

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary **Normandy & Paris** *Saturday, March 19, – Saturday, March 26, 2011*

It's been nearly 70 years since the Allies fought their way ashore on D-Day in 1944 yet the beaches of Normandy still exert a powerful hold over the American memory. This new program combines touring of this maritime province with four nights in Paris. Upon arrival you'll drive west along the Seine River to Rouen, where you'll visit the old town to see the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral, the subject of Monet's famous studies of light and the old market square where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. In Caen, a short panoramic tour brings you to castle ruins where William the Conqueror once resided. In Bayeux, the first French city liberated after the landing of the allied troops, you'll view the famous Bayeux Tapestry, dated between 1100 and 1500, which depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Afterward, you'll journey to Saint Laurent to see Omaha Beach, the American cemetery and the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc. Before returning to Paris you'll view Mont St. Michel—The Marvel of the West. This medieval abbey forms a tower in the center of an immense bay that boasts the highest tides in Europe. Once you arrive in Paris in the late afternoon you'll enjoy leisure time to explore, shop, dine and sightsee on your own.

Includes

- Round-trip non-stop Air France flights from Boston to Paris
- Six nights' superior three-star accommodations:
- Eight meals: six breakfasts, two dinners
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers with assistance
- Sightseeing and touring
- Services of a professional Tourist Guide/Lecturer in Normandy

Features

Visit of Rouen, visit of Caen, view the Bayeux Tapestry, excursion to the D-Day Beaches, visit of Mont St. Michel

Rates

\$1,999 per person double occupancy
\$2,349 for single reservations
Add \$400 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Passport required.

Trip Planner

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston
Day 2 **Hotel di Luxemburg**, Bayeux
Day 3 **Hotel de la Digue**, Mont St. Michel
Days 4-7 **Hotel St. Petersbourg**, Paris
Day 8 Return flight to Boston

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Saturday, March 19, 2011 – Overnight Flight

Depart this evening on your non-stop Air France flight from Boston to Paris. Dinner will be served en route.

Day 2: Sunday, March 20, 2011 – Arrival Paris – transfer to Bayeux

Continental breakfast will be served before landing in Paris. You'll retrieve your luggage and clear customs. In the terminal you'll meet our local guide who will accompany you while you are in Normandy. Transfer to The Hotel du Luxembourg in Bayeux. En route you will stop for lunch, on your own, and a visit of Rouen where you'll visit the old town and see the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral and market square where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. Continuing on to Caen you'll have a panoramic tour which brings you to the castle ruins where William the Conqueror once resided. Check into the hotel in the afternoon and tonight enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers. (D)

Day 3: Monday, March 21, 2011 – Bayeux – Omaha Beaches – Mont St. Michel

After breakfast, you'll check out of the hotel and depart for a full day excursion. Begin with a visit to the Bayeux Tapestry. This medieval masterpiece, which has been registered with UNESCO, depicts the history of William, Duke of Normandy as he set off to conquer England in 1066. Afterward you will journey to Saint Laurent to see Omaha Beach where, on June 6, 1944 – a date known ever since as D-Day – a mighty armada crossed a narrow strip of sea from England to Normandy, France and cracked the Nazi grip on Western Europe. Here you will view the Omaha Beach Memorial that perpetuates the memory of the American soldiers who landed on Omaha Beach. In the late afternoon check into the Hotel de la Digue in Mont St Michel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

Day 4: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 – Mont St Michel – Paris

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel then set off for a visit to Mont St. Michel – this famous silhouette is a familiar icon of France –situated 1 mile off the Normandy coast on a rocky islet. Known as the Marvel of the West, Mont St. Michel is the second most visited place in all of France, after the Eiffel Tower. Continue on to Paris and check into the Hotel St. Petersburg. (B)

Days 5-6-7: Wednesday, March 23 – Friday March 25, 2011 – Paris at leisure

Breakfast will be provided each morning and your days are free to explore the City of Lights on your own.(B)

Day 8: Saturday, March 26, 2011 – Departure for home

This morning you'll have an assisted transfer to DeGaulle airport for your non-stop flight to Boston. (B)

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*