s General Montgomery in June 1944.

OPENING TIMES
From 5 May to 30 August
> Monday from 2pm to 6pm
> Tuesday from 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 6pm
> Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 10am to 12.30pm and 1.45pm to 6.15pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €4
Children (under 12): Free
Tour of the Château + museum: €6 (from Monday to Friday)

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CAEN

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ST-MARTIN-DES-BESACES  
N°73 - B4

› The Bocage Breakout Museum

Nine kilometres from the route to the Vire Gorges, a 45-minute audio-guided visit with sound and light effects (in French or in English) brings to life the astonishing adventure of the combatants in the Bocage, with the help of eight exhibition areas and a huge diorama. Telling the story of their destiny makes this a moving visit.

A tour of the stelas of Hill 309 and Bull’s Bridge in Willy’s Jeep can be booked subject to the limited spaces available. An amateur radio station is available upon production of a licence.

OPENING TIMES
10am – 6pm. Open every weekend and on public holidays from April to September. Open year round by advance booking for groups and school parties.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adult: 6€ / Child: 2€
Adult group rate: 4€ (20 people minimum)
School group rate: 2€ (20 people minimum)
Languages spoken: French - English
Free for children under 6 years old and veterans

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TILLY-SUR-SEULLES  
N°74 - C3

› Museum of the Battle of Tilly-sur-Seulles

Housed in a 12th-century chapel, this museum brings to life the combat that took place at Tilly-sur-Seulles and in the surrounding area during the three weeks following the D-Day landings. The 30th British Army Corps confronted two divisions of the elite 1st SS Panzerkorps, resulting in an unusually violent conflict that severely damaged the village of Tilly-sur-Seulles, which was taken and retaken twenty-three times in the space of nearly a month.

Eyewitness accounts, photographs and wartime objects punctuate the tour, and show the suffering faced by the civilian population during the Liberation of Normandy. A different temporary exhibition every year. Book fair focusing on the Battle of Normandy, on the Sunday closest to 6 June.

OPENING TIMES
From 1 May to last weekend in September, at weekends and on bank holidays, plus the week closest to 6 June.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €4
Children (under 12 years of age): free
Veterans: free

CONTACT
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+33 (0)6 07 59 46 02
association@tilly1944.com
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www.tilly1944.com
BROUAY

Brouay War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves
Commission Cemetery

Situated beside the N13, halfway between Bayeux and Caen, Brouay Military Cemetery is the final resting place of almost 400 Commonwealth soldiers. For most, their burial followed the violent combat that took place in the region between June and July 1944, when Allied forces attempted to encircle Caen from the south.

BANNEVILLE-LA-CAMPAGNE

Banneville-la-Campagne War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves
Commission Cemetery

Situated about ten kilometres east of Caen on the D675, Banneville-la-Campagne Military Cemetery contains the graves of more than 2,000 Commonwealth soldiers. Most were buried here between the second week in July and the end of August 1944, which coincided with the battle to retake Caen, the battle of the Falaise Pocket and the Allied advance on the opposite side of the Seine.

CAMBES-EN-PLAINE

Cambes-en-Plaine War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves
Commission Cemetery

Situated 7 kilometres northwest of Caen, on the rue du Mesnil Ricard, over 200 Commonwealth victims of the war are buried here. More than half of them formed part of the South Staffordshire and North Staffordshire Regiments, and fell in combat on July 8th and 9th, during the final assault on Caen. A large part of the town was liberated on July 10th.

CHOUAIN-JÉRUSALEM

Jerusalem War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves
Commission Cemetery

Situated 9 kilometres southeast of Bayeux, on the D6, Chouain-Jérusalem Military Cemetery is one of the smallest Commonwealth military cemeteries in the world. The majority of its 47 tombs date from July 10th 1944, when the sector was the scene of fierce fighting just after the liberation of Bayeux.
For the latest up-to-date information, go to www.normandy-dday.com

**CAEN**

**FONTENAY-LE-PESNEL**

N°79 - C3

Fontenay-le-Pesnel War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

This cemetery, situated 16 kilometres to the west of Caen on the D139, contains the graves of more than 400 Commonwealth soldiers. A large number of these men were killed during the battle to the west of Caen during June and July 1944. Many men from the South Staffordshire, East Lancashire and Royal Warwickshire Regiments, as well as the Durham Light Infantry, have their final resting place here.

**HOTTOT-LES-BAGUES**

N°80 - C3

Hottot-les-Bagues War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

Hottot-les-Bagues Military Cemetery is situated 14 kilometres southeast of Bayeux on the D6. It is the last resting place of more than 1,000 Commonwealth victims of the war. A large number of them fell during the violent combat in this sector, between June and the beginning of July 1944.

