VISITS AND EVENTS
of the D-Day Landing Beaches and the Battle Normandy

2019
On June 6th 1944, and during the long summer which followed, men from the world over came to fight in Normandy to defeat Nazism and to re-establish Freedom.

Normandy will bear the scars of this moment in history for ever, and every year we remember and pay tribute to the veterans from America, Britain, Canada, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Poland, Australia, France and to their brothers in arms, to those many heroes who lost their lives here during that summer of 1944, and are at rest in the cemeteries to be found throughout the area. It is often forgotten that the people of Normandy also paid a heavy price in those terrible battles.

This 2019 edition, devoted to the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, is designed as a practical guide to help you plan your visit. It encourages you to discover, or rediscover the main memorial sites, the cemeteries, the key places and the museums of Destination D-Day 1944 Land of Liberty. These important places are today imbued with fundamental and universal values such as Reconciliation, Peace and Freedom. This anniversary year is the occasion to pay tribute to the many veterans who, once more, will come to attend the commemorative events and celebrations organised in Normandy.

Our hope is that your visit will present a special moment for you to share as a family with your children and your grandchildren.

Welcome to Normandy!
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How to use this guide

To find places

- CAEN N°67 - C3

The colour denotes the type of place :

- Museum
- Natural attraction
- Military cemetery
- Mobile app

N° of the place on the map
Location of the place on the map

Key to symbols

- Parking
- Bus parking
- Disabled Access
- Tours accessible to the hearing-impaired
- Toilets
- Shop
- ANCV cheques

- Picnic Area
- Snacks
- Animals allowed
- Animals not allowed
- Picnics not allowed

Labels

- « Quality Tourism, a national brand of confidence »
  State label awarded to tourism professionals for the quality of their services.

- Normandy Quality Tourism
  A regional label recognised by the governments as part of its plan for Quality Tourism

- Tourism and Disability
  The brand guarantees efficient service perfectly adapted to the essential needs of the disabled
The Dieppe Raid, on August 19th 1942, brought heavy losses for the troops involved, but at the same time yielded a large amount of information for the Allies’ intelligence services. Jubilee – the codename given to the Dieppe Raid – was the first major reconnaissance expedition carried out by Allied troops, particularly Canadian, and was destined to test the German defences along the French coast. In human terms, it was a calamity. Furthermore, the failure of the operation was exploited by the Nazi propaganda machine to demonstrate the invincibility of the Atlantic Wall.

The idea of a landing on the French coast was an old one. “We will return” were the words of Winston Churchill in June 1940, when his troops escaped from Dunkirk and returned to English soil. Germany being the enemy to defeat as a priority, industrial production was diverted towards the war effort: barges, artillery, planes and so on.

These were manufactured on the other side of the Atlantic, and then stocked in different camps across southern England. Photographs of the Normandy coast were taken almost daily by planes and submarines. Much vital information (about German defences and/or the movement of troops) was also transmitted by resistance fighters risking their lives.

While the American and British were relentlessly manufacturing assault craft and Mulberry harbour parts, from the spring of 1944, Allied planes started a systematic bombardment of road and rail infrastructure in northwest France.

The fateful day was fixed for the beginning of June – the 5th, or failing that the 6th or 7th – these days being ones that met crucial conditions, consisting of a dawn assault in the middle of a rising tide, following a night with a full moon for parachutists. The codename for this great landing operation was also chosen: Operation Overlord.
After the disaster at Dieppe, the Allies prepare for D-Day

BÉNERVILLE-SUR-MER

Mont Canisy gun batteries

At an altitude of 110 m, Mont Canisy dominates the Bay of the Seine and the port of Le Havre. This strategic position caused it to be used first as a French Naval artillery battery in 1940, then as a German battery, composed of six French 155mm guns housed in silos. Two British cruisers, the Warspite and the Ramillies, together with Allied planes, were tasked with neutralising the gun batteries on the Côte Fleurie, including the one on Mont Canisy. The Germans abandoned it without a fight during the night of 21st to 22nd August 1944.

A large network of underground galleries (250 metres long, 15 metres beneath the surface) can be visited thanks to a team of volunteers who conduct guided tours.

OPENING TIMES
Open for free all year round.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Parking available
You are recommended to bring a torch
Free guided tours from April to October at 2.30pm (duration: 2 hours) [FR/GB]
> Tour of the surface workings and underground galleries
April: Mondays 22nd and 29th
May: Monday 6th
June: Monday 10th
July: Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th
August: Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
October: Monday 21st
Meet at 2.30pm on the square at the ‘Belvédère’
Gates open at 2pm
> Tours as in the programme available in Tourist Offices and year-round for groups only on reservation

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Dieppe

Memorial of the 19th August 1942

At dawn on August 19th 1942 an Allied armada headed towards Dieppe as part of Operation Jubilee, a raid on a huge scale. It involved nearly 6000 men, mainly Canadian, over a quarter of whom would lose their lives. The Jubilee Association and the town of Dieppe have been paying tribute to these men since 2002 at the Memorial of August 19th 1942. Visits here take an hour and a half and include a 40 minute long film from the INA archives, and a collection of documents, photos, uniforms and weapons. At the end of your visit you may also buy a cartoon about the raid at the Memorial shop.

The Memorial is situated in the old municipal theatre of Dieppe, built in 1826 by the town of Dieppe for the Duchess of Berry.

OPENING TIMES
> from March 21st to May 25th Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 2pm to 6pm
> from May 26th to September 30th daily from 2pm to 6.30pm – except Tuesdays
> Free entry on August 19th
> from October 5th to November 11th Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 2pm to 6pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Tour of about 1 1/2 hour including a 40 minute (INA archive) video film and displays of documents, photos, uniforms and weapons.
Adults: 3.50€ / Children (under 16): Free
Groups (of more than 10 people, by appointment): 3€ per person

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ARDOUVAL

Le Val Ygot

In the Eawy forest at Val-Ygot the launch base for V1’ built in 1943 on an 8 acre site includes 13 buildings (hangars, workshops and the launch ramp). This memorial place from The Second World War is open all year and freely accessible.

Explanatory panels give essential information to visitors. Guided tours are also available upon request.

OPENING TIMES
Open all year

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free entry all year
Free guided tours from the 1st Sunday of April to September; groups every day by prior appointment at 3€ per person.
Duration 1 1/2 hrs.

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AFTER THE DISASTER AT DIEPPE

FORGES-LES-EAUX

The Normandy Resistance Museum

40 km/25 miles from Rouen, 50 km/30 miles from Beauvais and 80 km/50 miles from Amiens, the Resistance and Deportation museum at Forges-les-Eaux offers a retrospective of the dark years of the Second World War through documents, uniforms and sundry objects displayed on two floors. France and its empire in the war, the Allies, military operations; Germany and Nazism, collaboration; Deportation and the Resistance, from De Gaulle’s call to arms of June 18th 1940 through to the Liberation.

OPENING TIMES
Open every day from 2pm to 6pm
EXCEPT Mondays and Tuesdays from April to September
EXCEPT Sundays and Mondays from October to March
GROUPS by prior arrangement, morning or afternoon

TOURS AND ENTRANCE FEES
5 € per person for individuals
4 € per person for groups
2 € for school groups

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www.normandyresistancemuseum.com
www.facebook.com/museeforgeslesEAUX
www.musee-mairie-forgeslesEAUX.com

FÉCAMP

The Blockhouses of Cape Fagnet

Built on the orders of the German army, the blockhouses of Cape Fagnet formed part of the famous Atlantic Wall erected from 1942. A visit of these reinforced concrete constructions gives a better understanding of the role of this important watch post. It is also a chance to look at the question of the economic collaboration involved in this military edifice.

The second part of the tour takes you along via a small woodland path to visit the supposed “German military hospital” which was dug out of the rock.

OPENING TIMES
From May to September: check programme
In July and August: every Wednesday and Saturday at 3pm

TOURS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults: 5€ or 3€
Children (under 18) free
Reservation required for groups.
Free for those aged under 18

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The Station Blockhouse

One of the last vestiges of The Second World War in Honfleur stands close to the Carnot Basin. Thanks to efforts of the town council and the Honfleur 1939 – 1945 Association, since 2014 it has become a place of commemoration where memories can be shared. In a blockhouse of 3,500 square feet you will find more than 50 period uniforms, documents and photographs, a 45 minute film with eye witness accounts of the Liberation, and a tribute to the three FFI (resistance) police officers arrested here and shot on August 24th 1944.

OPENING TIMES
From 2nd June to 26th August 2019: 2.30-6.30pm

TOURS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults: 4€ / Volunteer member to conduct tours from 4€ / Private tours upon request

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Kahl Bürg

In the midst of the chalk cliffs of the Alabaster Coast and just a few kilometres from the site of the Dieppe landings, Kahl-Bürg is situated 60 metres above sea level, about 20 metres below the ground, and is 270 metres long. Of about thirty rooms, you can visit three observation posts, a battle position still armed with its 75 mm gun, as well as a German army command post. (245 and 348 ID).

The place is imbued with the suffering of the prisoners, mainly Ukrainian women, who built it. Its architecture of vaulted brick corridors is unique in the Atlantic Wall.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Visits are free.
The facility, which remains in its original state, is not unfortunately accessible to the handicapped.

Visit duration: 1 hour
Bring warm clothes and walking shoes (constant temperature of 11°)

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The Resistance and Deportation Museum

Opened in 1979, the Resistance and Deportation museum is a showcase for the fruit of the research carried out by the association of the same name. Founded in 1972 its aim was to collect documents and objects relating to this period in France’s history in the department of Eure. The museum particularly puts the spotlight on the activity of the most active resistance network in Upper Normandy, the Surcouf Maquis.

OPENING TIMES
Open Sundays and public holidays from 7th April to 29th September 2019 from 2pm to 6pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free Entrance

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The Alabaster Memorial Tour

This is a place steeped in history, its strategic position making it a key element in the Atlantic Wall. The networks of bunkers assured the defence of the seafront and the estuary of Veulettes sur Mer by the army of occupation, as well as being a state-of-the-art air defence. The path is therefore punctuated by bunkers, which are visible through the old trenches which have been partially rebuilt, three of which have been converted into interpretative areas on the following themes:

- The history of the German military base at Paluel
- The Atlantic Wall and life under occupation for the local populace
- The place of memory

Signs translated into English and German.

With a stunning view of the Durdent estuary, the beach of Veulettes sur Mer and the cliffs of the Catelier, Pont Rouge offers you a unique heritage tour combining an exploration of biodiversity and relics of the Second World War.

OPENING TIMES AND TOURS

Open access year round
Walking path of less than 1km including a section accessible to the disabled.
Free guided tours between April and October.

CONTACT

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www.plateaudecauxmaritime.com

The Bruneval Memorial

During the night of February 27th to 28th 1942, Operation Biting, also known as the Bruneval raid, was a success: a British commando detachment succeeded in getting hold of the main parts of a German radar (whose technology was then unknown to the Allies) whilst making out that it had been destroyed. Situated on the site of the German defences which secured the access to the beach, the Bruneval Memorial was unveiled by Kenneth Holden, one of the last surviving veterans of the raid. A project of the Bruneval 42 association it was designed by the architect Bruno Saas and built by the town of Saint-Jouin-Bruneval.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES

Free access all year

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German military cemetery

This German military cemetery contains the graves of German soldiers who died in the departments of Eure, Orne, Seine-Maritime, Eure-et-Loir, and in the former department of Seine-et-Oise. 19809 German soldiers rest here in 17 differently sized squares of lawn. It was inaugurated on September 12th 1964.

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Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

Allied combatants who died on the beaches of Dieppe during The Second World War are interred in this cemetery maintained by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. About thirty British soldiers were buried here in 1940. After the raid of August 19th 1942 the Germans buried the Canadian and English casualties here. The cemetery was made permanent in 1949 with 955 graves of soldiers from Canada, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Poland and a sole Indian. All of the gravestones are arranged back to back in symmetrical rows.
COMMUNAUTÉ DE COMMUNES AUMALE-BLANGY

Historic walk of remembrance

among the remains of the V1 missile bases in Blangy-sur-Bresle. These missile bases were built by the Germans to destroy London. Free access all year round. An application for smartphone will soon be available on App store and Google Play.

The site opens on 15 June 2019.

www.v1histoireetpatrimoine.fr

Communauté de Communes Aumale-Blangy

www.cc-aumale-blangy.fr/tourisme.php
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Chronologically, there were three definable phases to the operation on June 6th 1944: the air landings (which were centred on Utah Beach in the west and Sword Beach in the east), the air and naval bombardments of the Atlantic Wall, and the seaborne landings on the five beaches (Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword) and at Pointe du Hoc.

So it was that by the early hours of the 6th June, the first airborne troops had already set foot on the soil of Normandy: the British in the east, and the Americans in the west.

The American parachutists of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions were tasked with capturing Sainte-Mère-Église and securing the beachhead at Utah Beach. At 4am, Sainte-Mère-Église was stormed.

At first light, the sea from the mouth of the Seine to the Cherbourg Peninsula was completely covered with ships. Thousands of craft carrying men, vehicles and equipment, pushed their way towards the coast, while at the same time Allied aircraft bombarded the fortifications along the Channel coast, and naval guns opened fire. Men headed towards the coast on the greatest endeavour of their lives. Utah Beach was rapidly taken without too many losses. The German defences were soon overcome, and breaches opened up to allow troops and heavy equipment to advance.
NEW FOR 2019

> From June 2019, the temporary exhibition ‘Utah Beach, Then and Now’
> UTAH INSIDE APP.
> Let our new intelligent assistants be your guide!
> The film ‘Victory Beach’ will also be available in 9 languages.
> Be amongst the first to climb aboard a B26 bomber!

OPENING TIMES

From October 1st to May 30th
10am to 6pm
From June 1st to September 30th
9.30am to 7pm
Ticket office closes one hour before museum closes

Annual closure from December 1st – 25th inclusive and December 31st and January 1st

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES

Adults: 8 € / Concessions: 7 €
Children 6-15 yrs: 5 €
Visit duration: 1 1/2 hrs

Groups of adults (min 20 people)
Unaccompanied visit: 6.50 €

Groupes scolaires (min 20 people)
Unaccompanied visit: 4 €

Guided tour +1,50 €
Complete guided tour (with reservation) 4 €

Bookings: reservation@utah-beach.com
Free: Children under 6 yrs old, People accompanying the disabled

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Utah Beach
D-Day Landing Museum

Built on the very spot where American troops landed on June 6th 1944, the D-Day Landing museum recounts the events of D-Day in ten sequences, from its planning right through to its success.

On an in depth chronological tour you can get really involved in the history of the Landing and discover a rich collection of objects, vehicles, and equipment. Star of the museum is an authentic American Marauder B26 bomber which is displayed in a specially designed hangar. By watching the film “Victory Beach” you can relive the epic effort of the American soldiers in this decisive battle, which was the biggest amphibious operation in military history. Hearing the moving accounts of the veterans, you will get a real idea of their sacrifice which made Europe free once more.
With its spectacular presentation, The Airborne Museum lets you experience the invasion alongside the American paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. You’ll find an amazing collection of historical objects, as well as a real glider and a C-47 aircraft, both of which took part in the D-Day operations.

You can board a real C-47 aircraft by night and relive the parachute drops of June 6th 1944, dropping into the square of Sainte-Mère-Eglise in the midst of the fighting.

New: Travel back in time with Histopad!

Thanks to the augmented reality, interactivity and hyper-realistic graphics of a tablet, you will be transported to the midst of Normandy in 1944 and experience the main events of the D-Day invasion. For example, you will be able to watch gliders landing and be witness to an iconic battle, that of “La Fiere”.

From April to November 2019:
“France Fighting: the role and fate of French soldiers from 39 to 45”

OPENING TIMES
From May to August: 9am to 7pm
April to September: 9.30am to 6.30pm
October to March 10am – 6pm
Closed in December and January except during school holidays

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Individuals
Adults: 9.90 €
Children (6 to 16 yrs): 6 €

Family
(2 adults and 2 children paying minimum)
Adults: 9 €
Children (6 to 16 yrs): 5 €

Group of adults (15 pers. minimum)
Unguided visit: 7.40 €
Guided tour (20 people or more upon reservation.): 8.50 €

Groups of children (15 pers. minimum)
Unguided visit: 5 €
Guided tour (20 people or more upon reservation.): 6 €

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A major objective for the Allies, the taking of Carentan was crucial to ensure the linkup of the troops landing on Utah Beach and Omaha Beach. This mission was assigned to the paratroopers of the 101st US Airborne Division, who would soon face their German counterparts, the fearsome Fallschirmjäger – this was the clash of the paratroops. Located in Saint-Côme-du-Mont, whose capture was a necessary pre-condition for the liberation of Carentan, D-Day Experience is the only museum to offer a double perspective of the events.

Learn about the preparations for the jump over Normandy and attend Lt. Col. Wolverton’s briefing prior to boarding a genuine C-47 converted into a unique flight simulator – now you’re about to relive the crossing of the English Channel. Thanks to a modern and immersive museography, which will offer a new exhibit of more than 5,300 square-feet from June 2019, follow the footsteps of the American paratroopers from D-Day to the liberation of Carentan on June 12, 1944.

Then discover the historic house located at the so-called ‘Dead Man’s Corner’ – a place requisitioned by the Fallschirmjäger on D-Day and subsequently used as a command post and first aid post for a couple of days, until it was captured by the Americans.

**From June 2019 onwards**, to better understand the stakes and view the confrontation in the wider context of the invasion and the ensuing Battle of Normandy, the 3D film *D-Day Normandy 1944* will be shown on an IMAX screen to offer an unprecedented visual and audio experience... Two museums, a flight simulator and an IMAX movie theater – D-Day Experience: don’t learn History, experience it!
The Normandy Victory museum is a unique place where you can touch objects and walk through realistic scenes. You will evolve among U.S soldiers and armored forces in 1944 from UTAH beach until the battle of the hedgerows; the NVM is also dedicated to women at war.

From virtual reality to simulators and armored vehicles to ride, you will live the history!

On site a bar restaurant is open to share a pleasant moment.
AZEVILLE

Azeville Gun Battery

With an impressive subterranean network and a complete defensive system, the Azeville gun battery was one of the main targets of the Allies on June 6th 1944. It fell on June 9th after intense fighting. You can look round the battery on your own on an audio-guided tour, and see the pillboxes camouflaged as ruined houses, as well as an incredible 350-metre-long network of underground tunnels.

As part of your tour there is an exhibition (Fr/Eng) which tells the story of the building of the battery, showing daily life within the German garrison, and its relationship with the inhabitants of the village over nearly three years and there is a book available in the shop. These are all based on historical research and previously unpublished archive material.

NEW FOR JUNE 2019: Recreation of a mess (rest area in a German garrison): new reception area, shop and exhibition on the battery. Temporary exhibition: “Different perspectives: prisoners from here and elsewhere” From June until November 8th – Azeville Mess

OPENING TIMES
April 1st to May 31st (except May 1st) 10am – 6pm
June 1st to August 31st
September 1st to November 8th: 1pm to 6pm
European Heritage Days: 10am to 7pm
Groups year round with advance booking except during Christmas holidays.
Last tickets sold 1 hour before closing time

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults : 7 € / Children (7 to 18 yrs) : 3.50 €
Concessions (Heritage Pass, students, jobseekers, disabled): 5.50€
>Adult groups (of over 15 people): from 4€ per person
>School groups: from 2.50€ per child
>Family ticket (2 adults + 3 children): 21€
Visit with an audio guide (F/F Children)/GB/D/NL/I/E)

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Patrimoine et musées de la Manche

CARENTAN

1944 Historic Tour of Carentan

On June 6th 1944 more than 13,000 American paratroopers were dropped into a sector forming a triangle including Sainte-Mère-Église, Utah Beach and Carentan. One of the missions of the 101st Airborne Division was to take Carentan to establish a link between the landing beaches of Omaha Beach and Utah Beach so as to form a single front.

Follow this route at your own pace in your own vehicle and let us show you the way. At key points on the route panels tell you about the history of the place in question. An entertaining trip out for the whole family. Download the App “Kit’M” onto your smartphone or tablet and preload the content of “Circuit Historique 1944 Carentan”. Touch tablets available for hire at The Tourist Office with prior notice.

