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SEINE: PARIS TO NORMANDY

17—26 MAY 2014

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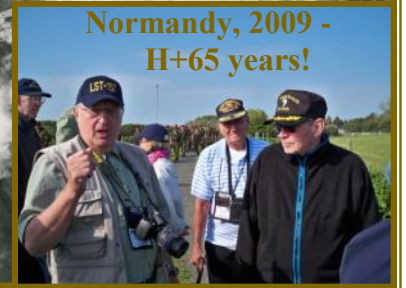


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Omaha Beach, 6 June 1944 - H+5 hours



Utah Beach, 2008 - H+64 years!



Normandy, 2009 - H+65 years!

D-Day - June 6th, 1944. It has been 70 years but few events have galvanized a population and stirred the imagination like D-Day. As dawn broke over the beaches, thousands of real-life “Private Ryans”, British, French, Canadians and Americans, left the relative safety of their landing craft and stormed ashore to begin the Liberation of France.

Also on **6 June but in 1918**, the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines (3/5) and the 3rd Battalion 6th Marines (3/6), on their right—advanced from the west into Belleau Wood. The Marines had to advance through a waist-high wheat field into murderous machine gun fire. One of the most famous quotations in Marine Corps legend came during the initial step-off for the battle when Gunnery Sergeant Dan Daly, a recipient of two Medals of Honor prompted his men of the 73rd Machine Gun company forward with the words: "Come on, you sons of bitches, do you want to live forever?" The first waves of 3/5 Marines—advancing in well-disciplined lines—were slaughtered. On the right, the Marines of 3/6 swept into the southern end of Belleau Wood and encountered heavy machine gun fire, sharpshooters and barbed wire. Marines and German infantrymen were soon engaged in heavy hand-to-hand fighting. The casualties sustained on this day were the highest in Marine Corps history to that time. Some 31 officers and 1,056 men of the Marine brigade were casualties. The Marines now had a foothold in Belleau Wood.

MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS is proud to team with our renowned cruise partner **VIKING RIVER CRUISES** to offer a special celebration of our 26 years of service to these historic battles and all our signature European Battlefield Tours. Combine the magic of Paris with the beauty of France’s Norman countryside and voilà! Experience history firsthand at the Normandy beaches, site of the famous Allied invasion on D-Day in 1944 as well as visiting the famous Belleau Wood battlefield as guests at the memorial ceremony. Delight in the Gothic architecture of Rouen, and see where Joan of Arc was tried and executed. Lose yourself in the exquisite gardens of Giverny, whose rich palette inspired Impressionist Claude Monet for many years. Walk the cobblestone streets of provincial Vernon and share the splendor of Paris, the world’s most romantic city, with your companion. This fascinating 10-day journey has something for everyone. We conclude our historic pilgrimage in Paris, the legendary “City of Light,” one of the world’s most beautiful cities and extend a day to participate in the not to be missed pageantry of the **Belleau Wood Commemoration (BWC)**



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Prices: 2 for 1 Viking Cruise[^] BWC[^]

Cabin Prices: A	\$ 7,299	\$7,749
(The prices listed B	\$ 6,799	\$7,249
are for a cabin/ C	\$ 6,399	\$6,849
room & 2 people) D	\$ 6,199	\$6,649
E	\$ 5,199	\$5,649

Tour Price Includes:

- Deluxe River Cruise Ship Accommodations *
- Meals as indicated in itinerary *
- Historical trip information packet, containing maps & other tour information. *
- Six shore excursions with paid admission fees to all sites, museums & attractions listed *
- Services of experienced Tour Leaders and English-speaking local guides.



Round-trip economy or business class airfare from most major airports to Paris CDG via MHT/Viking International Air. MHT can book your Domestic (from your hometown airport to the major portal) Both available upon request!

[^] - Due to the 2 for 1 Offer no other discounts are applicable!

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - 17 May - Departure

Evening departure for Paris. Dinner, beverages and a continental breakfast served aboard flight.

