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Stephen J. Watson
President & CEO,
The National WWII Museum

Dear Guests,

I hope you are as excited as I am about our upcoming cruise commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. You will be traveling with us on an unforgettable journey visiting both iconic and relatively unknown WWII sites alongside WWII veterans and some of the world's most accomplished historians. Over the past several months, our team has been meeting with port city officials, working diligently to finalize all logistics. We are focused on ensuring that you receive privileged access to incredible tour sites and special invitations to once-in-a-lifetime events.

Three types of excursions have been designed for each port, ensuring that this signature cruise program is meaningful for both first-timer travelers to Europe and those who have previously visited this part of world.

- **Flagship Military Excursions** incorporate elements of our classic Normandy tours with visits to the most iconic historical sites.
- **Curator's Collection Excursions** go "off the beaten path," offering guests a deeper dive into the war and the lesser-known sites near our ports.
- **Cultural Excursions** offer memorable experiences focused on the local heritage of the area.

Multiple options at each port allow you to custom-design your itinerary. You may wish to choose a Flagship Excursion in one port, a Cultural Excursion in another, and explore a specific aspect of the war on a Curator's Collection Excursion at the next port. The ship also offers an extensive list of things to do on your own and places to relax if you simply choose to stay aboard. I hope you enjoy reviewing the excursion options and designing your personal itinerary.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Travel Team at 1-877-813-3329 x 257 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you aboard!

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Watson,
President & CEO, The National WWII Museum



STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE



HEAR THEIR STORIES



LEARN THEIR NAMES

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STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE

Aboard the *Seabourn Ovation* from May 29 to June 7, 2019, guests will follow the path of Germany's conquest of Western Europe and the Allied efforts to wrest control back from the Nazis in a path of liberation. Sailing down the North Sea and English Channel coast from Amsterdam to Normandy, the tour culminates on the Normandy Beaches, where the landings of June 6, 1944, began the campaign to liberate Europe.



PORTS OF CALL

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

- “Build Your Perfect Journey” included Shore Excursions at each port
- Comprehensive lecture series from world renowned historians throughout the program
- All meals onboard, including specialty restaurants, as well as meals ashore as identified in final program itinerary
- Expert local battlefield and cultural guides
- Private, first-class, air conditioned motor coach transportation on all shore excursions
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Video Oral History presentations from The National WWII Museum’s collection
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Unlimited beverages including premium wines, spirits, beer, coffee, water, tea, soft drinks, and juices, plus en-suite minibar, replenished daily
- Welcome, Farewell, and Veteran Recognition Receptions
- Onboard entertainment, including the Museum’s own Victory Belles and award-winning theatrical and musical productions
- Free Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Roundtrip Airport Transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled cruise dates)
- Included gratuities to shipboard staff, local guides, and drivers
- Commemorative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge
- Personal journal and pen to document your journey

A portion of your booking value is tax deductible.

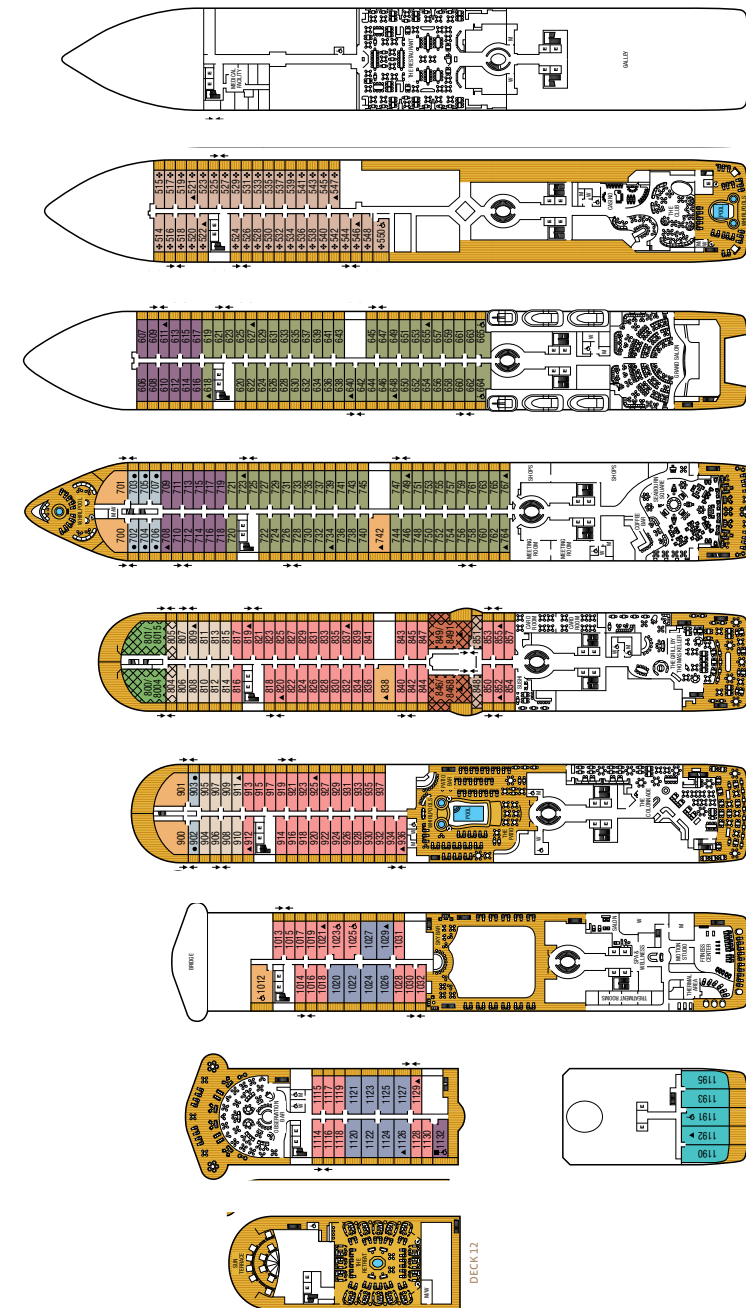
Build your perfect journey

On this iconic sailing, a variety of shore excursions are offered at every port, providing the opportunity to custom design an itinerary. Each guest may choose to participate in guided group tours, explore independently, or enjoy the luxurious amenities of the ship.

Due to overwhelming interest in this tour, our Travel Department is standing by to reserve your spot. Call now to receive a detailed itinerary and check availability.
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DECK PLANS AND TARIFFS

CRUISE TOUR PRICING WHEN BOOKED BY MARCH 30, 2019



CRUISE TOUR PRICING

Stateroom Category	Availability	Pricing
Wintergarden Suite (WG)	SOLD OUT	\$36,999
Signature Suite (SS)	SOLD OUT	\$32,999
Owner's Suite (OW)	2 LEFT!	\$29,999
Penthouse Spa Suite (PS)	1 LEFT!	\$22,999
Penthouse Suite (PH)	SOLD OUT	\$17,999
Deluxe Veranda Suite (V6)	13 LEFT!	\$16,099
Deluxe Veranda Suite (V5)	26 LEFT!	\$15,399
Deluxe Veranda Suite (V4)	SOLD OUT	\$14,699
Deluxe Veranda Suite (V3)	SOLD OUT	\$13,999
Deluxe Veranda Suite (V2)	1 LEFT!	\$13,299
Deluxe Veranda Suite (V1)	SOLD OUT	\$12,599

Single available in categories V2-V6 only. Port fees and taxes \$329 per person are additional.

SHIP AMENITIES

- Five restaurants
- Seven lounges & bars
- Complimentary spirits and wines available on board at all times
- Casino
- Complimentary caviar onboard
- Two outdoor pools/six Whirlpools
- Luxurious spa & salon
- Fully-equipped fitness center
- Sun terrace with double sun loungers
- The Retreat – exclusive sanctuary with 15 private cabanas. Complimentary for guests reserved in the Penthouse category and above.
- Seabourn Square – innovative concierge service with pursers, tour office, computer center, library and coffee bar
- Card room
- Unique watersports marina
- Shops & boutiques
- Medical facility
- WI-FI access from all suites & public rooms*

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length: 690 ft | Breadth: 92 ft. | Draft: 24 ft.
 Suites: 298 | Guest Decks: 12 | Gross Tonnage: 40,350
 Cruising Speed: 15 knots | Ship's Registry: Bahamas

BUILD YOUR PERFECT JOURNEY

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Flagship Military Excursions

Flagship Excursions highlight the major battles, historical figures, and strategic outcomes at each port. Your expert guides will take you through the most well-known battlefield sites at each port and discuss the broad perspectives of how the Allies came together to liberate Europe. See many of the places you have read about and gain a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices that liberated a continent.



Curator's Collection Excursions

The Curator's Collection Excursions are focused on military treks adding recently-uncovered, little-known, or unique sites at each port. Perfect for those who have traveled with The National WWII Museum in the past, these focused tours are designed to give a "deeper dive" into World War II.



Cultural Excursions

Experience Europe's age old treasures when you choose one of the Cultural Excursions offered at each port. From art to architecture, and from food to photography, the richness of each destination's heritage and culture comes to life in this customized series of tours. With knowledgeable local guides, these immersive experiences allow you to explore the local heritage at each destination, many of which were occupied by the Germans and spared destruction during World War II.



