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# NORMANDY & THE SEINE RIVER

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OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 5, 2017



IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM



INTRODUCING A ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY  
A NORMANDY CHÂTEAU &  
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## Howdy Ags!

The history of Texas A&M University is inextricably linked to our country's proud military history. Founded as Texas' first institution of higher learning, all students were initially required to participate in the Corps of Cadets and receive military training. Many of our students and alumni entered the military during or after their A&M career, resulting in our alma mater having the distinction of producing more military officers than any other institution in the nation, other than the military academies.

During World War II, Texas A&M produced more than 20,000 combat troops, and as we approach the historic 75th anniversary of America's entry into "the war that changed the world," we are partnering with The National WWII Museum to bring you this unique opportunity to delve into D-Day and the Battle of Normandy along the French coast, explore the rich culture of the Normandy countryside, and cruise the Seine River into the heart of France.

After an emotional journey to the Normandy beaches, the river itself will be our guide as we call upon well-preserved villages, travel to less-visited historic sites, and relive the joys of the long-awaited Liberation of Paris, the "City of Lights."

Joining our tour as a featured speaker will be James Earl "Bud" Rudder, Jr. '62, son of Lt. Col. James Rudder '32, who was the commander of the 2nd Ranger Battalion at Pointe du Hoc. After returning from the war, Rudder was the Mayor of Brady, Texas, the Commissioner of the Texas Land Office, and the President of our beloved Texas A&M.

Also joining us will be the President & CEO of The National WWII Museum, Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller, Ph.D., and award-winning author and former A&M professor, Robert M. Citino, Ph.D.

Even if you have visited France before, I encourage you to join us on this unforgettable journey.

Gig 'em!

*Jennifer Bohac*

Jennifer Bohac, '87, Ph.D.  
Director, Travel Programs  
The Association of Former Students

# BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

The Traveling Aggies is excited to provide vivid insight into “*the war that changed the world.*” But nothing can tell the story of that war more dramatically than a visit to the actual places where victory was fought for and won. The Traveling Aggies Program allows you to experience these journeys in first-class comfort as you go behind the scenes to the beaches, bridges, cities, and villages where crucial battles took place and history-making decisions were made. Guided by esteemed experts in WWII history, you’ll hear the personal stories and walk in the footsteps of the brave individuals who fought for the freedom we enjoy today.

## FEATURING MR. JAMES EARL “BUD” RUDDER, JR.

This tour provides the unique experience to travel with The National WWII Museum’s founding president, Nick Mueller, a historian and frequent traveler to the Normandy battlefields, as well as their senior historian, Rob Citino, the foremost American expert on the German Army, as they share insights and stories on a journey through these hallowed grounds. We’re also honored to feature Mr. James Earl “Bud” Rudder, Jr., who will share his unique perspective as the son of one America’s most celebrated heroes of World War II.



JAMES EARL “BUD” RUDDER, JR.  
FEATURED SPEAKER  
SON OF GENERAL JAMES EARL RUDDER

During our tour, Bud will recount his journey to the Beaches of Normandy as a teenager with his father, and share with our guests intimate readings between his parents during the war. His personal stories will further connect us at such notable points in our itinerary as Pointe du Hoc where today a monument stands in honor of his father and his men of the 2nd Ranger Battalion.



ROBERT M. CITINO, PHD  
SAMUEL ZEMURRAY STONE SENIOR HISTORIAN  
THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

Rob Citino is an award-winning author and a leading authority on modern German military history with an emphasis upon WWII and the German influence upon modern operational doctrine. Citino has previously taught at Eastern Michigan University, West Point, The US Army War College and has consulted for White House staff and the History Channel.



GORDON H. “NICK” MUELLER, PHD  
PRESIDENT & CEO,  
THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

Nick Mueller has led the Museum since its 2000 opening, overseeing development of a world-class campus exploring the full American WWII experience. He previously enjoyed a 33-year career as Professor of European History at the University of New Orleans, where he also served as Dean, Vice Chancellor and founding President of the Research and Technology Park.