OPENING TIMES
> January, February, March, October, November, December: Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 6pm
> April, May, June, September: Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 6pm
> July and August: Monday to Saturday 9am – 6.30pm – Sundays and public holidays 9.30am – 1.30pm
Annual closure: December 25th and January 1st

VISITS AND FEES
2 options: •free download of the app onto your telephone • daily tablet rental (Ipad) from the Tourist Office: 8€/device (1 device per vehicle). 250€ deposit per device and ID required.

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CARENTAN

U.S Assault Landing Craft (Higgins boat)

Despite the fact that over 20,000 L.C.V.P. assault barges were built during WWII and widely used for the Normandy landings during the largest amphibious ever, most of them have now disappeared. After a complete restoration, the Higgins boat «PA30-4» now remains the only seaworthy unit in Europe ! In addition to her annual presentation at dock in Carentan, the «PA30-4» is also taking part to commemorations as well as to various nautical events, being also regularly requested for historical documentaries filming.

OPENING TIMES
Check at Carentan port - quai de Caligny
(Summer season)

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UTAH BEACH / SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE
Airship Hangar

A place which has known three wars (14-18, 39-45 and the Cold War). Built as a maritime air station in 1916 to hunt down German submarines and mines, the concrete hangar (150 metres long, 40 metres wide and 31 metres high) is today the biggest in the world. From 1936 to 1939 it was batteries of marines who were based here. The Germans took it over between 1940 and 1944. On June 9th 1944 the hangar was liberated after a furious battle led by the US 8th Infantry. It remained a logistical base for the maintenance of vehicles for the Americans until 1945. Between 1967 and 1969 (during the Cold War) the site became a base for the construction of balloons for nuclear tests.

OPENING TIMES

February 2019: open continuously from Saturday 9th to Sunday 24th February from 2pm to 6pm (school holidays)
March 2019: every weekend from 2pm to 6pm
April 2019: Daily from 2pm to 6pm (closed on Fridays), open continuously from Monday 8/4 to Monday 22/4 from 10am to 6pm (school holidays).
May 2019: Daily from 2pm to 6pm (except Fridays), open 31/5
June 2019: Daily from 2pm to 6pm, open continuously from 1st to 11th June from 10am to 2pm for the 75th anniversary of D-Day festivities.
July 2019 / August 2019: Daily from 10am to 6pm.
Sept / Oct 2019: Daily from 2pm to 6pm (except Fridays), open continuously from 19/10 to 31/10 from 2pm to 6pm (school holidays).
Nov 2019: November 1st to 3rd from 2pm to 6pm.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults: 6 € / Children (under 16): free
Groups (min 6 pers.): 3.50 €
Family 2 + 2 teens: 15 €
Family 2 + 1 teen: 13 €

CONTACT
Association des Amis du Hangar à Dirigeables d’Écausseville
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The Fort of Tatihou

No less than 30 structures were built by the Germans within the defensive walls of Fort Vauban on the Island of Tatihou during The Second World War! The casemates, the field gun emplacements, the tobruks, the machine gun posts, the trenches etc formed a condensed version of the Atlantic Wall. The particularity of Tatihou is in the juxtaposition of military fortifications dating from between the 17th and the 20th centuries. Some of the most recent structures are directly built into the older ones. This arrangement clearly illustrates how well these defensive systems have stood the test of time.

OPENING TIMES
From 6th April to 3rd November:
> Ticket office hours: 9am to 12.30pm and 1.15pm to 5.30pm (9am to 6pm in July and August)
> Fort and museum open from 10am to 6pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE CHARGES
Return boat trip, unaccompanied visit of the maritime museum:
Adults: 10.50 € / Children (3 to 11 yrs old): 4.50 €
Return boat trip
Adults: 8 € / Children (3 to 11 yrs old): 4 €

CONTACT
Tatihou Ticket Office
quai Vauban, 50550 Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue
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tatihou.manche.fr

Marcouf 44
Command Post

The guided tour of the Command Post of the Crisbecq gun batteries will teach you about the history of the most important German fortification point along the whole stretch of the D-Day landing beaches. It was the only one to be equipped with 210 mm guns with a range of over 30 km. Shut in his command post, the captain in charge of this strategic point, with a force of 400 men, was in charge of defence for 6 days. With 7 rooms laid out on two levels, it was the only one on the whole of Utah Beach to have an observation post and firing position with a direct view over the sea.

Its history inspired one of the scenes from the film ‘The Longest Day’. After a year of restoration works, you can explore a major historical site in an environment which has hardly changed since D-Day.

OPENING TIMES
From 15/06 to 10/09:
Wednesday to Sunday 10am-6pm
From 15/03 to 15/06 and from 20/09 to 15/12:
Saturday and Sunday 11am-5pm
Closed from 15/12 to 13/03.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults: 5 € / Children (under 16): free
Groups (min 6 pers.): 3.50 €

CONTACT
MARCOUF 44 Route de Crisbecq
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www.marcouf44.com
**SAINT-MARCOUF-DE-L’ISLE**

**Crisbecq Gun Battery Museum**

Totally immerse yourself in the 22 subterranean blockhouses with their period fittings. It’s so much more than just a gun battery, more a real village with barracks, munition stores, kitchen, infirmary and tobriocks via an amazing complex of trenches and galleries extending to 800 metres. A unique place not to be missed, from where the first artillery gun fired at dawn on June 6th 1944. This is where it all began!

- An iconic place from which the first artillery gun was fired at dawn on June 6th 1944
- 22 subterranean blockhouses with their period fittings
- Anti-aircraft L410 command post on two floors, 6 rooms with their fittings and its Flack 20mm gun
- A complex of tunnels, trenches and underground rooms covering 5 ha / 12.5 acres
- Tour with explanatory signs in 6 languages
- Guided tour by night on Wednesdays 31st July and 7th August at 8.30pm (reservation required)
- 75th anniversary from 7th to 10th June: events on site (8th June, night-time event and firework display, on-site catering)

**OPENING TIMES**

April to mid-November
Every day 10am – 6pm
July – August Every day 10am – 7pm
Ticket office closes 1 hour before museum closes

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Unaccompanied visit: Adults 10 € / Students, military personnel: 9 € / Children (aged 6 to 14): 6 €
Guided tours in French every Wednesday at 2pm by reservation (July and August).
Visit Duration 1 1/2 hrs

**CONTACT**

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**World War II Museum**

Walking through 10,000 square feet of exhibition space, the visitor is transported back to life during World War II, with realistic scenes showing the atmosphere of the period as it really was. Wander down a typical street from the 1940’s which has been completely reconstructed complete with its shops and houses. Many vehicles and items of the period, including a blockhouse form part of the visit, with a view of the anti-tank wall, which can still be found on the beach of Quinéville.

For the first time ever, you can experience the Second World War at 1/6th scale with many figurines and vehicles. A visit not to be missed just 10 minutes from Sainte-Mère-Eglise.

**OPENING TIMES**

From April 1st to August 31st (10am-7pm) and from September 1st to October 31st (10am to 6pm) and during the autumn half term holiday. Ticket office closes 1 hour before closure of the museum.

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Unaccompanied visit: Adults 7 € / Children (aged 6-12 yrs) 5.50 €
Visit Duration: 1 1/2 hrs

**CONTACT**

World War II Museum
18, Avenue de la plage, QUINÉVILLE
+33 (0)2 33 95 95 95
memorial.quineville@wanadoo.fr
Open air Museum

Come and explore the key sites of the Landings using a GPS or a tablet on a guided tour around Sainte- Mère-Eglise, Utah Beach and Sainte-Marie-du-Mont. Using your own vehicle, go on a tour of 50km (30 miles) interspersed with 11 key sites, a commentary with archive images, videos and eyewitness accounts describing the events which took place at these often little known places.

An entertaining excursion for the whole family. Device rented by advance booking. Courtesy of the Open Air Museum “Kit’M” app do the tour with a touch tablet rented from the Tourist Office.

OPENING TIMES
>- January, February, March, October, November and December: 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5pm, from Monday to Friday. Saturdays during school holidays in February, autumn and at Christmas from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.
>- April, May, June, September: from Monday to Saturday 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm. Sundays and public holidays 9.30am to 1.30 pm.
>- July and August: from Monday to Saturday 9am to 6.30pm. Sundays and public holidays 10am to 4pm.
>- Annual closure: December 25th and January 1st

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
2 options:
- Free download of the app onto your telephone
- Daily tablet rental (Ipad) from the Tourist Office: 8€/device (1 device per vehicle), 250€ deposit per device and ID required.

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German military Cemetery

Located north of the village of Orlandes this cemetery has 10,152 graves. The Volksbund, which maintains German military graves began landscaping and architectural works in 1958. The cemetery was inaugurated on September 20th 1961.

One of the memorials bears the names of 22 soldiers who died on October 25th 1945. These German sappers lost their lives in the explosion of a load of dynamite at Asnières-en-Bessin near Bayeux. Their remains couldn’t be individually identified so they were buried in block 27, row 13, grave 420/421.
On the other American beach, the situation was difficult. The beaches of Omaha were a real trap for the troops of the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions. The first assault wave was brutally cut down, while the second left the beach strewn with the wounded, the dead and broken equipment. Eventually, drawing on the last of their resources, the soldiers managed to climb the cliff-like slope that overlooked the beach, and negotiate the barbed wire. Towards midday, they began to breach the German defences, and so the battle swung in the Allies’ favour.

The assault on Omaha Beach encountered numerous difficulties and almost ended in a real disaster. At the price of heavy losses, the Americans finally emerged victorious, and took possession of the coastal villages.

At the same time, a little further to the west, the 2nd Ranger Battalion was charged with climbing the 30-metre cliff at Pointe du Hoc, assaulting the German battery and destroying its guns. In a few minutes, the best climbers reached the top of the cliff. There they discovered a complete field of ruins created by shells and bombs from Allied naval ships offshore, but no sign of the 155mm artillery, which had been withdrawn by the Germans a short time before. Towards midday Pointe du Hoc was in American hands.
Overlord Museum Omaha Beach

Right by Omaha Beach where American forces landed, and in front of the roundabout to the American cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer, Overlord Museum retraces the time from the Allied Landings until the liberation of Paris. It relies on a previously unseen collection mainly found in Normandy, gathered over a period of more than 40 years by a survivor of the period and a contributor to the reconstruction of Normandy. From the personal effects of soldiers to the biggest armoured vehicles of the time, the six armies present in Normandy are shown with life-size reconstructions.

10,000 unique items, 35 vehicles: scenes of major operations in the Battle of Normandy are reconstructed with great realism. Sounds tracks and light effects complete the feeling of total immersion in History. See, discover, relive, understand, feel… an unforgettable and emotional experience.

>2019: the museum has been enlarged with an extension of 760m² or 8,160 sq ft.

**OPENING TIMES**
Open every day from March 1st 2019
- March, October, November, December 10am to 5.30pm
- April, May, September 10am to 6.30pm
- June, July, August 9.30am to 7pm
Annual closing December 24th, 25th and 31st
And from December 31st to mid-February 2020.

**VISITES ET TARIFS**
Full rate (adults over 18 yrs old): 8.40€
Concessions: 6.10€
(with proof of status: children 10 – 17 yrs, students, disabled, military personnel, unemployed)
Special rate: 7.40€

Group rate
Adults (20 people): 5€ per person
(one free ticket per 20 paying)
Secondary schoolchildren: 4€ per child
(one supervisor free per 10 children)
Primary schoolchildren: 3€ per child
(one supervisor free per 10 children)

Free
Upon presentation of proof: children under 10 (individually), journalists, tourist organisations, interpreter guides, employees of national and regional museums, staff from museums in the Historical Area, military personnel in uniform, veterans.

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La Pointe du Hoc

Pointe du Hoc was a strategic point in the German defences on the Normandy coast. The mission to take it was given to the 2nd Ranger battalion. Under the command of Lt. Colonel J.E. Rudder these soldiers achieved the incredible feat of reaching the top in just a few minutes despite the slope being very slippery, the climbing ropes made heavy by seawater, and intense fire from the defenders. In a lunar landscape full of deep craters, the fierce battle which ensued was even bloodier than the climb. And a big surprise awaited the Rangers: they found that huge wooden beams had been placed in the stations instead of artillery guns!

Today the site still bears the traces of the German artillery battery as well as deep scars from the fierce fighting which took place here on June 6th and 7th 1944, which cost the lives of 135 Rangers.

Pointe du Hoc is one of the few places still showing clear signs of the violence of the Landings in Normandy. Severely hit by the fighting it allows you to imagine the extreme conditions in which the Rangers climbed the cliff under the fire from German soldiers lying in ambush at the top.

**OPENING TIMES**
Free access year round
Visitor Centre reception:
From April 1st to September 30th: 9am to 6pm
From October 1st to March 31st: 9am to 5pm
Closed December 25th and January 1st

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**
Pointe du Hoc is accessible free of charge year round

**CONTACT**
AMBC - Pointe du Hoc
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normandy@abmc.gov
www.abmc.gov
Big Red One Assault Museum

The first division of American infantry of the US Army is nicknamed The Big Red One because of its insignia consisting of a big red ‘1’. After Operation Torch in North Africa it fought Rommel’s Afrika Korps, then took part in the landing in Sicily. It was also on Omaha Beach on June 6th 1944 where it suffered heavy losses. At the end of the war, in 1945, it had lost over 21,000 men (wounded and prisoners included) or nearly half of its numbers.

OPENING TIMES
Open from March to November
- From 01/03/2019 to 31/05/2019: 10am-midday / 2pm-6pm
- Except Tuesdays
- From 01/06/2019 to 31/08/2019: 10am-7pm
- From 01/09/2019 to 30/11/2019: 10am-midday / 2pm-6pm
- Except Tuesdays

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults: 5 € / Children: 3.50 €
Unguided visits at all times
Average Duration 45 minutes
Languages spoken: French/English

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GÉFOSSE-FONTENAY

Tour of Géfosse-Fontenay Blockhouse

Every Sunday morning at 10am the guide Luc Le Gleuher offers a guided tour of the Géfosse-Fontenay blockhouse. Visitors can find out about this perfectly preserved piece of the Atlantic Wall. The price of the visit is left to visitors’ discretion.

OPENING TIMES
This place on the coast can be visited every Sunday at 10am

GRANDCAMP-MAISY

Maisy Gun Battery

Built after 1942 this German battery was part of a military area of 44 hectares (110 acres). Completely forgotten for sixty years, it was rediscovered in 2006. It covered Utah and Omaha Beaches. On June 9th 1944 the final assault by the 5th and 2nd American Rangers took place under heavy fire for five long hours.

2.5 km of trenches, tunnels and other underground constructions, as well as six 155 mm artillery platform emplacements are now open to the public.

OPENING TIMES
Open every day from April to September
April, May, September: 10am - 5pm
June, July, August: 10am - 7pm
The ticket office closes 1 hour before the museum closes.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults: 7.20 €
Children 6-18 yrs: 4.80 €
Students: 6 €
Adult Group (over 10 people): 6 €

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The Chateau of Colombieres

Delve into the heart of the psychological war waged by the services of American propaganda from the Chateau of Colombieres during the summer of 1944. And learn about the history of the Ritchie Boys!

Open on certain days in June, July and August.
Advance booking essential: 02 31 22 51 65 / Entrance 5€
Contact:
M ou Mme Charles de Maupeou colombieresaccueil@aliceadsl.fr
chateau-colombieres.fr
Members of “Les Fleurs de la Résistance” (Flowers of the Resistance) association, messengers of memory, welcome you to the first house to be liberated by the Americans on the morning of June 6th 1944 at Saint Laurent-sur-Mer. It is both a site of remembrance and a vestige of D-Day, dedicated to the Resistance fighters, to the little-known TOP SECRET operation of mission ASCAIN of the SUSSEX/PROUST PLANS which took place on the night of June 5th to 6th 1944 at OMAHA BEACH, to the paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division lost on Omaha: “the stela of memory” to the allies and civilians of the period.

**OPENING TIMES**
May 1st to September 30th: 5pm – 7pm

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**
> Unguided visit of the outside only: History of the place on explanatory SIGNS (in French and English) and visit of the memorial stela to the 101st Airborne.
> Guided tour of the reconstructed premises of the ’40’s
> Daily from 11am to midday and 7pm to 8pm.
> Wednesdays 2pm to 8pm and by appointment
> Fees – Please make a donation as a token of your appreciation to the association “Les Fleurs de la Résistance”

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On the actual site of Omaha Beach with a floor area of 1400m² (14,000 sq ft) the museum exhibits uniforms, personal items, arms, vehicles, a landing craft, Belgian gates, a long Tom 155mm gun, a tank and more. Many scenes and a wealth of photographic documentation will plunge you into the heart of the history of the Landings. At the end of your visit a 25 minutes long film with witness accounts from American veterans will clearly explain the landings on Omaha and at Pointe du Hoc. Museum with facilities for children.

There is a new shop open to all in the museum reception area.

**OPENING TIMES**
from February 15th to February 28th: 10am-5pm
March: 10am-6pm
April/May: 9.30am-6.30pm
June: 9.30am-7pm
July/August: 9.30am-7.30pm
September: 9.30am-6.30pm
October/November: 9.30am-6pm
Last entry one hour before closing time

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**
Adult Full rate: 7 €
Students: 5.60 € (16-25 yrs)
Child: 4 € (7-15 yrs)
Adult Group: 4.60 €
Student Group: 3.80 €
School Group: 2.90 €
Duration of unguided visit : 1 hr

**CONTACT**
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14710 SAINT-LAURENT-SUR-MER
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www.musee-memorial-omaha.com
The Omaha D-Day Museum

Thousands of original objects are exhibited in an area of over 3,000 m² or 30,000 sq ft at the heart of OMAHA BEACH in an authentic American building of the period. Situated between the American cemetery (4 km) and Pointe du Hoc (7 km), and 200 metres from the beach, this museum displays a unique collection, collected over about fifty years by an enthusiast, who was also a father, but has now died leaving his two sons the duty of continuing this memorial endeavour.

OPENING TIMES
Open daily from April to September
From April 1st to May 30th and from September 1st to 30th: 10.30am-6pm
From June 1st to August 31st: 10am-7pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adult: 6 € / Student: 5 €
Child (8 to 15 yrs): 3.50 €
Adult groups from 8 people 4€ per person
Visit duration: 30/45 mins
Free for children under 8 years old (accompanied by a paying adult), and WWII veterans.

CONTACT
Musée D-DAY Omaha
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14710 Vierville-sur-Mer
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The German military Cemetery of La Cambe

Covering 7½ hectares or nearly 19 acres, this is one of six Second World War German military cemeteries in Normandy. The use of this land belonging to the French state was given in perpetuity by the French government to the German nation. Here lie around 21,300 German soldiers who lost their lives in Normandy. A permanent exhibition reminds us of the suffering which wars bring about, and endeavours to promote peace.

A memorial chapel is situated at the entrance. Finally 1,200 Acer globosum maples, planted in the Garden of Peace in front of the cemetery and alongside the access road are also symbols of peace.

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German military cemeteries are maintained and managed by the Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e.V. (The Maintenance of German Military Graves Service), a private non-profit making association under German law whose registered office is in Kassel (Germany).
Located just above Omaha Beach at Colleville-sur-Mer, the Normandy American Cemetery was dedicated in 1956. It honours the American service members who died during Operation Overlord and is part of the 26 permanent cemeteries on foreign soil managed by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). A key memorial site, it contains the perfectly aligned headstones of 9,387 soldiers who fell in combat. Completing this moving ensemble is a Garden of the Missing where the names of 1,557 soldiers are engraved, a chapel, a memorial and the Visitor Center. The new visitor center will be inaugurated on June 7, 2019. The visitor center exhibition plays an important role in providing visitors with context and emotional engagement to the incredible story of courage and sacrifice of the D-Day landings and Normandy campaign.

This is a place of commemoration and we therefore ask visitors to behave accordingly, and be both silent and respectful.