Custom WWII Site Visits

By advance request only and for an additional fee, The National WWII Museum may be able to arrange an exclusive visit to sites of specific personal interest. A guide and transportation are included, but please note this experience is not guaranteed as a private tour - guests requesting to visit locations close in proximity will tour as a small group. **Requests for custom excursions must be made no later than Friday, December 28, 2018.**



EXCURSION ACTIVITY LEVELS

Activity Level 1: Easy	Activity Level 2: Moderate	Activity Level 3: Active	Activity Level 4: Challenging
<p>Expectations: Shorter touring day. Standing and walking for moderate periods of time during museum visits or city tours. Walking typically on flat terrain; stairways sometimes without handrails; elevators sometimes available.</p> <p>Appropriate for: Travelers in good health with overall good mobility, and who are comfortable participating in at least three hours of activity.</p>	<p>Expectations: Longer touring day. Standing and walking for long periods of time during city tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. Walking over sometimes difficult terrain (e.g. cobblestones, city hills, stairs without handrails, absence of elevators, etc.); some longer walks to get to city centers where coaches are prohibited.</p> <p>Appropriate for: Travelers who are physically fit and comfortable with five or more hours of touring.</p>	<p>Expectations: Long touring day with a full and active itinerary at a faster pace and covering longer distances. Standing and walking for extended periods of time over more difficult terrain (e.g. cobblestones, city hills, stairs without handrails, limited or no access to elevators, muddy/slippery walking/hiking trails/beaches), and walking to city centers where coaches are prohibited. May require early morning departure and later evening return.</p> <p>Appropriate for: Travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives, are comfortable participating in long days of activities, and expect some physical exertion.</p>	<p>Expectations: Very active pace, long travel day. Walking/Hiking tours can be on difficult terrain (remains of bunkers, city hills, or narrow trails along steep hillsides with no railings). Travelers carry a daypack for their daily necessities. May require early morning departure and later evening return.</p> <p>Appropriate for: Travelers who have a high fitness level, expect a vigorous pace, enjoy participating in five to seven hours of physical activity per day, and enjoy challenging themselves physically.</p>

Please Note: Travel to and from the tour sites is not factored into our activity level ratings, but drive times are included in the total duration of the excursions. Drive times may be more than an hour on some excursions. If you have trouble sitting on a bus for long periods, please discuss your limitations with our travel team when making your selections.

In addition to physical fitness you should prepare for the possibility of adverse weather and/or road conditions, rough seas, and other issues that can sometimes be challenging when traveling. European sites are not required to comply with ADA requirements; therefore many of the shore excursions offered cannot accommodate wheelchair-bound guests. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability to stand or walk independently. If assistance is needed to board a motor coach or canal boat, walk up or down a gangway, or navigate narrow or steep stairs, a travel companion to assist you is required. Guests must also be able to handle personal daypacks, purses, or purchases without assistance.

OUR SPEAKERS

THE WORLD'S FOREMOST EXPERTS IN WWII HISTORY



RICHARD FRANK

US ARMY VETERAN, HISTORIAN, AND AUTHOR

Richard Frank is an international expert on World War II. After graduating from the University of Missouri, he was commissioned in the United States Army, where he served for nearly four years, including a tour of duty in Vietnam as an aerorifle platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division. He completed studies at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC., and afterward began research on his first book, *Guadalcanal: The Definitive Account of the Landmark Campaign*. He has appeared and consulted on numerous television and radio programs, including the HBO miniseries *The Pacific*. Although his publications have focused on the Asia-Pacific War, Frank has also deeply studied the war in Europe, specifically armored and airborne operations, as well as numerous issues common to the European and Pacific theaters.



JAMES HOLLAND

HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

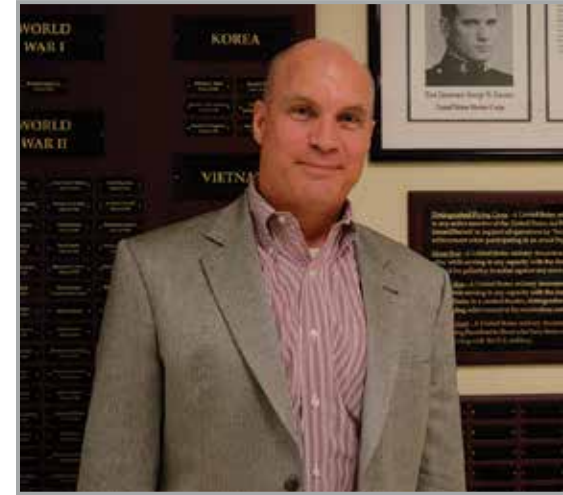
James Holland is a historian, writer, and broadcaster. The author of the best-selling *Fortress Malta*, *Battle of Britain*, and *Dam Busters*, he has also written nine works of historical fiction, five of which feature the heroic Jack Tanner, a soldier of the Second World War. He is currently writing a three-volume new history of the Second World War in the West. The first volume, *The War in the West: Germany Ascendant, 1939-1941*, and the second, *The Allies Strike Back: 1941-1943*, are complete. He regularly appears on television and radio, and has written and presented the BAFTA-shortlisted documentaries, *Battle of Britain* and *Dam Busters* for the BBC, as well as the *Battle for Malta*, *Cold War*, *Hot Jets*, and *Normandy 44*.



COL. IAN HOPE, PhD

CANADIAN VETERAN, HISTORIAN, AND AUTHOR

Colonel Hope served 36 years in uniform, including 18 years in leadership roles with airborne and mechanized infantry battalions. Operational experiences include the first Gulf War, and multiple tours in the Balkans, Africa, and Afghanistan. He commanded the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group (Task Force Orion) in combat in Kandahar in 2006. In 2012-13 he commanded the NATO/Afghan National Army Collective Training (Fielding) Centre in Kabul. He earned a Masters of Military Arts and Science, a Masters of Strategic Studies, and a PhD in History from Queen's University, and is the author of *A Scientific Way of War* (2015), *Dancing with the Dushman* (2008), *Unity of Command in Afghanistan: A Forsaken Principle of War* (2007).



JOHN C. MCMANUS, PhD

PROFESSOR, HISTORIAN, AND AUTHOR

John C. McManus is Curators' Distinguished Professor of US Military History at Missouri University of Science and Technology, and one of the world's leading historians of World War II. He has written 12 books, most of which cover some aspect of the American combat experience in World War II, including *The Americans at D-Day*, *The Americans at Normandy*, *September Hope: The American Side of a Bridge Too Far*, *Alamo in the Ardennes*, and *The Dead and Those About to Die: D-Day: The Big Red One at Omaha Beach*. He is in frequent demand as a speaker and has made hundreds of appearances as an expert commentator for radio and television outlets. He has appeared in numerous major documentaries that have aired on PBS, the History Channel, Netflix, the Smithsonian Network, the Discovery Channel, the National Geographic Channel, and others.



MICHAEL NEIBERG

HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

Michael Neiberg is the Professor of History and Chair of War Studies in the Department of National Security and Strategy at the United States Army War College. His published work specializes on the First and Second World Wars in global context. *The Wall Street Journal* named his *Dance of the Furies: Europe and the Outbreak of World War I*, one of the five best books ever written about that war. He is also the author of *The Blood of Free Men: The Liberation of Paris, 1944*, *Potsdam: The End of World War II and the Remaking of Europe*, *The Path To War: How the First World War Created Modern America*, and *The Treaty of Versailles: A Concise History*.



KARA DIXON VUIC, PhD

PROFESSOR, HISTORIAN, AND AUTHOR

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SOLD OUT



RISK OF RESISTANCE: WWII IN THE NETHERLANDS

OPTIONAL 2-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE TOUR
• AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS •



May 27 – 29, 2019 • \$1,799 per person
\$599 Single Supplement. \$199 Taxes and fees are additional.

On this custom-curated pre-tour, experience the sites significant to the Dutch Resistance. Overcoming the German occupation and the collaboration of the National Socialist Movement (NSB) in the Netherlands, the Dutch Resistance worked to hide Jews, provided information to the Allies, and supported Allied soldiers during Operation Market-Garden. The Resistance strengthened after a round-up of more than 400 Jews from Amsterdam in February 1941. Hiding and smuggling Jews, Allied soldiers, and other enemies of the Germans proved to be the hallmark of the Resistance. Those who participated did so at the risk of their own lives, as resistors could be shot on sight, never to be seen again, under cover of darkness.

On this two-day tour, visit the Dutch Resistance Museum, the Anne Frank House, and the Dam Square, site of a conflict between Dutch and German military forces as crowds were celebrating liberation on May 7, 1945.



Intercontinental Amstel Amsterdam

Extend Your Journey

Make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime experience with our exclusive pre-cruise tour in Amsterdam, visiting key sites important to the Dutch Resistance.

For guests who have previously explored Amsterdam's role in World War II, pre-cruise nights are available at our partner hotel the Intercontinental Amstel Amsterdam and may be booked in advance through our office no later than Friday, December 28, 2018.

Contact Us:

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Reservation Hours:

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT,
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. CT

For Additional Information:

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WELCOME ABOARD

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 • Embarkation in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Check-in at the cruise terminal opens at 11:30 a.m., and boarding begins at 12:00 Noon. Lunch and access to public spaces is available at the time of boarding, suites will be ready for guests after 2:30 p.m. Please note: if you plan to make your own arrangements to the port, you must check-in at the terminal no later than 2:00 p.m.



ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

GATEWAY TO THE HAGUE AND ATLANTIC WALL

Thursday, May 30, 2019

The Netherlands was a strategic target for Nazi Germany, and played a critical role in Hitler's plan to invade the British Isles. The flat expanse of the Dutch countryside was ideal for German air operations, and the port facilities of Rotterdam and The Hague would serve as a base for the German navy. Even after Hitler canceled his invasion plans, the region witnessed the construction of the Atlantic Wall.