# OUR HEROES

JAMES EARL RUDDER AND HIS RANGERS AT POINTE DU HOC



GENERAL LATTRE DE TASSIGNY AND JAMES EARL RUDDER, KEYSTONE/STRINGER, HULTON ARCHIVE, GETTY

Lt. Col. James Rudder was the commander of the 2nd Ranger Battalion, which was given the herculean task of attacking the German position at Pointe du Hoc. The Rangers' mission was to knock out the six guns and seize the promontory that posed a great threat to both Utah and Omaha Beaches. These guns, and the Germans who manned and defended them, were on top of a 100-foot cliff that the Rangers had to scale after landing and getting across the narrow beach, all while being fired upon.

Despite orders to stay aboard his command ship and not go on this perilous mission, Rudder personally led his men ashore, and was one of the first Rangers to hit the strip beneath the cliff. Due to their training, courage and the direct leadership of Lt. Col. Rudder, the Rangers were able to scale the cliff, engage and neutralize the enemy, locate and destroy the guns, and then fend off the vicious German counterattacks that followed.

After two heavy days of fighting virtually on their own, the Rangers were relieved from Pointe du Hoc by other American units who had made their way there from Omaha Beach, but not without terrible losses. Of the more than 220 Rangers who landed on D-Day, fewer than 90 were able to leave the Pointe under their own strength, with many of those, including Rudder, being wounded.

For his actions and command at Pointe du Hoc, Rudder was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. He would go on to add to his illustrious military career, eventually becoming the Commanding Officer of the 109th Infantry Regiment of the 28th Division, where he saw more heavy fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. By the time the war ended, Rudder would also receive the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster and an Oak Leaf cluster for his Purple Heart.

Returning home to Texas after the war, Rudder would continue his life of service as the Mayor of Brady, Texas, the Commissioner of the Texas Land Office, and then as the President of his alma mater, Texas A&M. He held this position until his death in 1970.



## D-DAY 10 YEARS LATER

In 1954, Rudder returned to the site of the landings with his 14 year old son, Bud. Their visit was chronicled in Collier's Magazine.

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# NORMANDY & THE SEINE RIVER

From the D-Day Beaches to the Liberation of Paris

Featuring an exclusive lecture series by the Museum's most senior historians and special guests, this all-new tour brings together the very best of Normandy with a whole new level of luxury—including world-class château accommodations and a five-star river cruise aboard the brand new, exclusively chartered *Joie de Vivre*.





SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE, NORMANDY

Your journey features expert local guides in Normandy and on the Seine River, with unparalleled knowledge of World War II locations. Visit the iconic church in Sainte-Mère-Église where paratrooper John Steele watched the battle while suspended from his snagged parachute. Ascend the bluffs of Omaha Beach to appreciate the daunting challenge faced by young American G.I.s disembarking from their Higgins boats. Cross Pegasus Bridge where Major John Howard and the men of the British 6th Airborne Division won the first battle of D-Day just minutes after midnight. Along the way, meet veterans of the French Resistance, hear from top-rated battlefield guides, and appreciate the beauty, culture, and history of a region that has played a critical role in world history, on the picturesque Seine River sailing into the heart of Paris.



IN REMEMBRANCE

# THROUGH THEIR EYES

Remembering the Fallen in Normandy



## **WALT EHLERS: A HISTORY OF SERVICE**

In 1940, Walter “Walt” Ehlers of Kansas wanted to join his brother Roland in the Army but first needed his mother’s permission to enlist, as he was not yet of age. Serving in the same unit of the 3rd Infantry Division, the two brothers first saw combat landing in North Africa, near Casablanca for Operation TORCH, then at the famous battle of El Guettar where the Americans were able to defeat the more experienced German forces.

They were transferred to the 1st Infantry Division together and participated in the invasion and battle of Sicily. The Ehlers boys then were shipped to England in preparation to be the spearhead for the Normandy invasion with the 1st Infantry Division. In anticipation of high casualties, their commander placed the brothers in different companies, so as to avoid both brothers being killed together. Before they parted ways, Walt and Roland made a promise to shake hands on top of the bluffs overlooking Omaha.



HEDGEHOGS, NORMANDY



WALTER EHLERS

– MEDAL OF HONOR –  
WALTER D. EHLERS  
1921 – 2014

Staff Sergeant, US Army,  
18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division

Landing on June 6, 1944, Staff Sergeant Ehlers and his entire squad made it off the beach unscathed, and pushed inland. Unfortunately Roland wouldn't make it up to the bluffs, falling as one of the more than 1,400 Americans killed in action that day.