OPENING TIMES
Free access all year
From April 1st to September 30th: 9am to 6pm
From October 1st to March 31st: 9am to 5pm
Closed January 1st and December 25th
Last admission 15 minutes before closing time.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free entrance

CONTACT
AMBC - Normandy American Cemetery
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normandy@abmc.gov
www.abmc.gov
After landing at Gold Beach, the British 50th Infantry Division was soon at the gates of Bayeux, and took control of the town on the morning of June 7th. Its objective was also to seize Arromanches, making ready for the installation of the future artificial «Mulberry» Harbour and linking up with Canadian troops, who had landed at Juno Beach. This mission would be accomplished on the evening of the 6th.

The principle of the Mulberries, or artificial harbours, was to land vehicles and supplies very rapidly by using quays protected by a line of concrete caissons, until such time as the continental ports were captured. In 100 days, 220,000 soldiers, 530,000 tonnes of supplies and 39,000 vehicles were landed at “Port Winston”. This was of crucial importance because Allied troops needed all their weapon supplies to fend off a German counterattack.
Arromanches 360 circular Cinema

“Normandy’s 100 Days”

Situated on the heights above Arromanches, the Arromanches 360 circular cinema looks over the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built by the Allies. Unique in France, this film plunges spectators into the heart of the Battle of Normandy: projected on nine screens previously unreleased archive pictures retrace 100 days of terrible fighting.

This film is a tribute to the men of all nations, and to the 20,000 civilians killed during this battle that gave rise to so much hope.

OPENING TIMES
Annual closing: from 6 to 28/1/19 inclusive
Screenings every half hour on the hour and the half hour.
>2/1 to 5/1 and 29/1 to 31/3: 10am – 5pm (every day)
>1/4 to 30/4: 10am – 6pm (every day)
>1/5 to 31/8: 9.30am – 6pm (every day)
>1/09 to 30/9: 10am - 6pm (every day)
>01/10 to 31/12: 10am - 5pm (Closed on Mondays in November and December except November 11th, December 23rd and 30th)
Closed December 25th and January 1st.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Full price: 6.50€
Concessions: 5.50€
Adult groups (20 people min): 5€
Groups of secondary schoolchildren (minimum 15): 3.50€
Groups of primary schoolchildren (minimum 15): 2€
Free for individual children under 10 and war veterans

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On June 8th 1944, two days after the liberation of Arromanches, the first Phoenix concrete caissons were submerged at sea to form a breakwater. Less than a week later unloading could begin. In 100 days 220,000 soldiers, 530,000 tonnes of supplies and 39,000 vehicles were unloaded at “Port Winston”.

Built on the very site of the British artificial port of which the traces can still be seen a few metres off shore, the museum tells the history of the incredible challenge that the construction and running of this port represented, a key element in the Allied victory in Normandy. Apart from showing how it worked, a collection of some 2,000 objects helps to evoke the atmosphere of the time and pay tribute to the soldiers of the nations which took part in the Landings.
German Gun Battery of Longues-sur-Mer

The German gun battery of Longues-sur-Mer offers an extraordinary panoramic view over the Landing beaches. The only battery to be listed as a Historic Monument, it notably includes a firing command post and four reinforced concrete pillboxes each housing a long range artillery piece of 150 mm.

Situated in the area between Gold Beach and Omaha Beach at the top of a cliff overlooking the Channel, it played a strategic role during the Landing of Allied forces on June 6th 1944. Subjected to intense bombardment by air and then by sea which prevented it from fully taking part in the action on D-Day, it was taken by British troops on June 7th.

The gun battery at Longues-sur-Mer is the only one today to still be equipped with its guns from the period. Its excellent state of conservation and its well-maintained surroundings make it really worth a visit.

OPENING TIMES
Free access all year.
Guided tours
Every weekend from Saturday 6th April until Sunday 26th May 2019 (+ Easter Monday 22nd April) and from Saturday 7th September until Sunday 3rd November 2019 (+ Friday 1st November). Every day from Thursday 30th May until Sunday 1st September 2019.

Times of guided tours:
In French 11.40am / 2.15pm / 5.05pm*
In English 10.15 am and 3.40 pm
*Except after 27/10
Guided tours for groups possible throughout the year

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults : 5 €
Children (11/17 yrs) : 3 €
Children under 10 free

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www.bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com
GOLD BEACH

COMMES - PORT-EN-BESSIN

Museum of undersea wrecks

For twenty five years, Jacques Lemonchois has tirelessly scoured the depths off the Landing beaches searching for the remains of the big warships sunk around June 6th 1944. The museum keeps these objects in the state in which they were discovered, and also presents war machines (assault tanks, torpedoes, mines, artillery guns, and mechanical parts).

APPLICATION
Arromanches 1944 in enhanced reality

From the artificial port of Arromanches to Juno Beach

Available free at

OPENING TIMES
Weekends in the months of May and October
June to September, every day from 10am to 7pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults : 7,50 €
Children (7 to 16 yrs) : 4,50 €

CONTACT
Musée des épaves sous-marines du Débarquement
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APPLICATION
Arromanches 1944 in enhanced reality

From the artificial port of Arromanches to Juno Beach

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America Gold Beach Museum

The America section of the museum tells of the first postal link between the USA and France by air, the forced sea landing of the AMERICA at Ver-sur-Mer on the night of July 1st 1927 and the conquest of the North Atlantic by the pioneers of aviation in the 20th century. The Gold Beach section is devoted to the history of the Landings by the British in the KING sector on June 6th 1944, and of the planning up until the assault of the 69th brigade (the 50th British Infantry Division). It pays tribute to the soldiers, sailors and airmen involved in this mission.

New:
> The museum offers screenings of the original film “America” shot in 1927 which visitors can watch (F, GB and D) using a QRCode. Duration 5 mins in B/W.
> The central propeller blade from the America, found by chance in a garage in the Yvelines.

**OPENING TIMES**
Period of opening 2/04 to 29/09.
Closed on Mondays in April, May and September.
Open daily from 1st June until 1st September. From 10.30 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm Sundays in April, May and September from 11 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 5 pm.

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**
- Adults: 4.50 €
- Children (under 15): 2 €
- Students: 2.50 €
- Concessions (groups of over 10 people): 3.50 €
- Free for veterans
- Unaccompanied visit: 40 minutes

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Ryes War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

Situated beside the D87 road east of Bayeux, the military cemetery at Ryes, Bazenville has over 600 Commonwealth graves. The first of these were put here just two days after the Allied Landing at Arromanches.

**OPENING TIMES**
Commission cemeteries are freely accessible to the public throughout the year. For commemorative events and private requests, please contact the CWGC at enquiries@cwgc.org.

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Landing by the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division between Graye and Saint-Aubin. The Canadians had to take the coastal defences in the Courseulles-Bernières sector, and then sweep inland to link up with British troops from Gold and Sword Beaches. After heavy losses on the beaches – Canadian forces suffered 50% of their losses in the first hour of the assault – the 3rd Division liberated its coastal sector and encircled the radar station at Douvres-la-Délivrande. Losing no time, they took control of villages inland: Reviers, Saint-Croix and Bény. Of the five landing zones, this one saw the furthest Allied advance by the evening of D-Day. For a month, Canadian forces battled to wrest the road, RN13, Carpiquet and Caen from the enemy.
As well as its permanent exhibition, the Juno Beach Centre, the only Canadian museum on the Landing beaches, offers a special exhibition for younger visitors and activities for school groups. It is also possible to take part in a guided tour of Juno Park and its remains of the Atlantic Wall, including the bunkers in front of the museum, led by a young Canadian.

**New for 2019:** A new temporary exhibition «Great Women During the War 1939-1945» developed by the Canadian War Museum and a new youth circuit Explore Juno to discover as a family or as a class. Closed on June 9th and 6th 2019 and on January.

**OPENING TIMES**
- February, November, December: 10am – 5pm
- March and October: 10am – 6pm
- April to September: 9.30am – 7pm
- Closed in January and on Christmas Day
- Closed on 5th and 6th January 2019.

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**
- **Self-guided tour of the Juno Beach Centre** (Duration: 1 1/2 hrs recommended)
  - Adults: 7 €
  - Students, children 8 and over: 5.50 €
  - Groups of adults: 5.50 €
  - School groups: 4 € / Family Ticket: 23 €
- **Self-guided visit of Juno Beach Centre and guided tour of Juno Park** (duration: 45 minutes)
  - Adults: 11 €
  - Children 8 and over: 9 €
  - Groups of adults: 9 €
  - School groups: 5.50 € / Family Ticket: 35 €
- **Free** for Second World War veterans and their widows, children under 8
- **Educational activities for a supplement of 1.50€ - Only for school groups of 8 to 18 years old (duration: 1 1/2 hours)**
- Every day with advance booking
- Picnic room by reservation

**BÉNY-SUR-MER - REVIERS**

The Canadian military cemetery at Bény-sur-Mer is situated close to the village of Reviers, 18th east of Bayeux on the D35. Over 2000 men are buried here. Many of them belonged to the 3rd Canadian Division, which took a major part in the Landings and the march on Caen.
On June 5th, a little before 11 pm, British gliders were launched towards Bénouville bridge. In the space of a few minutes, the men under Major Howard attained their objective and Bénouville bridge became Pegasus Bridge. The bridge at Ranville, a little further east, was also stormed. At the same time, the parachutists of the 6th Airborne Division overcame the gun battery at Merville.

The landing of troops by sea took place at Hermanville and Colleville. From there, the commandos – including the 177 green berets of the N°4 Commando – were ordered to take Ouistreham from behind. Afterwards, they advanced towards the bridges at Ranville and Bénouville to give their support to the paratroopers.

On the afternoon of June 6th, Hitler gave the order to move several armoured divisions towards Normandy. However, by then it was too late: the die was cast.

On June 6th, at midnight, more than 156,000 Allied soldiers were in Normandy, including 23,000 paratroopers, and 20,000 vehicles of all types. 12,000 men had been killed, wounded or taken prisoner.
The Pegasus Memorial

Situated to the east of the D-Day landing beaches, the Pegasus Memorial recounts the different missions carried out by 6th Airborne Division on the night of 5th-6th June 1944. These soldiers were the first to set foot on the soil of Normandy during Operation Overlord. One of their exploits was the capture of the famous Pegasus Bridge at Benouville, more commonly known as Pegasus Bridge. At the Memorial, professional guides bring the dawn of June 6th back to life.

The vast majority of the artefacts on display have been donated by veterans and their families.

OPENING TIMES
> from 01/02/2019 to 31/03/2019:
daily from 10am to 5pm
> from 01/04/2019 to 30/09/2019:
daily from 9.30am to 6.30pm
> from 01/10/2019 to 15/12/2019:
daily from 10am to 5pm
Closed from December 16th 2019 to January 31st 2020

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adult: 8€
Child or student: 5€
Adult groups: 5.50€
School groups: 4.50€

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A priority objective of D-Day and a redoubtable part of the German army’s defences, the Merville gun battery, situated between Ouistreham and Cabourg, is one of the most iconic sites of the invasion. Bombed on several occasions without effect, it was neutralised by the 9th battalion of British paratroopers after a murderous assault during the night of June 5th to 6th.

By following an educational tour round this historic place, which has been listed as a historic monument, you will be able to go into various bunkers, and experience something unique in the biggest of these. Sound effects, smoke, lights and smells will briefly plunge you into the hell of the bombardment and neutralisation of the Merville gun battery.

Come and find out about the great story of the “SNAFU Special” Dakota the only C47 to be listed as an Ancient Monument.

**OPENING TIMES**
- From March 15th to September 30th
  9.30am to 6.30pm
- From October 1st to November 15th
  10am to 5pm
Annual closing from November 16th to March 14th

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**
- Adults: 8€
- Children: 5€
- Reduced rate: 7€
  (students, military personnel, handicapped, war veterans, jobseekers)
- Adult groups: 6.50€
- School groups: 4€

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Hillman Strongpoint

This German position from the Second World War was the coastal defence command post for the 736th Regiment of Grenadiers and 716th German Infantry Division. Twenty blockhouses – of which ten are open for visiting – are scattered over an area of 24 hectares (59 acres).

OPENING TIMES
July, August and September:
Guided tour on Tuesdays at 3pm
July and August: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Memorial and its museum open from 10am to midday and 2.30pm to 6.30pm.
Open year-round for groups by appointment

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free, but donations accepted
Guided tours July-August and September on Tuesdays at 3pm

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1944 Radar Museum

Discover what life was like for German soldiers inside wartime bunkers during the Occupation in Normandy. The only radar station on the D-Day landing beaches, the 1944 Radar Museum occupies the former German lookout post. Two bunkers of the period have been reconstructed so that you can learn about the Atlantic Wall, the history of radar and daily life of the German soldiers.

On the spot, download the Android or Iphone application and enjoy!

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Nº4 Commando Museum

The museum, was created by British and French veterans, and traces the history of French fighters, who – thanks to the tenacity of Commandant Philippe Kieffer – were able to join the British commandos and join them in a number of missions. In particular, it recounts their training at Achnacarry camp in Scotland, and their participation in the D-Day landings at Colleville sur Orne, during the liberation of Ouistreham, and the Battle of Normandy. All the objects on show are authentic, the majority of the equipment and uniforms being gifts from families and relatives.

In addition to the tour, a 28-minute video composed of papers and period films shows the commandos at Achnacarry camp and during the D-Day landings.

OPENING TIMES
Museum open daily from March 31st 2019 to October 15th 2019 inclusive, from 10.30am to 1pm and 1.30pm to 6.30pm.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Self-guided tour, duration: 1 hour (FR/GB)
Adults: 5€
Students, children: 3€
Adult groups: 4€
School groups: 3€
Free for WW2 veterans, children (under 10)

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Atlantic Wall Museum
The Bunker

The Atlantic Wall Museum is located inside the former German Army HQ that controlled the gun batteries of the estuary of the River Orne. All the internal rooms of the Great Bunker have been restored down to the smallest details: engine room, filter room, barrack room, flanking pillboxes, pharmacy, infirmary, armoury, ammunition store, radio transmissions room, switchboard, and an observation post from where you can see for 40 km or 25 miles around the Bay of the Seine.

An exhibition dedicated to the greatest building project of the 20th century describes the construction of the Atlantic Wall, which mobilised two million labourers over a period of three years. With many previously unseen photos and documents relating to the Atlantic Wall, the atmosphere in this unique museum will straightaway plunge you into those troubled times.

OPENING TIMES
> Closed from 6/1 to 8/2
> Open daily:
> From 9/2 to 31/3: 10am – 6pm
> From 1/4 to 30/9: 9am – 7pm
> From 1/10 to 5/1: 10am – 6pm
Closed 25th December and 1st January

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults: 7.50€
Children: 5.50€ (6-12 years)

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Immerse yourself in the world of Soldat Léon: using your tablet or smartphone, you can be at the heart of the events on June 6th 1944, in the company of Léon Gautier, one of Commandant Kieffer’s 177 French troops, who made the landing that morning. Soldat Léon will be alongside you in the capture of Ouistreham’s casino, just as if you were there...

Available free at

La Délivrande War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

Situated north of Caen on the D7, the military cemetery of Douvres-La-Délivrande is the last resting place of nearly 1,000 victims of war. The graves in this cemetery date from D-Day, and the landings on Sword Beach, particularly in the Oboe and Peter sectors. Other casualties were brought here at a later date, from the battlefields between the coast and Caen.

Hermanville-sur-Mer War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

With more than 1,000 graves, Hermanville-sur-Mer military cemetery is located north of Caen, on the D60. The nearby village of Hermanville-sur-Mer is close to Sword Beach, and was occupied on June 6th by the men of the 1st Battalion South Lancashire Regiment. Later the same day, the Shropshire Light Infantry, backed up by the armoured units of the Staffordshire Yeomanry, managed to capture and hold Biéville-Beuville, four kilometres south of Hermanville-sur-Mer. Many of the men buried in this cemetery were killed that day, or during the push towards Caen.

Ranville War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

The name Ranville is forever linked with the 6th Airborne Division, which captured the Caen canal bridge during the first hours of D-Day. Nearly 2,300 Commonwealth soldiers are buried in Ranville’s military cemetery and in the graveyard of the neighbouring church. The easiest access to these two sites is by the D513 leaving Caen, then heading left towards Hérouville. The cemetery is located one kilometre after leaving Ranville, on the rue des Airbornes. The famous Pegasus Bridge, as well as its museum, are situated to the west of the village.
Bayeux
The first town to be liberated in mainland France

On the afternoon of June 6th General de Gaulle said: “The supreme battle is underway. It is, of course, the Battle of France and the Battle for France. For the sons of France, wherever they are, and whoever they are, the simple and sacred duty is to fight the enemy by all means at their disposal.”

“In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on all other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.”

General Eisenhower, June 6th 1944

British troops entered Bayeux without difficulty on the morning of June 7th. There, too, was Maurice Schumann, the spokesman of Free France (one of the voices of the BBC, he landed on June 6th at Asnelles). Without needing to fight, the troops captured the coastal battery of Longues-sur-Mer, and took its garrison prisoner.

On June 14th 1944, de Gaulle was on board the torpedo boat La Combattante. He landed on the beach between Courseulles and Graye and made his way to Bayeux to meet the local populace. He was acclaimed by the crowd.
The Bayeux Memorial is situated in the southwest outskirts of the town, on the D5/Boulevard Fabian Ware (named after the founder of the CWGC). The Memorial carries the names of more than 1,800 soldiers who died during the Battle of Normandy and for whom no graves have been found. The inscription on the pediment of the Memorial refers to the conquest of England by the Normans, 900 years earlier:

‘NOS A GULIELMO VICTI VICTORIS
PATRIAM LIBERAVIMUS’
(“Once conquered by William, today we liberate the Conqueror’s native land”)

The military cemetery at Bayeux faces the Memorial. Although Bayeux saw little fighting, it was the first French town of any size to be liberated by the Allies. With more than 4,000 war graves (including 25 Polish, 7 Russian, 2 Italian, 2 Czech and 3 French), Bayeux is the largest Commonwealth military cemetery from the Second World War in France. The bodies of soldiers buried here came from the surroundings and from nearby hospitals.

Memorial Museum of the Battle of Normandy

Situated close to the British Military Cemetery at Bayeux, the Memorial Museum is the only one in the region to be devoted entirely to the Battle of Normandy. It explains the key stages in the conflict and shows the fighting that took place on Norman soil after the D-Day landings, from June 7th to August 29th 1944.

OPENING TIMES
> From 01/02 to 30/04 and from 1/10 to 31/12: 10am-12.30pm and 2pm to 6pm
> From 1/05 to 30/09: 9.30am-6.30pm
Annual closing Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. (Please check with us for January.)
Last admission 1 hour before the museum closes.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Full rate: 7.50€
Concessions: 5.50€
Group rate: 5.50€
Schoolchildren/students: 5€
Visit duration: 1 1/2 hrs + 25-minute film
Children under 10, veterans: free

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OPENING TIMES
The Commission’s cemeteries are open to the public all year round. For commemorative events and private requests, please contact the CWGC at enquiries@cwgc.org.
In February 1944, Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery decided that the landings would take place in an area 80 km (50 miles) long – rather than 40 km (25 miles) – extending from Colleville to Varreville and including the Cherbourg Peninsula, so that the port of Cherbourg could be captured as quickly as possible.

Cherbourg was a strategic objective for the success of Operation Overlord. In a short space of time, the port had to be able to handle troop ships from the United States, as well as munitions and machinery needed for the conquest of Europe.

The Americans needed to capture Cherbourg under the orders of General Bradley. On June 21st they surrounded the town. On the 25th, they had advanced into the streets. On the 26th, Fort du Roule was taken. General Bradley responded to the inhabitants who welcomed him: “It is a pleasure to be able to say to the French people: here is the first large town that is returned to you.”

On the other hand the port, sabotaged by the Germans, was in a sad state: a pile of ruins. Not to be discouraged, the soldiers set to the task of making it a working port once more. So it was that from the middle of July, the port of Cherbourg welcomed the first Liberty Ships arriving from the United States.
La Cité de la Mer

“Cherbourg 1944... and freedom came from the sea”

A completely new immersive experience into the heart of the invasion and of the 20 days of fighting between Utah Beach and Cherbourg.

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of D-Day, La Cité de la Mer has laid on a new permanent exhibition relating the 20 days which linked the landing of the Allies on June 6th, 1944 at Utah Beach and the liberation of the port of Cherbourg.

Visitors will learn about the difficulties of progressing through the heart of the peninsula's bocage landscape with its civilian population, the bombings, the destruction, and fierce German opposition.

