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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.

Open a new chapter in your travels in the beguiling region of Normandy. From the spectacular, cliff-lined coast to the lush, rolling countryside, discover proud Norman traditions, dramatic history, culinary wonders and stunning natural beauty.

Inspiring Moments

- Pay tribute to the sacrifice and valor of the Allied forces as you visit the **D-Day beaches** and the **Normandy American Cemetery**.
- Immerse yourself in **wartime history** with riveting details from expert guides.
- Explore the impact of World War II at the **Caen Memorial Museum**.
- Marvel at stunning **Mont-Saint-Michel**, rising majestically over the tidal waters.
- Delight in the wonderful local color and delicious cuisine along **Honfleur's picturesque harbor**.
- Study the intricately embroidered details of the famed **Bayeux Tapestry**.
- Savor the region's famed cider brandy, **Calvados**, in an apple orchard.

Howdy, Ags!

As the world marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day, journey with us to Normandy, a region that has factored significantly in the political, religious, cultural and gastronomic development of Western civilization. You'll experience the historic D-Day beaches and memorials, as well as other standouts of the region, including the stunning Mont-Saint-Michel, the Bayeux Tapestry and the picturesque port town of Honfleur. Along the way, you'll also indulge in some of Normandy's most delectable culinary specialties.

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted by travel experts to include enriching cultural excursions, preferred access to popular attractions and an engaging educational component. These fascinating lectures by expert speakers provide meaningful context for what you will encounter during your travels.

On this remarkable trip, delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries. Space is limited and will sell out quickly, so make plans today to join us in beautiful Normandy!

Gig 'em!

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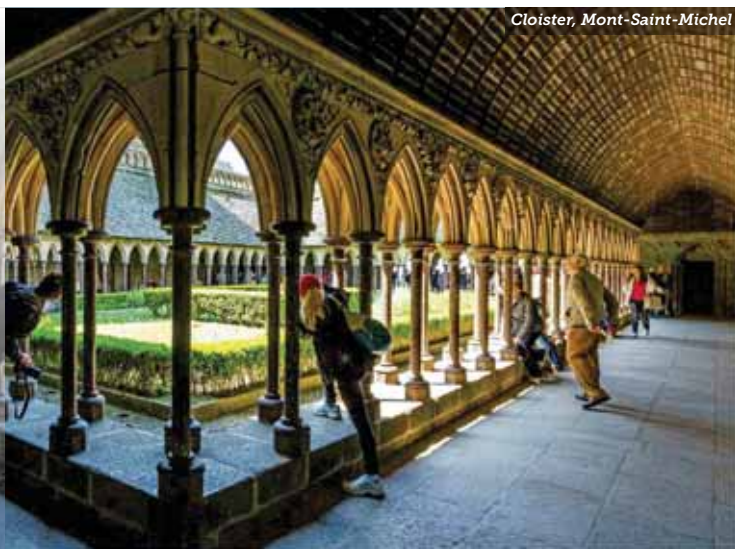


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UNESCO World Heritage

Mont-Saint-Michel
and its Bay



Cloister, Mont-Saint-Michel



Mont-Saint-Michel

Day 1

In Transit

Depart for Paris, France.✈

Day 2 D

Paris, France | Honfleur

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

Tonight at the hotel, meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception, and then gather for a Welcome Dinner at a restaurant in Honfleur.

Day 3 B

Honfleur

Discovery: Historic Honfleur. Get to know this quintessential French port town that has captivated artists for centuries. Soak up the maritime ambience of its picture-perfect, 17th-century Vieux Bassin, or old harbor, located where the Seine River meets the English Channel. Stroll along the colorful harbor and narrow side streets to see landmarks like the wooden Church of Sainte-Catherine, crafted by 15th-century shipbuilders.

Free Time: Explore Honfleur at your leisure. Be sure to sample the region’s delectable, world-class cheeses, produced with the rich milk of the Normande cows. Savor Livarot, Camembert de Normandie, Neufchâtel and Pont-l’Evêque with some fresh, crusty bread!

Day 4 B | D

Mont-Saint-Michel

Discovery: Le Mont-Saint-Michel. With one glimpse of Mont-Saint-Michel’s silhouette

rising above the surrounding flat sands, you’ll know why this UNESCO World Heritage site is considered a wonder of the Western world. On a guided tour, explore this fascinating granite island, and visit the serene abbey and church that have drawn pilgrims for centuries. If you’d like, walk along the ramparts to watch the tides and admire the panoramic vistas.