On June 9, 1944, near the small Norman village of Goville, Walt led his men on an attack that knocked out a German mortar position and multiple machine gun nests. The next day, as his unit encountered more German resistance, he was wounded while covering the retreat of his comrades. Despite his wound, he was able to carry one of his

squad members back to safety. Six months later, Walt learned that he was awarded the Medal of Honor for these actions.

After the Normandy campaign, Ehlers and the 1st Infantry Division pushed across France and into the Huertgen Forest and then into Germany. In addition to the Medal of Honor, Walt received three Purple Hearts and a Silver Star. Following the war, Ehlers became an advocate for military veteran benefits, interviewing a wide range of veterans through his work with the Veterans Administration.





## DAY ONE

EIFFEL TOWER, PARIS

# THE EXPERIENCE: PARIS ARRIVAL & TRANSFER TO NORMANDY

Upon arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, we will transfer to the Normandy region. For hundreds of years, the coastal region has been a vital part of the military and political life of Europe and the development of Western Civilization. It has long been famous for its cultural attractions: the Abbey at Mont Saint-Michel, the Abbey in Caen, and the Bayeux Tapestry depicting the 1066 Norman invasion of Britain by William the Conqueror. In June 1944, Normandy was the scene of the greatest amphibious invasion in world history. From the beaches of Normandy, the Allies drove inland and turned the tide of the war in Western Europe.

This evening, meet others joining you on tour at the Welcome Reception and Dinner at your private château. (R/D)



# THE ROAD TO NORMANDY

The German “blitz” across Western Europe finished with the capitulation of France in June of 1940, setting off a series of events over the next four years aimed at returning the Allies to the continent and defeating the Nazis. The road to Normandy was a long and circuitous one, with invasions in North Africa, Sicily and Italy taking place in 1942 and 1943. These landings, and the battles that followed them, were difficult and costly struggles that taught the Allies valuable lessons which they would incorporate into the eventual D-Day invasion. Planning the assault, equipping the forces and training the men took over two years and culminated in the June 6, 1944, landings along the Normandy beaches.



CROSS OF LORRAINE, JUNO BEACH, NORMANDY



LANDING CRAFT, UTAH BEACH, NORMANDY

## DAY TWO

## THE EXPERIENCE: ARROMANCHES

The day's tour of Normandy begins where British airborne troops fired the first shots of the invasion at the crucial Pegasus Bridge. Landing their wooden gliders just yards from the bridge, the men of the British 6th Airborne Division surprised the defenders and scored the day's first victory. The tour then follows the coastal road past Sword, Juno, and Gold Beaches before arriving in Arromanches, known for the remains of an artificial harbor constructed by the Allies: the famous "Mulberry." Next is a trip to Longues-sur-Mer, the only German battery in Normandy with the original guns still in place. (B/D)

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FEATURED LECTURE: Krulak, Higgins and the Great Amphibious Challenge – by Nick Mueller

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VIEW OF ARROMANCHES, NORMANDY



REMAINS OF THE MULBERRY HARBOUR, ARROMANCHES



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The LCVP (Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel), popularly called the “Higgins boat” after its designer Andrew Jackson Higgins, could carry up to 36 soldiers or Marines and was equipped with a ramp on the front from which troops could quickly disembark. This craft, and many like it, was responsible for unloading the first waves of Allied troops on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day. More than 12,500 were built in New Orleans, Louisiana, and used in every major Allied amphibious assault of World War II.



*“I knew when we got on that landing craft, there was no turning back.”*

– PRIVATE FELIX BRANHAM, 116 Infantry, 29th Infantry Division, Omaha Beach

## DAY THREE

### THE EXPERIENCE: SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE & UTAH BEACH

This morning starts with an exclusive visit to Château de Bernaville, which served as the headquarters of a German General Wilhelm Falley. In the early morning hours of June 6th, US paratroopers ambushed and killed General Falley, making him the first German General killed in the Normandy campaign and seriously disrupting the German defenses at a critical moment in the Allied landing. We will visit the town of Sainte-Mère-Église, where paratroopers landed during the predawn hours of D-Day. Dropping into the town square already set on fire, the men of the 82nd Airborne Division fought tenaciously against the German defenders for control of this vital crossroads. Here we will visit the recently expanded Musée Airborne and the church made famous in the film *The Longest Day*.