Through this exhibition you can relive these difficult times from rare previously unseen images from war correspondents, and extracts from German and American archives, which have been digitised for the first time in close collaboration with Caen-Normandy Memorial.

The engaging interactive presentation follows the fighting between the German and Allied armies, step by step, and shows the suffering of the civilian population by shining a spotlight on a largely unknown sequence of events which took place during the 100 days of the Battle of Normandy. This permanent exhibition is accompanied by the showing on a big screen of “20 days for Cherbourg”, a film produced by La Cité de la Mer.
The capture of Saint-Lô was entrusted to the Americans, who encountered great difficulties in taking the town, an important road and rail junction. After the bombardments of June 6th and 7th, and a month of deadlock and particularly deadly combat, the “capital of ruins” was liberated on July 18th.

The battle of Saint-Lô was one of the most significant episodes in the ‘battle of the hedgerows’, just before Operation Cobra. In the centre of the Cherbourg Peninsula, the war of the hedgerows turned into a real trench warfare. Operation Cobra was the codename given to the American offensive undertaken at the end of July 1944 in the Cherbourg Peninsula in order to open up the way to Brittany and to break through the lines of German defence.

On the evening of July 30th American troops took Avranches. General Patton with the American armoured divisions and the 2nd French armoured division of Leclerc, just landed at Utah Beach, could then start to break through massively towards the south. Instead of retreating however, the German troops launched a counter-attack in the area of Mortain with the aim of cutting through the American lines. But this was doomed to failure from the very beginning, mainly due to the almost complete lack of air cover.

From Saint-Lô capital of ruins, to Avranches
AVRANCHES

The Art and History museum of Avranches

In the heart of the old town, the outbuildings of the old episcopal palace, later transformed into a prison during the French revolution, today house the collections of the museum.

Your visit ends with rooms dedicated to the Second World War, and especially the breakthrough at Avranches.

OPENING TIMES
From June 1st to September 30th Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 6pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free

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FOLLIGNY

Py Park at Folligny

Py Park is located close to the railway station at Folligny. During the Second World War, the station was the target of numerous deadly and devastating bombardments. After the bombardment of June 17th 1940, the station was rebuilt, fortified and occupied by the German Army to allow the control of goods traffic. Today, several concrete remnants remain and two restored underground rooms contain panels retracing wartime events in Folligny and its surroundings.

OPENING TIMES
Open April 1st to October 31st

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free

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MARIGNY

Cobra Marigny Memorial

With its three exhibition rooms, the Memorial recounts the story of Operation Cobra, the name given to the American offensive carried out in the Cherbourg Peninsula at the end of July 1944, in order to open up the way to Brittany. Also included is a space dedicated to the dark years (1939-1945), and also a homage to the “poilus” or French soldiers of the First World War. In all, the Memorial displays more than 950 photos and documents, as well as 130 period objects.

OPENING TIMES
Saturdays and Sundays 2.30pm to 6.30pm in June, July and August

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The François Mutschler Collection contains an array of objects from the Second World War, as well as postcards from the beginning of the 20th century and photographs from 1944, and a scale model of the bridge at Pontaubault.

**OPENING TIMES**
Open on Tuesday and Thursday every 2 weeks starting from January 6th:
- Tuesdays from 2pm to 4.30pm
- Thursdays from 2.30pm to 5pm

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**
Free entry
Unguided visits at all times
Guided tours on request

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Now restored, this old leper colony in Saint-Lô houses a Memorial to the US 29th and 35th Divisions that liberated the city.

**OPENING TIMES**
Open at weekends in July-August from 2.30pm to 6.30pm
Open year round upon request at the Tourist Office (for groups)

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**
Free entry

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SAINT-LÔ

The Fine Arts Museum

Situated on the square of the Champ de Mars, the museum of fine arts and history exhibits very fine and wide collections, offering a vast panorama of painting from the 17th century to the present day. A new exhibition area of over 3,000 square feet is devoted to the rich history of Saint-Lo since Neolithic times until its post-war reconstruction.

OPENING TIMES
From September to June: Tuesday to Sunday from 2pm to 6pm
July and August: Tuesday to Sunday from 1:30pm to 6:30pm
Closed on Mondays, 1st January, 1st May and 1st November

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Permanent exhibition: 4.50 €
Temporary exhibition: from 2 to 4 €
 Entire museum: 5.50 € (1 € off without exhibition)
 Free for children under 12

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HUISNES-SUR-MER

German military cemetery

The cemetery at Mont-de-Huisnes is the sole German mausoleum in Normandy, and indeed in the whole of France. 11,956 soldiers who died in the course of the Second World War are buried here, along with 64 children and infants. The mausoleum is a circular building, 47 metres across, constructed on two levels. In the centre of the interior courtyard is a large cross. The mausoleum was inaugurated on September 14th 1963. It offers a magnificent panorama over the Mont Saint-Michel.

MARIGNY/LA CHAP. EN JUGER

German military cemetery

Inaugurated on September 20th 1961, this cemetery contains 11,169 tombs of German soldiers who died in combat. It is divided into five long rectangles of graves surrounded by a slope on all sides. Groups of crosses are dispersed throughout. From 1957 onwards, the remains of soldiers formerly buried in numerous small cemeteries were transferred here.

SAINT-JAMES

ABMC - Brittany American Cemetery

“In Proud Remembrance of the Achievements of Her Sons and in Humble Tribute to their Sacrifices This Memorial has been erected by the United States of America.” The cemetery, the Chapel with its Memorial Room and the Tablets of the Missing, stand in memory of the more than 4,900 service members who rest here.
At dawn on June 6th, the bombing of towns in Normandy began. The entire centre of Caen was destroyed. The Allies’ objective was to destroy the towns so as to obliterate all communications and to slow German reinforcements. On the morning of June 7th about ten of Lower Normandy’s towns including Caen, Lisieux, Coutances, Saint-Lô and Vire had been wiped off the map.

Caen and its airfield at Carpiquet were keenly sought by the airmen of the RAF.

During June the town became a major strategic objective to the distress of its population which fled the bombardments. It wasn’t until the morning of July 9th, a month after the D-Day Landings that Caen was finally liberated by the Canadians arriving from Saint-Germain-la-Blanche-Herbe. The British entered from the east and moved through the ruins.

But the Germans still held the right bank of the river and it wasn’t until July 19th that the last quarters of the town, such as Vaucelles, were liberated.
From the origins of the Second World War to the end of the Cold War, museum exhibits recount the terrible history of the 20th century.

Caen, bombed during the summer of 1944 and martyred city of the Liberation, deserved homage on a scale equal to its suffering.

New from June 6th: a new visual and aural experience to enhance understanding of our common European history, a dynamic, impressive and moving film lasting 17 minutes in 360°!

As part of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy, Caen Mémorial presents “Rockwell, Roosevelt, and The Four Freedoms”, an exceptional exhibition to be held from 10th June until 27th October 2019. (Online ticket purchase advised at www.memorial-caen.fr)
Digital tour of Caen

Caen, summer 44: civilians in the battle

Between June 6th and July 19th 1944 the inhabitants of Caen, caught in the crossfire of the Battle of Normandy, had to be organised in order to survive. Discover how they ensured their food supply, and how they set up emergency services and medical treatment.

A digital tour of the town, divided into 12 stages, lets you to find out how thousands of people in Caen lived at the time. Take your smartphone and download the itinerary for free from the digital station in Saint-Georges church at Caen castle (application "IStoryPath"). Then go to each point in the tour to find out exactly how the inhabitants survived. You can follow this tour as you wish, but we do recommend that you finish with stage 12, the liberation of Caen.

“The Caen summer 44” is a bilingual tour accessible via Smartphone using QR Codes and NFC tags (download at the castle church of Saint Georges).

OPENING TIMES
Freely accessible

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Anybody with a smartphone

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The Bocage Breakout Museum

Nine kilometres from the route to the Vire Gorges, a 45-minute audio-guided visit with sound and light effects (in French or in English) brings to life the astonishing adventure of the combatants in the Bocage, with the help of eight exhibition areas and a huge diorama. Telling the story of their destiny makes this a moving visit.

A tour of the stelas of Hill 309 and Bull’s Bridge in Willy’s Jeep can be booked subject to the limited spaces available. An amateur radio station is available upon production of a licence.

OPENING TIMES
10am – 6pm. Open every weekend and on public holidays from Saturday 6th April to Sunday 29th September 2019. Also open:
>Sat 6/4 to Sun 5/5 daily (Easter)
>Sat 1/6 to Sun 9/6 daily (D-Day)
>Sat 6/7 to Sun 1/9 daily except Tuesdays.

OPENING TIMES
From May 1st to October 1st (and from 5th to 9th June):
10am to midday – 2pm to 6pm, weekends and public holidays only.
Annual closure: January, February, March, April, October, November, December.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Self-guided tour (duration: 45 minutes)
> Flat rate: 4€
> Free: Second World War veterans, children (under 12 years)

Guided tour (duration 1-2 hours) [FR/GB]
All year, upon reservation only, for groups of 10 persons minimum
> Flat rate: 6€

Battlefield excursions (duration: 2 hours approx) [FR/GB] for groups of 10 people minimum
> All year, upon reservation only
> Flat rate: 7€

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Museum of the Battle of Tilly-sur-Seulles

Housed in a 12th-century chapel, this museum brings to life the combat that took place at Tilly-sur-Seulles and in the surrounding area during the three weeks following the D-Day landings. The 30th British Army Corps confronted two divisions of the elite 1st SS Panzerkorps, resulting in an unusually violent conflict that severely damaged the village of Tilly-sur-Seulles, which was taken and retaken twenty-three times in the space of nearly a month.

Eyewitness accounts, photographs and wartime objects punctuate the tour, and show the suffering faced by the civilian population during the Liberation of Normandy.

> Museum open from 3rd to 7th June: From 10am to midday and 2pm to 6pm
> 5th June: 11th Battle of Normandy Book Fair
> Temporary exhibition on the people of Normandy in the Second World War: visit included in the museum entrance ticket price

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BANNEVILLE-LA-CAMPAGNE

Banneville-la-Campagne War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
Situated about ten kilometres east of Caen on the D675, Banneville-la-Campagne Military Cemetery contains the graves of more than 2,000 Commonwealth soldiers. Most were buried here between the second week in July and the end of August 1944, which coincided with the battle to retake Caen, the battle of the Falaise Pocket and the Allied advance on the opposite side of the Seine.

BROUAY

Brouay War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
Situated beside the N13, halfway between Bayeux and Caen, Brouay Military Cemetery is the final resting place of almost 400 Commonwealth soldiers. For most, their burial followed the violent combat that took place in the region between June and July 1944, when Allied forces attempted to encircle Caen from the south.

FONTENAY-LE-PESNEL

Fontenay-le-Pesnel War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
This cemetery, situated 16 kilometres to the west of Caen on the D139, contains the graves of more than 400 Commonwealth soldiers. A large number of these men were killed during the battle to the west of Caen during June and July 1944. Many men from the South Staffordshire, East Lancashire and Royal Warwickshire Regiments, as well as the Durham Light Infantry, have their final resting place here.

SAINT-DÉSIR-DE-LISIEUX

St. Desir War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
The most easterly Commonwealth military cemetery in Normandy, the military cemetery of Saint-Désir is located beside the D159 to the west of Lisieux. Many of the Commonwealth war dead buried here were killed towards the end of the Normandy campaign, whilst pursuing German forces towards the Seine.

CAMBES-EN-PLAINE

Cambes-en-Plaine War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
Situated 7 kilometres northwest of Caen, on the rue du Mesnil Ricard, over 200 Commonwealth victims of the war are buried here. More than half of them formed part of the South Staffordshire and North Staffordshire Regiments, and fell in combat on July 8th and 9th, during the final assault on Caen. A large part of the town was liberated on July 10th.

HOTTOT-LES-BAGUES

Hottot-les-Bagues War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
Hottot-les-Bagues Military Cemetery is situated 14 kilometres southeast of Bayeux on the D6. It is the last resting place of more than 1,000 Commonwealth victims of the war. A large number of them fell during the violent combat in this sector, between June and the beginning of July 1944.

ST. MANVIEU - CHEUX

St. Manvieu War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
The military cemetery of Saint-Manvieu, Cheux, is situated on the D9 to the west of Caen. It contains more than 1,600 Commonwealth military graves due to the intense fighting in the region between Tilly-sur-Seulles and Caen from mid-June to the end of July 1944.

CHOUAINE-JÉRUSALEM

Jerusalem War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
Situated 9 kilometres southeast of Bayeux, on the D6, Chouain-Jérusalem Military Cemetery is one of the smallest Commonwealth military cemeteries in the world. The majority of its 47 tombs date from July 10th, 1944, when the sector was the scene of fierce fighting just after the liberation of Bayeux.

SEQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN

Secqueville-en-Bessin War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
Located between Bayeux and Caen alongside the D217, Secqueville-en-Bessin is the last resting place of nearly 100 Commonwealth troops. This battlefield cemetery contains the graves of soldiers who fell during the advance on Caen, which took place at the beginning of July 1944.

TILLY-SUR-SEULLES

Tilly-sur-Seulles War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery
The military cemetery at Tilly-sur-Seulles is situated to the southeast of Bayeux, alongside the D6. This cemetery contains almost 1,000 Commonwealth soldiers’ graves. Principally from the 49th and 5th Divisions, as well as the 7th Armoured Division they fell in the fierce fighting in the sector just after the D-Day landings.
Just as there were three phases to the invasion (by air, sea and bombardments by sea and air), there were also three phases in the Battle of Normandy. The month of June was devoted to the taking of Cherbourg. In July, Caen and Saint-Lô were liberated and troops advanced on Avranches. The month of August would see the end of the battle with the encircling of the 5th and 7th German armies in “Falaise Pocket”.

When the Canadians took Falaise on August 17th they still needed to close the pocket with the help of the Poles from the 1st armoured division and the Americans to the east of Argentan. At Chambois there was a veritable “corridor of death”. On August 21st the German defeat in Normandy was sealed. “It is one of the greatest killing fields in the war” Eisenhower would say about this pocket.

So it was that the Battle of Normandy ended, after very bloody battles on each side. Now Paris and the rest of Europe remained to be liberated...
In August 1944, 9 Allied divisions encircled 100,000 Germans in Falaise-Chambois pocket. The Battle of Normandy was coming to an end. Situated exactly where the fighting took place, between Argentan and Vimoutiers, the Mont-Ormel Memorial offers outstanding views over the Dives valley.

The battle of Falaise-Chambois pocket (18-22 August 1944) was the last gory stage in the Battle of Normandy, where soldiers from Poland, Canada, Great Britain, America and France distinguished themselves in the face of simultaneous and desperate attacks by the encircled German troops. This memorial site pays homage to the great strategists and fighters in a battle that Montgomery described as “the beginning of the end of the war”.

In four languages, this museum describes the scale of the battle and its challenges. A film (consisting of archive images and eyewitness accounts), an animated model map, and relics of the fighting all add to the guide’s explanations as you stand before the battle field.

**OPENING TIMES**

- **From April 1st to 30th and from September 1st to October 31st**
  - daily from 10am to 5pm
- **From May 1st to August 31st**
  - daily from 9.30am to 6pm
- **From November 1st to March 31st**
  - Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 5pm

**VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Audio-guided visit (duration: 1 hour)

- Adults: 5.50€
- Students, children (+12 years): 3.50€
- Children (6 to 12 years): 2.50€
- Former combatants: 4€
- Adult groups: 4€
- School groups: 2.50€
- WW2 veterans and attendants: free

For bus tour groups, in addition to the tour of the museum, a guided tour of the battlefield (duration: 1 1/2 hours) [FR]

Year round by reservation only

For rates, contact Montormel Memorial

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Memorial Tour

Memorial tour – Traces of war: After the US entered the war in December 1941, and faced with the threat of an allied invasion, Hitler ordered the building of a 4000 km long line of defences along the length of the European coastline. This would be the Atlantic Wall. The main base behind the wall was at Bagnoles de l’Orne. Huge reserves of fuel, food stocks and ammunition were camouflaged in the forest of Andaines.

Learn for yourselves about this little known feat from The Second World War along a route of 2.6 km (1 1/2 miles) or its shorter version of 1.2 km (1/2 mile) with explanatory signs along the way.

OPENING TIMES AND VISITS
Open access all year. Free

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The Liberation of Berjou Museum

Situated on the heights at Berjou, near Condé-sur-Noireau, the Liberation Museum retraces the fighting of August 15th, 16th and 17th 1944 around Noireau, drawing on numerous objects found on the battlefield, together with explanations from a guide. The penultimate battle before the closure of the Falaise pocket, the liberation of Berjou was a grim episode, involving desperate fighting by the Germans seeking to defend their position around the community. The museum pays homage to the British soldiers of the 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division and the 8th Brigade of Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry who distinguished themselves here.

New: “Berjou, August ‘44” themed circuit with 6 information desks.

OPENING TIMES
Open on Sundays from May 6th to 30th from 2pm to 5.30pm
Visits possible outside normal opening period

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Free

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June 1944 Museum, L’Aigle

This museum plunges visitors into the events that marked the Second World War, from General de Gaulle's broadcast on June 18th 1940 to the defeat of the Germans during the battle of Falaise pocket. The museum shows eleven scenes of wax figures with the real voices of the main actors of these troubled times, as well as a 120-square-foot strategic map of the Battle of Normandy.

Inaugurated in 1953 in the outbuildings of the château de L’Aigle by Madame la Maréchale Leclerc de Hauteclocque, the June 1944 Museum was the first “talking museum” in France.

OPENING TIMES
Open from March 31st to September 30th:
Tuesday – Wednesday – Saturday – Sunday from 2pm to 6pm
Closed from January to March and from October to December.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Audio-guided visit (duration: 30 to 40 minutes) [FR/GB/NL]:
Adults: 3.60€
Students, children, armed forces personnel, jobseekers: 1.80€
Adult groups: 2.70€
School groups: 1.80€
WW2 veterans and assistants: free

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Bretteville-sur-Laize
Canadian War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

The Canadian military cemetery at Bretteville-sur-Laize is situated 14 kilometres south of Caen, along the N158. It contains the graves of nearly 3,000 men who died in combat, the majority of whom were Canadians. Most of them fell at the end of the Battle of Normandy, during the capture of Caen and the push south in the race towards the Seine.

ST-Nicolas-des-Bois
National Necropolis of Les Gateys

This national necropolis is situated in the Escouves forest where the fiercest tank battles took place in August 1944. It contains the remains of 19 soldiers from the 2nd Armoured Division who died in the fighting to liberate the Orne department. This division commanded by General Philippe Leclerc de Hauteclocque landed in the sector of Utah Beach on August 1st 1944. Its participation in the liberation of the country was of great symbolic importance. It took part in the intense battles which led to the encirclement of German troops in the Falaise-Chambois pocket before taking part in the liberation of Paris. Latin crosses, and headstones marked with the Islamic crescent or the Star of David are in keeping with the spirit of union and fraternity in the 2nd Armoured Division. Unlimited access.

Vimoutiers
The Tiger Tank

Listed as a Historic Monument on December 2nd 1975, this Tiger Tank is one of the last, if not the only one still existing in Normandy.

At the end of August 1944, it ran out of fuel on its way to a refuelling base at the Chateau de L’Horloge at Ticheville, and it was abandoned near Vimoutiers!

Urville - Langannerie
Polish military cemetery

Situated on the RN 158 between Caen and Falaise (Urville exit), this cemetery contains the graves of 615 Polish soldiers and officers. A small number of them – pilots or resistance fighters – were killed in 1940 during the Battle of France, or during the Occupation. The large majority belonged to the 1st Polish Armoured Division under General Maczek, who paid a heavy price during the fighting at the Falaise-Chambois pocket. This Polish military cemetery is one of seven foreign military cemeteries maintained by the French state. It is also the only Polish cemetery from the Second World War in France.
During the summer of 1944, the people of Normandy found themselves caught in the midst of a gigantic battle. During the month of July, when the fighting was at its worst, over two million soldiers were in the fray (twice as many as the number of inhabitants of Calvados and Manche). Civilian victims were numerous; to escape the bombs, people took refuge in cellars, quarries and trenches. Some decided to flee along roads which had become dangerous due to aerial strafing.

