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Normandy - Where Courage Changed the World – 28-31 May 2027

Next May 2027, join us for a journey of remembrance to the battlefields of Normandy - ground forever marked by courage, duty, and sacrifice.

Visit La Point Du Hoc where U.S. Army Rangers scaled sheer cliffs under relentless enemy fire. Their mission: destroy German artillery threatening the landings at Omaha Beach and Utah Beach.

Outnumbered, exposed, and fighting atop shattered cliffs, the Rangers held their ground against fierce counterattacks until relief arrived.

Stand on the sands of Omaha Beach, where American servicemen faced relentless fire and pressed forward with extraordinary resolve.

Walk the British sectors at Gold Beach, where discipline and determination broke through the Atlantic Wall.

Visit the site of the daring airborne assault Operation Deadstick and the action at Pegasus Bridge - secured in the opening moments of D-Day through skill, courage, and unwavering commitment to the mission.

Join us at the British Normandy Memorial for a moving act of remembrance and tribute.

Overlooking the historic Gold Beach, this powerful memorial bears the names of the 22,442 servicemen and women under British command who gave their lives on D-Day and during the Battle of Normandy.

Together, we will take part in a wreath-laying ceremony to honour their sacrifice, reflect on their courage, and ensure their legacy is never forgotten.

A moment of remembrance. A gesture of gratitude. A lasting tribute.

This is more than a tour.

It is a chance to reflect.

To remember comrades past and present.

To stand where ordinary men accomplished extraordinary things.

Join your fellow Recy Mechs in honouring service, sacrifice, and the enduring bond of those who wear-or have worn-the uniform.

28-31 May 2027 – Normandy Awaits.

Please read on for a detailed tour itinerary and to book.

Meals: • B = Breakfast • L = Lunch • D = Dinner • PL = Packed Lunch

Thursday 27 May 2027

Book your own room, check in and RV the night before departure at the Travelodge Portsmouth Copnor Rd, Hilsea, Portsmouth PO3 5HS. This an opportunity to relax before the departure, the tour begins on Friday morning.

Friday 28 May 2027

- Depart hotel for Portsmouth D-Day Museum.
- Depart museum for secure parking at 103Bn REME Army Reserve Centre (ARC) Portsmouth. (TBC)
- Pick up executive coach 33/49-seater, move to Ferry Port for TBC hrs ferry to Caen
- ETA Caen 2230hrs local, 2300hrs arrive Caen Ibis or Mercure Hotel

Saturday 29 May American D-Day

(B, PL)

After breakfast we take a packed lunch with us and depart from our hotel at 08:30. Today we visit:

- La Pointe Due Hoc
- Lunch Omaha Beach Café
- Overlord Museum
- American Omaha Cemetery
- Return Caen hotel. Time to freshen up before dinner at your hotel or in the local area.



Sunday 30 May British D-Day

(B, PL)

After breakfast we take a packed lunch with us and depart from our hotel at 08:30. Today we visit:

- Arromanches Mulberry Harbour
- Sword Beach
- Lunch Pegasus Bridge Café Gondree the 'Pegasus Bridge Café'
- Pegasus Bridge Assault and Museum
- Make our way back to our hotel where you can freshen up and have dinner at your hotel or in the local area.



Monday 31 May Act of Remembrance wreath-laying ceremony

(B, PL)

After breakfast we take a packed lunch with us and depart from our hotel at 08:30. Today we visit:

- The Winston Churchill Centre, dress Mufti and Medals.
- British Normandy Memorial Branch Wreath Laying Ceremony with Standard, group photos.



With our tour ended we depart and begin our return journey to Caen Ferry Port where you can change into something more comfortable. Caen ferry TBC hrs, ETA Portsmouth TBC hrs local. Coach drop off at 103Bn collect cars and depart for home.

Information and Booking

Package includes:

- Full Services of a Battlefield Historian/Guide inc. travel to & from Portsmouth
- Executive coach transport with driver
- Pick up and drop off, secure parking at 103Bn (TBC)
- Return ferry Portsmouth to Caen with meal included on outward and return journey
- Three nights at a Caen city centre Ibis or Mercure hotel with b/fast, packed lunch if requested.
- City taxes
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Museum entrance fees (Portsmouth D-Day £14.55 per head)
- Full administration and booking service
- 24 hour on call UK duty manager service throughout your tour (me 😊)

Not included:

- The first additional night at the Travelodge Portsmouth if required.
- Personal travel insurance; gratuities; drinks, lunch time meals, or packed lunch if requested, evening meals.

Tour vehicle:

You will travel in an executive coach with professional driver which will be equipped with air conditioning, heating, WC and seat belts which adhere to current safety guidelines.

Battlefield Historian/Guide

Your Battlefield Historian/Guide is Ian who has been an active battlefield guide for more than 12 years and has conducted tours of all the major battlefields.

Eligibility

You are booking this with the Recovery Mechanics Branch who are responsible for all elements of the tour, which is exclusively for its members and their invited guests, be these family, relatives or friends on a first come basis.

Costs

- ❑ The cost is based on a **minimum** of 30 paying guests @ £578.00 per person.
- ❑ With a maximum of 49 paying guests cost will reduce to £354.00 per person.

Booking payments and dates

- ❑ A non-refundable deposit of £150.00 per person is required in order to secure your booking payable by **10 June 26**
- ❑ An interim payment of £150.00 per person is required **21 August 26**
- ❑ Depending on the numbers attending the final balance required will be notified to all, this final payment will be required by **Monday 06 March 2027**

Payments can be made by credit, debit card or bank transfer into the branch account.

Anyone interested please get in touch, it will be great to have you join u, the more the merrier, and cheaper!!

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