

Normandy



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*Featuring Professor Muriel McClendon
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Muriel McClendon is a member of the history department. She has served as the department's Vice Chair for Undergraduate Affairs and Vice Chair for Graduate Affairs. She has also chaired UCLA's undergraduate European Studies program and has served as the Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the Division of Social Sciences. McClendon's research focuses on the social history of the Reformation in England and she has published on religion and politics in Norwich, England's second largest city in the period. She is currently engaged in a study about philanthropy and politics in Norwich in the Tudor period. McClendon also teaches the medieval and early modern section of the history department's western civilization sequence, and also offers courses on early modern British and Renaissance and Reformation history. In 2020-21, she won the University's Distinguished Teaching Award and the Eby Award for the Art of Teaching.



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Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Journey with us to beautiful Normandy, a northern region of France that has played a significant role in the political, religious, cultural and gastronomic development of Western civilization. Unpack once and set out from your base in the scenic port town of Honfleur to explore this special region of France.

You'll discover historic D-Day sites and witness remarkable gems like the majestic Mont-Saint-Michel and impressionist art by masters such as Monet, Degas and Renoir. Plus, enjoy immersive experiences at a 10th-century chateau and a Norman estate and indulge in Normandy's authentic cuisine and renowned Calvados brandy.

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted to include enriching cultural excursions, preferred access to popular attractions and an engaging educational component. Expert guides and lecturers will provide meaningful context for what you encounter during your travels. You'll also delight in the fellowship of traveling with a small group, plus forge your own path during ample free time.

There's much to experience together in this alluring region! Make plans to be a part of the adventure by reserving your space today.

Regards from Westwood,

Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Le Havre, the City Rebuilt by Auguste Perret
2. Mont-Saint-Michel and its Bay



View from Mont-Saint-Michel





Discovery begins here



Set your sights on an adventure in Normandy that reveals proud traditions, dramatic history, enchanting scenery and culinary delicacies! Pay poignant visits to the beaches, landmarks and memorials of the monumental D-Day operation. Discover captivating Honfleur and be awed by Mont-Saint-Michel's silhouette rising from the sands. Plus, witness world-renowned art by impressionist masters, and savor lunch, wine and brandy tastings at atmospheric venues!

Top: Mont-Saint-Michel | Above: Calvados apple cider brandy
Cover: "Spirit of the American Youth Rising from the Waves,"
Normandy American Cemetery | Mail panel: Honfleur

Inspiring Moments



- Contemplate the extraordinary bravery of the Allied landing forces as you walk along **Normandy's beaches**.
- Delight in the local color and tasty cuisine along **Honfleur's picturesque harbor**.
- Savor lunch and a wine tasting at a stately, **10th-century castle**.
- Visit MuMa to view impressionist art by masters like **Monet, Degas and Renoir**.
- Venture to **charming Bayeux** to visit its magnificent Norman-Gothic cathedral.
- Discover the impact of World War II at the **Caen Memorial Museum**.
- Sip **Calvados**, Normandy's celebrated cider brandy, on a Norman estate.
- Explore the marvelous tidal island of **Mont-Saint-Michel**.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Honfleur

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France. 🌍

Day 2 | Paris, France | Honfleur

Arrive and transfer 🔄 to the hotel for check in. Meet and mingle with your fellow travelers at this evening's Welcome Reception at the hotel, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3 | Honfleur

Historic Honfleur Walking Tour. Stroll with your guide through this captivating port town that has inspired artists for centuries. Honfleur was an important trading seaport between the 16th and 18th centuries. Soak up the maritime charm of the 17th-century Viex Bassin harbor, surrounded by high, narrow half-timber houses. Stroll the narrow side streets and squares past cafes and artisan shops and admire landmarks, such as the wooden, 15th-century Church of Sainte Catherine, crafted by shipbuilders.

Free Time: Find a café for lunch and explore more of Honfleur at leisure, stopping to sample some of Normandy's world-class cheeses! Savor regional specialties together for dinner at a local restaurant in Honfleur tonight.

Day 4 | Arromanches | Omaha Beach | Colleville-sur-Mer | Point du Hoc

Enrichment: D-Day & Battle of Normandy. Learn about the critical role Normandy played during this crucial period of the war effort while aboard the coach en route to Arromanches.