**SAINT-DÉSIR-DE-LISIEUX**

N°82 - D4

St. Desir War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

The most easterly Commonwealth military cemetery in Normandy, the military cemetery of Saint-Désir is located beside the D159 to the west of Lisieux. Many of the Commonwealth war dead buried here were killed towards the end of the Normandy campaign, whilst pursuing German forces towards the Seine.

**TILLY-SUR-SEULLES**

N°84 - C3

Tilly-sur-Seulles War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

The military cemetery at Tilly-sur-Seulles is situated to the southeast of Bayeux, alongside the D6. This cemetery contains almost 1,000 Commonwealth soldiers' graves. Principally from the 49th and 5th Divisions, as well as the 7th Armoured Division they fell in the fierce fighting in the sector just after the D-Day landings.

**SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN**

N°81 - C3

Secqueville-en-Bessin War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

Located between Bayeux and Caen alongside the D217, Secqueville-en-Bessin is the last resting place of nearly 100 Commonwealth troops. This battlefield cemetery contains the graves of soldiers who fell during the advance on Caen, which took place at the beginning of July 1944.

**SAINT-MANVIEU - CHEUX**

N°83 - C3

St. Manvieu War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

The military cemetery of Saint-Manvieu, Cheux, is situated on the D9 to the west of Caen. It contains more than 1,600 Commonwealth military graves due to the intense fighting in the region between Tilly-sur-Seulles and Caen from mid-June to the end of July 1944.
Just as there were three phases to the invasion (by air, sea and bombardments by sea and air), there were also three phases in the Battle of Normandy. The month of June was devoted to the taking of Cherbourg. In July, Caen and Saint-Lô were liberated and troops advanced on Avranches. The month of August would see the end of the battle with the encircling of the 5th and 7th German armies in “Falaise Pocket”.

When the Canadians took Falaise on August 17th they still needed to close the pocket with the help of the Poles from the 1st armoured division and the Americans to the east of Argentan. At Chambois there was a veritable “corridor of death”. On August 21st the German defeat in Normandy was sealed. “It is one of the greatest killing fields in the war” Eisenhower would say about this pocket.

So it was that the Battle of Normandy ended, after very bloody battles on each side. Now Paris and the rest of Europe remained to be liberated...
Mont-Ormel Memorial

In August 1944, 9 Allied divisions encircled 100,000 Germans in Falaise-Chambois pocket. The Battle of Normandy was coming to an end. Situated exactly where the fighting took place, between Argentan and Vimoutiers, the Mont-Ormel Memorial offers outstanding views over the Dives valley.

The battle of Falaise-Chambois pocket (18-22 August 1944) was the last gory stage in the Battle of Normandy, where soldiers from Poland, Canada, Great Britain, America and France distinguished themselves in the face of simultaneous and desperate attacks by the encircled German troops. This memorial site pays homage to the great strategists and fighters in a battle that Montgomery described as “the beginning of the end of the war”.

In four languages, this museum describes the scale of the battle and its challenges. A film (consisting of archive images and eyewitness accounts), an animated model map, and relics of the fighting all add to the guide’s explanations as you stand before the battle field.

OPENING TIMES
From April 1st to 30th and from September 1st to October 31st daily from 10am to 5pm
From May 1st to August 31st daily from 9.30am to 6pm
From November 1st to March 31st Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 5pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Audio-guided visit (duration: 1 hour) [FR/GB/D/PL]
Adults: 5.50€
Students, children (+12 years): 3.50€
Children (6 to 12 years): 2.50€
Former combatants: 4€
Adult groups: 4€
School groups: 2.50€
WW2 veterans and attendants: free

For bus tour groups, in addition to the tour of the museum, a guided tour of the battlefield (duration: 1 1/2hours) [FR]
Year round by reservation only
For rates, contact Montormel Memorial

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www.memorial-montormel.org
The Liberation of Berjou Museum

Situated on the heights at Berjou, near Condé-sur-Noireau, the Liberation Museum retraces the fighting of August 15th, 16th and 17th 1944 around Noireau, drawing on numerous objects found on the battlefield, together with explanations from a guide. The penultimate battle before the closure of the Falaise pocket, the liberation of Berjou was a grim episode, involving desperate fighting by the Germans seeking to defend their position around the community. The museum pays homage to the British soldiers of the 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division and the 8th Brigade of Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry who distinguished themselves here.

New: “Berjou, August ’44” themed circuit with 6 information desks.

