



Educational Tours

— *Be a Part of History* —

D-DAY 75

D-DAY: FRANCE IN DEPTH

8 DAYS | PARIS | ST. MALO | NORMANDY REGION

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.



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Bookending visits to Paris will provide a round trip context to this exploratory trip to Paris and Northern France. Commemorative time in the Normandy Region is complemented by a picturesque visit to St. Malo, and history and modern culture meet at a cooking class in Paris.

“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

June 2–9, 2019

Days 1-2: Paris

Fly overnight to Paris and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Learn about the city's rich history on a walking tour of the Latin Quarter. Then, explore the Louvre, home to treasures like Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. Continue on to visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and admire the sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

Day 3: St. Malo

Travel to St. Malo, once notorious as the home of the corsairs, French privateers—and even pirates. During your visit inside the city walls, find charming streets lined with hotels, restaurants and stores.

Day 4: Normandy

Take an excursion to the border between Normandy and Brittany for a visit to Mont St. Michel. This tidal island is surrounded by water at high tide and quicksand at low tide. Walls that are more than half of a mile around encircle the 8th-century abbey, perched high on a granite rock. As you wind your way up the steep road leading to the church, you'll pass 15th and 16th century houses. See La Merveille, a terraced complex and one of Europe's most important Gothic monuments.

Day 5: Normandy

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 6: Normandy

Visit the Juno Beach Centre, and take a guided tour of Juno Beach Park. [Experience our exclusive D-Day Hub, for educational programming and opportunities to connect with the local community.](#) Then, take a tour of Omaha Beach and visit La Cambe German war cemetery. Travel to Paris.

Day 7: Paris

Take an expertly guided tour of Paris, the City of Light. You'll get a taste of Parisian style as you ride down the Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. At the École Militaire, see where a promising young Napoleon launched his rise to power. Experience cooking at its finest at a French cooking class.

Day 8: 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.

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.

SAFE

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



Entrances
Official D-Day 75 ceremony; Louvre; Notre Dame; Mt. St. Michel; Juno Beach Centre; Omaha Beach; La Cambe; Parisian Cooking Class



EF-enhanced programming
D-Day Hub at the Juno Beach Centre; exclusive, EF-designed Juno Beach Centre app



All of the details are covered
Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motor coach; 6 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