The battle of Normandy lasted nearly three months, a lot longer than Allied strategies had allowed for. The liberation of communities took place only slowly and progressively. Then at last the people of Normandy encountered the liberating soldiers for whom they had waited so long.

But the fighting and bombing had created too many ruins and cost too many lives for them to celebrate their liberation without reserve. The liberators were welcomed everywhere by the local population and the Allies tasted cider and calvados, whilst the locals could savour the taste of chocolate and tobacco once more.

Due to the length of the Battle of Normandy many communities far from the coast had to wait a long time for the arrival of the troops. The department of Manche was only completely liberated on August 15th. On August 21st department of Orne was also liberated. In Calvados, the last place to be freed was Honfleur on August 25th. The towns of Vernon and Rouen were liberated at the end of August, Dieppe on September 1st 1944 and Le Havre on the 12th.

Normandy will bear the scars of war for a long time.
The Falaise Memorial
Civilians at War

A unique museum at Falaise, dedicated to the life and survival of civilians during the Second World War.

You’ll hear the extraordinary eyewitness accounts of survivors, see a collection of amazing objects from daily life and view previously unseen archive material gathered from the vaults of Caen Mémorial and the inhabitants of Falaise and the surrounding area.

An awesome film will plunge you into the heart of the living hell of the Second World War bombardments.

New for 2019: an exhibition devoted to “wartimes games and toys”

OPENING TIMES
Daily
> From 6/4 to 30/6: 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30 – 5.30pm
> From 1/7 to 31/8: 10am - 6pm
> From 1/9 to 3/11: 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30 – 5.30pm
(closed on Mondays except during school holidays)
Open to the public on 5/6/19

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults 7.50€
Reduced (10 – 18 yrs old / students / over 60): 6.50€
Adult groups 6€
Family pass 18€

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August 1944
Museum, Hell on The Seine

At the end of August 1944, the order for a general retreat was given to German forces. Tens of thousands of German soldiers then attempted to flee the advance of the Allies, but found themselves blocked by the Seine.

The aim of this museum is to commemorate those tragic hours of fighting followed by the hours of relief at liberation. With scenes incorporating thousands of period objects like uniforms and weapons, with accounts by soldiers, civilians, and eyewitnesses of the fighting, you can come to understand the history of the last battles in the Battle of Normandy.

>4th and 5th May 2019
Commemorations of May 8th 1945
400 contributors in period clothes and over 80 Second World War vehicles. Show, events etc.

OPENING TIMES
Open throughout the year on request.
Open to the public from 1st June until 15th September from Wednesday to Sunday 2pm to 6pm.

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adults 5€
Children (10 to 16 yrs old) 3€
Group (by appointment) 4€
Unaccompanied visit: 30 mins /
Guided tour: 1hr
Free for veterans and group leaders

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Museum of the Second World War

This private museum of around 10,000 square feet brings together a collection made over more than 40 years by its owner. During the visit, you can see a V1 bomb, a German Goliath (a radio-controlled destruction device with caterpillar tracks), French guns, telephones and country radar telephones, around 30 manikins in uniform showing the seven main participants in the war, photographs, posters and period newspapers...

OPENING TIMES
> April – May – September: weekends and public holidays only from 2.30pm to 7pm
> June – July – August: daily except Tuesday from 2.30pm to 7pm

VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES
Adult: 6 €
Child (aged 10 to 16 yrs): 1.50 €
Group : 5 € (by appointment)

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The Philip Morris Cigarette Camp

Cigarette camps were transit camps for American soldiers on their arrival in France. The Philip Morris camp was based at Gonneville l’Orcher. It had a capacity of 35,000 men.

OPENING TIMES
Open to the public every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 6pm

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SAINT-CHARLES-DE-PERCY
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St-Charles-de-Percy War Cemetery
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery

Situated along the D290, the Saint-Charles-de-Percy Military Cemetery is the southernmost military cemetery in Normandy. Most of the men buried here were killed at the end of July and the beginning of August 1944, during the major push from Caumont-l’Éventé towards Vire. Just over 800 dead from the Commonwealth are interred here.

SAINT-DÉSIR-DE-LISIEUX
N°94 - D3

German military cemetery

The German military cemetery at Saint-Désir-de-Lisieux contains the bodies of 3,735 victims of war who fell during the violent fighting along the River Toques, between its mouth and Lisieux and Orbec. Construction started in 1957-1958, and the cemetery was inaugurated on September 20th 1961.
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75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Channel Islands

The only British Isles to be occupied during World War II, almost 30,000 German troops seized the Channel Islands in June 1940 and stayed for a period of almost 5 years.

Permanent reminders of this difficult period of history are scattered across the Islands, from German underground tunnel complexes, anti-tank walls and gun emplacements to bunkers, observation towers and occupation museums.

Liberated on the 9th May 1945 by British forces, Liberation Day is still celebrated in the Islands each year and is a public holiday.

Join Jersey and Guernsey islanders in 2020 and celebrate the 75th anniversary of their Liberation.

Go to visitchannelislands.com for a programme of events to pursue the commemorations of Liberation.
Events Diary for the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy

In these pages you will find a non-exhaustive list of events bearing the “Normandy for Peace/75th” label issued by the Normandy Regional Authority. It includes ceremonies, events and exhibitions which will take place in Normandy during 2019 to mark the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy. This list of events will also be updated and appear on our website:

www.normandie-tourisme.fr/agenda/anniversaire-du-debarquement-847-1.html

Non-exhaustive list, events requiring permission may have to be altered. This calendar of events has been based on information provided by the organisers. We decline any responsibility for errors or changes subsequent to publication.
930 sign panels placed in 49 communities along the D-Day landing beaches, each showing a period photo of a soldier or a veteran who took part in the invasion, or of a member of the medical corps, or indeed of a French resistant. In 49 communities along the 80 km / 50 miles of coastline between Mer-ville-Franceville and Saint Martin de Varreville.

www.dday-comitedudebarquement.fr

they were photographed at the time. For the first time, extraordinary objects, never previously displayed to the public will be part of a mobile exhibition throughout France.

Omaha Beach Camping - Rue de la Héroïne - 14710 Vierville sur Mer
Facebook : ils débarquent

JANUARY TO MAY

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

ÉVREUX 27

 Until 31/12/2019 – 10am - Tour Memorial Day
Group of at least 30 people. 10am: Guided tour of Saint André de l'Eure. The German army set up an air base here. 11am: Tour of Evreux 105 Airbase, which is still operational. See an iconic aeroplane: the Transall C160.

Évreux Portes de Normandie
www.grandevreuxtourisme.fr

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

SAINT DENIS LE THIBOULT 76

 10.45am - Ceremony
Commemorations of the ‘Diables Noirs’ (Black Devils)
Commemoration of the anniversary (14th March 1944) of the arrest of the two resistance commanders of the ‘Diables Noirs’. Tortured and deported.
Monument of the maquis

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

DIVES SUR MER 14

 6.30pm > 8pm – Public Conference
Crashes and parachute drops in The Pays d'Auge - Villages amidst the turmoil of D-Day
Conference by Ludovic Louis. Air crashes and the stories of many British and Canadian soldiers who dropped by parachute during the night of 6th June 1944 to the East of the Dives river.

Le Drakkar cinema
ladives1944.com

MONDAY 1ST APRIL

THE D-DAY LANDING BEACHES 14

 Until 30/09/2019 – Exhibition
The Path of Memory and Appreciation

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MONDAY 6TH MAY

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE 50

 Until 27/05/2019 – Exhibition
Exhibition of photos from the filming of ‘The Longest Day’ and photos of the D-Day Landings.
Major commemorative event. Previously unseen photos taken by Jean-Marie LEZEC in 1961 during the filming of ‘The Longest Day’.

Sainte Mère Eglise Media Centre
30 Rue J-F Oury / saintemereeglise.fr

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY

FALAISE 14

 10am - Ceremony
Ceremonies of the 8th May
A morning of commemorations followed by the display of a unique work of art before Falaise Memorial in tribute to all victims of modern wars, produced by the stencil artist JEF AEROSOL.

Contact and information : Pays de Falaise Tourist Office – 02 31 90 17 26 – info@falaise-tourisme.com
www.falaise-tourisme.com

SATURDAY 4TH MAY

DUCLAIR 76

 Until 05/05/2019 – Event
Commemorations of 8th May 1945
Reconstruction of military camps thanks to the participation of over 450 people in costume and uniform. Historical reconstruction performances every afternoon. Exhibition of period vehicles, photographs, a scale model, tour of the August 1944 museum, with veterans and writers present, conferences...

Château du Taillis

SAINT-LÔ 50

 Until 31/05/2019. Monday to Friday 8.30am>12.30pm / 1.30pm>6pm. Saturday morning 9am>midday. Exhibition Dust of memory. The Shoah to Saint-Lô
75 years ago in Saint-Lô, women, men and children – French or foreigners – were the subject of targeted anti-semitic persecution. This exhibition set up by young student artists takes another look at the events, of which we are all heirs... (free entrance).

SAINT-LÔ TOWN HALL
www.memoire-viretuelle.fr

FRIDAY 3RD MAY

VIERVILLE SUR MER 14

 Until 30/08/2019 – 10am>8pm every day - Exhibition “They’re landing”
Exhibition of 1200m2 or 12,000 sq ft. Using period photos, we will reconstruct scenes almost exactly as they were photographed at the time. For the first time, extraordinary objects, never previously displayed to the public will be part of a mobile exhibition throughout France.

Omaha Beach Camping - Rue de la Héroïne - 14710 Vierville sur Mer
Facebook : ils débarquent
**SAINT LO**

» Until 11/05/2019 – 8.30pm - Performance Roanoke College Choir Concerts

The Roanoke College Choir (or University choir of Roanoke-Virginia) is made up of young students. 4 concerts for peace in Normandy on 8th May a symbolic day in Avranches, 10th May at Sainte Mere Eglise, 11th May at Saint Lo. Vierville Sur Mer, Avranches, Sainte Mere-Eglise et Saint-Lô

**Thursday 9th May**

**SAINT LO**

» 8.30pm - Show

Children in the Resistance

How best to talk about the Resistance to teenagers of today? Commitment, freedom, a sense of existence... so many subjects which still have meaning today, for adults too, in the light of current events. For all ages!

Theatre of the town of Saint-Lô
www.saint-lo.fr

**Friday 10th May**

**SAINT-MÈRE-ÉGLISE**

» 8.30pm - Concert

Prelude to the ceremonies to mark the 75th anniversary of The D-Day Landings in Normandy

Concert in the church of Sainte Mère Église with the Choir of the University of Roanoke (Virginia).

In the church of Sainte Mère Église saintemereeglise.fr

**Saturday 11th May**

**SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER**

» Until 16/06/2019 – Wednesday to Sunday 2pm>6pm - Exhibition 1944 the last eyewitnesses

Exhibition by the photographer Jean-Michel Lelegny: about thirty photographs of the people of Normandy from the book ‘1944, 30 Normans attest’.

**Sunday 12th May**

**BAGNOLES DE L’ORNE NORMANDY**

» 5pm - Show

**Concert: Girly Swing Big Band**

A big show lasting 2 hours. The Girly Swing Big Band is a delight for both eyes and ears! Let yourself be carried away by the folly of post-war Swing!

Centre d’Animation & Congrès de Bagnoles de l’Orne Normandie
www.bagnolesdelorne.com

**Sunday 19th May**

**SAINT LO**

» Until 29/09/2019 – Tuesday to Friday (11am in July)/2pm/4pm. Sunday 2pm/4pm - Tour

**Guided tour ‘Reconstruction and typical 1950s apartment’**

Saint-Lo, nicknamed capital of the ruins by Samuel Beckett, recovered due to its Irish benefactors and the courage of its population looking for a new start. In 1948, the first stone in the Reconstruction of Saint-Lo was laid. Many more would follow until the 1960s. It’s this face of Saint-Lo, modern and full of anecdotes, that the staff of the Fine Arts museum will show to visitors looking for the reasons for a too little-known or understood form of architecture, which conceals many hidden treasures.

Saint-Lo town centre
(departure from The Fine Arts Museum) www.saint-lo.fr

**Saturday 25th May**

**CARENTAN LES MARAIS**

» Event

‘History and Memories’ Book fair

www.ccbdc.fr

**Friday 1st May**

**SAINTE MARIE DU MONT**

» 8.30pm - Film

Public Premiere of the documentary “The Girl who wore freedom”

Public premiere of the documentary ‘The Girl Who Wore Freedom’, A historic reconstruction by the Overlord association of Utah Camp. Entertainments centred around the Liberation, the emergence of American influence in France, both in the music and the way of life.

www.caudbecleselbeuf.fr

**Tuesday 28th May**

**SAINT LO**

» Until 15/06/2019 - Exhibition

**Exhibition of storyboards from the cartoon strip ‘Cinq branches de coton noir’**

Exhibition of storyboards from the cartoon strip «Cinq branches de coton noir » (Five branches of black cotton) by Steve Cuzor and Yves Sente, which tells the story of three Afro-American soldiers searching for the first American flag to fall into the hands of Nazi Germany.

Saint-Lô Media Centre
www.saint-lo.fr

**Thursday 30th May**

**SAINT LO**

» Until 22/09/2019 - Exhibition

**The Vire valley in the Battle**

Exhibition of 64 panels set along the towpath of 4 sections of 6 kms retracing the liberation of the country. Many activities in the area: Guided hydrogen bike tours, summer walks open to the public of the ACM...

Along the Vire between Saint Fromond, Saint -Lô and Tassy Boucage
www.ot-saintlouglo.fr
made by Christian Taylor, In which the main character is Danièle Patrix, a little girl during the war, who wore a dress made from parachute cloth in the colours of America for the commemoration ceremonies of June 1945. Duration: 90 minutes

The Utah Beach D-Day Landings Museum Free. Limited places – Reservation required musee@utah-beach.com 02 33 71 53 35 www.utah-beach.com

Bayeux

› Until 31/08/2019 - Exhibition
Open Air Exhibition
“The sites of D-Day today”
Exhibition of large format photos by Arnaud Guérin on the coastal communities of Bayeux Intercom, along the D314 road.
The Coastal Communities of Bayeux Intercom (From Port-en-Bessin to Arromanches) www.bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com

Bénouville

› Until 10/06/2016 - Exhibition
Stand up Men By the sculptor Isabelle Lecordier
‘Stand Up Men’ was inspired by the 5 letters making up the word SWORD. The concept was to illustrate the 5 stages of the reconquest for Liberty, from the chaos to the reconstruction for tomorrow, with trees made from recycled materials.

Catz

› Until 05/06/2019 - 10am>7pm - Event
Panzers in Normandy
A dynamic exhibition of several German and American tanks in partnership with the museum of armoured vehicles of Saumur.
Normandy Victory Museum www.normandy-victory-museum.com

Creully

› Until 31/08/2019 - 2.30pm>6.30pm
› except Tuesdays
Exhibition: The Saint Gabriel Priory 1939-1944, refuge for men and art in the midst of the turmoil
Based on 5 photographs taken in 1940 for the university of Marbourg (Germany), an exhibition showing the steps taken to save 148 paintings from the Fine Arts Museum of Caen (including works by Rubens, Philippe de Champaigne, and Boudin) and from the former archives of Calvados. (Original documents and objects).
Saint Gabriel Priory Chapel prieuresaintgabriel.fr

Cricqueville en Bessin

› Until 05/06/2019 - 9.30am>6.30pm - Exhibition
Temporary exhibition by the Rangers museum
Temporary exhibition by the Rangers museum at Pointe du hoc (formerly the Grandcamp Maisy Rangers museum).
19 hameau presbytère 14450 cricqueville en bessin

Écausseville

› Until 10/06/2019
Events at the Airship Hangar
Guided tours at 2.30pm and 4.30pm with an expert guide re-examining the fighting on the actual battlefields, the battle of Écausseville, from the sides of the Americans, the Germans and also the French. By E. Guillemeau. Suitable for all ages. Entrance fee.
Écausseville

Granville

› Until 04/08/2019 - 10h>18h - Tour
Granville, a Rock for Peace
The Gun Battery of the Rock situated on Roc Point – the Granville peninsula – still has its defensive constructions dating from the Atlantic Wall, including two belonging to the town of Granville: an armed pillbox and a shelter for the gunners. The association ‘Un Été 44 Normandie’ (Summer 44 Normandy) is restoring two buildings with a view to opening them to the public for the first time from July 31st until August 4th (free entrance). An exhibition about Granville under the Occupation, and Granville, the coal port, will be held from July 31st until August 4th, and on European Heritage Days. The reconstruction of a military camp, a stopping point for the parade of military vehicles, is organised for Saturday 3rd August in Granville. The radio club of Granville will take over the pillbox from June 1st to 8th and from July 31st to August 4th 2019, so as to give demonstrations of radio broadcasts to the United States, using the special identification code TM75GRV.

Pointe du Roc (Roc gun battery) www.ville-granville.fr

La Haye

› Until 15/09/2019 - Exhibition
Exhibition ‘All actors of their memory’
An open-air photographic exhibition. You can visit this immersive exhibition in the villages of Lessay, La Haye and Périers. Free entrance. You can also visit an exhibition about the War of The Hedges, which will be open over the same period. At the premises of the La Haye Tourist Information Office (5 rue Emile Poirier). Free entrance during opening hours.

Longues sur Mer

› Until 9/06/2019 - 11am>6pm - Event
Reconstruction of the 28th US military hospital
Reconstruction of surgical operations (treatment, surgery, etc.).
Longues Abbey monks’ refectory, 15/17 rue de l’ Abbaye, 14400 Longues sur mer www.longues-mer.fr/lassociationdesamisdelabbaye
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OUISTREHAM 14

› 8.30pm – Concert

1940’s Musical evening

The Karine Saporta dance club in the market square at Ouistreham, hosts a concert paying tribute to the music of the 1940s. Come one and all, and enjoy!

Free entrance for all ages
Ouistreham - Place du marché
Karine Saporta Dance Club
ouistreham-rivabella.fr

STE MARIE DU MONT 50

› Until 30/11/2020 – Exhibition

Exhibition ‘Utah Beach, Yesterday and today’

Photos taken between Utah Beach and Sainte-Marie-du-Mont during the invasion are superimposed on the same views today.

Utah Beach D-Day Landings Museum
www.utah-beach.com

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE 50

› Concert

International Peace Concert

Concert for Peace, with a grand choir, consisting of 3 choirs (American, French, and German). Organised by the ‘Orgue Bocage et Marais’ association, in partnership with the council of Sainte Mère Église, the Notre Dame de la Paix parish, and ‘La Maison de la Paix’.

Concert in Sainte Mère Église church
saintemereeglise.fr

› Until 10/06/2019 – 9am > 10pm

Camp Geronimo

The camp recreates the scene of American paratroopers in Normandy with 10 tanks present. Many activities on site: • Medical evacuation post • Demonstration of American Paratroopers’ equipment as well as that of glider pilots • Display of an anti-aircraft unit • Dynamic demonstration of American heavy vehicles of military design • Vehicle workshop • Display of a unit from ‘The Red ball express’ • Exhibition with commentary about demolition and demining equipment

Sainte-Mère-Église
airborne-museum.org

VIRE NORMANDIE 14

› Until 30/06/2019 – Activity

Meeting up 75 years later

Regional radio broadcasts. The idea is for the youngsters of 1944 to get to meet their equivalents of 2018 by talking about their memories. The culmination of this project will be on June 14th 2019 in Bayeux with a broadcast debate organised in conjunction with young students, the association of the friends of the memorial and eye witnesses to the arrival of General de Gaulle. Debate on the theme of Peace 75 years later

www.vfm.fr

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

CARENTAN LES MARAIS 50

› Until 07/06/2019 – 7pm

International Second World War Film Festival

A red carpet event putting the actors, producers and directors involved in the series ‘Band of Brothers’ in the spotlight, as well as 10 D-Day veterans. This event is the only film festival in the world showing the last material devoted to the Second World War, from full length movies to shorts. It’s also the only festival in the world to organise its events close to the D-Day Landing beaches.

Carentan Les Marais - Utah Beach
www.ww2foundation.org

OUISTREHAM 14

› 2pm>7pm – Concert

Concert, music and dancing

Come and enjoy the sounds of the 40s and practise your steps on the dance floor!

