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# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of the community, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

*Above: Mont Saint-Michel*

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Marvel at the monastery **Mont Saint-Michel**, mystically rising from tidal waters.
- ▶ Walk the beaches where Allied forces valiantly landed on **D-Day**.
- ▶ Explore the impact of World War II at the **Caen Peace Memorial and Museum**.
- ▶ Visit an orchard to sip **Calvados**, the region's eponymous cider brandy.
- ▶ See the 231-foot **Bayeux Tapestry** and the story of the Battle of Hastings, fought 950 years ago, artfully embroidered within.
- ▶ Delight in people watching, local cuisine and the view along **Honfleur's quaint harbor**.







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### Howdy, Ags!

Journey to Normandy, a region that has played a key role in the political, religious, cultural and gastronomic development of Western civilization. This program includes an exploration of the historic D-Day beaches and memorials, as well as other highlights of the region, including Mont Saint-Michel, the Bayeux Tapestry and the charming port town of Honfleur.

Your itinerary has been specially planned by travel experts to include incomparable cultural experiences and preferred access to popular attractions. An exclusive educational agenda, the hallmark of AHI's Alumni Campus Abroad® programs, features fascinating educational lectures by expert speakers and will enhance your appreciation of the people and the culture.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and still have time to make your own discoveries.

Space is limited, and this remarkable trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

Gig 'em!

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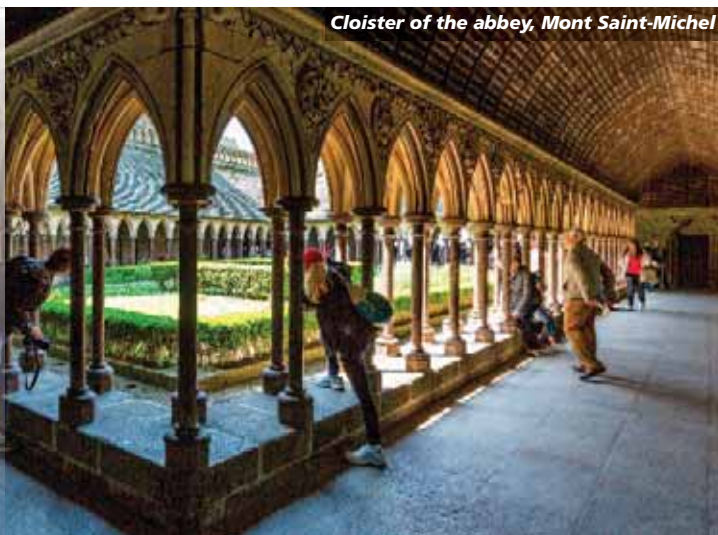
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| UNESCO |

**Mont Saint-Michel and its Bay** is the UNESCO World Heritage site featured on this program.

*Cloister of the abbey, Mont Saint-Michel*





Normandy coastline

Immerse yourself in Normandy's heritage from your base in the pretty harbor town of Honfleur. Broaden your perspective on modern history as you take in the massive scope of the Allied forces' D-Day invasions at the Normandy American Cemetery, then consider the impact of World

War II at the Caen Peace Memorial and Museum. Journey back to the Middle Ages through the intricate Bayeux Tapestry and its depiction of William the Conqueror and explore the famed monastery Mont Saint-Michel. Along the way, compare centuries of architecture, admire impressionist artwork and indulge in regional dishes and drinks, including delicious Calvados apple brandy. Your Normandy adventure takes you to the hills that have seen history change course.

DAY ONE

**IN TRANSIT**

Depart for Paris, France. ↗

DAY TWO

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**HONFLEUR, FRANCE**

Upon arrival, transfer ↗ to Honfleur, and check in to the Mercure Honfleur Hotel.

This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

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**HONFLEUR**

**Excursion: *Historic Honfleur.*** Get to know your home-away-from-home of Honfleur as you stroll the narrow streets of its town center, nestled against a striking 17th-century harbor. Bask in the scene that has inspired artists, writers and musicians for centuries. Visit the Old Port, imagining the explorers such as Samuel de Champlain who launched their voyages from Honfleur. Then see the wooden 15th-century Church of Sainte-Catherine, built to resemble the upturned hull of a ship, and other historic landmarks.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch on specialties of the region at a Honfleur restaurant.

**Independent Exploration:** The afternoon is yours to relax or explore in Honfleur.

**Educational Focus: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.*** The region's proud and colorful history has deeply influenced the development of France, Great Britain and Western civilization. Discuss the role Normandy and its people played in this critical moment of the Allied war effort.

DAY FOUR

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**MONT SAINT-MICHEL**

**Excursion: *Le Mont Saint-Michel.*** With one glimpse of Mont Saint-Michel's silhouette rising above the flat, white sands that surround the granite outcrop where the sanctuary church sits, you'll know why this UNESCO World Heritage



Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves, Normandy American Cemetery



Cathedral, Bayeux



Bayeux Tapestry

site is considered a wonder of the Western world. The abbey's first church was built in the eighth century, and construction progressed over the years, juxtaposing many architectural styles. Visit the island sanctuary church that, over the last millennium, has also served as a monastery, fortress and prison.

