



Education First

Educational Tours



— *Be a Part of History* —

D-DAY 75

D-DAY: IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

9 DAYS | LONDON | NORMANDY REGION | PARIS

LESSONS COME TO LIFE

On June 6, 1944, 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 one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history, and marks the beginning of the Allied invasion of Western Europe.

In 2019, 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 once-in-a-lifetime events. You'll gain a new perspective on history and your place in it as you connect with community members, participate in ceremonies, and rediscover a significant moment that helped shape history.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR HISTORIC EVENT TOUR

1

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.

2

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.

3

Building Perspective

Develop a richer understanding of historic events on a global scale as you participate in activities and explore significant sites that will highlight a variety of historical, social, and cultural perspectives.

4

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.



NORMANDY BEACHES



THE LOUVRE, PARIS



LONDON

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Follow in the footsteps of Canadian and Allied soldiers in the Second World War as you travel from London, across the English Channel by boat, and land in Normandy. Commemorate the D-Day anniversary and learn about the context of this important invasion at Bletchley Park and the Churchill War Rooms.

“I know D-Day 75 is going to be a total once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me. I’m hoping to gain a direct connection to history with my feet on the sand and soil soldiers fought on 75 years ago. I can’t imagine any better way to experience what I am passionate about.”

Elizabeth B., traveller



ITINERARY

May 31–June 8, 2019

Days 1-2: London

Fly overnight to London and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Take a walking tour and get a deeper understanding of the city. Optional activities include riding the London Eye and taking a cruise on the Thames River.

Day 3: London

Take an expertly guided tour of London. Visit the Imperial War Museum and Borough Market, a historic food market that is one of the oldest in London, while remaining relevant and reflective of the city's current culture with food offerings from the diverse cultures that make London what it is today.

Day 4: London

Travel to Bletchly Park and enjoy the Multimedia Guide, a technological tour of the facility. Bletchly Park is the home of British code breaking and the birthplace of modern information technology. Learn more about secret intelligence, and the profound influence it had on the outcome of Second World War. Then, visit the Churchill War Rooms.

Day 5: London | Normandy Region

Travel to Portsmouth and take the Ferry to Caen during your journey to the Normandy region.

Day 6: Normandy Region

Visit the Juno Beach Centre, and take a tour of Juno Beach Park. Visit the Beny-sur-Mer War Cemetery which contains Canadian soldiers who fell during the initial attack on Normandy Beach. At the end of the day, return to your hotel to get ready for the D-Day 75 ceremonies.

Day 7: Normandy Region

A huge milestone in world history that contributed to the shaping of our national identity, join fellow Canadians for the D-Day 75 ceremonies, commemorating the Allies' Normandy Landings. Learn more about the attack that is known as the beginning of the end of the Second World War.

Day 8: Paris

Travel to Paris, the City of Light. Learn about the city's rich history during a walking tour of the Latin Quarter. Then, visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and admire the sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings. Carry on to explore the Louvre, home to treasures like Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa.

Day 9: Depart For Home

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

Itinerary subject to change.

Space is limited

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

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

AFFORDABLE

We always offer the guaranteed lowest prices so more students have the opportunity to travel and experience the world.

INSIGHT

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.

SAFETY

We're committed to your safety. With 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, local EF staff can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.

THE HISTORIC EVENT TOUR EXPERIENCE

Program price includes



Full-time Tour Director

Trained in facilitating experiential learning



Sightseeing

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



Entrances

Imperial War Museum; Bletchley Park & Multimedia Guide; Churchill War Rooms; Juno Beach Centre; Beny-sur-Mer Cemetery; Louvre; Notre Dame



Experiential Learning

Official D-Day 75 ceremony; Bletchley Park; Imperial War Museum



All of the details are covered

Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motor coach; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; European breakfast and dinner daily



Pre-tour programming

Access to educational materials catered to complement your specific tour; weShare, our personalized learning experience that engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project