After lunch on your own in the heart of Sainte-Mère-Église, we begin our exploration of Utah Beach, one of the two American beaches, with its broad vistas and four causeway exits through the flooded fields. After walking in the footsteps of General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., visit the Utah Beach Museum which features a restored B-26 Marauder and detailed recreations of the German beach defenses. We finish our day with a stop at Brécourt Manor, widely known as the scene of Dick Winter’s D-Day assault in the mini-series *Band of Brothers*. (B/D)

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FEATURED LECTURE: Battling the Invasion: the German “Wehrmacht” in Normandy – by Robert M. Citino

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DAY FOUR

THE EXPERIENCE: OMAHA BEACH &  
NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY



VIERVILLE-SUR-MER, OMAHA BEACH, NORMANDY

## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The Goliath tracked mine was developed by Germany for use beginning in 1942. Goliath operators used a joystick control box connected by 2,000 yards of wire to steer the battery powered device. Carrying over 200 pounds of high explosives, the device was intended for one-time use, including destroying enemy tanks, disrupting troop formations, and demolishing structures. Slow moving and highly visible, Goliaths' command cables were often severed by Allied gunfire and its thin armor provided minimal protection during battle.

## ITINERARY



NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY, OMAHA BEACH

The morning tour begins at Pointe-du-Hoc where the 2nd Ranger Battalion landed at the base of a 100-foot cliff and had to scale the vertical face in order to attack this heavily fortified German position. The next stop is Omaha Beach, “Bloody Omaha,” where the US Army overcame the odds to etch a heroic chapter in its history. Visits to the coastal towns St. Laurent-sur-Mer and Vierville-sur-Mer provide a close-up view of the intricate German defense system on Omaha and give a sense of the overwhelming odds American soldiers faced on June 6, 1944. The day’s touring ends with a visit to the Normandy American Cemetery in order to pay respects to the 9,387 Americans buried in the ground they helped liberate. (B/L/D)

*“The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.”*

– GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



US SAILORS INSPECT A GERMAN GOLIATH TRACKED MINE

*“We’re not heroes, we’re just good Rangers”*

– 1ST SGT. LEN LOMELL  
2nd Ranger Battalion  
Point-du-Hoc





ROUEN, RUE DU GROS-HORLOGE, NORMANDY

## DAY FIVE

### THE EXPERIENCE: JOURNEY TO ROUEN

This morning we will depart after breakfast for our scenic journey to Rouen. En route we will visit the quaint city of Lisieux. Before 1944, this charming little town in the Pays d'Auge was best known as the birthplace of St. Therese, the "little flower." On June 6, however, Allied bombers appeared over-head, smashing two thirds of the town and killing numerous civilians. Lisieux was a chilling omen of what it would cost to liberate Europe from Hitler's tyranny. Following lunch nearby, we'll continue our journey to Rouen for a mid-afternoon embarkation aboard the *Joie de Vivre*, quite possibly the most luxurious rivership in Europe. This evening we will enjoy a festive welcome reception and Captain's Dinner. (B/L/R/D)



# ITINERARY

## DAY SIX

### THE EXPERIENCE: SAILING THE SEINE

Victor Hugo called Rouen “the city with a hundred bell towers.” In August 1942 it was the scene of the Eighth Air Force’s first bombing mission over Europe. Today, we will see the city’s Renaissance clock tower and the bronze cross that marks the site where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. We’ll also enjoy stops to sample some Normandy delicacies, including white cider and Camembert. Following lunch, we will visit the coastal city of Dieppe.

The landing by Canadian forces at Dieppe in August 1942 was a dry run for Operation OVERLORD, and pointed out potentially disastrous problems in Allied planning and operations. Lessons learned were crucial to the success of the D-Day landing. Alternatively, you may choose to golf at Rouen’s Mont-Saint-Aignan, just minutes from the city. This 18-hole course offers both seasoned players and beginners the chance to play in a beautiful setting surrounded by woods. (B/L/D)

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FEATURED LECTURE: **The Last Stand of the Desert Fox: Rommel in France – by Robert M. Citino**

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BASILIQUE SAINTE-THERÈSE DE LISIEUX