Free entrance. Open to all ages
Ouistreham - esplanade Lofi
ouistreham-rivabella.fr

STE MARIE DU MONT 50

› 9.30am>4.30pm – Activity

In the footsteps of our liberators

A 23 km or 15 mile walk with halts for commentary at Utah Beach and Sainte-Marie-du-Mont. Meet at 9.30am in front of the museum. Lunch stop in the village of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont (bring a picnic or food and drink available on site). Return to the museum around 4.30pm. Fee: €4 (including an unaccompanied visit to the museum on the day of the walk, for those that want).

Utah Beach - Sainte-Marie-du-Mont
Places limited, by reservation: musee@utah-beach.com
02 33 71 53 35
www.utah-beach.com

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE 50

› Activity

RUN with period Harley Davidsons

The Liberator Tradition Chapter association is organising a Run, entirely consisting of period Harley Davidsons, which took part in the liberation of France, particularly in Normandy in June 1944.

Departs and returns to the church square in Sainte Mère Église / saintemereeglise.fr

MONDAY 3RD JUNE

ANNOVILLE 50

› Until 10/06/2019 – 2pm>7.30pm – Exhibition

75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings

Exhibition of documents about the invasion of 6th June 1944, documents on life in our communities on 6th June 1944, everyday period objects found in our countryside.

Annoville Municipal Hall, Oyats Room

CARENTAN LES MARAIS 50

› Ceremony

International Ceremony for Peace

Pupils and students from the schools and colleges of the area, in association with the intermunicipal school of music and the theatre, celebrate Peace through song, verse and theatrical scenes.

www.ccbdc.fr
Ceremonies  Festive and sporting events  Exhibitions, reconstructions and conferences

10am>midday - Event
Remembrance Bowl with Helen Patton 2019
A match of American “flag” football with The 101st Airborne versus The 82nd Airborne! Created by Helen Patton, The Patton Alliance and Patton Legacy Sports. Join us for this commemorative game and meet General Patton’s grand-daughter, along with members of the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions whilst watching the “match which never took place in 1944”.
Carentan Sports Ground, Free entrance  www.pattonalliance.org

HIESVILLE 50

10am>4pm - Ceremony
Commemoration Ceremonies of the D-Day Landings
Reception of a delegation of about sixty Americans at the memorial stone of Saint Clair as well as at the wall of memory at St Jean de Savigny in memory of the American 29th Division.
Saint Clair sur l’Elle and Saint Jean de Savigny

MOON SUR ELLE 50

10am>6pm - Exhibition
Utah Memory Field
A major historic gathering marking a link between the armed forces of yesterday and of today. Various activities will be organised throughout the week, notably with a JeepCross route (introduction to a Historic vehicle) and the Utah Memory Tour, which involves a 70km journey around the Utah sector so as to promote Normandy’s heritage, and explore local history visiting 3 museums in the area. A Liberation Dance will also be organised by The Utah Beach museum.
Utah Beach - Ste Marie du Mont (50) www.boutique-ehm.com/arhnem44

SAINTE MARIE DU MONT 50

10am>6pm - Exhibition
Reconstruction of a US Camp
Reconstruction of a US Camp with several dioramas and a display of equipment.
Sainte Marie du Mont

OUISTREHAM 14

10am>6pm - Ceremony
Military parade with US troops, about 40 men from the 4th DI and
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#### From 9pm - Ceremony
**Tribute to the soldiers at the WN62**

#### COURSEULLES SUR MER
**4pm (in 2D) - on 8/6/2019 at 8.30pm (in 3D) - Film**
**Cinema screening of the documentary ‘D-Day: Normandy 1944’**
On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, the Cinema de la Gare is organising two special screenings of the documentary ‘D-Day: Normandy 1944’: On Wednesday 5th June at 4pm in 2D and on Saturday 8th June at 8.30pm in 3D.

#### CREULLY
**Until 9/6/2019 – Open to the public**
**2pm – 7pm - Event**
**Creully Camp**
Historic reconstruction of a camp with many British vehicles present.

#### OUISTREHAM
**Until 07/06/2019 - Event**
**Reception and visit by ships from the French and British armies**
2 sailing boats from the French army arriving from Brest will be received at Charcot quay. Tours will be organised! Subject to confirmation, 2 British boats may also be docked in Ouistreham.

#### SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER
**8.30pm - Event**
**Lecture concert: ‘We only like Liberty!’**
Normandy 6th June 1944! Writers, journalists, and war correspondents will recount the gigantic landing of troops who came from all over the world.

La Halle, 72 rue Pasteur, 14750 Saint-Aubin-sur-mer
saintaubinsurmer.fr

#### SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE
**10am - Event**
**Evening concert Foucarville Bunker**
Members of the public will be able to listen to the group of bagpipers from Caen ‘West Celtic Pipe and Drum’ on the sand in front of the bunker.

*On the beach of the community of Foucarville delegated to Sainte Mère Église sanitemereeglise.fr*

#### THUE ET MUE
**10am - Ceremony**
**Ceremony at the American Charles Shay Memorial - Omaha Beach**
The Ceremony of the 5th June 2019 will take place in the presence of Mr Charles Shay who was a battle nurse on Omaha Beach on the 6th June 1944.

*Saint Laurent sur Mer - Omaha Beach*

#### THURSDAY 6TH JUNE

#### ARROMANCHES LES BAINS
**Ceremony**
**Dutch Commemoration Ceremony**
As every year, the Kingdom of the Netherlands will commemorate the D-Day Landings by its troops in Gold sector and most particularly at Arromanches.

*Place du 6 JUNE - 14117 Arromanches*

#### BÉNOUVILLE
**1pm - Event**
**A bridge between peoples**
A meeting of veterans and school children in the middle of Pegasus Bridge. A plaque with the inscription ‘a bridge between peoples’ will be unveiled. The international tenor José TODARO will interpret ‘Hymn to Hope’ accompanied by a chorale composed of adults and children from schools and colleges from local communities.

*Pegasus Bridge www.mairie-benouville.fr*

#### 11.15am - Event
**Arrival of the RUN TO PEGASUS march**
Arrival at Pegasus Bridge of the 186 runners of the ‘RUN TO PEGASUS’ The sponsored runners will leave from Tarrant Rushton Airfield in Dorset and will head towards Portsmouth before boarding a ferry for France.

*Pegasus Bridge www.mairie-benouville.fr*

#### 8.30pm – 11.15pm - Entertainment
**Evening of concerts at the Chateau (free)**
Concerts on the steps of the Chateau of Benouville with the
mezzo-soprano Emma BROWN at 8.30pm, accompanied by the BAND of LIBERATION and at 10pm Italian tenor José TODARO.

Chateau of Benouville
www.mairie-benouville.fr

11.30pm - Show
Firework display at the Chateau
Firework display in front of the chateau on the bank of the canal, with the public watching from the terraces of the chateau.
Chateau of Benouville
www.mairie-benouville.fr

Ceremony
The 5 D-Day Landing Beaches
Simultaneous ceremonies in the departments of Calvados and Manche on the 6th June 2019, on the 5 D-Day Landing beaches on the anniversary of D-Day, at the exact time of the amphibious assault so as to pay tribute to the Allied fighters.

• Utah Beach (on the beach, close to Utah Beach museum, along from the Higgins barge): 06.31am.  • Omaha Beach (Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer beach, by the ‘Les Braves’ monument): 06.35am.  • Sword Beach (Colleville-Montgomery beach, in front of the Place du Débarquement and The Bill Millin monument): 07.20am.  • Gold Beach (on the beach by 16-30 Boulevard de la Plage, 14114 Ver-sur-Mer, close to the lifesavers Station): 07h25.  • Juno Beach (Berville-sur-Mer beach, in front of the mairie des Canadiens, 32-34 Promenade des Français): 07h25.
www.association-dday-overlord.com

Until 10/06/2019 – 9am – Exhibition
Camp Arizona
A collectors’ meeting exhibiting equipment and period vehicles from the Second World War. Event lasting for five days, reconstruction of a street from the 1940s, reconstruction of a liberation banquet, various military exhibitions, music, grand parade of collectable vehicles in the town centre.

CERISY LA FÔRET

Ceremony
Commemoration Ceremony
Commemoration ceremony at the initiative of the local community and of BMVCG Indianhead.
www.cerisy-la-foret.fr

COLLEVILLE-MONTGOMERY

8am - Ceremony
Ceremonies at the French and British memorials
Remembrance ceremony and laying of wreaths at the memorials and then in the sea with the SNSM.
Avenue du 4e commando (statue of Field Marshall Montgomery) and Bd Maritime www.collevillemontgomery.fr

9am - Ceremony
Ceremony in tribute to the soldiers who fell during The Battle of Normandy
Unveiling of a mural created by the 177 children from the school, with the sculptor Isabelle LECORDIER, in tribute to the 177 men of Kieffer commando.
Colleville-Montgomery Lifeguard Station www.collevillemontgomery.fr

CONDÉ-EN-NORMANDIE

8pm - Ceremony
Commemoration Ceremony in memory of the civilians killed during the bombings of 6th June 44
A moment of remembrance in front of the memorial located in the first aid station.
Condé-en-Normandie
www.condenormandie.fr

CREULLY SUR SEULLES

Until 30/9/2019 – Exhibition
Panels describing the liberation of the community of St Gabriel Brécy
St Gabriel Brécy, Delegated commune of Creully sur Seulles
www.creully-sur-seules.fr

LESSEY

Until 9/6/2019
L-Birds back to Normandy
From 6th until 9th June 2019, the association ‘L-Birds back to Normandy’ is organising a first ever gathering of Liaison aircraft, known as L-Birds (L for Liaison). Over sixty liaison aircraft, all genuine and in their historic colours of 1939-45, will come to Normandy from all four corners of Europe.
Evreux Agglomeration- St André de l’Eure - Côtes du Calvados / L-Birds.fr

MERVILLE- FRANCHEVILLE PLAGE

Until 9/6/2019 – Event
The Normandy AirfieldCamp
A unique exhibition of historic aircraft where the public can get right up close. Camp covering 6000m² or 1 ½ acres. 150 paratroopers in period uniforms will board a C47 Dakota. First flights in period aircraft, visit vintage aeroplanes, L-Birds present, concerts.
Lessay Aerodrome atlanticwall.fr

OUISTREHAM

Until 9/6/2019 – Show
They didn’t know that it was impossible...
This event is a re-enactment in sound and light: a tribute to the heroes of the D-Day Landings. Eve-
ry evening, the historic projection retraces each step in the gun battery's story: from its construction until the tragic saga of the attack. A pyrotechnic show, a thoroughly engaging production, this leap back in history lets the generations of today fully appreciate the drama which played out at dawn on the longest Day.

At Merville gun battery museum
www.merville-batterie.com

OUISTREHAM 14

From 10am - Ceremony
Official ceremonies at La Flamme

The traditional ceremonies will take place at the la Flamme monument.

La Flamme Monument
Ouistreham Beach
ouistreham-rivabella.fr

1.30pm - Performance
A Musical Bridge

On 6th June 2019, as part of the ‘A bridge between peoples’ ceremony, Ouistreham choralie on the 16th June 2019 at the Legoupil Hall in Ouistreham, 200 young and adult singers from Normandy. The repertoire dating from the 19th to the 21st centuries is eclectic.

OUISTREHAM
lesenchantetheures.weebly.com

SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER 14

2.30pm - Performance
Message of Peace. 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings

5 objects, 5 stories telling of life in 1940 (resistance, occupation, invasion, ...).

Aubert Hall, 122 rue Pasteur, 14750 Saint-Aubin-sur-mer
saintaubinsurmer.fr

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE 50

Concert
Concert of Peace

Concert of Peace in the open air, in the church square of Sainte Mère Église

Place de l’Église de Sainte Mère Église
mairie@saintemereeglise.fr

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

ANISY 14

Until 8/06/2019 – 7.15pm - Event
Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings – JUNO sector

On Friday 7th June at 11am the commemorative march of Canadian regiments leaves from Bernières sur mer beach for Anisy. The march will end at the school where the children will show off the mural which they have painted on the subject of the D-Day Landings. At 7pm – Meeting in front of Anisy town hall and march to the Canadian monument. 7.15pm - Official memorial ceremony with soldiers from the Queen’s Own Rifles Regiment of Canada, local inhabitants and officials. 8pm – Procession of vintage cars and exhibition in front of Anisy town hall. 8.30pm - Cocktail with music. 9.30pm – Meal and dance. Saturday 8th June at 8.30pm ‘Radio Marque Page’ (Radio Bookmark) Free show. Radio messages, broadcast with readings of literature, Songs and music from the years 1939 to 1945.

ANISY / www.anisy

BÉNOUVILLE 14

6.15pm>8pm - Performance
Concert by Fiona HARRISON and Paul MARSDEN

Concert of British, American and French songs to sing and dance to.

Esplanade John Howard
www.mairie-benouville.fr

CARENTAN LES MARAIS 50

10am - Ceremony
Presentation of Arms ceremony by the 101st Airborne

Place de la République / www.carentan.fr

5.30pm - Ceremony
Inauguration of Purple Heart Lane

Ceremony at the Cole monument (Route de Saint-Côme-du-Mont) www.carentanlesmarais.fr

COLEVILLE-MONTGOMERY 14

8am - Ceremony
‘March of the commandos’ Tribute to the Kieffer commandos

March from Colleville-Montgomery To Amfreville via Saint-Aubin d’Arquenay and Bénouville. Primary school children will be taking part, accompanied by the green berets from the school of marine fusiliers of Lorient.

Bd Maritime
www.collevillemontgomery.fr

CREULLY 14

From 7pm - Entertainment
STM REMEMBERS

A concert by Miss Paramount followed by a firework display for Liberty and a dance for the people.

In the grounds of the Chateau de Creully
www.stm.com
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JUNE

COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER 14

› Until 10/6/2019 – 10am>5pm -Event Overlord Military Events (2nd year)
Reconstruction of period and historical scenes, dynamic display of armoured vehicles, period equipment, book fair on the theme of Normandy 44 with book signings and authors attending. Exhibition of models (1/6 and 1/35 scale). ‘Bolt action’ France tournament of war gaming. Veterans welcomed and accompanied.
Open entrance for the public. Omaha Center / 14710 Colleville sur Mer
Page Facebook: Overlord Military Events 2019

LA HAYE 50

› 8pm - Entertainment
‘Battle Fields’ Evening
‘Battle Fields’ Evening. Le Rialto cinema at La Haye. Screening of ‘The hell of the hedges’ from the documentary series ‘Battle Fields’. Entrance:5€. Information and reservations (essential) on 02 33 45 14 34. Warning – the number of places is limited.

SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER 14

› 8.30pm - Entertainment
‘Minor Swing’ popular dance
Minor Swing invites you to Saint Aubin sur Mer to recreate the carefree atmosphere of the Liberation where jazz rubbed along with traditional dance music mixing accordion with diabolical rhythms.
Parc Pillier, 14750 Saint-Aubin-sur-mer
saintaubinsurmer.fr

SAINTE-MARIE-DU-MONT 50

› 7.30pm /11pm - Entertainment
Utah Memory Ball: concert/40s dance
Concert Madeeson & Co will perform French and American songs from the 40s and 50s. Food and drink available.
Free. Utah Beach

www.utah-beach.com

› 11pm - Event
Firework display
‘Utah Memory Field’ museum and military camp open until 10pm (last entrance 1hr earlier). To round off this day of June 7th, there will be a firework display on Utah Beach. Camp open until 11pm.
Utah Beach - On the museum esplanade www.utah-beach.com

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE 50

› 7pm - Banquet
Banquet of Liberty
Banquet of Liberty beneath the covered market at Sainte Mère Église.
Beneath the covered market Rue de la Liberté. Sainte Mère Église
saintemereeglise.fr

› 9pm>11.30pm - Entertainment
Musical entertainment
‘La Jazz Vadoruelle’ will be on stage, a group bringing the atmosphere of the time of the liberation with swing, originality, and good humour, followed by ‘Ladies for Liberty’, an American female trio who will perform songs from the 40s.
Church square in Sainte Mère Église
saintemereeglise.fr

› 9am - Ceremony
Ceremony and inauguration at the Monument of the 3 provisional cemeteries
Rue de la Liberté à Sainte Mère Église
saintemereeglise.fr

› 10.45am Ceremony
Ceremony at Signal Monument
Rue Général de Gaulle, place de l’Église
saintemereeglise.fr

› 11.35am - Ceremony
Wreath laying at the Zero milestone in Tribute to The Civilian Victims
6 Rue Du Cap De Laine
saintemereeglise.fr

11.45am Ceremony
Laying of flowers at the Monument to Generals Gavin and Ridgway
On the steps of Sainte Mère Église town hall / saintemereeglise.fr

› 2pm – Ceremony
Square Rex Combs Ceremony
Chef du Pont Commune delegated to Sainte Mère Église
saintemereeglise.fr

› 5pm - Ceremony
Ceremony at the E/506 101st Airborne
Place Bienaime Agnes in Beuzeville au plain delegated to Sainte Mère Église
saintemereeglise.fr

THURY-HARCOURT / LE HOM 14

› 9am>3pm - Activity
Welcome D-DAY Revisited
Reception for veterans from the ‘D-DAY revisited’ association by the municipality, commemoration, show by the children from the school, lunch...
Thury-Harcourt/ Le Hom
www.suisse-normande-tourisme.com

TILLY SUR SEULLES 14

› Until 11/6/2019 - Tour
The Comanche Nation remembers
To honour the memory of Comanche soldiers who fought for the liberation of Europe and particularly the Comanche messengers who landed on Utah Beach on June 6th 1944, for the first time in 75 years, upon the initiative of the Museums of Utah Beach and of ‘Tilly sur Seulles, a memorial tour has been organised in Normandy for a delegation of the descendants of these soldiers.
Tilly Sur Seulles, Utah Beach, Colleville Sur Mer, Saint James / www.tilly1944.com

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

ARROMANCHES LES BAINS 14

› Show
Air Show
The day of 8th June will be devoted to a major air display which will
include (subject to confirmation) La Patrouille de France aerobatics team, and a demonstration of various parachuting techniques.

Place du 6 juin - 14117 Arromanches

BADEN 56

› Until 9/6/2019 – 9am>11pm - Show Musical performance with bagpipes, bomerdies, strolling players, and entertainments.

Sonerienn Lann-Bihoué, bagad des anciens from Lann-Bihoué, accompanied by Strollad Koz will commemorate this event with a number of shows in Saint Aubin sur Mer, Ouistreham, Bernières sur Mer and Saint Aubin d’Arquenay in partnership with the Tourist Offices, municipal and parish authorities of these communities.

Bernières sur mer, Ouistreham, Saint Aubin sur mer, St Aubin d’Arquenay... www.sonerien-lann-bihoue.fr

CARENTAN LES MARAIS 50

› 11am - Ceremony Ceremony dedicated to the nurses Robert E. Wright and Kenneth J. Moore (101st Airborne)

Parachute drops by the Liberty Jump Team

Angoville au Plain / carentanlesmarais.fr

› 8.30pm - Other Grand Liberation Ball

With a red, white and blue decor, to the sound of the accordion giving a dance hall ambiance with Big Bul Mazette, and then swing with The galaad Moutoz big band and their 17 musicians. Get dressed up in galaad Moutoz big band and then swing with The dance hall ambiance with Big Bul the sound of the accordion giving a red, white and blue decor, to the sound of the accordion giving a dance hall ambiance with Big Bul Mazette, and then swing with The galaad Moutoz big band and their 17 musicians.

Haut-Dick Hall, Carentan

Facebook Carentan Liberty Group

CERISY LA FORET 50

› 8.30pm - Entertainment Grand Liberation Ball

The grand big-bang orchestra of Switzerland, History Swingers, will perform in concert at Cerisy la Forêt Abbey.

Cerisy la Forêt ABBEY

COURSEULLES-SUR-MER 14

› 10am>6pm - Exhibition Exhibition of Military Vehicles

Meeting of military vehicles organised by the ‘Compagnie F les Fusiliers Mont Royal’ Association.

Free entrance.