**Local Flavor:** During the excursion, enjoy lunch at a restaurant on the island.

DAY FIVE

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## HONFLEUR

**ELECTIVE | Excursion and Educational Focus: *Impressions of Giverny and Rouen.*** Visit the colorful home of master impressionist Claude Monet in Giverny. Step inside Monet's bright studio and meander through the gardens that inspired his "Water Lilies" series. Discover Normandy's legacy as the cradle of impressionism. Consider how the region's light and landscape inspired the movement's artists. Continue to the Musée des Impressionnismes to view works by artists Monet influenced and enjoy lunch in the museum's garden café. Then, travel to Rouen, the city where Joan of Arc was imprisoned in 1430, to see the Gothic cathedral featured in Monet's works. See the Gros Horloge, a 14th-century astronomical clock.

DAY SIX

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## D-DAY BEACHES

**Excursion: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.*** Take an emotional journey along the beaches of the Calvados coastline, the theater for Operation Overlord, one of history's most complex and important military ventures.

## Normandy & D-Day

On June 6, 1944, despite mounting challenges, a heroic formation of Allied troops achieved the largest coordinated military invasion in world history on the beaches of Normandy, triggering the beginning of the end of World War II. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's troops faced heavy resistance and saw thousands of casualties, but they succeeded in securing the beaches and marching on to Paris to free France from German control. As both a tactical and a psychological blow to Hitler and his troops, D-Day will forever be remembered as the moment of World War II when the tide began to turn against the Nazis.

Visit the vast Normandy American Cemetery, gain historical context at the Arromanches D-Day Museum and reflect at somber Omaha Beach and the Les Braves memorial.

**Local Flavor:** During the excursion, enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant. Dinner is served at a restaurant at Honfleur's scenic harbor.

DAY SEVEN

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## BAYEUX | CAEN

**Excursion: *Bayeux.*** Marvel at the Bayeux Tapestry. Treasured for both its artistic and historic value, it tells the story of the 1066 Battle of Hastings, which marks its 950th anniversary in 2016. The battle changed the course of history by giving victor William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy, control of England. This battle is so significant and the stitched retelling of it so masterful that the tapestry is one of the top attractions in Normandy. Continue to Notre Dame Cathedral,





Monet's home and gardens, Giverny

which features a mix of Romanesque and Gothic architecture.

**Local Flavor:** Stop for lunch at a restaurant.

**Excursion: Caen.** Visit the Caen Peace Memorial, regarded as the premier World War II museum in France. Dedicated to peace, the museum's exhibits explore the impact of World War II into the present day.

**Local Flavor:** Visit a distillery and orchard to learn the heritage of Calvados, the region's beloved brandy distilled from cider. Sample and sip in an idyllic setting.

DAY EIGHT

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## HONFLEUR

**Educational Focus: *The French Resistance.*** Discuss the origins and leaders of the French resistance to the Nazi occupation of France, the role of French patriots in the preparation for D-Day and the heroic efforts of French service members.

**Independent Exploration:** Delight in all Honfleur offers during a full day at leisure. Rent a bicycle to explore your own must-see list of the city's attractions, visit Maisons Satie, where sounds and images transport you to the whimsical world of French composer Erik Satie, or simply relax in this history-rich locale.

This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and a Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner.

DAY NINE

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## IN TRANSIT

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. †

**Note:** *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants

*BLVD denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.*

👉 *Elective excursion available at an additional cost.*

## ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Seven nights in Honfleur, France, at the first-class Mercure Honfleur Hotel.

## MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, four lunches and three dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and a Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner.

## YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- **The following excursions:**
  - Discover the charming town of Honfleur.
  - Explore the breathtaking island Mont Saint-Michel.
  - Visit the solemn D-Day beaches, battle landmarks and the Normandy American Cemetery.
  - See the Bayeux Tapestry, the embroidered tale of the Battle of Hastings.
  - Step into the award-winning Peace Memorial in Caen.
  - Savor a taste of Calvados, Normandy's famous local brandy, at a local distillery and orchard.





## AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### *Before you go:*

- ▶ **TRAVEL CONSULTANTS** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **PASSENGER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **TRAVEL INFORMATION** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to fully prepare you for your journey.

### *Once you arrive:*

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **TRAVEL DIRECTOR** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **EXPERT GUIDES** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **LECTURERS** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

## MERCURE HONFLEUR HOTEL

### HONFLEUR

Stay in the heart of pretty Honfleur. Our travel experts have carefully selected this first-class property for its prime location. It is ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay to the fullest.

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Departure City

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- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

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I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

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I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

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Les Braves, Omaha Beach

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