## DAY SEVEN

# THE EXPERIENCE: LES ANDELYS & LA ROCHE-GUYON

This morning we arrive to Les Andelys, where we will visit Château Gaillard, Richard the Lionheart's 12<sup>th</sup> century stronghold, offering inspiring views of the Seine River. Next, we'll enjoy lunch and a visit to the famous 12th century château on the Seine, where Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had his headquarters. It was at La Roche-Guyon that "The Desert Fox" planned and prepared the tough defenses that the Allies would encounter on D-Day, and it was here he planned German moves in the Normandy campaign. (B/L/D)

VIEW FROM CHATEAU GAILLARD, LES ANDELYS







FIELD MARSHAL ROMMEL INSPECTING THE ATLANTIC WALL INSTALLATION IN FRANCE

## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

### ERWIN ROMMEL, “THE DESERT FOX”



Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was Germany's most celebrated commander during the war. Known as “The Desert Fox” for his achievements against the British in North Africa, he was appointed by Hitler to be in command of the Normandy region's coastal fortifications and defenses. When he arrived in early 1944, he quickly and markedly improved the German defenses that would await the Allies on D-Day.

*“The war will be won or lost on the beaches. We'll have only one chance to stop the enemy and that's while he's in the water...struggling to get ashore...the first twenty-four hours of the invasion will be decisive...for the Allies, as well as Germany, it will be the longest day.”*

– ERWIN ROMMEL



## DAY EIGHT

## THE EXPERIENCE: MANTES-LA-JOLIE

This morning we dock in Mantes-la-Jolie, gateway to both Versailles and Château Malmaison. The Palace of Versailles was the site where the world's statesmen signed the ill-fated peace treaty ending World War I. The defeated Germans ultimately rejected the harsh provisions of the pact, setting the stage for another world war. We will visit the famous Galerie des Glaces (Hall of Mirrors), the actual site of the treaty signing. We also will tour the royal apartments, which still look much as they did when Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette fled before an outraged mob in 1789. Alternatively, for those that may have visited Versailles on prior trips, we invite you to visit Château Malmaison, once home to Napoleon's first wife, Josephine, Malmaison is filled with sumptuous Empire-style furnishings, thanks to Josephine's keen eye. Here the empress entertained in elegance and created gardens that were world famous in her day. This evening we put a royal finish on your trip with a farewell reception and gala dinner on-board the luxurious *Joie de Vivre*. (B/L/R/D)

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FEATURED LECTURE: From Commune to Capital: Paris in French History  
– by Robert M. Citino

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PALACE OF VERSAILLES



VERSAILLES



GALERIE DES GLACES, VERSAILLES, 1919

DAY NINE

THE EXPERIENCE: DISEMBARK IN PARIS

This morning we bid farewell to the *Joie de Vivre* as we either transfer to the Charles de Gaulle Airport, or to the Westin Paris - Vendôme for those who opt for our three-day optional post-cruise extension program, The Liberation of Paris. (B)



VICTORY PARADE UNDER THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE, HULTON ARCHIVE, 1944

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Our custom-curated, optional post-cruise extension program in Paris focuses on the occupation and liberation of the city in August 1944. Guests first follow in the infamous footsteps of Hitler, visiting some of the sites that he admired during his victory tour in June 1940, including the Opera, Notre Dame, and the Pantheon. The tour stops at the Hotel Le Meurice, where the high drama of German surrender played out, before heading to the Hotel de Ville where liberating American troops fought fiercely in August 1944. We finish with a visit to the Legion of Honor Museum.

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FEATURED LECTURE: “City of Lights,” The Liberation of Paris  
– by Robert M. Citino

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## PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Full-time historians from The National WWII Museum
- Full-time Museum expert local guides throughout
- Full-time Museum logistical tour managers & hosts
- 4-nights accommodations in Normandy at hand-selected châteaux
- 4-nights accommodations in one of 6 categories of your choice aboard the 5-star *Joie de Vivre*
- Most Meals, including: 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 8 dinners, 2 receptions



## PROGRAM INCLUSIONS



- Free-flow non-alcoholic beverages throughout the itinerary, including; coffee, water, teas, and soft drinks
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- Airport transfers
- All gratuities to drivers, guides, and shipboard staff throughout your journey
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JOIE DE VIVRE STATEROOM



JOIE DE VIVRE BATHROOM



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- Salon de Toulouse with full-service bar
- Bistro Saint-Germain
- Le Restaurant Pigalle
- Claude's with full-service bar
- Deck de Montmartre with life-sized checkers board
- Heated enclosed swimming pool
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Room service, generous built-in closets, hair dryer, individual climate control thermostat, direct dial telephone, mirror TV with infotainment center and safe.