View of Saint-Laurens-Church after the Bombing of Rotterdam, 1940.
Courtesy of Sueddeutsche Zeitung Photo / Alamy Stock Photo.

Photo: Harbor and historic ship yard dock in Rotterdam city.



AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS

Select from any of the guided shore excursions, or relax and enjoy the luxurious amenities of the *Seabourn Ovation*. If you are interested in independent exploration, the modern city of Rotterdam is easily accessible from the port by taxi or the dockside has many restaurants and shops within walking distance to the ship.

FLAGSHIP

The Rotterdam Blitz
(See page 14)



CURATOR'S COLLECTION

The Atlantic Wall in the Hague
(See page 15)



CULTURAL

Choose between:
Discover Delft & The Famous Delft Factory
(See page 16) and

The Windmills of Kinderdijk
(See page 17)





THE ROTTERDAM BLITZ



Rotterdam was the first city to feel the devastating effects of the *Luftwaffe's* blitz. During surrender negotiations, German planes appeared overhead, and in an uncontested raid, dropped over 1,000 bombs on the city center. Today the city is a destination for architecture enthusiasts from around the world. The bombing of the city is commemorated by markers bearing the image of a flame that circle the extent of the firestorm caused by the bombing. On your tour, visit the Museum Rotterdam, view the bridge where Dutch marines made their last attempt at holding the city, and hear your local guide discuss the effects of the bombing and resulting firestorm. The functional, modern architecture and the stories of the architects will add a modern touch to the experience.

Highlights:

- A guided tour on the destruction, surrender, and rebirth of Rotterdam
- Museum Rotterdam
- Historic Center of Rotterdam
- Mariners Museum
- Free time for lunch on your own

Activity Level 3: Active

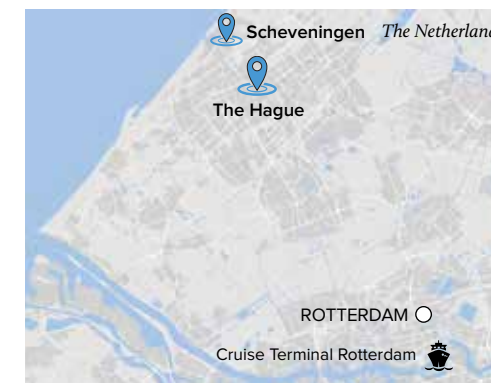
Involves considerable amount of time walking and standing outdoors. Touring is in an urban environment with access to indoor museums and air conditioning.

Approximate Duration: 6.5 Hours

Photo Left: The World Museum Rotterdam (Wereldmuseum). Photo Right: Rotterdam's city center burning after aerial bombardment, May 14, 1940. Courtesy of Everett Collection Historical / Alamy Stock Photo.



THE ATLANTIC WALL IN THE HAGUE



After canceling plans for an invasion of the British Isles, Germany sought to defend its gains on continental Europe through a series of fortifications along the coast. Called the Atlantic Wall, the defensive line stretched from Norway to Spain. The fortifications in The Hague are unique – they were buried and left undisturbed for decades, and original paint and graffiti are visible in the recently excavated bunkers along the coast. Visit the bunkers that remained underground for over 70 years, as the volunteers who worked these sites explain the process of excavation, maintenance, and restoration. Your guides will discuss how the sites fit within the overall structure of the Atlantic Wall.

Highlights:

- A guided tour of the beach area of Schevevningen
- Special access to recently excavated bunkers and tunnels of the Atlantic Wall
- Conversations with the workers completing the excavations
- Group lunch near Schevevningen Beach

Activity Level 4: Challenging

Recently excavated bunkers with narrow concrete steps, uneven footing, and underground passageways

Approximate Duration: 7 Hours

Photo left: The Kurhaus Hotel in the seaside resort of Schevevningen in The Hague, Netherlands. Courtesy of Archive Photos/Getty Images. Photo right: German soldier watching the coast in Holland in June 1944. Courtesy Keystone-France/Gamma-Keystone via Getty Images.



DISCOVER DELFT & THE FAMOUS DELFT FACTORY

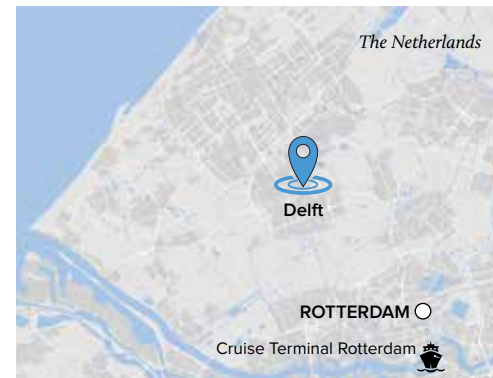


Porcelain was a material unknown in the Netherlands prior to the 17th century, so potters there attempted to imitate the Oriental products as well as they could with local clay. During that period, large numbers of factories were founded, especially in Rotterdam and Delft. Your tour begins with a scenic drive to Delft, a charming 17th century city of canals, cobbled alleys, and gabled houses. Enjoy a brief guided walk through the narrow streets of this picturesque town, viewing its most notable sights. Although most famous for its porcelain, Delft is also the birthplace of the painter Vermeer and the site of William of Orange's assassination.

Your time here also includes a visit to the Delft factory, which painstakingly creates its famed earthenware using the same methods employed since the factory's founding in 1653. A tour of the factory gives you a wonderful opportunity to observe the artists as they demonstrate the meticulous hand-painting that makes each piece a unique work of art. During your visit, you will also have the opportunity to participate in a workshop where you will make your own Delft Blue plate. There will be some free time to visit the Delft Factory store, where you may choose to purchase a few pieces of this unique porcelain.

Highlights:

- Scenic drive to Delft and guided walking tour upon arrival
- Visit the Delft Factory
- Participation in the Delft Factory workshop
- Historic Center of Rotterdam



Activity Level 2: Moderate

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of walking, plus free time. There are cobblestone streets to negotiate in parts of the city.

Approximate Duration: 4.5 Hours

Photo: An aerial view of Delft, The Netherlands.



WINDMILLS OF KINDERDIJK



Windmills and wooden shoes have long symbolized the Netherlands, and a visit to Kinderdijk provides a wonderful opportunity for an up-close look at this vanishing sight. Travel east through Rotterdam's industrial outskirts before passing through Dutch Polderland, which is laced with canals, farms, and lush fields, en route to nearby Kinderdijk.

Although windmills are quickly disappearing from the Dutch landscape; Kinderdijk retains 19 original windmills, many in working order. Upon arrival, your guide will lead you on a short walk to the Kinderdijk Theater, located in the Wisboom Pump house. On four surrounding screens, public figures explain the story of Kinderdijk. Afterwards, walk to one of Kinderdijk's working mills, where the mill's owner will treat you to a tour of the interior. Windmills were developed for a variety of purposes, one of the most important perhaps being land drainage.

Following your windmill visit, walk back to your coach and continue to the picturesque port of Delfshaven, one of Rotterdam's oldest and best-preserved districts. Dating from the 14th century, Delfshaven is beloved for its famous windmills and its fine merchant warehouses. It is also known for being the birthplace of Erasmus and the port of departure for America's Pilgrim Fathers!

After a photo-stop and brief stroll, you will transfer directly back to the pier in Rotterdam.

Highlights:

- Visit the famed Kinderdijk windmills
- Photo stop and brief stroll through the picturesque port of Delfshaven



Activity Level 2: Moderate

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of walking and there are steep stairs inside the windmill, should you choose to go inside (not required).

Approximate Duration: 4 Hours

Photo left: Delfshaven in Rotterdam. Photo right: Windmills of Kinderdijk, Netherlands.

ZEEBRUGGE, BELGIUM

GATEWAY TO FLANDERS AND THE SCHELDT ESTUARY

Friday, May 31, 2019

The region of Flanders in Belgium is no stranger to conflict. Dubbed “the cockpit of Europe” due to the ceaseless number of wars that have ravaged it, Flanders was the site of bloody fighting between the Germans and the Allies in World War I. The poppies that bloomed in the fields after the battles have become the symbol for lives lost in war. Straddling both Belgium and the Netherlands, the entrance to the Scheldt Estuary was once again vital for both sides during World War II. Antwerp and the Scheldt linked Germany’s territory to the North Sea in the early years of the war, and the Allies badly needed the port to continue to supply their advancing armies in 1944-45.



British Trenches near Ypres, 1918.
Courtesy of National Archives.



AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS

Select from any of the guided shore excursions, or relax and enjoy the luxurious amenities of the *Seabourn Ovation*. If you are interested in independent exploration please select the Cultural Excursion, Bruges At Your Own Pace.

FLAGSHIP

In Flanders Field
(See page 20)



CURATOR'S COLLECTION

The Scheldt Estuary
(See page 21)



CULTURAL

Choose between:
Bruges - A Medieval Gem or
Bruges At Your Own Pace
(See page 22) and
Panoramic Ghent by
Canal Boat (See page 23)



Photo: Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and Memorial for the First World War, Belgium.



IN FLANDERS FIELD



Traverse the region where so many lives were lost in World War I. Near the town of Ypres, five separate battles raged between 1914 and 1918, leaving hundreds of thousands of casualties and minimal gains of territory for either side. Your expert battlefield guide will escort you to the site of the first gas attack in the war, the location where Adolf Hitler served, and the Flanders Field American Cemetery. The Flanders Field Museum in Ypres places the battles in context to help understand the magnitude of the fighting. At Essex Farm, visit the site where John McRae wrote his famed poem, "In Flanders Field."