Delight in a flavorful dinner at a restaurant in Honfleur’s scenic old harbor tonight.

Day 5 B | L

Caen | Utah Beach | Sainte-Mère-Église

Discovery: Le Mémorial de Caen. Visit the award-winning Caen Memorial Museum and gain intriguing insights about World War II, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy through its engrossing exhibits, photos and videos.

AHI Connects: Calvados. Calvados, Normandy’s famous apple cider brandy, is among the world’s finest brandies. Visit a farm that distills Calvados from the apples grown on its 42 acres of orchards, and learn about the process. Relax over lunch on the farm, and then sip a glass of smooth Calvados.

Discovery: Utah Beach and Sainte-Mère-Église. In the early hours of D-Day, paratroopers and glider units arrived inland, tasked with sealing off German access to the amphibious assault sites. By daybreak, the second phase began, as infantry and tanks came ashore on five beaches, codenamed Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. As you visit the Musée du Débarquement at Utah Beach, hear gripping details from your guide

75th Anniversary of D-Day

Seventy-five years ago, one of the largest and most complex military invasions in history unfolded along a 50-mile stretch of Normandy's coastline. It began on D-Day, June 6, 1944, when more than 160,000 American, British and Canadian forces arrived by air and sea, landing in German-occupied territory. Under the command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Allied troops faced fierce resistance and sustained thousands of casualties, but they succeeded in securing the beaches and marching on to Paris to free France from German control. A tactical and psychological blow to Hitler and his troops, D-Day will be remembered forever as the moment of World War II when the tide began to turn against the Nazis.

about how the invasion unfolded. Then travel to the village of Sainte-Mère-Église, where U.S. paratroopers from the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions landed and later captured the town, securing its key crossroads.

Day 6

B

Honfleur

Free Time: Spend the day exploring on your own. Head to the Musée d'art moderne André Malraux in nearby Le Havre to marvel at works by Monet, Pissaro and Renoir. Staying in Honfleur? Enjoy a pleasant stroll along the sea walls or relax at a waterfront café with a tasty bowl of moules marinières!

Enrichment: *The French Resistance.*

Delve into the origins of the Resistance, its leaders and the heroic efforts of the French patriots who fought to liberate their country.

Day 7

B | L

Arromanches | Omaha Beach | Normandy American Cemetery | Pointe du Hoc

Enrichment: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.* Understand the pivotal role that Normandy and its citizens played during this crucial period of the Allied war effort.

Discovery: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.* In Arromanches, see the site of one of the offshore mulberry harbors. An engineering triumph, these floating harbors were a clever solution that enabled the Allies to funnel enormous resources into France to wage war against Hitler.

Break for lunch in Arromanches.

Then, walk along Omaha Beach and reflect upon the extraordinary bravery of the Allied

Above left: Spirit of American Youth, Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer | Below: Honfleur



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations


(with baggage handling)

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

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Discover the charming port town of Honfleur.
 - Explore the breathtaking island, Mont-Saint-Michel.
 - Study the thought-provoking exhibits at the Caen Memorial Museum.
 - Visit the D-Day beaches, battle sites and the Normandy American Cemetery.
 - Sample Calvados, the acclaimed Norman brandy, at a local distillery.
 - Gaze at the finely stitched details of the intricate Bayeux Tapestry.
-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Bayeux Tapestry



landing forces, who valiantly advanced under devastating fire across the heavily fortified shoreline to overcome German troops.

In Colleville-sur-Mer, pay a poignant visit to the Normandy American Cemetery, set on a beautiful bluff overlooking Omaha Beach, which contains 9,385 graves of Americans who died in the invasion and subsequent battles, as well as a serene memorial garden honoring those missing in action.

Then, visit Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers courageously scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy German artillery that posed a threat to troops coming ashore on the beaches. Learn more about this treacherous mission from your guide and go inside the German defensive emplacement.

Day 8 B | D

Bayeux

Discovery: Bayeux. View the celebrated Bayeux Tapestry, a masterpiece nearly 230 feet long, vividly embroidered with more than 50 scenes related to the Norman conquest of England and the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Later, admire the Gothic details of Bayeux's Nôtre Dame cathedral.

Tonight, cap off your time in Normandy with a Farewell Reception at the hotel, followed by a Farewell Dinner in Honfleur.

Day 9 B

In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the Paris 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.

✈ Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

B|D|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



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- **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
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- **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully 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.

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Departure City

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

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: April 20-28, 2019
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*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

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Notre Dame Cathedral, Bayeux

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