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CHÂTEAU d'AUDRIEU GASTRONOMY & BAR

### CHÂTEAU d'AUDRIEU

(Royal Suite, Suite & Category 1)  
A short distance from Bayeux, this 4-star chateau is listed as a historical monument and is a member of the prestigious Relais et Châteaux Association. During World War II, the German army set up their headquarters here and the architecture remains unchanged today.



CHÂTEAU de SULLY BAR

### CHÂTEAU de SULLY

(Categories 2, 3 & 4)  
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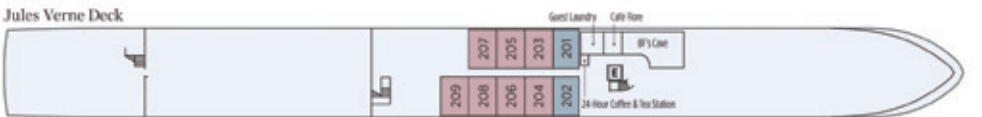
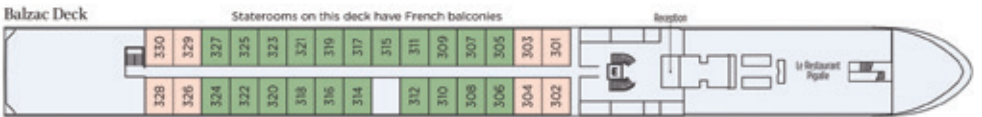
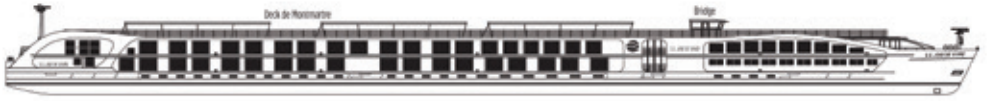
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<i>Joie De Vivre</i>	Château d' Audrieu	Suite	\$9,499	<b>\$8,999</b>
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<i>Joie De Vivre</i>	Château de Sully	Category 3	\$6,499	<b>\$5,999</b>
<i>Joie De Vivre</i>	Château de Sully	Category 4	\$5,999	<b>\$5,499</b>
<i>Joie De Vivre</i>	Château de Sully	Category 5	\$5,499	<b>\$4,999</b>

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prices listed are based on double occupancy. A 50% single supplement applies for single accommodation and is available in categories 2 and 3.

Port Taxes and Fees: \$199 per person.

Pricing and itinerary subject to change.

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THE US FREEDOM PAVILION: THE BOEING CENTER



THE ROAD TO BERLIN EXHIBIT

## RANKED #4 MUSEUM IN THE UNITED STATES

The National WWII Museum in New Orleans opened on June 6, 2000, as The National D-Day Museum and was designated by Congress in 2004 as America's National WWII Museum. Founded by historian and author Stephen Ambrose, the Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.

The Museum's educational travel programs bring the same tradition of inspiration, excellence, and thoughtful inquiry to travel destinations around the world, with tours designed by leading historians and led by Museum curators and expert local guides. With insider insights into the most intriguing destinations, rich historical context from our curators, primary-source materials from the Museum's digital collections, and custom experiences found nowhere else, The National WWII Museum is the leader in Normandy travel, providing unforgettable journeys into history.



THE NATIONAL  
WWII MUSEUM  
TRAVEL





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# THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

## TOUR FARE

Your tour fare covers arrangements and services including hotel accommodations, meals as per the itinerary, gratuities, ground transportation, guiding services, and special tour inclusions as described within the travel program brochure. All fares are quoted in US Dollars, are per guest and are based on double occupancy. Not included in your tour fare is airfare to and from final destination, and items of a personal nature, i.e. laundry, communications, etc. The sponsoring associations/organization accept no liability for the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets.

Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, the Museum and the sponsoring associations/organization reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid upon notice to the tour participant of such increases.