Highlights:

- Flanders Field Museum in Ypres
- Essex Farm Cemetery
- Flanders Field American Cemetery
- Trench Systems
- Free time for lunch on your own in Ypres city center



Activity Level 3: Active
Outdoor terrains in well-traveled and visited areas.
Approximate Duration: 8 Hours

Photo Left: Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing in Ypres, West Flanders, Belgium. Courtesy of Santi Rodriguez / Alamy Stock Photo.
Photo Right: Battle of Ypres, Belgium. Courtesy of Science History Images / Alamy Stock Photo.



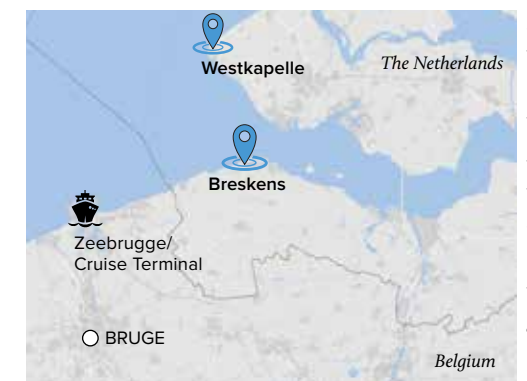
THE SCHELDT ESTUARY



By September 1944, the Allies were driving forward with energy. There was hope that Berlin could be conquered by Christmas. A major deficiency in the push was the lack of a major deepwater port. Supplies were still coming from the lone mulberry harbor and other beach operations in Normandy, and supply lines were getting longer every day. Both the Allies and the Germans knew the importance of opening the entrance to Antwerp. Montgomery ordered his forces to bypass Dunkirk for an assault on Antwerp, while the Germans employed delaying tactics to keep the Allies from controlling the Scheldt Estuary, a vital shipping lane in and out of the city. For five weeks, Canadian, British, and Polish forces fought against the Germans for control. On November 8, 1944, the Allies controlled the Scheldt, but the port required three weeks of repairs before unloading operations could begin.

Highlights:

- Liberation Museum Zeeland
- Restoration Work on Artifacts from WWII
- Free time for lunch on your own in Breskens

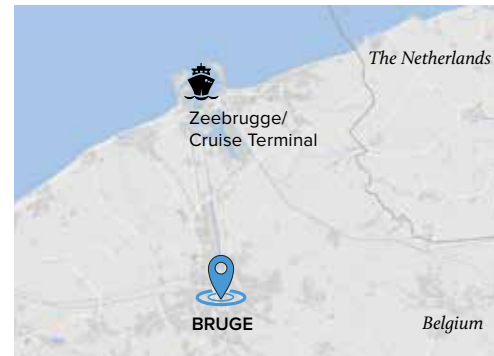


Activity Level 2: Moderate
The Liberation Museum includes a visit to their restoration facility which is an active workshop.
Approximate Duration: 7.5 Hours

Photo left: Antwerp city center. Photo right: A landing craft tank entering the beach area during the liberation of Westkapelle during the final phase of the battle to free the Belgian port of Antwerp. Courtesy of Military History Collection / Alamy Stock Photo.



BRUGES - A MEDIEVAL GEM or BRUGES AT YOUR OWN PACE



Bruges - A Medieval Gem

Smaller and more contained than any other Flemish city, Bruges gives the impression that you have stepped back in time to the 14th century. A short drive from the port brings you to the old city where your guide will walk you through the narrow, twisting cobbled streets, past picturesque views of ancient buildings, tree-lined canals, and gabled facades. Stroll through the bustling marketplace; see the Belfry Tower, the Town Hall, and the Chapel of the Holy Blood. Discover another aspect of the city during what will undoubtedly be the highlight of your tour, a 30-minute canal boat ride. Enjoy free time on your own for lunch and return to the ship at your leisure.

Highlights:

- Step back in time and visit Bruges
- Stroll through the bustling marketplace; see the Belfry Tower, the Town Hall and the Chapel of the Holy Blood
- Enjoy free time for lunch on your own and independent exploration before returning to the ship

Bruges At Your Own Pace

This excursion is organized for those guests who have previously visited Bruges or who want to explore independently. You will have free time to explore the city, shop, and eat lunch on your own before returning to the meeting place to re-board your coach for your return drive to the ship.

Highlights:

- Easy transfer to Bruges
- Free time to explore on your own at your leisure

Bruges - A Medieval Gem

Activity Level 3: Active

This tour includes approximately 2 hours 30 minutes of walking, including a 20-minute walk between the parking area and the city center – at times on uneven ground, and cobblestone surfaces. There are also steps to negotiate at the canal boats.

Approximate Duration: 4 to 8 Hours,
option of mid-day or afternoon
return to ship.

Bruges At Your Own Pace

Activity Level 2: Moderate

There is approximately a 20 minute walk on cobblestone surfaces between the parking area and the city center, and walking at your own pace for the duration of your visit.

Approximate Duration: 4 Hours,
Morning or Afternoon Departure

Photo: An aerial view of Bruges.



PANORAMIC GHENT BY CANAL BOAT



Start your day with a drive through the beautiful Flemish countryside to the medieval city of Ghent. Upon arrival, board a canal boat for an entertaining and thorough exploration of the city.

As you cruise through the historic city, you'll see highlights such as the Chinese Teahouses, Pharmacodynamics Institute, Bijloke, Palace of Justice, Old Guildhalls, Castle of the Counts, Fish Market, 13th-century monasteries, and the ancient port of Ghent, along with its mercantile houses.

The canal boat will stop in the center of Ghent, allowing time for a visit to the Saint Bavo Cathedral and free time to explore and have lunch on your own. Afterwards, re-board the canal boat for the return trip to the coach and drive back to the ship.

Highlights:

- Discover the medieval city of Ghent by Canal Boat & Visit to the Cathedral
- Free time to explore in Ghent



Activity Level 3: Active

There is approximately a 30 minute walk from the coach to the canal boat. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps into and out of the canal boat with limited assistance. There are cobblestone streets and uneven surfaces in Ghent.

Approximate Duration: 7 Hours

Photo Right: Ghent Canal. Photo Left: Corporal J. Morgan of an RAF Regiment Armored Car Squadron seen while on patrol in the streets of Ghent, Belgium. Courtesy of Military History Collection / Alamy Stock Photo.

DUNKIRK AND CALAIS, FRANCE (NORD-PAS-DE-CALAIS)

GATEWAY TO OPERATION DYNAMO

Saturday, June 1, 2019

The fall of Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Denmark preceded the German invasion of France. In just six weeks, French and British forces were surrounded and in full retreat. The only escape was to make it across the English Channel by boat. Many types of watercraft were used from warships to pleasure boats. The evacuation was called the "Miracle at Dunkirk" by Winston Churchill. Over 300,000 British and French soldiers made it to England where they would regroup in hopes of returning to France.



Military evacuation of Dunkirk during World War II. Thousands of British and French troops wait on the dunes of Dunkirk beach.



AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS

Today's schedule offers an opportunity for guests to tour in the morning and return to the ship in time to relax and enjoy the luxurious amenities of the *Seabourn Ovation* as we sail from Dunkirk to Calais.

FLAGSHIP

Dunkirk: The Evacuation
(See page 26)



CURATOR'S COLLECTION

Dunkirk: The Complete Story
(See page 27)



CULTURAL

Calais Town Hall and Belfry
(UNESCO World Heritage Site)
(See page 28)



Photo: Lighthouse and Seascape Dunkirk Nord-Pas-de-Calais.



DUNKIRK: THE EVACUATION

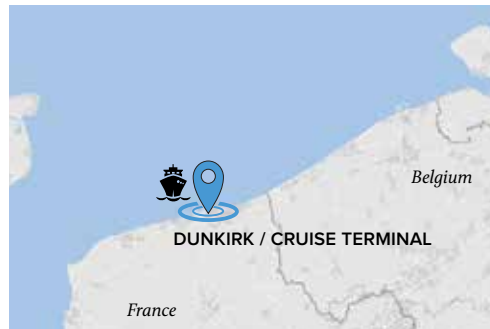


Photo Left: 1940 Evacuation Memorial, Dunkirk, France. Photo Right: Members of Royal Ulster Rifles waiting on an improvised pier of lorries to evacuate Dunkirk during low tide. Courtesy of March Of Time/The LIFE Picture Collection/Getty Images.

In Christopher Nolan's 2017 film *Dunkirk*, much of the action takes place along the coast, including the East Mole and the beaches. As French forces were holding the Germans back from the coast, British soldiers lined up waiting for their turn to sail to England. On this Flagship Military Excursion, view the East Mole with your guide and visit the coastal areas. The Operation Dynamo Museum tells the story of the evacuation through its impressive collection of artifacts. Return to the ship for lunch and sail onward to Calais.

Highlights:

- East Mole
- Evacuation areas on the Beach
- Sites used in the filming of *Dunkirk*
- Operation Dynamo Museum
- Enjoy lunch on the ship as you sail for Calais



Activity Level 2: Moderate

Outdoor terrains on a beachfront. Tour consists of generous amounts of walking over relatively flat surfaces. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Approximate Duration: 3 Hours



DUNKIRK: THE COMPLETE STORY

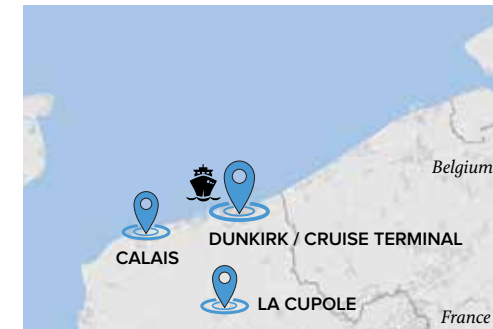


Photo left: A German concrete bunker, part of Hitler's Atlantic Wall, at Dunkirk, France. Courtesy of Maurice Savage / Alamy Stock Photo
Photo right: Weary British soldiers waiting for evacuation from Dunkirk. Courtesy of MPI/Getty Images.

