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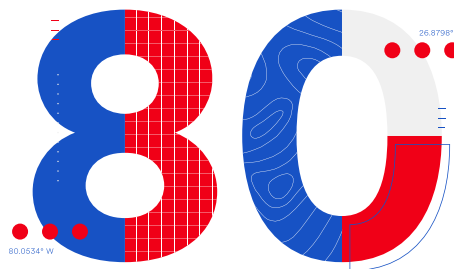
D-DAY 80 | BE A PART OF HISTORY



D-Day 80: The Italian Campaign & Juno

10 days | Rome | Normandy Region | Paris

Explore two different theatres of battle in Europe during the Second World War: Italy and France. Learn about Canada's role in key Allied advances at Monte Cassino, and join fellow Canadians for the official ceremonies commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day on Juno Beach. Enjoy visiting two of Europe's most exciting capitals: Rome and Paris.



Lessons come to life

On June 6, 1944, allied Canadian, British, and American forces made history as 156,000 soldiers landed on five beaches along 80 kilometres of the heavily fortified coast of France’s Normandy region. This was the largest amphibious military assault in history and marks the beginning of the Allied invasion of Western Europe.

In 2024, join Canadian youth and educators from across the country who will explore Canada’s past on our Historic Event Tours. EF’s exclusive educational partnerships and deep local access ensure that you’re truly part of the action during these once-in-a-lifetime events. You’ll gain a new perspective on history and your place in it as you connect with the local community, participate in ceremonies, and rediscover a significant moment that helped shape history.



What to expect on a Historic Event Tour

Active participation

From once-in-a-lifetime commemoration ceremonies to exclusive EF-led programming, our tours are designed to prompt participants to think critically about the past and develop an informed understanding of its impact on the present and future.

Connections

Whether it’s researching the life of a local soldier, honouring a hometown Regiment, or connecting with international students before your tour, there are endless opportunities to engage with the community at home and abroad.

Safety is our top priority

By working closely with Veterans Affairs Canada, the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, the Juno Beach Centre, and local authorities, we’re putting top health and safety protocols into place for the events at D-Day 80.

Building perspective

By exploring significant sites, visiting the graves of Canadian soldiers, or taking part in special ceremonies, travellers develop a richer understanding of historic events and how they impact the present.

Reflection

Your Tour Director will help facilitate meaningful individual and group reflection through activities designed to engage travellers. Every itinerary is customizable to create a personalized and profound experience for your group.



For years, EF has proudly partnered with the Juno Beach Centre to bring exclusive historical programming to life on our tours.

Itinerary

May 31–June 9, 2024

Days 1-2: Rome

Fly overnight to Rome and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Get acquainted with the ancient city and its incredible past while you explore the old Jewish Quarter.

Day 3: Monte Cassino | Rome

Travel to Monte Cassino and take a guided tour of its famous Abbey. This historic building was accidentally destroyed by Allied bombing in 1944 and rebuilt after the war. Visit the Cassino War Cemetery, where 800 Canadian soldiers have been laid to rest, then return to Rome.

Day 4: Rome

Take an expertly guided tour of the ancient city of Rome. Visit the Colosseum, where gladiators once battled, and actors performed dramas based on Classical mythology. Then, explore the ruins of the Roman Forum. Later, opt to visit the Roman Catacombs, which includes a visit to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, owned by the Holy See.

Day 5: Normandy region

Fly to Paris and travel to the Normandy region. Then, visit the Juno Beach Centre, where you’ll deepen your knowledge of Canada’s contribution in the Second World War.

Day 6: Normandy region

See the Bayeux Tapestry and Arromanches-les-Bains. Then, head to the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, where you’ll find the graves of over 2,000 Canadian soldiers, many of whom fell during the initial attack on Juno Beach. Later, spend some time exploring the Beaches of Normandy on your own.

Day 7: Normandy region

A huge milestone in world history, join fellow Canadians for the official ceremonies commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Learn about the importance of this day, which marked the beginning of the end of the Second World War.

Day 8: Normandy region | Paris

Travel to Paris, the City of Light. Learn about its rich history during a walking tour of the Latin Quarter. Then, visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and admire its sculptured façade. Since the devastating fire in 2019, restoration work continues and is expected to be completed by 2024. Later, enjoy a Seine River Cruise.

Day 9: Paris

Continue sightseeing in Paris, and in the afternoon, opt to visit one of the largest palaces in the world, the Palace of Versailles.

Day 10: Depart for home

Au revoir! Travel to the airport and depart for home, prepared to carry on the legacy of past generations.

Itinerary is subject to change.

Space is limited. Please ask your Group Leader for your tour number and visit eftours.ca, or call 1-800-263-2806.



Program price includes:

Full-time Tour Director

Trained in facilitating experiential learning

Sightseeing

2 sightseeing tours led by a licensed local guide; 1 walking tour

Entrances

Official ceremonies commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Monte Cassino Cemetery and Abbey; Juno Beach Centre; Bayeux Tapestry; Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery; Notre Dame Cathedral; Seine River Cruise. Optional: Roman Catacombs; Versailles

EF-enhanced programming

Enhanced itineraries created in partnership with the Juno Beach Centre; customized tour options

All of the details are covered

Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motor coach; overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; European breakfast and dinner daily

“As a history trip, there could be no better learning experience than what the students saw. The organization and planning were well done, and EF worked hard to make sure the students understood why they were there.”

— Fred B., Educator

The world leader in international education

For over 50 years, EF has been working toward one global mission: Opening the World Through Education. Your Group Leader has partnered with EF because of our unmatched worldwide presence, our focus on affordability, and our commitment to providing experiences that teach critical thinking, independence, collaboration, and global competence.

Safe

We're committed to putting top health and safety protocols into place on tour. With 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, local EF staff can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.

Accessible

We're dedicated to providing the lowest pricing. That means more students can see the curriculum come to life and understand what it means to be Canadian in a global context, no matter their background.

Insightful

We believe in experiential learning at the most important sites. Your Tour Director is with you at every step, providing their own perspective and local tips.

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