Day 2 - 18 May - Arrival in France

Arrive in Paris, romance capital of the world. Transfer available when using the MHT/Viking Air.* After boarding, take free time to explore Paris—or join our “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and start getting oriented. (D)

* - Booking your own air; transfers are not included.

Day 3 - 19 May - Paris

After breakfast, embark on a half-day tour of this beautiful city and take in its most remarkable sights, including the iconic Eiffel Tower. Continue past the École Militaire, Orsay Museum and Latin Quarter. See the Cathedral of



General “Mike” Hagee, USMC 33rd CMC with Marines at Belleau Wood Iron Mike Memorial.

Notre Dame, then drive past the Louvre and Opera House and along the famous Champs Élysées. Return aboard for lunch. Afternoon is free to visit the Louvre, shop the many boutiques, visit the artists’ district of Montmartre or enjoy a cruise along the Seine. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Dinner is served aboard as we set sail up the Seine. (B, L, D)

Day 4 - 20 May - Giverny & Vernon

Arrive in Vernon before breakfast; take a short ride into the town of Giverny, where Claude Monet lived from 1883



until his death in 1926. Visit the beautiful gardens and charming stone farmhouse where he lived and worked; see the water garden with its Japanese bridge, water lilies, wisteria and azaleas that inspired many of his masterpieces. After lunch, spend some time with your Program Director in the provincial town

of Vernon. Take a stroll to see the *Maison du Temps Jadis* (House of Past Times), Vernon’s oldest house, and the 11th-century Church of Notre Dame. Dinner is served aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 5 - 21 May — Rouen

Indulge in a leisurely morning cruising along the Seine. The afternoon is spent in the medieval city of Rouen, historic capital of Normandy. Begin with a walking tour through the old town center, where you see



the spectacular Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral so often painted by Claude Monet and the famous Gros Horloge, a 16th-century astronomical clock. As you walk among the half-timbered buildings you feel yourself transported back through time; see the 14th-century courthouse where Joan of Arc was sentenced to death and the nearby Market Square where she was martyred. Take free time to discover more of Rouen or visit one of its museums of art or antiquities. Dine aboard, or visit a sidewalk café—your ship remains docked overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 6 - 22 May - Normandy

After breakfast, begin your full-day tour to the historic beaches of Normandy. Drive past the British Gold Beach, Courseulles sur Mer and Juno Beach on your way to visit World War II landmarks such as Omaha & Utah Beaches, the American Military Cemetery and Arromanches Debarkment Museum. Have dinner and relax on board or take an evening stroll; we depart late tonight. (B, L, D)

Day 7 - 23 May - Les Andelys & Conflans

Arrive this morning in the small town of Les Andelys, known for its imposing castle, Château Gaillard, built in 1196 by Richard the Lionhearted. Join a guided walk to this fatally flawed masterpiece of Middle Ages architecture. Return to your ship for lunch and afternoon cruising. This evening we dock in Conflans, a riverside town whose unique culture reflects its status as a local hub for barges navigating the Seine and its tributaries. (B, L, D)

Day 8 - 24 Jun - Conflans &



Left: The Hotel des Invalides, the French War Museum and home of Napoleon’s Tomb. Above: At a German “Atlantic Wall” Normandy Bunker

Paris

After breakfast, take a walking tour through the charming neighborhoods of Conflans. Or, join an optional tour to the luxurious Palace of Versailles, former home of Louis XIV. Lunch aboard as you sail back to Paris this afternoon. Dine aboard and then enjoy some free time in the City of Light. (B, L, D)



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Day 10 - 26 May - Departure Paris

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the **A)** airport for your flight home or **B)** continue on the bus to Bastogne and join the MHT Battle of the Bulge Tour for a total immersion tour of Hitler's last desperate offensive in the Ardennes. (B)

Day 9 - 25 May - Paris

Wake up in Paris board the Belleau Wood Commemoration (BWC) MHT Bus for the ride to the American Battle Monuments Commission Aisne/Marne Cemetery for the joint



French Army and U.S. Marine Corps (MC Band & Silent Drill Team perform) Memorial Cere-

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Make sure you enjoy an Airborne Pilsner at Le Nuts Café in Bastogne with MHT!



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