## NOT INCLUDED

Taxes, unless otherwise noted in the travel program brochure; passport, visas and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel, unless otherwise noted in the travel program brochure; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport taxes; airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included in the travel program; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s); meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel program.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

To reserve your participation, please submit an initial deposit of \$2,000 per person that is required within five (5) days of booking. A \$200 per person deposit is due for any pre and/or post program options offered that you may opt to select. Final payment is due no later than ninety (90) days prior to departure. All reservations are subject to cancellation if payments are not received by the due date. Payment by check is preferred in order to reduce costs to the Museum and sponsoring association/organization. VISA, MasterCard and American Express are also accepted.

## CANCELLATIONS

Should it be necessary to cancel your reservation, please contact the sponsoring associations/organization immediately. Cancellations for all or any part of tour including optional pre and/or post tour extension programs will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

Reservations cancellation(s) are subject to a \$1,000 per person (\$50 for Optional Pre and/or Post Tour Programs) from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 120 days up to 91 day prior to departure, \$2,000 per person (\$200 for Optional Pre and/or Post Tour Programs); from 90 days up to 61 days prior to departure 60% of the full tour cost (including Optional Pre and/or Post Tour Programs); cancellations 60 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the full tour cost (including Optional Pre and/or Post Tour Programs). In addition, any applicable cancellation fees for confirmed additional hotel nights may apply.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Because our cancellations policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement.

## HEALTH & MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

All guests are required to report in writing at the time their reservation is made if they have:

- Any physical or mental condition that may require medical or professional treatment or attention during the tour;
- Any condition that may pose a risk to one's self and/or other participants on tour;
- Any condition that may require health aids, i.e.: oxygen, walkers, crutches, etc., or any intention or need to use a wheelchair while on the tour.

By booking passage the guest represents and warrants that he/she is physically and otherwise fit to travel and that guests will comply at all times with applicable rules and regulations. The Museum and/or sponsoring associations/organization reserve the right without liability to require a passenger to leave the tour or to refuse to board and transport a guest who, is unfit to travel or may require care beyond that which the Museum and associations/organization is reasonably able to provide.

We highly recommend that participants purchase a travel insurance package that provides medical coverage since most U.S. policies do not provide coverage outside the United States.

## LUGGAGE

Luggage will be limited to one (1) suitcase and one (1) carry-on per person to ensure that there is enough room on our motor coach for all passenger luggage. All luggage must be securely packed and clearly labeled. We recommend that all participants secure baggage loss and damage insurance that may be purchased for this tour. Please see airline weight and size restrictions for luggage on international flights. The Museum is

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Bedding preference:  Twin (2 beds)  Queen

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**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$2,000 per person (plus \$200 deposit per person for each Post-Cruise Extension, if applicable) is due with your reservation application. Make checks payable to The National WWII Museum. To receive the Early Booking Savings Discount, booking and your deposit must be made by February 15, 2017.

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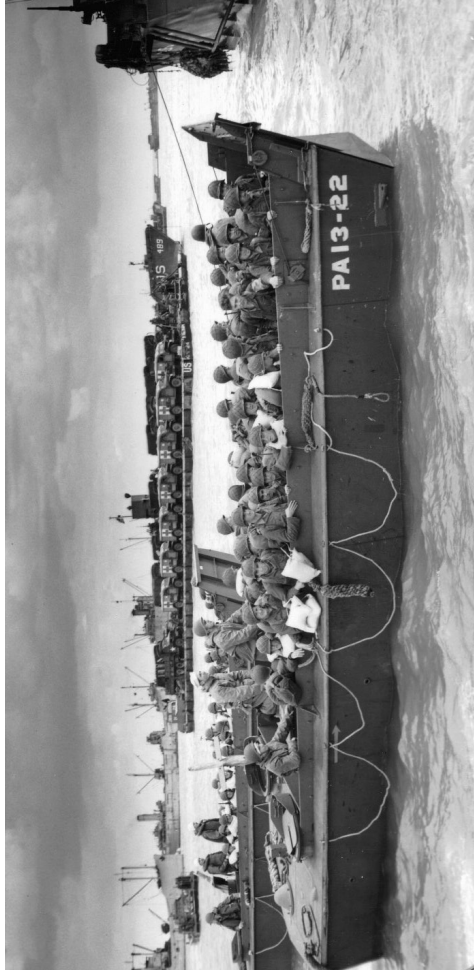
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