

## **France** | Paris, Bayeux & The Normandy Invasion









Normandy has played a part in two significant invasions: William the Conqueror departed for England from Bayeux in 1066, and the Allied Forces arrived in 1944. The Norman Conquest is depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry and we'll tour the battlefields with a private historian.

Paris, the City of Light. The most beautiful and romantic of all cities, it is also the world's most popular tourist destination. From the comfort and convenience of our centrally located hotel all the sights of the city are a short walk or metro ride away - the iconic Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe, the magnificent Notre-Dame Cathedral and Sacré-Cœur Basilica, the Louvre, the Bateaux-Mouches, and Napoleon's Tomb.

Day	City	Highlights
1	Airborne	Meet your Group Director for an overnight flight to France!
2	Bayeux	Train to Bayeux and navigate to hotel. Check in, unpack, meet in lobby for an orientation walk around town. Kickoff Dinner and a good nights sleep to recover from jet lag. Tomorrow we learn about D-Day.
3	Omaha Sector Easy Company	Morning tour of Omaha Sector, brought to life by Spielberg/Hanks in "Saving Private Ryan". Afternoon following the actions of "Easy Company" highlighted by Spielberg/Hanks in "Band of Brothers". See the story of the Norman Conquest of England depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry then visit Bayeux Cathedral.
4	Paris	Train to Paris and navigate to the hotel. Orientation walk including Île de la Cité, Île Saint-Louis, Quartier Latin Quarter, Les Halles, Le Marais, and Bastille. We'll grab an ice-cream at Bertillon, explore inside Notre Dame Cathedral, and if time permits we'll ascend the tower and/or descend into the crypt. Dinner in Place St-Michel then stroll back to hotel.
5	Versailles	Descend into the Catacombs of Paris. Train to Versailles Palace & Gardens. Enjoy lunch on the Grand Canal before finding Le Grand Trianon, Le Petit Trianon and Le Petit Hameau de la Reine. Tour inside the palace then head to Montmartre. Take in the view from the steps of Sacré-Cœur Basilica and have dinner in Place Tertre. Day ends with pictures at Trocadero before a night ascent of the Eiffel Tower.
6	Paris	Stroll through the gardens at Musée Rodin, visit Napoleon's Tomb at Les Invalides, and explore the Musée de l'Armée. Lunch in Jardin des Tuileries. Find the Winged Victory and the Mona Lisa at Musée du Louvre. Stroll up the Champs-Élysées and ascend l'Arc de Triomphe. Dinner on the Champs-Élysées, then night cruise on the Bateaux-Mouches.
7	Airborne	Flight from Paris. Au revoir France!