Understand the full story of the Dunkirk evacuation, including the efforts to keep the beaches secured for the evacuation. Visit the East Mole and the beaches where soldiers awaited their rescue and journey to England. Continue to the outskirts of Dunkirk where the pocket was slowly closing as the Germans and French fought the last battles of the German conquest of France. Continue by motor coach to Calais to visit to La Coupole, a V-2 launch site that could have threatened London near the end of the war.

Highlights:

- East Mole & Evacuation Areas
- Sites from the filming of *Dunkirk*
- Group lunch at the Princess Elizabeth, a ship from the Dunkirk Evacuation
- La Coupole V-2 Launch Site



Activity Level 4: Challenging

Outdoor terrains, with a longer touring experience.

Approximate Duration: 8.5 Hours



CALAIS TOWN HALL AND BELFRY (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE)

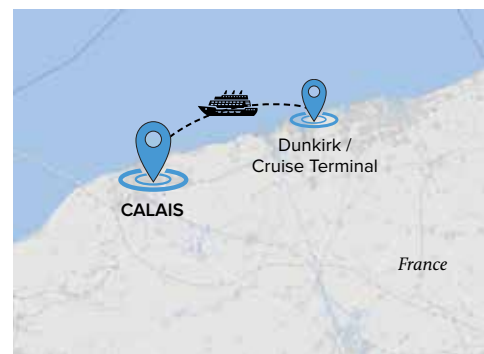


After enjoying a leisurely sail to Calais, disembark mid-afternoon for a brief tour. Visit the Town Hall and Belfry of Calais, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A symbolic element in the landscape of ancient Netherlands and the north of France, the belfry represents the birth of municipal power in the Middle Ages. A practical building housing the communal bells, conserving charters and treasures, where city council meetings were held, serving as a watch tower and a prison, the belfry has, over the centuries, become the symbol of power and prosperity.

Attend a reception hosted by locals and participate in a guided tour of the belfry while enjoying the breathtaking views of Calais. Explore the nearby Parc St. Pierre Sculpture Gardens on your own or visit Le Musée Memoires de Calais, a museum housed within a former German Navy bunker.

Highlights:

- Half day at leisure on board the *Ovation*
- Town Hall and Belfry of Calais
- Parc St. Pierre Sculpture Gardens
- Le Musée Memoires de Calais



Activity Level 1: Easy

Coach parks near Town Hall.
Minimal walking for short durations.
Elevator available.

Approximate Duration: 3 Hours

Photo left: The Town Hall, Calais, Pas de Calais, France. Courtesy of Brian Lawrence / Alamy Stock Photo. Photo right: Aerial view of Cap Gris Nez Before Opération Undergo – September 26, 1944. Courtesy of History and Art Collection / Alamy Stock. Photo



RELAX. REFLECT. SAVOR.

After retracing remarkable battlefield stories on shore, give in to the guilty pleasures onboard.

Enjoy the luxurious amenities and numerous activities the *Seabourn Ovation* has to offer. As we depart mid-morning for Calais, sailing into the late afternoon, you may wish to relax and savor brunch before taking in an afternoon matinee at the The Grand Lounge.



LE HAVRE, FRANCE (NORMANDY)

GATEWAY TO DIEPPE AND OPERATION JUBILEE

Sunday, June 2, 2019

In August 1942, Canadian troops (along with a small British contingent and 50 US Army Rangers) attacked the coastal town of Dieppe. The goal was to test German defenses in the area, to gain experience in amphibious operations, and to find and locate a German radar station on the coast. The raid was a disaster for the Allies. The force was too small to sustain a push inland, the terrain was difficult, and German defensive shot the landing force to pieces. The Allies were not yet ready for a large-scale landing in Europe.



German soldiers removing Churchill tanks from the beaches of Dieppe



AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS

Select from any of the guided shore excursions or relax and enjoy the luxurious amenities of the *Seabourn Ovation*. If you are interested in independent exploration, the modern city of Le Havre is easily accessible from the port by taxi.

FLAGSHIP

Dieppe
(See page 32)



CURATOR'S COLLECTION

Operation Jubilee
(See page 33)



CULTURAL

Choose between:
The Cliffs of Étretat
(See page 34) and
Fécamp – Mixology Tasting at the Bénédictine Palace
(See page 35)



Photo: Cliffs of Dieppe with fallen German bunker. Courtesy of Chris Craggs / Alamy Stock Photo.



DIEPPE



Photo Left: Canadian War Cemetery, Dieppe, France. Courtesy of Graeme Robertson/Getty Images. Photo Right: The Dieppe Raid, 19 August 1942. Courtesy of Military History Collection / Alamy Stock Photo.

In Dieppe, marvel at the smooth pebbles which make up the beach. Traction is difficult while walking on them, so one can imagine the difficulty of landing and running while under fire. The boardwalk behind the beach contains tributes to the men who came ashore in hopes of liberating the town, and a keen eye will be able to spot the German fortifications on the cliffs above Dieppe. The Dieppe Canadian Cemetery contains the remains of 948 servicemen of World War II, with the vast majority from the raid at Dieppe.

Highlights:

- Dieppe Beachfront
- Dieppe Canadian Cemetery
- 19 August 1942 Memorial
- Group lunch in Dieppe



Activity Level 2: Moderate

Overall activity featuring short walks on uneven, rocky beaches.

Approximate Duration: 8.5 Hours



OPERATION JUBILEE



Photo left: Beach and cliffs of Pourville Sur Mer, Normandy, France. Courtesy of BIOSPHOTO / Alamy Stock Photo. Photo right: Dieppe Raid—August 1942. Courtesy of Sueddeutsche Zeitung Photo / Alamy Stock Photo.

Spend more time on the battlefields in and around Dieppe with a comprehensive look at each of the invasion beaches and the stories of the men who landed. In Dieppe itself, walk across the pebble beach that made each advancing step difficult. To the east, the town of Puys proved to be a near impossible task, and the landings in this narrow section of beach backed by steep cliffs resulted in a casualty rate of more than 80%.

Highlights:

- Dieppe Beachfront
- Puys
- Dieppe Canadian Cemetery
- Group lunch arranged in Dieppe



Activity Level 4: Challenging

Overall activity featuring short walks on uneven, rocky beaches. The access to Puys Beach is very steep.

Approximate Duration: 8.5 Hours



THE CLIFFS OF ÉTRETAT*



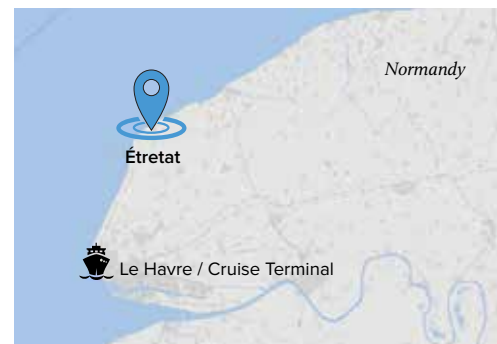
Formerly a small fishing village, Étretat became a renowned seaside resort by the 19th century. Architecture includes half-timbered cottages, fishermen's houses built using brick and flint, and villas in the town center and on the hillsides with shingle, flint, wood, brick, and stone facades.

Enjoy free time to stroll on the beach or relax at a café and take in the extraordinary and monumental appearance of Étretat's immaculate white chalk cliffs and gray pebble beaches

Highlights:

- Walking guided tour of architectural highlights
- View of the famous Étretat white chalk cliffs
- Free time for lunch on your own
- Visit of Étretat Gardens

*This excursion may be taken on June 2, 3, or 4.



Activity Level 2: Moderate

Approximate Duration: 5 Hours

Photo left: White chalky cliffs of Étretat. Photo right top: View of Étretat village.



FÉCAMP - MIXOLOGY TASTING AT THE BÉNÉDICTINE PALACE*



Enjoy a scenic drive to Fécamp and visit the Bénédictine Palace, the world's only producer of both Bénédictine liqueur and B&B, which became popular in the US during prohibition. Bénédictine liqueur is a digestive when consumed "neat" but is also used in making various cocktails. Discover the incredible tale of ancient and contemporary history at the Palais Bénédictine by exploring the Tasting Room and Shop. You will have the opportunity to taste the subtle aromas of Bénédictine and various cocktails. In the shop, you may also purchase bottles of Bénédictine and delicacies made from the liqueur such as spice madeleines, cakes, and ice cream.

Notes: The minimum age to participate and drink alcohol is 18 years old in France.

Highlights:

- Bénédictine Palace visit
- Discovery of Bénédictine Expressions Mixology Tasting
- Free time for shopping

*This excursion may be taken on June 2, 3, or 4.



Activity Level 1: Easy

Approximate Duration: 4.5 Hours

Photo left: The Benedictine Palace, Fécamp. Courtesy of nobleIMAGES / Alamy Stock Photo.



HONFLEUR, FRANCE – Day One* (NORMANDY)

GATEWAY TO THE INVASION OF THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY

Monday, June 3, 2019

On June 6, 1944 over 150,000 men came ashore on D-Day. Military planners selected each of the invasion beaches with a specific goal in mind. The British, Canadian, and French soldiers who landed across Sword, Juno, and Gold Beaches that day were to move inland and capture the railway and highway leading from Caen to Bayeux. Next, the city of Caen and its airfield needed to be secured. The Allies hoped to have Caen secured in the first few days after the invasion, but efforts to capture the city continued until the end of July.



