



Education First

Educational Tours



— Be a Part of History —

D-DAY 75

D-DAY: FROM NORMANDY TO BERLIN

11 DAYS | NORMANDY | YPRES | AMSTERDAM | BERLIN

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



TYNE COT CEMETARY, YPRES



AMSTERDAM

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Explore the history of the World Wars in Europe as you travel from Normandy to Berlin. Learn about Canada's developing national identity through visits to Vimy Ridge, Dieppe, and Juno Beach. Commemorate the Allied invasion of Normandy at a D-Day anniversary ceremony. Then, experience Berlin, a unique city that survived and thrived after years of war and division.

"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



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June 3–June 13, 2019

Days 1-2: Paris | Normandy

Fly overnight to Paris and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Travel to Normandy.

Day 3: Normandy

Visit the Juno Beach Centre and take a tour of Juno Beach Park. Experience our exclusive D-Day hub for educational programming and opportunities to connect with the local community. Visit the Beny-sur-Mer War Cemetery where Canadian soldiers who fell during the initial attack on the beaches of Normandy have been laid to rest. Make a photo stop in Arromanches, then return to your hotel to get ready for the D-Day 75 ceremonies.

Day 4: 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 5: Vimy region

Travel to the Vimy region and visit the battlefields of Vimy Ridge. Stand by the towering Vimy Memorial, and wind your way through the tunnels used to transport men and materials during battle. Then, visit Beaumont Hamel.

Day 6: Ypres

Travel to Ypres and take a tour of this historic region. Explore the In Flanders Fields Museum and visit the Tyne Cot Cemetery. In the evening, take in the Menin Gate as you witness the Last Post Ceremony, which has taken place every day since 1928.

Day 7: Amsterdam

Travel to Amsterdam, and on the way visit the Ysselsteyn German Cemetery.

Day 8: Amsterdam

Take a guided tour of Amsterdam's Jewish Quarter for a half-day of programming that will help travellers understand the history of persecution and the establishment of the Jewish community in Holland. Explore the heart of the Dutch countryside on an optional half-day excursion to the picturesque fishing village of Volendam and the living and working neighbourhood of Zaanse Schans, re-created to look like an old Dutch village. Make your way down the winding, cobblestone streets, past charming shops and crooked houses. Enjoy cheese and clog-making demonstrations as well as a visit to a windmill!

Day 9: Berlin

Travel to Berlin by Day Train, and take a tour of the city with your Tour Director.

Day 10: Berlin

Take an expertly guided tour of Berlin. Visit the Topography of Terror Museum and participate in an exclusive workshop about propaganda—and the use of fear to control and influence society. Then, enjoy some free time in Berlin and discover more about the vibrant culture and tangible history of this multicultural metropolis.

Day 11: 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

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



Entrances

Official D-Day 75 ceremony; Juno Beach Centre; Beny-sur-Mer Cemetery; Vimy Memorial; Vimy tunnels and trenches; Tyne Cot Cemetery; In Flanders Field Museum; Menin Gate; Last Post Ceremony



EF-enhanced programming

D-Day Hub at the Juno Beach Centre; exclusive, EF-designed Juno Beach Centre app; guided visit of Amsterdam's Jewish Quarter; workshop at the Topography of Terror Museum



All of the details are covered

Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motor coach; 9 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