Juno Beach Centre - Parc Juno

www.junobeach.org

ISIGNY SUR MER 14

› Until 10/6/2019 - Event Isigny Swing Festival

For three days, Isigny-sur-Mer will vibrate to the colours of swing with the second Isigny Swing Festival. Also on the programme are beginners’ classes, demonstrations and a swing dance contest open to all, vintage and militaria fair, pin-up makeover, retro stands, grand military parade of three hundred vehicles from the Second World War at nightfall on Saturday. Food and drink available.

Free.Isigny-sur-mer

facebook.com/isignyswingfestival

OUISTREHAM 14

› 2pm-7pm - Event Parade of old Willys military jeeps

Open to all.

Free – Ouistreham Town with a stop on the sea meadows ground ouistreham-rivabella.fr

SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER 14

› 3.30pm - Event Parade of bagpipe players

Gathering of about sixty pipers who will parade playing their bagpipes

Bernières-sur-mer

www.terredenacre.com

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE 50

› 9am > 8pm - Event

D-day Memorial Parade

Parade of 3,000 American musicians, representing 15 of their states. Shows on stage in the church square, and strolling players through the streets of Sainte Mère Église. Parade presented by Historic Programs.

Church square and in the streets of Sainte Mère Église / saintemereeglise.fr

SAINT-LO 50

› Until 22/9/2019 - Exhibition Photographic exhibition on the architecture of the Reconstruction of Saint-Lo

The town of Saint-Lo is holding a major exhibition looking at the city with a new eye so placing Saint-Lo as capital of the Reconstruction. A different way to explore Saint-Lo. Rue Torteron, beneath the ramparts www.saint-lo.fr

SAINT-PIERRE-ÉGLISE 50

› 5pm - Event International Football Match France - USA

Invitation from American players based in Germany in memory of the first France – USA match played at the liberation.


TILLY SUR SEULLES 14

› 1.30pm – Public Conference

The Comanche Nation remembers

Conference on “the participation of Amerindians in the Second World War”. The official Comanche delegation will make a presentation on Comanche culture, the role of the Code Talkers on 6th June 1944 and the role of Comanche fighters in Normandy and during the Liberation of Europe.

Tilly sur Seulles Events Hall

www.tilly1944.com
2pm - Activity
A panoramic view of the Battle Field
For the first time at Tilly sur Seulles, a captive balloon will give a view of the battlefield at Tilly sur Seulles. 8 €/person and 4 € for children from 3 to 11yrs old –Tilly-sur-Seulles Sports ground – From 1.30pm.
Tilly sur Seulles Sports stadium
www.tilly1944.com

8.30pm - Show
Tilly Sur Seulles remembers
Concert, public dance and firework display. A brass band concert playing music from the 1940s with traditional Comanche dancers and singers. An evening organised outdoors followed by fireworks for liberty and then a public dance.
Tilly sur Seulles Sports stadium
www.tilly1944.com

4pm>11pm - Event
Parade of military vehicles
After a parade around the village, over 300 military vehicles will be on show around the port and the seashore at Grandcamp-Maisy. Watch amphibious vehicles taking to the water. An American style barbecue will be available to the public. From 8.30pm, the vehicles will set off in convoy towards Isigny-sur-Mer, for the first time in the twilight!
Grandcamp-Maisy et Isigny-sur-Mer
www.isigny-omaha-intercom.fr

6pm>11pm - Exhibition -Show
Celebrations of the 75th anniversary of The D-Day Landings
Free concert. From 6pm, the garden will host a display of military vehicles and a dance of two women will sing songs from 1940/50.
16 Rue de la Fontaine Saint Pierre, 50420 Tessy Sur Vire

7pm>midnight – Event
Giant picnic at Omaha Beach
Join the giant picnic on Omaha Beach, with an iconic beach before you and enjoy the many entertainments on offer during the evening in a guaranteed Swing ambiance! The Must? Come in vintage clothes! If you can’t bring your own picnic, there is a bar and food available on site to whet your appetites!
Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer
www.isigny-omaha-intercom.fr

10am - Ceremony
Ceremony dedicated to Lieutenants Robert Judels and Joseph Beyrle (101st Airborne)
Church square, Saint-Côme-du-Mont
www.carentanlesmarais.fr

11am - Event
Liberation Parade
Parade of British historic vehicles and of pipe bands in the main street of the first town to be liberated in continental France.
Bayeux
www.bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com

3pm - Activity
Walk ‘in the footsteps of the Liberators around Périers’
‘In the footsteps of the Liberators’ is a historic walk being organised in the area of Périers. This walk, accompanied by a historian, is an ideal way to learn about the fight for the Liberation on the very ground where it was fought in July 1944. Walk lasts about 2 ½ to 3 hours.
Rate: 5 € adult, free for under 16 years old. For information or compulsory reservations call 02 33 45 13 34. Be warned places are limited.
www.tourisme-cocm.fr

3pm>9pm- Concert
Strolling Concert by the originals of Bagad Lann Bihoué
Come and enjoy a strolling concert in the town with a Breton sound!
Join the party and follow Bagad Lann Bihoué through the town’s streets!

Free – Open to all
Ouistreham Town
ouistreham-rivabella.fr

8.30pm - Concert
1940s Music hall
Come and enjoy a return to 1940s with a music hall concert in the pleasant setting of the Karine Saporta dance hall!
Free – Open to all
Ouistreham – Market square – Karine Saporta – Dance hall
ouistreham-rivabella.fr

PLUMETOT 14

8am - Ceremony
Ceremony
At the instigation of the Polish Air Force Memorial Committee, inauguration of a memorial in honour of the Polish airmen who served at the temporary airfield of Plumetot (known as B10) during the Second World War.
Plumetot, place de la Mairie
mairie@plumetot.fr

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE 50

11am - Event
Civilian Parachute drops
A civilian air show with the associations Liberty Jump and Round Canopy Parachuting Team and the participation of 320 paras and 10 period aircraft.
At la Fière in Sainte Mère Église
saintemereeglise.fr

11am>2pm
Musical entertainment
The German choir ‘Voices for Shared Peace’ with the Anne Frank de Düren school in Germany perform a musical creation on the theme of German songs about peace. Then a jazz group: 52nd Street will stroll and play.
At la Fière in Sainte Mère Église
saintemereeglise.fr

11.30am - Show
Pyrotechnic Show
Magnificent firework display in the church square. An unforgettable spectacle rich in colours.
In the church square at Sainte Mère Église
saintemereeglise.fr

TILLY SUR SEULLES 14

3pm (GB) -6pm (FR) - Play
Canadian Play ‘Jake’s Gift’
Winner of several awards, the play conceived, written and performed by Julia Mackey tells the story of a Canadian veteran who returns to France on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. He meets a little girl of 10 years

several veterans. There will also be about ten French and British book-sellers who will be here to present, sign and sell their works on the subject of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy.
Around the museum of the Battle of Tilly sur Seulles / www.tilly1944.com

From 1.30pm - Event
In the footsteps of the 30th British Corps.
Collectors and re-enactors pay tribute to the British liberators by displaying equipment and 200 vehicles from summer 1944 to the public.
Fairground and sports ground
Tilly sur Seulles / www.tilly1944.com

CAEN 14

Until 27/10/2019 – 9am>7pm - Exhibition
‘Rockwell, Roosevelt & The Four Freedoms’ Exhibition
The Memorial of Caen has worked with the Norman Rockwell museum in Stockbridge in Massachusetts to present a new exhibition to Europe dedicated to the famous American painter Norman Rockwell. For the first time, ‘The Four Freedoms’ are leaving American soil! There are over 80 works of art, objects, documents, and illustrations to see which broach all the crucial questions about American history, from the Second World War to the Vietnam war. Online ticket purchase recommended (limited places) at www.memorial-caen.fr
Entrance exhibition only: 10€
- Exhibition + visit to the Memorial: 24.80€.
Caen / www.memorial-caen.fr

COURSEULLES-SUR-MER 14

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Tilly sur Seulles / www.tilly1944.com

MONDAY 10TH JUNE
old, Isabelle. Interested by the old man’s story and curious to learn all about his past, she leads him, little by little, to revive his memories.

Duration: 1 hour. For all ages. 10 €. By reservation on 02 31 37 32 17 or by email at communication@junobeach.org Centre Juno Beach - Salle polyvalente www.junobeach.org

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE 50

› Midday - Event
Normandy Day

Giant picnic on the church square, a warm and convivial moment to share as a family or with friends with performances by ‘L’Harmonie de l’Étoile Sottevastaise’ from 11.30am to 12.30pm and the group Howlin’ Fox, which specialises in traditional American music, music travels in time and space…from 12.30pm to 2pm.

In the church square at Sainte Mère Église saintemereeglise.fr

› 2.30pm-6pm - Show
3 shows (German, French and American)

‘Voices for Shared Peace’ with the Anne Frank de Düren school in Germany, a musical creation on the theme of German songs about peace.

Church square and the race course at Sainte Mère Église / saintemereeglise.fr

› 3pm - Ceremony
Ceremony at the old Camp for German POWs

Foucarville, delegated community of Sainte Mère Église saintemereeglise.fr

TUESDAY 11TH JUNE

FALAISE 14

› 8pm - Event
Meeting – Musical reading about the book ‘Le Chevreuil’ (The Buck) by Thierry Maricourt

In his work, the author delivers the account of a human adventure and a shattering philosophy. That of a young German soldier recruited by force, who, at the Liberation, having survived all the terrible fighting at the pocket of Falaise-Chambois in August 1944, wanders from one place of shelter to another to find a place. Spend an evening in the presence of the author sharing this human experience through the reading of extracts of this work, specially put to music.

Open access. Contact and information:
The Pays de Falaise Media Centre 02 31 41 65 45 mediatheque@paysdefalaise.fr Médiathèque de Falaise www.paysdefalaise.fr

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

VIMOUTIERS 61

› Until 24/8/2019 - Exhibition
Vimoutiers and its destiny: 14th June 1944

This exhibition will consist of old postcards, photos of the bombing of Vimoutiers and of the reconstruction of the town.

Intercommunal Media Centre
Vimoutiers Centre

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

BLANGY SUR BRESLE 76

› 3pm - Tour
Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the first launch of the V1 in Seine-Maritime and inauguration of the historic walking route of memory

Inauguration of the historic walking route of memory. This event will take place on the old V1 launch station of Poteau de Montauban at Guerville. The historic walking route of memory has been designed around 21 V1 sites, which have been renovated and opened to the public.

Site V1 of Poteau de Montauban at Guerville (76340) / v1histoirepatrimoine.fr

SAINT-LÔ 50

› Until 22/9/2019 - Exhibition
‘Memory and Fraternity’ Exhibition

The Fine Arts museum is laying on an extraordinary exhibition questioning our notions about war, peace and memory through the exhibition of 7 monumental works of art, which will occupy temporary exhibition areas.


WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

COURSEULLES-SUR-MER 14

› 5pm - Public Conference
Conference-Signature with Tom Wilson

Conference with Tom Wilson, Canadian Anglican priest, on the subject of Allied chaplains during the Battle of Normandy.

Free. Juno Beach Centre
Salle polyvalente / www.junobeach.org

COUTANCES 50

› 11am - Tour
Tour on the theme of the bombing raids, the Liberation and the legacy of the Reconstruction

Meet on the church square on Wednesday 12th June and on Fridays 26th July and 9th August at 11am. Guided tours by the ‘Pays d’art et d’histoire du Coutançais’.

Roncey / www.coutances.fr/decouvrir-coutances/histoire-patrimoine/ville-et-pays-dart-et-dhistoire/

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

COUTANCES 50

› Until 2/8/2019 – 11am - Tour
Themed tour on the subject of the bombing raids and the Liberation
Meet at the Pont-de-la-Roque car park on Wednesday 19th June and on Fridays 19th July and 2nd August at 11am. Guided tours by the ‘Pays d’art et d’histoire du Coutançais’. In 1944, the bridge of la Roque was destroyed by English planes, mainly to stem the flow of German reinforcements from the south towards the area of the beaches. Reservation not possible.

Heugueville-sur-Sienne, Pont-de-la-Roque
www.coutances.fr/decouvrir-coutances/
www.utah-beach.com

\[ \text{SATURDAY 22ND JUNE} \]

\[ \text{ALENCON} \]

\[ \text{2pm>11.30pm - Event} \]

**Orne summer 44, in the footsteps of Freedom**

It was a key moment and the Orne Department wants to headline this historic summer season at its Head Quarters on June 22nd. There will be many events, entertainments, solemn commemorations punctuating these two summer months. On June 22nd 2019 from 11am – Procession of period vehicles in the centre of Alençon. From 2pm – Opening of the Hotel du Department (the department’s HQ): - ‘Summer 44’ exhibition focussing on the area of Lyateau in 44. – Historical conference 44 in the Ecouves Hall. - Events in the gardens: historical re-enactments (Resistance, civilian life), games of the period. - Events in the main courtyard: display of period vehicles, dancing bar party, period dances, food and drink available. From 8pm - Vintage Dance in the main courtyard. Closure of the event with a firework display.

Hôtel du Département of the Orne
www.orne.fr

\[ \text{SUNDAY 23RD JUNE} \]

\[ \text{SAINTE MARIE DU MONT} \]

\[ \text{10am - Tour} \]

**Guided Walk ‘Then and Now’**

Then and Now’ - 6 kms / 4 miles of guided walk in parallel with the exhibition ‘Utah Beach, yesterday and today’ on display in the museum from 1st June 2019.

Departs at 10am from the Utah Beach Day Landings Museum 4€ per person. Limited places. Reservation necessary:
musee@utah-beach.com / 02 33 71 53 35
www.utah-beach.com

\[ \text{WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE} \]

\[ \text{COUTANCES} \]

\[ \text{11am - Tour} \]

**Tour on the theme of the bombing raids, the Liberation and the legacy of the Reconstruction**

Meet in the courtyard of the Quesnel- Morinière museum. Guided tour in Coutances, led by the Pays d’art et d’histoire du Coutançais.

From the old town to the modernisation proposed by Louis Arretche, the roads and neighbourhoods of Coutances have been slightly changed, whilst preserving views of the ancient monuments.

Coutances
www.coutances.fr/decouvrir-coutances/histoire-patrimoine/ville-et-pays-dartet-dhistoire

\[ \text{FRIDAY 28TH JUNE} \]

\[ \text{SAINT-LÔ} \]

\[ \text{Until 30/6/2019 – 10pm>2am - Show} \]

**Life between the wars**

A cinéscénie: Life between the wars... Introduced in the style of ‘Le Petit Prince’, eleven canvases turn around different techniques and forms of art. Live music, orchestration, screening, video, dance, pantomime, theatre, voice over, painting, sculpture... The show will be followed by a Liberation dance by the musicians of the cinéscénie.

lesessenciels.asso@gmail.com

\[ \text{SATURDAY 29TH JUNE} \]

\[ \text{THUE ET MUE} \]

\[ \text{14} \]

\[ \text{8pm - Other} \]

**Film with eyewitness accounts of the liberation of the communities of Thue et Mue and Saint Manvieu Norrey**

Open air screening on the steps of Cheux church of a film with eyewitness accounts from old residents who lived through the Liberation in the new communes of Thue et Mue and Saint Manvieu Norrey. Screening preceded by a picnic gathering the inhabitants.

Screening at Cheux, delegate commune of Thue et Mue / www.thueetmue.fr

\[ \text{VILLERS-BOCAGE} \]

\[ \text{14} \]

\[ \text{2pm>midnight - Event} \]

**Villers-Bocage celebrates the Liberation**

From 2pm: Reconstruction of a military camp with many military vehicles in the square of the old covered market. From 6pm: Parade of military vehicles in the streets of Villers-Bocage with music and distribution of sweets. From 7pm: 1940s ambience with the TRIO SWING 40’S, food and drink available. Games and make-up for children, raffle. From 11pm: Torchlight procession and fireworks display at l’Ecanet.

Square of the old covered market, main streets (Pasteur and Clemenceau) and place du Général de Gaulle
www.villers-bocage.info
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### JUNE > JULY

#### SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

**THURY-HARCOURT / LE HOM** 14

- **10.15am Ceremony. 3.30pm>5.30pm**: Open day Tribute to the Staffordshire 59th Infantry Division
  - Procession with fanfare, ceremony, and mass in tribute to the veterans of the Staffordshire 59th Infantry Division who liberated Thury-Harcourt/Le Hom, and to the civilian victims of the bombing of the community. From 3.30pm to 5.30pm open access to the Staffordshire 59th Infantry Division memorial area.
  - Thury-Harcourt/ Le Hom
  - www.suisse-normande-tourisme.com

#### SATURDAY 6TH JULY

**CONDÉ-EN-NORMANDIE** 14

- **Until 12/10/2019 / Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am>12.15pm, 2pm>6.30pm / Saturday: 10am > 6pm**: Exhibition 75th/Condé-in-NORMANDY/ War Memorial
  - The Charles Léandre museum is laying on an exhibition looking back at the period of tragic events of the 6th June 1944 until the beginning of the 1950s. Six years during which life would restart, the population would organise itself to rebuild on the ruins of a past which had been obliterated. In addition to this exhibition, there is a host of objects from the collections of the Memorial and Liberation Museum of Berjou.
  - ’L’ATELIERS, Media centre, Charles Léandre Museum

**LONGUES SUR MER** 14

- **5pm>7pm – Public Conference**: Archaeology of the Second World War
  - Extraordinary conference by Cyril Marcigny, archaeologist from ‘Institut national de recherches archéologiques préventives’ (Inrap).
  - EFree entrance, contribution to costs at your discretion.
  - Longues Abbey, 15/17 rue de l'Abbaye, 14400 Longues sur mer
  - www.longues-mer.fr/associationdesamisdelabbaye

#### THURSDAY 11TH JULY

**MONTORMEL** 61

- **Until 22/8/2019 -2pm>5pm - Tour Exploring the battlefield**: On Thursdays 11th and 25th July, 8th and 22nd August 2019, the Memorial Museum of Montormel is offering tours of the battlefield of the Falaise Chambois pocket, where in August 1944, 9 Allied divisions encircled 100,000 Germans. To fully understand the events, we are offering a tour of the Memorial, as well as a guided tour by bus of the battlefield. This 25 kms / 15 mile trip will let you see the key places in this decisive confrontation. Meet at the memorial at 2pm. Tour lasts 2 to 2½ hrs.
  - Montormel Memorial The cost including entrance to the museum and the bus trip is 10.50€ per person. 8.50€ for students over 12 years old; 7.50€ for children under 12. Bus with 50 seats, reservation required / www.memorial-montormel.org

#### FRIDAY 12TH JULY

**PORTBAIL** 50

- **Until 21/7/2019 - Event Port-Bail sur Mer Celebrates freedom**: Many entertainments on offer over the week to celebrate the return of peace and freedom: parachuting into Port-Bail harbour, release of 1,000 lanterns on the beaches, Liberation parades and evening events, freedom walk of 20 kms / 12 miles, giant picnic, concerts, theatre play.
  - www.portbail1944.com

#### SATURDAY 13TH JULY

**FALAISE** 14

- **Until 17/8/2019 – 11pm (July) / 10.30 (August) - Show Grand sound and light show - videomapping**: Come and (re)learn about the story of the Battle of Normandy with a spectacular open air projection in a square with exceptional buildings! From the D-Day Landing Beaches to the ultimate battle of the Pocket of Falaise-Chambois, this grand historical show mixing sound and light effects with videos, will explain the sequence of events which led to the liberation of Normandy, as well as the fate of the civilian population in Normandy, which was trapped in the fighting. Every Wednesday and Saturday.
  - Contact and Information: Pays de Falaise Tourist Office
  - 02 31 90 17 26 – info@falaise-tourisme.com
  - Falaise - Place Guillaume le Conquérant - www.paysdefalaise.fr

**SAINT-LO** 50

- **11pm - Show Bastille Day Fireworks Display**: The town of Saint-Lô is organising a firework display for July 13th 2019 in the exceptional setting of the ramparts. This display will not only pay tribute to France but will be themed around the rediscovery of Peace and Friendship.
  - Fireworks fired from the top of the ramparts - www.saint-lo.fr

#### THURSDAY 18TH JULY

**SAINT-LO** 50

- **8.30pm - Event Saint-Lô Liberation Dance**: After the afternoon ceremonies, the town of Saint-Lô invites young and old inhabitants alike to a party to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its Liberation! The Liberation 44 show lasting 2½ hours will invite spectators and dancers to enjoy the swing beat of the 1950s to relive the atmosphere of recovery and reconstruction of the city. So
that the occasion is complete, we would like to encourage the men and women of the town to come in period clothes!