OPENING TIMES
Open every Sunday from 6 May to 30 September, 2pm > 5.30pm. There is the possibility of tours outside normal opening period.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free

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June 1944 Museum, L’Aigle

This museum plunges visitors into the events that marked the Second World War, from General de Gaulle’s broadcast on June 18th 1940 to the defeat of the Germans during the battle of Falaise pocket. The museum shows eleven scenes of wax figures with the real voices of the main actors of these troubled times, as well as a 120-square-foot strategic map of the Battle of Normandy.

Inaugurated in 1953 in the outbuildings of the château de L’Aigle by Madame la Maréchale Leclerc de Hauteclocque, the June 1944 Museum was the first “talking museum” in France.

OPENING TIMES
Open from March 31st to September 30th: Tuesday – Wednesday – Saturday – Sunday from 2pm to 6pm. Closed from January to March and from October to December.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Audio-guided visit (duration: 30 to 40 minutes) [FR/GB/NL]:
Adults: 3.60€
Students, children, armed forces personnel, jobseekers: 1.80€
Adult groups: 2.70€
School groups: 1.80€
WW2 veterans and assistants: free

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Memorial Tour

Memorial tour – Traces of war: After the US entered the war in December 1941, and faced with the threat of an allied invasion, Hitler ordered the building of a 4000 km long line of defences along the length of the European coastline. This would be the Atlantic Wall. One of the main support bases for the whole operation was established at Bagnoles de l’Orne. Huge reserves of fuel, food stocks and ammunition were camouflaged in the forest of Andaines.

Learn for yourselves about this little known feat from The Second World War along a route of 2.6 km (1 1/2 miles) or its shorter version of 1.2 km (1/2 mile) with explanatory signs along the way.

OPENING TIMES AND VISITS
Open access all year. Free

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The Tourist Office
+33 (0)2 33 37 85 66
www.bagnolesdelorne.com
For the latest up-to-date information, go to www.normandy-dday.com

**Bretteville-sur-Laize**

Canadian War Cemetery

The Canadian cemetery at Bretteville-sur-Laize is located 14 km south of Caen, beside the N158 road. Most of the soldiers buried here died in the last stages of the Battle of Normandy, during the taking of Caen and the push southwards, led in the first instance by the 4th Canadian Armoured Division and the 1st Polish Armoured Division, in order to close off the breach in the Falaise Pocket. A large proportion of the units of II Canadian Corps is represented at this cemetery, which contains 2,958 Second World War graves, mostly Canadian, with 87 graves of unidentified dead.

**ST-Nicolas-des-Bois**

National Necropolis of Les Gateys

This national necropolis is situated in the Escouves forest where the fiercest tank battles took place in August 1944. It contains the remains of 19 soldiers from the 2nd Armoured Division who died in the fighting to liberate the Orne department. This division commanded by General Philippe Leclerc de Hauteclocque landed in the sector of Utah Beach on August 1st 1944. Its participation in the liberation of the country was of great symbolic importance. It took part in the intense battles which led to the encirclement of German troops in the Falaise-Chambois pocket before taking part in the liberation of Paris. Latin crosses, and headstones marked with the Islamic crescent or the Star of David are in keeping with the spirit of union and fraternity in the 2nd Armoured Division. Unlimited access.

**Urville - Langannerie**

Polish military cemetery

Situated on the RN 158 between Caen and Falaise (Urville exit), this cemetery contains the graves of 615 Polish soldiers and officers. A small number of them – pilots or resistance fighters – were killed in 1940 during the Battle of France, or during the Occupation. The large majority belonged to the 1st Polish Armoured Division under General Maczek, who paid a heavy price during the fighting at the Falaise-Chambois pocket. This Polish military cemetery is one of seven foreign military cemeteries maintained by the French state. It is also the only Polish cemetery from the Second World War in France.

**Vimoutiers**

The Tiger Tank

Listed as a Historic Monument on December 2nd 1975, this Tiger Tank is one of the last, if not the only one still existing in Normandy.

At the end of August 1944, it ran out of fuel on its way to a refuelling base at the Chateau de L’Horloge at Ticheville, and it was abandoned near Vimoutiers!
During the summer of 1944, the people of Normandy found themselves caught in the midst of a gigantic battle. During the month of July, when the fighting was at its worst, over two million soldiers were in the fray (twice as many as the number of inhabitants of Calvados and Manche). Civilian victims were numerous; to escape the bombs, people took refuge in cellars, quarries and trenches. Some decided to flee along roads which had become dangerous due to aerial strafing.

The Battle of Normandy lasted nearly three months, a lot longer than Allied strategies had allowed for. The liberation of communities took place only slowly and progressively. Then at last the people of Normandy encountered the liberating soldiers for whom they had waited so long.

