

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

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— 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.

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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.

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– 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.

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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.









D-DAY: IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

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 oncein-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 Bletchley Park, the home of British code breaking and the birthplace of modern information technology. Enjoy EF's custom-designed workshops that investigate the history of codebreaking and its significance in the outcome of the war. Learn more about secret intelligence, and visit the Churchill War Rooms.

Day 5: London | Normandy Region

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

Day 6: 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 Benysur-Mer War Cemetery, where Canadian soldiers who fell during the initial attack on the beaches of Normandy have been laid to rest. At the end of the day, return to your hotel to get ready for the D-Day 75 ceremonies.

Day 7: 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 8: Paris

Travel to Paris, and learn more 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.

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.

