# LANDING BEACHES TO LIBERATION

The Battle of Normandy and Seine River Cruise to Paris

October 26-November 3, 2025

In collaboration with The National WWII Museum







Dear Georgia Tech Alumni and Friends,

We are pleased to partner with The National WWII Museum to bring you a unique opportunity, delve into D-Day and the Battle of Normandy along the French coast, explore the rich culture of the Normandy countryside, and then cruise the Seine River from Rouen to Paris. This exclusive program features expert historians and brings together travelers with ties to some of the finest alumni associations and institutions in the United States. Touring with curious lifelong learners seeking rich educational experiences creates a fulfilling and engaging atmosphere during the entire journey. We are honored to share and remember the stories of the heroes to whom we owe so much.

Go Jackets! Martn-Ludwig

Martin Ludwig | Sr. Director of Travel Georgia Tech Alumni Association

## HEAR THEIR STORIES. LEARN THEIR NAMES. STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE.



Staff Sergeant Walter Ehlers and his entire squad made it off the beach on D-Day unscathed, and pushed inland.



Visit Pointe du Hoc, a focal point of the amphibious assault during the early morning hours of D-Day, June 6, 1944.



Visit the church at Sainte-Mère-Église and learn about the Airborne parachute drop made famous in the film *The Longest Day*.

# Now accepting bookings.

Let us help you plan your journey into history by contacting us at 1-877-813-3329 x 257 or travel@nationalww2museum.org.





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## Starting at \$7,599 per person

'When booked by December 31, 2024. \$399 per person taxes and fees are additional.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- :: Full-time historians Michael Neiberg, PhD & William Hitchcock, PhD
- :: Full-time Museum logistical tour managers
- :: Expert local guides
- :: Four nights' accommodation in Normandy at a hand-selected 5-star château
- :: Four nights' accommodation aboard the 5-star SS Joie de Vivre
- :: Most meals, including: (8) breakfasts, (3) lunches, (8) dinners, (8) receptions
- :: House wines, beer, and spirits with included lunches and dinners during land program

- :: House wines, beer, and spirits throughout the cruise while aboard the SS Joie de Vivre
- :: All gratuities to drivers, guides, and shipboard staff
- :: Entrance fees to all sites, museums, and attractions
- :: Private first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach transportation
- :: Personal listening devices for touring
- :: Roundtrip airport transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- :: Informative map book to be use throughout your journey
- :: Personalized luggage tags and name badge



## DAY 1 • ARRIVE PARIS / TRANSFER TO NORMANDY

Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) / Transfer to Normandy by motorcoach to your 5-star luxury château located conveniently near Bayeux / Welcome Reception and Dinner

Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (R, D)

## **DAY 2 · BRITISH SECTORS**

Stand where British airborne troops fired the first shots of the invasion

Pegasus Bridge and Museum / Driving tour of Gold, Juno, and Sword Beaches / Explore Arromanches and Mulberry harbor / Longues-sur-Mer

Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, R, D)

## **DAY 3 • US AIRBORNE**

Discover priceless stories of the D-Day paratroopers

La Fiére Bridge / Brécourt Manor / Sainte-Mère-Église / Airborne Museum / Utah Beach and Museum Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, L, R, D)

#### **DAY 4 · OMAHA SECTOR**

Pay respects to the 9,389 Americans buried in the ground they helped liberate

Omaha Beach / Pointe du Hoc / Normandy American Cemetery / Farewell to Normandy Reception and Dinner

Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu or Château La Chenevière (B, L, R, D)

#### DAY 5 • BAYEUX / EMBARKATION IN ROUEN

Explore the medieval treasures of the Normandy region

Free morning in Bayeux / Optional guided tour of Bayeux Cathedral / Embark SS Joie de Vivre Accommodations: SS. Joie de Vivre (B, R, D)

#### **DAY 6 • DIEPPE AND ROUEN**

Honor those who fought during Operation Jubilee

Half-day tour in coastal village of Dieppe / Walking tour of Rouen

Accommodations: SS Joie de Vivre (B, R, D)

# DAY 7 • LES ANDELYS / LA ROCHE-GUYON

Visit two 12th-century châteaux with inspiring views and epic histories

Château Gaillard / Château de La Roche-Guyon

Accommodations: SS Joie de Vivre (B, L, R, D)