Aerial of Mulberry Harbor.
Courtesy of Pictorial Press Ltd. / Alamy Stock Photo.



AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS

Select from any of the guided shore excursions, during the two days in port or relax and enjoy the luxurious amenities of the *Seabourn Ovation*. If you are interested in independent exploration, the picturesque harbor of Honfleur is easily accessible from the port by taxi.

FLAGSHIP

The British Sector

(See page 38)



CURATOR'S COLLECTION

The Battle for Caen

(See page 39)



CULTURAL

Choose between:

The Cliffs of Étretat (See page 34) or

Fécamp – Mixology Tasting at the
Bénédictine Palace

(See page 35) or

Giverny & Monet's Garden

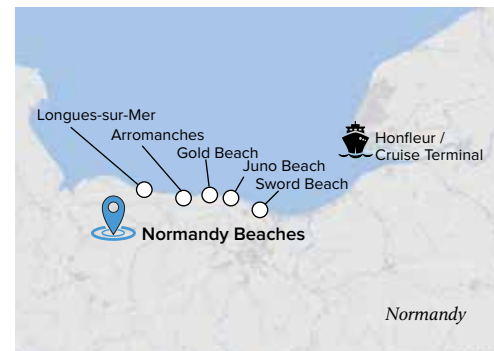
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THE BRITISH SECTOR



The British operation on D-Day was complex and successful. Paratroopers of the British 6th Airborne Division landed to the east of the Orne River to secure bridges and protect the landings. At Pegasus Bridge, gliders commanded by Major John Howard won the first victory of the day shortly after midnight. The landings across Gold and Sword Beaches, along with the Canadian landings at Juno, proved successful. As the operation advanced, a monumental feat of engineering took place in Arromanches with the construction of a Mulberry Harbor.

Highlights:

- Pegasus Bridge
- Driving tour of Sword, Juno, and Gold Beaches
- Mulberry Harbor at Arromanches
- Free time for lunch on your own in Arromanches
- Gun Battery at Longues-sur-Mer

Activity Level 2: Moderate

Museums interspersed with well-traveled battlefield terrain.

Approximate Duration: 9.5 Hours

Photo Left: Pegasus Bridge, the objective of Major John Howard and D Company of the "Ox and Bucks."
Photo Right: British gliders in Normandy.



THE BATTLE FOR CAEN



After D-Day, Germans were able to move their tanks across the flat terrain around Caen to counterattack the British and Canadian forces. The arrival of the 12th SS Panzer Division Hitlerjugend brought a new level of cruelty to the combat. At the Abbaye d'Ardenne, 18 Canadian prisoners were systematically executed in the garden. Daily Royal Air Force bombing raids on Caen reduced the city to rubble. Numerous military operations disrupted the local population, and citizens took to hiding the basements and crypts of Caen's most storied structures. In the villages of Buron and Authie, Canadians struggled to reach Carpiquet Airport, a critical objective.

Highlights:

- Abbaye d'Ardenne
- Villages of Buron & Authie
- Tour and free time for lunch on your own at Memorial de Caen

Activity Level 3: Active

More frequent bus stops and destinations not as well-traveled.

Approximate Duration: 9 Hours

Photo Left: Caen Cathedral. Photo Right: Maj Gen Keller and ADC Capt Torton Landing at Bernières-sur-Mer – June 6, 1944. Courtesy of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Regimental Museum.



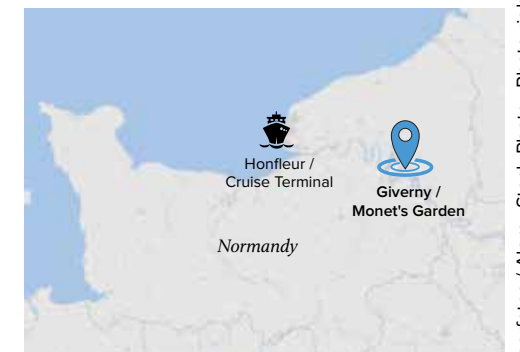
GIVERNY & MONET'S GARDEN



Giverny, located on the right bank of the Seine, is a charming town known throughout the world from the famous paintings of Claude Monet, who lived in the village from 1883 until his death in 1926. The village consists of two hillside streets lined with little houses covered by plaster and painted pink or green. Wisteria and Virginia creeper decorate the slate-roofed houses, and the streets are cut by narrow alleys that run down the hill. The property of Claude Monet is nestled in the middle of it all. The house and gardens formerly owned by Monet have since been turned into a museum. The house has been restored in pink and green, and contains reproductions of the painter's works, a collection of Japanese prints from the 18th and 19th centuries, and pieces of china. The adjacent flower garden was replanted according to the original design and is a spectacular display of colors. After the visit enjoy free time for lunch on your own.

Highlights:

- Visit of Giverny
- Monet's house and gardens
- Tour and free time for lunch on your own



Activity Level 2: Moderate

Gravel walkways, steps, and moderate periods of standing required. Coach parking is 10 minutes from the gardens, afternoon is at your own pace.

Approximate Duration: 7 Hours



Photo: Monet's water garden at Giverny, Normandy, France. Courtesy of Glenn Harper / Alamy Stock Photo.

Photo left: Monet's Home in Giverny, Courtesy of garifotos / Alamy Stock Photo . Photo right: A Studio Room in Monet's House, Giverny, Courtesy of Prisma by Dukas Presseagentur GmbH / Alamy Stock Photo.

HONFLEUR, FRANCE – Day Two* (NORMANDY)

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

On Omaha Beach, plans descended into chaos. A flat expanse of beach leads to commanding bluffs approaching 100-foot-high. The first waves approached the shore in their Higgins Boats, and the Germans opened up monstrous firepower. Wave after wave piled up on the beach as men struggled to overcome the German defenses and a rising tide. Finally, a few men forged paths directly up the bluffs, creating paths for others to follow. By the end of the day, the beach was secure,



Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division

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AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS

Select from any of the guided shore excursions, during the two days in port or relax and enjoy the luxurious amenities of the *Seabourn Ovation*. If you are interested in independent exploration, the picturesque harbor of Honfleur is easily accessible from the port by taxi.

FLAGSHIP

Omaha Beach

(See page 44)



CURATOR'S COLLECTION

**Omaha: From the Beach
to the Bluffs**

(See page 45)



CULTURAL

Choose between:
The Cliffs of Étretat (See page 34) or
**Fécamp – Mixology Tasting at
the Bénédictine Palace**

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Photo: Aerial view of Pointe du Hoc.



OMAHA BEACH

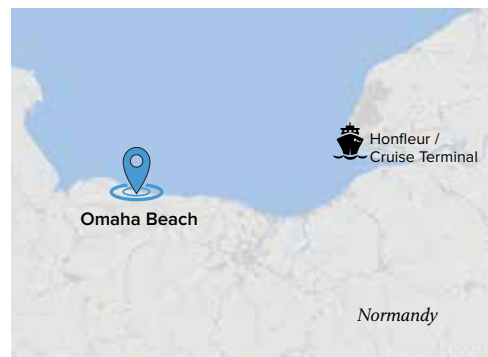


Photo Left: Aerial of Pointe du Hoc. Photo Right: D-Day Landings on Omaha Beach.

Before the beach landings occurred, US Army Rangers were climbing hand over hand up the cliff at Pointe du Hoc. This bomb-scarred landscape holds many stories of the Ranger's exploits that day. On the beach, hear the stories of sacrifice, bravery, and victory. On the western flank, the untested men of the 29th Infantry Division led the way in the first wave. After driving along the monuments, memorials, and terrain of Omaha Beach, arrive in the landing sectors of the 1st Infantry Division, which struggled under fire from a German position known as WN-62.

With anniversary commemorations in full swing, you will likely encounter period vehicles, reenactors, and marching bands. Your guide will be flexible, allowing for a mixture of education and experience

Highlights:

- Pointe du Hoc
- Dog Green Sector
- WN-62
- Group lunch arranged near Omaha Beach

Activity Level 2: Moderate

Beach terrain and remnants of German defenses.

Approximate Duration: 8.5 Hours



OMAHA: FROM THE BEACH TO THE BLUFFS

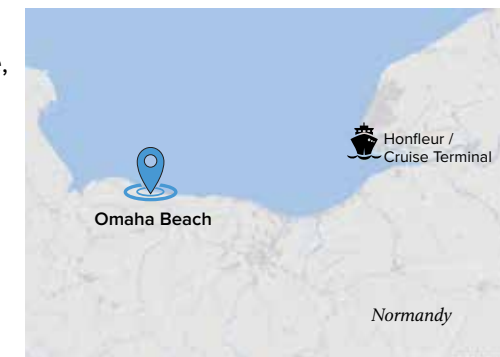


Photo: Les Braves sculpture dedicated on the 60th anniversary of the Normandy landings, Vierville sur Mer, Omaha Beach. Photo Left: After the assault at the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc by the 2nd Ranger Battalion, Colonel James E. Rudder establishes a Post Commando, June 1944.

Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc hold many stories of service, sacrifice, and heroism. On any tour, there are stories that cannot be told for lack of time. Expand your understanding of Omaha Beach, with lesser-known stories such as that of Charles Norman Shay, a Penobscot Tribal Elder who served as a combat medic with the 1st Infantry Division. At Pointe du Hoc, follow the stories of Antonio Ruggerio and James Eikner in addition to those of James Rudder and Leonard Lomell as the Rangers fought their way up the cliff and moved inland to destroy the coastal artillery guns.

