



NORMANDY

**NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT
FOR SOLO
TRAVELERS**



On June 6, 1944, despite mounting challenges, a heroic formation of Allied troops achieved the largest coordinated military invasion in world history on the beaches of Normandy, triggering the beginning of the end of World War II. Walk through history on this exclusive journey through Normandy. Visit Juno Beach and the sobering cemeteries, memorials and landmarks of the Allied victory. Then cast your eyes to France's other beautiful and historic landmarks on excursions to the incredible granite island of Mont-Saint-Michel and Bayeux to see its extraordinary tapestry. Feast on regional fare and wines as your French adventure takes you to the hills that have seen history change course.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Seven nights** in Honfleur, France, at the first-class **Mercure Honfleur Hotel**.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception & Dinner**, gather for a **Farewell Reception** and **Graduation Ceremony** followed by **Dinner**.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy seven breakfasts, four lunches and three dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Solo traveler friendly!** Single supplement waived.
- Enjoy a full day of exploration highlighting D-Day, including visits to the **D-Day landing beaches**, the **Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery** and the **Peace Memorial at Caen**.
- Visit the majestic Mont-Saint-Michel, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.
- See the impressive **Bayeux Tapestry**, which tells the story of the conquest of England by William the Conqueror.
- Savor a **special tasting of Calvados**, Normandy's signature cider brandy.
- Enjoy the culture of **Normandy**, one of France's most historic regions.
- Explore the charming, quaint port town of **Honfleur**.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Paris, France.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ PARIS/HONFLEUR

Upon arrival, transfer† to Honfleur and the Mercure Honfleur Hotel.

Join a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY 3 ~ HONFLEUR

Excursion: *Historic Honfleur.* Get to know your home base of Honfleur as you stroll the narrow streets in its classic French town centre, nestled against a striking 17th-century harbour.

Soak in the scene that has inspired artists, writers and musicians for centuries as you visit the Old Port, the wooden Church of Sainte-Cathérine and other historic landmarks.

Local Flavour: Enjoy a lunch of local specialties at a Honfleur restaurant.

Independent Exploration: The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore or relax.

Educational Focus: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.*

DAY 4 ~ NORMANDY BEACHES

Excursion: *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.* Take an emotional journey to Juno Beach, where Canadian troops landed on June 6, 1944. Continue to the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, where more than 2,000 Canadian service members who died during the invasion or the ensuing battles have been laid to rest. Visit Ardenne Abbey in St. Germain, the site where 18 Canadian soldiers were held and executed by Nazi war criminal Kurt Meyer.

Local Flavour: Lunch is at a nearby restaurant, then stop for a tasting of Calvados, Normandy's famous brandy. Later, enjoy dinner at a restaurant on Honfleur's scenic harbour.

DAY 5 ~ BAYEUX/CAEN

Excursion: *The Bayeux Tapestry.*

Journey to Bayeux, the cradle of the Norman dynasty. There, view the astonishing 200-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, which depicts the events surrounding William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Visit the

Cathedral of Notre Dame, a masterpiece of Norman Gothic architecture.

Local Flavour: Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Excursion: *Le Mémorial de Caen.*

Visit the Peace Memorial in Caen, a monument to peace honouring all battle heroes.

Educational Focus: *The French Resistance.*

DAY 6 ~ HONFLEUR

Independent Exploration: Enjoy the day at leisure.

Local Flavour: Enjoy lunch during the excursion and dinner at a restaurant on the harbour in Honfleur.

DAY 7 ~ MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

Excursion: *Le Mont-Saint-Michel.*

The sight of Mont-Saint-Michel's dramatic, sky-scraping turrets towering over the flat white sands that surround the granite island leave little wonder why this UNESCO World Heritage site is considered the Wonder of the Western World. Explore the island that has served as a fortress, monastery and prison, and its Abbey Church, begun in the eighth century.

Local Flavour: Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

DAY 8 ~ HONFLEUR

Independent Exploration:

Your final day in Honfleur is at leisure to pursue your own interests.

Tonight, attend a Farewell Reception, a Graduation Ceremony and a Farewell Dinner.

DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.†

NOTE: *The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.*

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

Giverny and Rouen. On Day 6, delve into Monet's life and work at his home in Giverny. Enjoy lunch before visiting Rouen, the Norman capital.

A Taste of Normandy. On Day 6, savor the flavours of Norman cuisine during dinner at a Deauville restaurant.

ACCOMMODATIONS



MERCURE HONFLEUR HOTEL Honfleur

Located at the heart of the town centre near the picturesque harbour that has been immortalized on canvas by the likes of Monet and Boudin, the Mercure Honfleur Hotel is an ideal base for exploring the Normandy region. The friendly staff will attend to your needs, and the recently renovated interior provides an oasis of comfort. Enjoy the Le Mora bar, where you can sample regional cider, Calvados cocktails and a selection of Grand Vin Mercure wines. The hotel has shoe shine, dry cleaning and ironing services, as well as business services and complimentary Wi-Fi. Relax in your comfortable, modern room after a day of sightseeing around scenic northwest France and the beautiful Normandy region!



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