#### **DAY 8 · VERSAILLES**

Learn more at Louis XVI (14th) Palace of Versailles

Visit the Palace of Versailles with special access to the private apartments

Accommodations: SS Joie de Vivre (B, R, D)

#### **DAY 9 • DISEMBARKATION IN PARIS**

After breakfast, transfer to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) for your independently scheduled flight home, or continue on the optional post-tour extension, *The Liberation of Paris*. (B)



EXTEND YOUR TRII

OPTIONAL TWO-NIGHT POST-TOUR

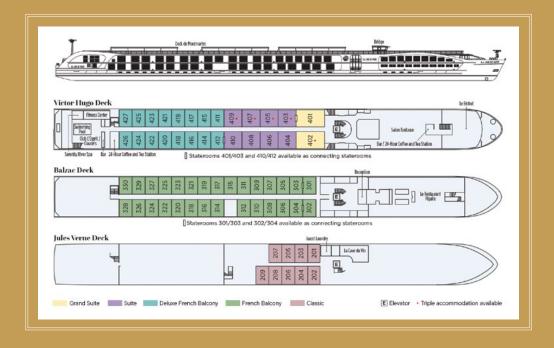
# THE LIBERATION OF PARIS

Featuring Michael Neiberg, PhD

\$2,599\* per person double, \$2,999\* single occupancy
\$129 per person in taxes & fees are additional.



View the full digital brochure.
Use your smartphone to scan the QR code.



# LEARN MORE ABOUT UNIWORLD SS JOIE DE VIVRE

Simply scan the code with your smartphone camera or visit ww2museumtours.org.



# PRICING (Save up to \$2,000 per couple when booked by December 31, 2024)

ROOM	REGULAR PRICE (Double)	EARLY BOOKING*	REGULAR PRICE (Single)	EARLY BOOKING*
Grand Suite - Victor Hugo Deck	<del>\$14,999</del>	\$13,999		
Suite - Victor Hugo Deck	<del>\$12,999</del>	\$11,999		
Deluxe French Balcony - Victor Hugo Deck	<del>\$11,999</del>	\$10,999		
French Balcony - Balzac Deck	<del>\$10,599</del>	\$9,599	<del>\$11,998</del>	\$10,998
Classic - Jules Verne Deck	<del>\$8,599</del>	\$7,599	<del>\$11,298</del>	\$10,298

<sup>\$399</sup> per person taxes and fees are additional.

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Guests who book a suite aboard SS Joie de Vivre will receive a suite at the château assigned to their alumni group. Guests booking in the French Balcony category may have the option to upgrade to a suite at their château, if desired, for an additional fee. All other levels of accommodation will receive Standard/Classic or Deluxe rooms as assigned by the château.

Single accommodations are available in limited quantities in the French Balcony and Classic Stateroom categories only. Pricing and itinerary subject to change. Airfare is not included in the prices listed.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS ON LAND





# Hand-Selected Châteaux

Four nights at a world-class château in the heart of Normandy

Your journey features an itinerary filled with WWII locations—from lesser-known sites available exclusively to The National WWII Museum's travel programs to iconic landmarks steeped in heroism and history. Get closer to the beaches and hedgerows during four days of touring in Normandy. Guests are assigned to one of two chateaux, both elegant and with WWII histories.

Château la Chenevière is a five-star hotel renovated from an 18th-century mansion and farm. The château was occupied by the Germans during World War II and then the Americans after the D-Day landings.

Château D'Audrieu, a five-star hotel situated between Caen and Bayeux in Calvados, is ideally located in the heart of Normandy's countryside. During World War II, the German army set up their headquarters here. On the June 8, 1944, 45 members of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division and two British soldiers were killed in the orchards, forests, and clearings around the château.



Use your smartphone to scan the QR code to to learn more about these modern-day properties.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS ON BOARD







# The SS Joie De Vivre - Uniquely Boutique

Four nights aboard Uniworld SS Joie De Vivre cruising the Seine River

Featuring an exclusive lecture series by internationally recognized historians and insight from expert local guides, this river cruise and land tour brings together the very best of The National WWII Museum's flagship D-Day program with a whole new level of luxury—including a five-star river cruise aboard the exclusively chartered Uniworld SS Joie de Vivre. This sophisticated "super yacht" on the Seine provides a relaxed social atmosphere and plenty of space for private contemplation after retracing remarkable battlefield stories on shore. All-inclusive dining and shore excursions facilitate an appreciation for the beauty, culture, and history of a region that has played a critical role throughout world history.