With anniversary commemorations in full swing, you will likely encounter period vehicles, reenactors, and marching bands. Your guide will be flexible, allowing for a mixture of education and experience.

Highlights:

- Pointe du Hoc
- Easy Red Beach
- Hike the Paths up the Bluffs
- WN-60
- Group lunch arranged near Omaha Beach

Activity Level 4: Challenging

The terrain is a mixture of well-marked footpaths, paved sections, and sandy beaches. This tour will involve more physical activity including ascending steep bluffs for views of the German defenses and following the path of American soldiers .

Approximate Duration: 10 Hours

CHERBOURG, FRANCE – Day One* (NORMANDY, COTENTIN PENINSULA)

GATEWAY TO UTAH BEACH AND THE BATTLE OF THE HEDGEROWS

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

The landings at Utah Beach provided a direct route to the port city of Cherbourg. To secure the landings from the sea and to speed movement to Cherbourg, paratroopers from the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions landed during the early morning hours of June 6th. The towns of Sainte-Mere-Eglise and Sainte-Marie-du-Mont became tenacious battlefields as paratroopers fought in close combat to control each of these villages. With the vital bridges and crossroads secured, the 4th Infantry Division led the way off of the beach, but they entered a new terrain—one which threatened to bring the Battle of Normandy to a halt.



The ruins of the Cherbourg train and ferry depot, June or July, 1944.
Courtesy of National Archives & Records Administration.



AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS

Select from any of the guided shore excursions, or relax and enjoy the luxurious amenities of the *Seabourn Ovation*. If you are interested in independent exploration, historic Cherbourg is easily accessible from the port by taxi.

FLAGSHIP

D-Day on Utah
(See page 52)



CURATOR'S COLLECTION

Fortress Cherbourg
(See page 53)



CULTURAL

Choose between:
Mont Saint-Michel (See page 54) and
Scenic Val de Saire
(See page 55)



Photo: Aerial view of the Vauban fortifications and the tower at La Hougue.
Courtesy of Andia / Alamy Stock Photo.

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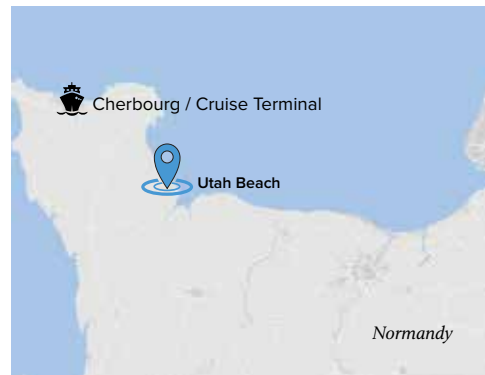
D-DAY ON UTAH



The area behind Utah Beach was the scene of numerous battles and skirmishes on D-Day. The landings on the beach began ominously. Landing one mile off course, General Theodore Roosevelt realized the error, but declared, "We'll start the war from here." In Sainte-Mère-Église, paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division descended directly into a town ablaze. The flames illuminated their descent, and the fighting went back and forth throughout the morning. At the nearby La Fièvre Bridge, paratroopers held out for three days before support arrived. The day features iconic sites mixed with special guests and stories throughout.

Highlights:

- Sainte-Mère-Église
- Utah Beach Museum
- Airborne Museum
- La Fièvre Bridge
- Group lunch arranged



Activity Level 3: Active
 Beach terrain and remnants of German defenses.
Approximate Duration: 8.5 Hours

Photo Left: The Utah Beach Museum in Normandy, France. Courtesy of Deborah Harmes / Alamy Stock
 Photo Right: Paratrooper of the 101st Airborne Division prior to D-Day.



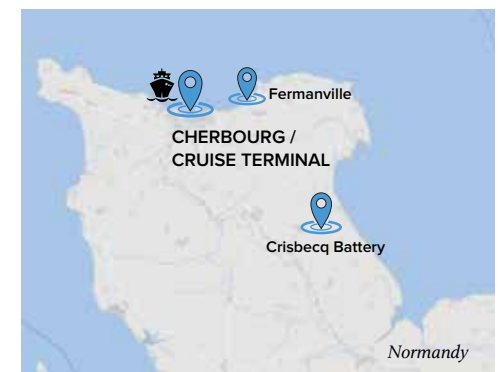
FORTRESS CHERBOURG



Follow the path of American soldiers through the Cotentin Peninsula to Cherbourg. Knowing the value of a port city held for the Allies, the Germans built Cherbourg into a fortress. After the successful Utah Beach landings on D-Day, GIs entered the infamous Norman bocage. This network of hedgerows with deep solid roots threatened to stall the advance completely. Mile after excruciating mile, soldiers neared Cherbourg, where the Germans had been instructed to fight to the last man. By late-June, Cherbourg was in American hands, but sabotage had rendered the port facilities unusable for significant unloading operations.

Highlights:

- Crisbecq Battery
- Explorations of the bocage
- Fermanville Battery
- Enjoy lunch back on the ship
- Cherbourg

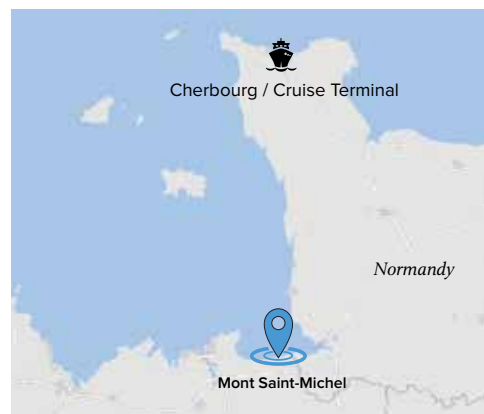


Activity Level 4: Challenging
 Hedgerow walks and bunkers not as well maintained.
Approximate Duration: 4-7 Hours
 Optional 2 hour afternoon tour in Cherbourg is available after lunch.

Photo left: Cherbourg fort. Courtesy of Photo by François BIBAL/Gamma-Rapho via Getty Images. Photo right top: US soldiers moving through the streets of Cherbourg. One by one they dash across a street to evade German sniper fire. Photo right bottom: German prisoners in the Battle of Cherbourg—June 22-25, 1944. Courtesy of Everett Collection Inc. / Alamy Stock Photo.



MONT SAINT-MICHEL (UNESCO World Heritage Site)



Discover France's spectacular landmark Mont Saint-Michel. Steeped in history and legend, explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site that dates back to 709 A.D. Designed as a medieval castle, it features two towers to defend its entrance. Travel through the medieval town with cobblestone streets and quaint shops, and board a shuttle bus that takes you to the base of the mount, which is crowned by the abbey.

Walk along the ramparts and gardens that offer an incredible view of the bay. Visit the abbey, the origins of which date back to the early 8th century when Archangel Michael appeared to the bishop of Avranches, and this vision led to the construction of a series of beautiful buildings dedicated to the archangel.

Enjoy independent exploration of the village where you can have lunch on your own and shop for mementos and souvenirs.

Highlights:

- Walking along the ramparts and gardens of St. Michael
- Visit the abbey where the Archangel Michael appeared to the Bishop of Avranches
- Visit to a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Lunch on your own and time to visit some of the local shops

Activity Level 4: Challenging

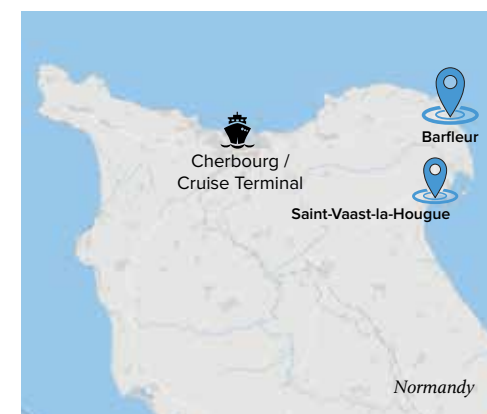
Guests must be able to walk approximately 1 mile over even and cobblestone surfaces and climb 365 steps to reach the Abbey for touring.

Approximate Duration: 9 Hours

Photo left: Mont Saint-Michel. Photo right: German Wehrmacht paratroopers at the foot of the Mont Saint-Michel monastery on the Channel coast in occupied France, December 1943. Courtesy of dpa picture alliance / Alamy Stock Photo.



SCENIC VAL DE SAIRE



The region of Val de Saire evokes wonderful scenic images, not only of the delightful Saire Valley, but of the whole northeast peninsula.

Discover Barfleur and travel back in time to the Middle Ages. This picturesque fishing port and yachting harbor was once the busiest place in the Cotentin Peninsula, and in more recent centuries has been a favorite vacation spot for English aristocrats and monarchs.

Continue on a scenic route to reach the village of Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue. Located on the coast of the Val de Saire, Saint-Vaast is a pleasant harbor, famous not only for its oysters but also popular as a seaside resort.

Highlights:

- Discover Barfleur and travel back in time to the Middle Ages
- Visit the village of Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue with free time and lunch on your own

Activity Level 2: Easy

Independent exploration at your own pace.

Approximate Duration: 5.5 Hours

Photo left: Fishing boats in the harbor of Barfleur in Normandy, France. Photo right: Monument aux morts de Barfleur (1914-18 War Memorial).

CHERBOURG, FRANCE – Day Two* (NORMANDY, COTENTIN PENINSULA)

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

Thursday, June 6, 2019



AVAILABLE EXCURSIONS

Select from either of today's shore excursions, or relax and enjoy the luxurious amenities of the *Seabourn Ovation*. The Binational Ceremony (French and American) is expected to draw thousands of people to commemorate this momentous occasion: the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. Considered a pilgrimage for American, Canadian, and European citizens alike, this opportunity to honor those who participated in the invasion will be a once in a lifetime event. Alternatively, a half-day of touring to sites pertaining to the 101st Airborne is offered or you may tour the area around the port independently.