But the fighting and bombing had created too many ruins and cost too many lives for them to celebrate their liberation without reserve. The liberators were welcomed everywhere by the local population and the Allies tasted cider and calvados, whilst the locals could savour the taste of chocolate and tobacco once more.

Due to the length of the Battle of Normandy many communities far from the coast had to wait a long time for the arrival of the troops. The department of Manche was only completely liberated on August 15th. On August 21st department of Orne was also liberated. In Calvados, the last place to be freed was Honfleur on August 25th. The towns of Vernon and Rouen were liberated at the end of August, Dieppe on September 1st 1944 and Le Havre on the 12th.
The Falaise Memorial
Civilians at War

You'll hear the extraordinary eyewitness accounts of survivors, see a collection of amazing objects from daily life and view previously unseen archive material gathered from the vaults of Caen Mémorial and the inhabitants of Falaise and the surrounding area. An awesome film will plunge you into the heart of the living hell of the Second World War bombardments.

In 2020: an exhibition devoted to wartime toys and games. Explore the world of childhood during wartime (4 April to 1 November 2020).

Buy your tickets online
www.memorial-falaise.fr

OPENING TIMES
Open April to start November
(find all our opening hours on www.memorial-falaise.fr)

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adults: €7.50
Children (under 10 years old): free
Reduced price (10 to 18 years old / students / over 60s): €6.50
Family: €18 (2 adults and child(ren) between 10 and 25 years of age)

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August 1944 Museum, Hell on The Seine

At the end of August 1944 the order for a general retreat was given to German forces. Tens of thousands of German soldiers then attempted to flee the advance of the Allies, but found themselves blocked by the Seine.

The aim of this museum is to commemorate those tragic hours of fighting followed by the hours of relief at liberation. With scenes incorporating thousands of period objects like uniforms and weapons, with accounts by soldiers, civilians, and eyewitnesses of the fighting, you can come to understand the history of the last battles in the Battle of Normandy.

OPENING TIMES
> April – May – September: weekends and public holidays only from 2.30pm to 7pm
> June – July – August: daily except Tuesday from 2.30pm to 7pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adult: 7 €
Child (aged 10 to 16 yrs): 2 €
Group: 6 € (by appointment)
The guided tour with commentary lasts 1hr 30 mins.

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Museum of the Second World War

This private museum of around 10,000 square feet brings together a collection made over more than 40 years by its owner. During the visit, you can see a V1 bomb, a German Goliath (a radio-controlled destruction device with caterpillar tracks), French guns, telephones and country radar telephones, around 30 manikins in uniform showing the seven main participants in the war, photographs, posters and period newspapers...

OPENING TIMES
> April – May – September; weekends and public holidays only from 2.30pm to 7pm
> June – July – August: daily except Tuesday from 2.30pm to 7pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES (Prices ‘from’)
Adult: 5 €
Child (aged 10 to 16 yrs): 3 €
Group: 4 € (by appointment)
The guided tour with commentary lasts 1hr 30 mins.

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Maison du Patrimoine et des Cités provisoires

The so-called Cigarette Camps were transit camps for GIs waiting to return to the USA. At Gonfreville l’Orcher, the Philip Morris Camp saw over one million men pass through between 1945 and 1947. It then provided emergency accommodation, for 35 more years, for Le Havre citizens left homeless due to the 1944 bombardments of the city.

OPENING TIMES
Free tours Wednesdays and Saturdays 2pm to 5.30pm. Guided tours by rendez-vous, Tuesdays to Saturdays. Free.

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The German military cemetery at Saint-Désir-de-Lisieux contains the bodies of 3,735 victims of war who fell during the violent fighting along the River Toques, between its mouth and Lisieux and Orbec. Construction started in 1957-1958, and the cemetery was inaugurated on September 21st 1961.

St-Charles-de-Percy War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

Situated along the D290 A, the Saint-Charles-de-Percy Military Cemetery is the southernmost military cemetery in Normandy. Most of the men buried here were killed at the end of July and the beginning of August 1944, during the major push from Caumont-l’Éventé towards Vire. Just over 800 dead from the Commonwealth are interred here.
Each year around 6th June, the tourist offices of the Landing Beaches area invite you to celebrate freedom! During the D-Day Festival Normandy, visitors will enjoy a popular program of festive and cultural events.

Parachute drops, military vehicle parades, open-air dances, exhibitions, etc.

With more than a hundred events, the Festival promises to be a beautiful and moving celebration for the D-Day Landings anniversary! We wish you a pleasant stay in Normandy!

Full program on www.ddayfestival.com
Excursions and guided tours

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