D-Day & the Battle of Normandy. Journey along the coast and stop at Pegasus Bridge, captured by the Allies on D-Day. Then, tour the Arromanches Landing Museum and see the remains of the artificial, offshore Mulberry Harbour, a feat of engineering built by the Allies to facilitate the rapid unloading of resources, including troops and supplies, into France.

Break for lunch and continue to Omaha Beach. See the poignant Le Braves Memorial and the Signal Monument, honoring the courageous soldiers who landed there on D-Day to advance under devastating fire across the heavily fortified shoreline to overcome German troops.

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



Normandy American Cemetery



Finally, visit Point du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy German artillery. Understand the treacherous mission and see a German defensive displacement.

Day 5 | Château du Bec | Le Havre

Free Time: Enjoy time at leisure this morning
Château du Bec. Journey across the elegant, cable-stayed Pont de Normandie spanning the Seine River en route to Château du Bec, a 10th-century, privately owned castle. Meet one of the owners and stroll through the lovely grounds in a wooded park. Then, relish lunch and local wines in this idyllic setting.

Musée Malraux of Modern Art. Continue to Le Havre for a guided tour of MuMa to view its vast collection of impressionist paintings, one of France's largest! Witness works by Pissarro, Monet, Degas, Renoir, Dufy and other great masters in the museum's bright, airy galleries.

Day 6 | Mont-Saint-Michel

Mont-Saint-Michel. With one glimpse of Mont-Saint-Michel's striking silhouette rising above the surrounding flat sands, you'll quickly

*The Pier and the Beach at Le Havre, Raoul Dufy (1926)
MuMa, Le Havre*



understand why this captivating tidal island is considered a wonder of the Western world. Walk to visit the tranquil abbey that has drawn pilgrims for centuries. Marvel at its Roman and Gothic architecture and contemplate its place as a symbol of faith and resilience. *(Active)*

Free Time: Find a café for lunch on your own and relish some free time to meander along the ramparts or the charming, lively streets.

Day 7 | Bayeux | Caen

Bayeux. Journey to Bayeux to visit its Notre Dame Cathedral, the Cathedral of Our Lady of Bayeux, consecrated in 1077 and considered a masterpiece of Norman Gothic architecture. Then, enjoy time at leisure in this little town to explore its charming boutiques and cafés.

AHI Connects | Norman Estate Lunch & Calvados Tasting. Normandy's apple cider brandy is among the world's finest. Visit an estate that distills Calvados from the apples grown on its orchards to learn about the

Calvados distillery





Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

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

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- 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.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

process. Then, sit down to a delicious lunch with a tasting of smooth Calvados.

Caen Peace Memorial. At this award-winning museum, gain an international perspective of World War II, the D-Day landings, the Battle of Normandy and the Cold War. View artifacts, photographs and video footage that focus on the war's global impact and the importance of remembrance, reconciliation and peace.

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

Day 8 | Honfleur

Free Time: Your final day is yours to plan! Visit nearby museums, such as the Musée Eugène Boudin; stroll through local markets and along the sea walls; or savor lunch as you take in the local scene from a waterfront café.

This evening, raise a toast to your enriching time in Normandy with your fellow travelers at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | 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.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Church of Sainte Catherine,
crafted by 15th-century shipbuilders



Normandy & D-Day

Over 80 years ago, one of history's most significant, complex invasions unfolded along Normandy's coastline. It began on D-Day, June 6, 1944, when more than 160,000 Allied forces arrived by air and sea, landing in territory held by the Germans. 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 later advanced inland to liberate Paris. It was a tactical and psychological blow to Hitler and his troops, and D-Day will forever be remembered as the moment of World War II when the tide began to turn against the Nazis.



Château du Bec



2026 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates † June 6-14, 2026

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* June 7-14, 2026

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Full Price \$4,545

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Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

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- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

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Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

Accommodations



Mercure Honfleur Hotel | Honfleur



Situated in the heart of historic Honfleur, this modern hotel is close to the charming harbor that has been immortalized in paintings by artists such as Monet and Boudin. Its convenient location offers an ideal base for enjoying Normandy's cultural and culinary delights. Walkable dining venues are moments away. After a lively day of sightseeing, relax in the cozy bar with a glass of the local cider, a Calvados-based cocktail or a fine regional vintage. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



Mulberry Harbour remnants, Arromanches



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