FLAGSHIP
101st Airborne
(See page 48)



**75TH D-DAY BINATIONAL
CEREMONY**
(See page 49)



Photo: Long lines of American soldiers moving inland on the French invasion coast in the D-Day assault; men and supplies come ashore following half-tracks and a beached 'duck' (amphibious truck), June 6, 1944. New York World-Telegram and the Sun Newspaper Photograph Collection. Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.

*Touring schedules in Normandy are subject to change in response to security required for political figures and/or royalty who may be traveling in the area. The National WWII Museum will work diligently to adjust daily itineraries should we learn of such late developing conflicts.



101ST AIRBORNE

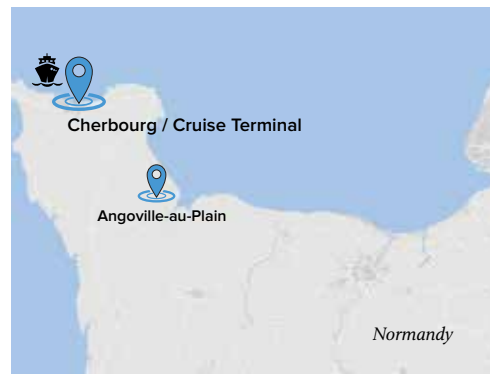


Photo Left: L'eglise Saint-Martin Church where medics treated soldiers in the D-Day invasion. Courtesy of Kirk Fisher / Alamy Stock Photo. Photo Right: Major Dick Winters, Commander, 2nd Bn., 506th PIR. Photo Courtesy of the Gettysburg Museum of History.

The small village of Angoville-au-Plain was in the drop zone of the 101st Airborne Division. Some paratroopers landed in the village, and others emerged throughout the day from the swamps surrounding the town. As the battle raged for several days, two medics, Kenneth Moore and Robert Wright, set up an aid post in the town's church. Over the course of three days, 75 casualties, both American and German, were brought into the church. Moore and Wright promised to treat any man as long as their weapons remained outside. Down the road from Angoville, a crossroads known as Dead Man's Corner is home to a unique C-47 experience. A simulator provides the look, sounds, and feel of a flight across the English Channel from June 5-6, 1944.

Highlights:

- The small church in Angoville-au-Plain
- C-47 Experience at Dead Man's Corner



Activity Level 2: Moderate

A partial day tour featuring a small church and a museum which features an interactive C-47 experience. The C-47 Experience is not recommended for those with heart conditions or claustrophobia.

Approximate Duration: 4 Hours



D-DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY BINATIONAL CEREMONY



Experience the Binational Ceremony (French and American) commemorating the 75th anniversary of D-Day. We have dedicated the entire day to this momentous occasion and are working in close contact with both the French and American authorities (French State Department, French Ministry of Defence, the ABMC and the US Embassy) to be able to provide all necessary information for entry and participation, as it becomes available. We expect this day to start very early, as all coaches will be required to first travel to a security screening check-point, and traffic delays are anticipated. The expected attendance of heads of state and dignitaries at the many ceremonies throughout the region will also impact travel.

Further details will be provided closer to departure.

Activity Level 3: Active

Longer walks from coach parking are anticipated and standing for extended periods of time.

Approximate Duration: 10 Hours

Photo: A view of the monument at Utah Beach. Courtesy of Artur Widak / NurPhoto via Getty Images.



FAREWELL

DISEMBARKATION IN DOVER, ENGLAND

Friday, June 7, 2019

The ship will dock in Dover at 7:00 a.m., and departures will be pre-scheduled based on your destination and flight time.

SOLD OUT



CHURCHILL'S LONDON

OPTIONAL 2-NIGHT POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

• LONDON, ENGLAND •



June 7 – 9, 2019 • \$1,999 per person

Churchill's London highlights include:

- The Churchill War Rooms
- St. Paul's Cathedral
- The Imperial War Museum
- Chartwell, Churchill's family home

Our post-cruise extension Churchill's London is currently sold out. If you would like to be placed on the waitlist for this extension, please call our office.

If you would like to visit London, please consider adding additional nights on your own at our partner hotel the 5-Star Rubens at the Palace. Extra nights may be booked in advance through our office until December 28, 2018.

Enhance and protect your journey with the following options:

Transfers

When arriving and departing on scheduled cruise or extension program dates, transfers to/from the airport/ship are included at scheduled times based on your flight. Should you need to schedule a private transfer, requests must be made no later than Friday, December 28, 2018.

Travel Insurance

Make your travel plans with complete peace of mind, knowing your investment is protected even if something unexpected comes along. It's also important to note that most US health insurance policies, including Medicare, do not cover expenses incurred internationally, and we highly recommend purchase of a travel protection policy. There are many companies that offer travel protection, and we would be happy to assist you with obtaining a quote from our partner. If you are traveling with one of our alumni partners, please contact the association directly for more information.

Contact Us:

1-877-813-3329 x 257

Reservation Hours:

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT,
Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. CT

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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TOUR FARE

Your tour fare covers arrangements and services including accommodations, meals as per the itinerary, gratuities, ground transportation, guiding services, and special tour inclusions as described within the travel program brochures and on the Museum’s web-site at: www.ww2museumtours.org. All fares are quoted in US Dollars, are per guest and are based on double occupancy. As indicated below, airfare to and from the tour destination is not included in your tour fare. The Museum accepts 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, up to the time of full payment the Museum reserves 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 to the Museum 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; airfare, baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport taxes; 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 expenses on land due to flight schedule(s) or delays; meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel program.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

To reserve your participation, submit an initial deposit of \$2,000 per person within five (5) days of booking. A \$750 per person deposit is due for any pre and/or post program options that you

select. Final payment is due no later than December 10, 2018 (170 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. VISA, MasterCard and American Express are also accepted.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Because our cancellation policy is strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you protect your investment through a travel protection insurance policy. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. Travel cancellation protection policies are available through the Museum’s Travel Department and information is included in your initial confirmation packet accordingly.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND TOUR REQUIREMENTS

All guests are required to advise in writing to the Museum 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 of the Museum. The Museum reserves the right without liability to require a passenger to leave the tour or to refuse to accept a guest as a tour participant who, in the sole judgment of the Museum, is unfit to travel, is a danger to himself or herself or to others, does not follow instructions of the tour leader, may distract from the enjoyment of the trip by others or may require care beyond that which the Museum 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 the 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 not responsible for loss or damage to luggage or any other personal item during air travel, while in a hotel during land programs, on a cruise or while on shore excursions. Under no circumstances may dangerous items (i.e. explosives, firearms, liquid oxygen, combustible or illegal substances) be taken on the tour. We recommend that you hand carry travel documents (passports and tour tickets), medications and valuables, and check with your airline regarding carry-on baggage restrictions. These items are the full responsibility of the guest at all times. The Museum shall not be responsible for the loss of or damage to such personal items.

LAND TOURS, LECTURES AND PERSONALITIES

All tours are operated by independent contractors. These independent contractors may impose additional terms and conditions and limitations of liability on tour participants. Other independent contractors retained by the Museum such as lecturers, guest personalities and entertainers are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

All travel documents (air and tour tickets, passport) are the responsibility of the guest. It is also your responsibility to comply with all customs requirements. Without the required documents, you may be denied boarding and the Museum will not be liable for such denial or bear any financial responsibilities as a result thereof.

Security measures imposed by governments may change from time to time and you will be required to comply with them. We will endeavor to provide you with notice of measures which may affect you; but complying with any such requirement is your responsibility.

TRAVEL WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES

The Museum strongly recommends that tour participants review the destination country’s specific information at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html> and <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>.

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The National World War II Museum Inc., a New Orleans, Louisiana based nonprofit 501C(3) organization and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (collectively “the Museum”), does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including; lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, the Museum is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity or of any other third party.

In addition and without limitation, the Museum is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any

goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely. Participants assume all such risks as well as the risk of negligence by the Museum and specifically releases the Museum therefrom.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person the Museum judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders or third parties, or who the Museum determines to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line.

The Museum reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and the Museum shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, sightseeing events, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. The Museum is not responsible therefore and is not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. The Museum may cancel a trip (or an option) for any reason whatsoever; if so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant to it. The Museum is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. The Museum is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if the Museum makes the flight arrangements or cancels the trip. The Museum reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels, itineraries or attractions for those listed in this brochure.

BINDING ARBITRATION

I agree that any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Louisiana law and will take place in New Orleans, LA. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, you (and we) are waiving our right to a trial by jury.

Ship’s Registry: Bahamas.

CANCELLATIONS	CANCELLATION NOTICE RECEIVED BEFORE TOUR START DATE FEES	TOUR CANCELLATION FEES	PRE & POST-TOUR CANCELLATION FEES
Should it be necessary to cancel your reservation, please contact the Museum immediately at 1-877-813-3329 x 257.	171 days or more	\$1,000 per person	\$50 per person
Cancellations or all or any part of a 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:	170-91 days	\$2,000 per person	\$200 per person
	90-61 days	60% of full tour cost (incl Pre- or Post Tour)*	
	60 days or less, No Show, Early Return	100% of full tour cost (incl Pre- or Post Tour)*	
	*In addition, applicable cancellation fees for confirmed additional hotel nights may apply. *Tour cost is defined as the cost of any cruise, land, or air element purchased from The National WWII Museum.		

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