

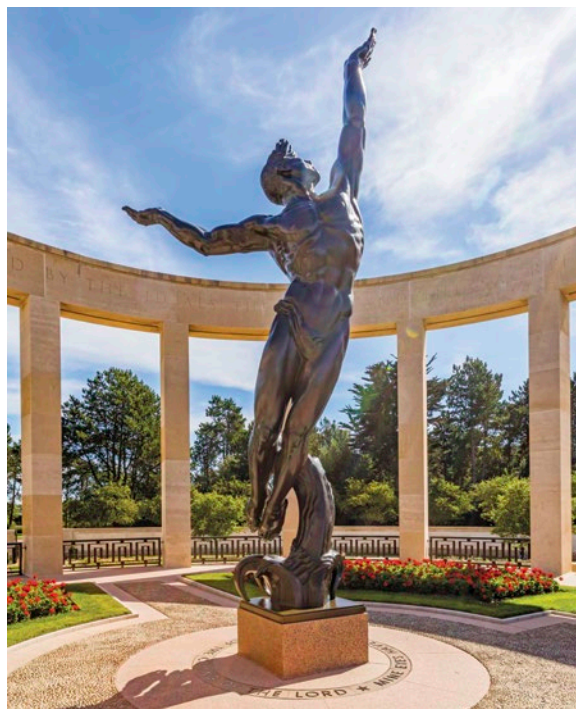


# Normandy

## Honfleur

### Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Contemplate the extraordinary bravery of the Allied landing forces as you walk along the **beaches of Normandy**.
- ▶ 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 spectacularly over the tidal waters.
- ▶ Savor a wonderfully prepared lunch at a **stately, 10th-century castle**.
- ▶ Delight in the local color and delicious cuisine along **Honfleur's picturesque harbor**.
- ▶ Follow the epic story embroidered into the acclaimed **Bayeux Tapestry**.
- ▶ Sip **Calvados**, Normandy's celebrated cider brandy, on an estate.



*"The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves,"  
Normandy American Cemetery*

From Normandy's cliff-lined coast to its breathtaking countryside, discover proud traditions, dramatic history, culinary delicacies and alluring beauty on this seven-night exploration! And as the world marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, spend two full days visiting the D-Day beaches, the Normandy American Cemetery and other sites associated with this pivotal World War II operation. You'll also admire some of France's greatest treasures, including magnificent Mont-Saint-Michel and the finely stitched Bayeux Tapestry. Plus, look forward to a memorable lunch at a lovely castle and a Calvados tasting on a pastoral estate!

### Day-by-Day Itinerary

#### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Paris, France. 🌐

#### Day 2 | Paris, France | Honfleur

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to the Mercure Honfleur Hotel. Gather for tonight's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

#### Day 3 | Honfleur

**Historic Honfleur Walking Tour.** This picture-perfect port town has captivated artists for centuries. Soak up the maritime ambience of its 17th-century harbor and stroll with your guide on the narrow side streets to see landmarks like the wooden Church of Sainte-Catherine crafted by 15th-century shipbuilders.

**Free Time:** Explore Honfleur on your own. Be sure to try Normandy's world-class cheeses, Camembert de Normandie, Livarot, Neufchâtel and Pont-l'Évêque, made with the rich milk of the Normande cows. Enjoy regional specialties for dinner in Honfleur.

#### Day 4 | Le Mont-Saint-Michel

**Mont-Saint-Michel.** With one glimpse of Mont-Saint-Michel's singular silhouette rising above the surrounding flat sands, you'll understand why this UNESCO World Heritage site is considered a wonder of the Western world. On a guided tour, explore this fascinating tidal island, and visit the serene abbey and church that have drawn pilgrims for centuries. If you'd like, walk on the ramparts to take in the coastal views. *(Active)*

#### Day 5 | Caen | Utah Beach | Sainte-Mère-Église

**Le Mémorial de Caen.** Expand your understanding of World War II, the D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy at this informative, award-winning museum.

🌐 **AHI Connects: Calvados.** Normandy's apple cider brandy is among the world's finest brandies. Visit an estate that distills Calvados from the apples grown on its orchards. Learn about the process, and then savor a delectable lunch and a glass of smooth Calvados.

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**Utah Beach and Sainte-Mère-Église.** The Normandy coastline provided the theater for Operation Overlord, one of history's largest and most complex military operations. In the very early hours of June 6, 1944, 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. At the Musée du Débarquement at Utah Beach, hear gripping details from your guide about how the invasion unfolded. Then, visit Sainte-Mère-Église, where U.S. paratroopers landed chaotically amid enemy fire and later secured the town's strategic crossroads.

**Day 6 | Château du Bec**

**Château du Bec.** Cross the elegant, cable-stayed Pont de Normandie that spans the Seine on your way to Château du Bec, a privately owned, 10th-century castle. Meet one of the owners and walk through the beautiful, wooded grounds. Then try flavorful, local beers and wines and indulge in a tasty buffet lunch.

**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.

**Free Time:** Make your own dinner plans this evening.

**Day 7 | Arromanches | Omaha Beach | Normandy American Cemetery | Pointe du Hoc**

**Enrichment: D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.** Gain insights on the pivotal role that Normandy played during this crucial period of the Allied war effort.

**D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.** See the site of an offshore mulberry harbor in Arromanches and visit the museum there. These artificial harbors enabled the Allies to funnel enormous resources into France to wage war against Hitler. Then, walk along Omaha Beach and reflect upon the extraordinary bravery of the Allied landing forces, who valiantly advanced under devastating fire across the heavily fortified shoreline. Afterward, visit the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, which contains the graves of



9,385 Americans who died in the invasion and ensuing battles as well as a memorial garden honoring those missing in action. Head next to Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy enemy artillery. Learn about this treacherous mission and go inside a German defensive emplacement. During today's excursion, break for lunch at a restaurant.

**Day 8 | Bayeux | Honfleur**

**Bayeux.** View the renowned Bayeux Tapestry, an embroidered masterpiece nearly 230 feet long with more than 50 scenes related to the 11th-century Norman conquest of England. Later, admire the Gothic details of Bayeux's Notre Dame Cathedral.

**Free Time:** Enjoy lunch on your own in Bayeux before returning to the hotel.

Tonight, celebrate your Normandy journey with your fellow travelers at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

**Day 9 | In Transit**

Transfer to the airport in Paris for the return flight to your gateway city.

**Included Features**

**Accommodations** {with baggage handling}

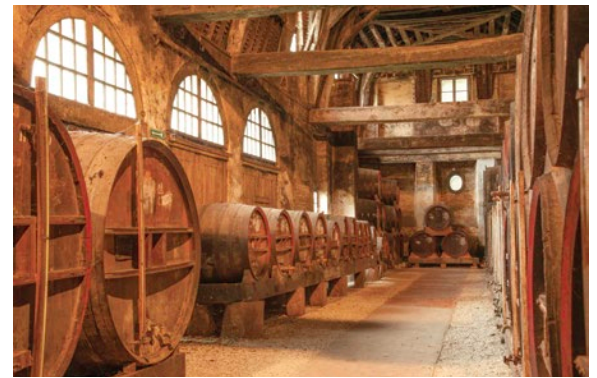
– **7 nights** in Honfleur, France, at the first-class Mercure Honfleur Hotel.

**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.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual 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.



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Above: Mont-Saint-Michel | Above right: Calvados distillery