On the esplanade of Notre-Dame Church www.saint-lo.fr

FRIDAY 19TH JULY

LA HAYE 50

7.30pm - Activity

Walk ‘In the footsteps of the Liberators around La Haye’

This walk, accompanied by a historian, is an opportunity to explore the battle grounds of the fighting for the Liberation in July 1944.

Walk of about 2 ½ / 3 hours. Fees: 5 € adult, free for those aged under 16 years. The meeting point will be given when you book. Information and bookings (required) on 02 33 45 14 34. Warning –numbers are limited. www.tourisme-cocm.fr

THURSDAY 25TH JULY

LA HAYE 50

8pm - Tour

Themed tour of Lessay Abbey in 1944 and after

Discover Lessay Abbey at the time of the Liberation and of its reconstruction between 1945 and 1958. Visit the church and the private areas like the cloister and gardens.

Walk lasting about 2 hours. Fees: 5 € adults, Free for those aged under 16 years. The meeting point will be given when you book. Information and bookings (required) www.tourisme-cocm.fr

SADDAY 20TH JULY

APPEVILLE ANNEBAULT 27

Until 21/7/2019 – 9am>6pm - Event

Village fete in memory of the People of Appeville who died 75 years ago

The green eagles will be setting up German and American camps in a field and dramatic scenarios will be played out all day long with the participation of the public of all ages. There will also be period military vehicles and equipment. In the evening there will be a firework display. On Sunday afternoon the military vehicles will parade through the village.

In the centre of the village

LA HAYE 50

6pm - Event

Battlefields Evening

At the Le Cotentin Cinema in Pirou a screening of the episode ‘The Hell of the Hedgerows’ from the documentary series “Battle fields”.

Le Cotentin Cinema - Pirou Entrance: 5€. Information and bookings (required) - On 02 33 45 14 34. Warning –numbers are limited. www.tourisme-cocm.fr

SATURDAY 27TH JULY

FALAISE 14

Until 14/8/2019 - Tour

Walks in the Pocket

A programme of themed tours in the footsteps of the Allied troops to relive and understand about the terrible events of August 1944, the fighting in the Falaise-Chambois Pocket, and the fate of the civilian population. Excursions open to all ages alternating between walking and travel by bus. • Saturday 27th July 2019: in the footsteps of the British liberators • Saturday 3rd August 2019: in the footsteps of General MACZEK • Discover the different stages in the path of the 1st Polish Armoured Division up until its heroic defence of Hill 262 at Mont Ormel • Wednesday 14th August 2019: Echo of Summer 44 at Falaise • The life civilians in Falaise during the Occupation and the Battle of Normandy.

Contact and Information :

Pays de Falaise Tourist Office
02 31 90 17 26 – info@falaise-tourisme.com
www.falaise-tourisme.com

SUNDAY 28TH JULY

FALAISE 14

9.30>6.30pm - Event

Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the closing of The Pocket of Falaise-Chambois

Programme for the day: - At 9.30am, gathering of the participants in front of the Memorial for Citizens, in a column behind a horse-drawn vehicle (a carriage for wreaths) Walk to Saint Pierre du Bû; 1pm drinks and picnic at Saint Pierre du Bû hall; 2.30pm, departure by bus to Saint Lambert sur Dive; 3.30pm, Departure of the walk to Chambois along the Corridor of Death and the ford at Moissy; 5.30pm, Place du Donjon, a brief presentation about the Crossroads of Victory And of the closure of the Pocket of Falaise-Chambois; 6.30pm, return to Falaise by bus.

Falaise (14) / Saint Pierre du Bû (14) -
Saint Lambert sur Dive (61) Chambois (61) / Fee 5€ per person Over 15 years old – Bring a picnic.

COLOMBIÈRES 14

3pm>6pm - Show
Miss Paramount Sings summer 44
Miss paramount sings summer 44 at The Chateau of Colombieres first HQ of the Ritchie Boys during the D-Day Landings.
Chateau of Colombieres
Fee: 10€ - free for those aged under 12 years. Parking and bar

GRANVILLE 50

Until 4/8/2019 - Event
International Piper Operation Cobra Show
Over 2000 participants in period clothing will be gathering at Granville and Jullouville with 500 military vehicles of all kinds (tanks, half-tracks, jeeps...), with the reconstruction of the US Camps of 1944, a big parade for liberty of over 300 vehicles, the arrival of a steam train dating from 1944, an international air meeting (40 French and foreign aircraft both civilian and military).
Facebook: PIPER OPERATION COBRA Territoire de la Communauté de Granville Terre et Mer. pipereoperationcobra.com

AVRANCHES 50

Until 4/8/2019 – 10am>7pm
75th anniversary of the Liberation of Avranches
The town of Avranches celebrates the 75th anniversary of its Liberation with a day of commemoration, special events and an exhibition.
Place Littré, Place d’Estouteville, Place Carnot / www.avranches.fr

FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

LA HAYE 50

7.30pm - Activity
Walk ‘In the footsteps of the Liberators around Lessay’
This walk, accompanied by a historian, is an opportunity to explore the battlegrounds of the fighting for the Liberation in July 1944.
Walk of about 2 ½ / 3 hours.
Fees: 5 € adult, free for those aged under 16 years. The meeting point will be given when you book. Information and bookings (required) on 02 33 45 14 34. Warning – numbers are limited.
www.tourisme-cocm.fr

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST

LONGUES SUR MER 14

5pm>7pm – Public Conference
Research into the Atlantic Wall, an inventory carried out by Historic Monuments and the DRAC
The abbey welcomes Cyrille Billard Heritage Conservationist at the Regional Archaeological Service of Normandy (DRAC) for an extraordinary conference.
Longues Abbey; 15/17 rue de l’Abbaye, 1400 Longues sur mer
www.longues-mer.fr/lassociationdesamisdelabbaye

THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST

SAINT AUBIN SUR MER 14

Until 15/08/2019 – 10am>11pm
‘The Acadian week’ Festival
For its 14th year, ‘The Acadian week’ festival will pay tribute to the Acadian soldiers who took part in the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy. With a concert entitled “Acadians sing for Peace”, screenings of documentaries, commemorative ceremonies, a rally, a walk, a cyclo-historical outing, a kite event on the theme of Peace, a parade of military vehicles, etc. Diane Tell, the group Suroît, Carolyne Jomphe, Claude Cormier, Claude Michaud, Isabelle Pelletier will number amongst the Canadian artistes who will perform: Diane Tell, le groupe Suroît, Carolyne Jomphe, Claude Cormier, Claude Michaud, Isabelle Pelletier.
Courseulles, Bernières, Luc sur mer, Carpiquet, Bény sur mer
www.semaineacadienne.net

FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST

BÉNY SUR MER 14

11.30am - Ceremony
Ceremony in tribute to The Acadian soldiers
This ceremony, to which young Acadian artists will contribute will pay tribute to the Acadian soldiers who gave their lives to liberate land which most didn’t know once belonged to their ancestors.
The Canadian Military Cemetery of Bény sur mer / Revers
www.semaineacadienne.net

BERNIÈRES-SUR-MER 14

10am>10.45am – Ceremony
Ceremony in tribute to The Acadian soldiers
This ceremony will include speeches, the reading of the names of the Acadian soldiers who fell on this beach, and the reading of the act of memory.
Nan Red Beach/ Rive Beach at Bernières-sur-mer

CARPIQUET 14

4pm – Ceremony
Ceremony in tribute to The Acadian soldiers
This ceremony will pay tribute to the Acadian soldiers of North Shore regiment and from the regiment de La Chaudière who gave their lives to liberate Carpiquet. It will be followed by a concert by the Acadian singer Carolyne Jomphe. Also a cyclo-historical excursion will leave at 2pm from Place du Général de Gaulle in Courseulles for Carpiquet, following in the footsteps of the North Shore regiment.
Canadian War Monuments, avenue Charles de Gaulle, close to Carpiquet town hall
www.semaineacadienne.net
## SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

### AUTHIE

**11.30am - Ceremony**

**Ceremony in tribute to The Acadian soldiers**

This ceremony will pay tribute to those men, several of whom were Acadian, who gave their lives to liberate land which most didn’t know once belonged to their ancestors.

_Canadian War Memorial at Authie_  
[www.semaineacadienne.net](http://www.semaineacadienne.net)

### COURSEULLES-SUR-MER

**10am - Ceremony**

**Ceremony in tribute to The Acadian soldiers**

This ceremony will pay tribute to the Acadian soldiers, too often forgotten by History, who came ashore on the 6th June 1944 in the sector of Juno Beach and took part in the Battle of Normandy.

_Canadian War Memorial at Courseulles-sur-mer_  
[www.semaineacadienne.net](http://www.semaineacadienne.net)

## SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

### FALAISE

**From 2.30pm - Event**

**International Day of the fighting In the Pocket of Falaise – Chambois**

This big day of festivities will give you the chance to plunge back into the history of the end of the Battle of Normandy and to pay tribute to the troops who brought about the liberation of Falaise and Trun in August. Right in the midst of the fighting in the Pocket of Falaise-Chambois.

On the programme, civil and religious commemorations at Trun and Falaise, then at Falaise in the evening, a big open air jazz concert with the D-DAY LADIES, followed by an impressive sound and light show about the history of the Battle of Normandy.

_Free access_  

_Contact and Information : Pays de Falaise Tourist Office - 02 31 90 17 26 info@falaise-tourisme.com. Trun and Falaise_

### CONDÉ-EN-NORMANDIE

**Event**

**Liberation Party**

Around the reconstruction of a military camp by the Eagles 44 association, there will be a succession of demonstrations of dancing by the Rock and go association accompanied by a Big band playing the music of the Liberation.

_Condé-en-Normandie_  
[www.condenormandie.fr](http://www.condenormandie.fr)

## TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST

### THURY-HARCOURT / LE HOM

**7pm - Activity**

**In the footsteps of the liberators of Thury-Harcourt/ Le Hom**

Picnic at 7pm followed by an 8 km / 5 mile walk exploring the key locations during this decisive day for freedom. Firework display at 11pm.

_Thury-Harcourt/ Le Hom_  
[www.suisse-normande-tourisme.com](http://www.suisse-normande-tourisme.com)

## SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

### CHAMBOIS

**5pm - Event**

**75th anniversary of the closure of the Pocket of Falaise-Chambois and Tribute to the 2nd French Armoured Division, Route Leclerc**

Unveiling of a ‘Route Leclerc’ sign panel. Laying of wreaths at the memorial in the Place du Donjon.

_Chambois, Montormel_

## THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST

### BENERVILLE-SUR-MER

**Until 24/8/2019 - Ceremony**

**Commemoration of the Liberation of the Côte Fleurie - Piron Brigade**

Commemoration ceremonies in the various communities concerned.

Inauguration of a square dedicated to the Piron Brigade at Bénerville sur Mer

_Auberville- Villers sur Mer-Blonville sur Mer- Bénerville sur Mer- Tourgéville-Saint Arnoult- Touques - Trouville sur Mer- Deauville_  
[www.benerville.org](http://www.benerville.org)

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**EVENTS DIARY FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY**

**SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST**

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      - This ceremony will pay tribute to those men, several of whom were Acadian, who gave their lives to liberate land which most didn’t know once belonged to their ancestors.

- **COURSEULLES-SUR-MER**
  - 10am - Ceremony  
    - **Ceremony in tribute to The Acadian soldiers**
      - This ceremony will pay tribute to the Acadian soldiers, too often forgotten by History, who came ashore on the 6th June 1944 in the sector of Juno Beach and took part in the Battle of Normandy.

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- **CONDÉ-EN-NORMANDIE**
  - Event  
    - **Liberation Party**
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**SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST**

- **CHAMBOIS**
  - 5pm - Event  
    - **75th anniversary of the closure of the Pocket of Falaise-Chambois and Tribute to the 2nd French Armoured Division, Route Leclerc**
      - Unveiling of a ‘Route Leclerc’ sign panel. Laying of wreaths at the memorial in the Place du Donjon.

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**EVENT DESCRIPTION**

- _Canadian War Memorial at Authie_  
  [www.semaineacadienne.net](http://www.semaineacadienne.net)

- _Canadian War Memorial at Courseulles-sur-mer_  
  [www.semaineacadienne.net](http://www.semaineacadienne.net)

- _Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-sur-mer_  
  [www.semaineacadienne.net](http://www.semaineacadienne.net)

- _Thury-Harcourt/ Le Hom_  
  [www.suisse-normande-tourisme.com](http://www.suisse-normande-tourisme.com)
SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST

CHAMBOIS 61

› 7pm - Show
Sound and light show on the Battle of Normandy
Fast food available in the place du Donjon. Reconstruction of an American camp; From 9pm: Sound and light show on the theme of the Battle of Normandy and the Pocket of Falaise-Chambois, projected onto the castle keep at Chambois.
Chambois - Place du Donjon

› 2pm>4.30pm - Ceremonies
75th anniversary of the Pocket Of Falaise-Chambois and the end Of the Battle of Normandy
2pm: mass for Peace in the church of Saint Martin at Chambois.
3.30pm: Ceremony commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the closing of the Pocket of Falaise-Chambois, place du Donjon in Chambois.
Chambois

MONTORMEL 61

› 9.30am>7.15pm - Events
75th anniversary of the end of the Battle of Normandy
9.30am: Peace walk at Montormel.
9.30am/3pm: Opening to the public of the museum of the Memorial of Montormel - Midday: Giant picnic – all welcome. 2pm/3pm: Solemn mass for peace in Chambois church.
3.30pm: Laying of wreaths at Chambois.
4.30pm: Official ceremony at Montormel. *Exhibitions of period military vehicles * L’Odyssée de Phénix (The Odyssey of the Phoenix).


SAINT-MARTIN DES ENTRÉES 14

› Until 25/8/2019 – 10am - Event
Model aircraft Meeting
As part of our meeting, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary, we want to honour the pilots and aeroplanes which took part in the Battle of Normandy. Using replicas of aircraft from D-Day, model aircraft enthusiasts from all over France will get us to relive the highlights of this battle for our freedom!
Free entrance and parking.
Saint-Martin des Entrées
On the ABM grounds
abm-modelisme.fr

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST

DUCLAIR 76

› 17.30pm – Public Conference
The war: from the first bombing raids until February 1946
This conference led by specialists of this period will allow you to see around 250 period photos and documents. The extraordinary story of the men will be at the heart of the debates.
An event organised by the town of Duclair and the association of the Château du Taillis. Duclair Théâtre
www.duclair.fr

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

BEAUMONT LE ROGER 27

› 10am>7pm - Event
Anniversary of the liberation of Beaumont-le-Roger
Military vehicles from the ‘Vieux Carbus du Roumois’ association will be taking part.
Parade after mass at the church - militaria fair - CGHN band / Rouen Pipe-Band, Town centre
www.beaumont-le-roger.fr

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

AUFFAY 76

› Until 15/9/2019 – 2pm - Event
75 years ago, the Liberation
The reconstruction of an American military camp with lots of old vehicles will form the basis of this festival and several parades will take place through the town with characters in costume. On Saturday evening, an accordion concert to accompany a meal outdoors with a menu straight from the 1940-45 period, the reconstruction of a market of the period, exhibition of cars from 1940-1945, brought to a close with a firework display on the theme of the period. And on Sunday morning, an open-air mass followed by more parades with characters in costume and military vehicles. Outdoor meal. A group of musicians will be present throughout the festivities.
Free. Multimodal Centre Meadow
Place Michel Hollard
www.auffay-art-et-culture.com

OCTEVILLE SUR MER 76

› Until 15/9/2019 - Midday>7pm(5pm on the 15th) - Animation
75th anniversary of the Liberation
Astonia is organising 2 reconstructions of camps in the commune: a large Allied camp in a historic farm in the village and a second camp for the Axis forces in the bunker which has been made available.
facebook : astonia.souvenezvous

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

LONGUES SUR MER 14

› 5pm>7pm – Public Conference
Management of coastal sites and the naturalisation of the sites of the Atlantic Wall
The abbey welcomes Régis Leymarie and Hervé Niel (Coastal Conservatory) for an extraordinary conference.
Longues Abbey, 15/17 rue de l’Abbaye, 1400 Longues sur mer
www.longues-mer.fr/lassociationdesamisdelabbaye
The events and entertainments of the D-Day Festival Normandy

24th May > 14th June 2019
D-DAY FESTIVAL NORMANDY 2019
The section on the celebrations planned for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings

FROM 6TH TO 9TH JUNE
“THEY DIDN’T KNOW IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE”
MERVILLE-FRANCEVILLE > FROM 10PM
MERVILLE-FRANCEVILLE GUN BATTERY
Historical reconstruction in sound and light. The show looks back at the key moments in the history of the Merville gun battery. Period costumes and vehicles take the public back into the depths of History.
Infos : sonetlumieremfp@gmail.com

FROM 6TH TO 10TH JUNE
CAMP ARIZONA
CARENTAN-LES-MARAIS
Reconstruction of an American camp with over 250 collectors. Exhibition of equipment and scenes from civilian and military life, exhibition of collectable vehicles, various entertainments, evening concerts. Free entrance. Food and drink available on site.
Infos : camp.arizona.normandie@gmail.com

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE
LIBERTY BALL
BAYEUX > FROM 7PM
Swing, brass and big band... with the Hot Swing Sextet then the Glenn’s Swing Orchestra, two of the biggest bands from the swing scene to take you back in time and dance to the rhythm of the 30s and 40s and celebrate the moment of joy at the Liberation. Food available on site.
Info: 02 31 92 03 30

FROM 7TH TO 8TH JUNE
CARENTAN LIBERTY MARCH
RAVENOVILLE TO CARENTAN-LES-MARAIS
FRIDAY 7TH JUNE at 11.30am at the Marmion de Ravenoville farm: Departure of the march. SATURDAY 8TH JUNE at 4.30pm from the Place de la République in Carentan –les- Marais: Grand parade in the Place de la République with the arrival of the exodus (over 100 participants) followed by the arrival of the Carentan Liberty March and a parade of civilian and military vehicles. Event attended by soldiers from the 101st Airborne and American veterans. Free musical performances in the town centre.
Info: carentanlibertymarch@outlook.com / 02 33 42 74 00

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE
GRAND AIR SHOW MEETING
ARRROMANCHES
Air Show. Jump by sports parachutists in the evening.
Info: 02 31 22 34 31

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE
EXHIBITION & PARADE OF MILITARY VEHICLES
GRANDCAMP-MAISY TO ISIGNY-SUR-MER > 4PM-9.30PM
Grandcamp-Maisy: After a parade around the village, exhibition of over 300 military vehicles, including about ten tanks, in the port and on the seafront. (In parallel, visit the nautical exhibition with the Medusa, an English mine-cleaner, and watch the launch of amphibious vehicles into the water. American barbecue by the SNSM and firework display organised by the commune of Grandcamp- Maisy) Departure in convoy at about 8.30pm for Isigny. Isigny-sur-Mer: For the first time the town will host a crepuscular parade.
Info 02 31 21 46 00 / accueil@isigny-omaha-tourisme.fr

FROM 8TH TO 9TH JUNE
BERNIÈRAISE & BAGPIPE PLAYERS
BERNIÈRES-SUR-MER > 10AM TO 5PM
THE BEACH
SATURDAY 8TH JUNE: Grand convoy sailing (3pm) + landing (3.30pm) + parade of bagpipe players (4pm). SUNDAY 9TH JUNE: Tests, demonstrations, activities + Landing by volunteers.
Info: 06 02 69 38 59 / labernieraise@orange.fr
D-DAY FESTIVAL 2019

FROM 8TH TO 10TH JUNE
ISIGNY SWING FESTIVAL
ISIGNY-SUR-MER
MAIN STREET

Isigny plunges into the atmosphere of the 40s! Come and enjoy the many entertainments on offer during the festival; concerts, a dance contest, picnic, dance, antiques fair, pin-up makeover, exhibition of vehicles. The 2019 festival will have a wealth of more than ten bands and groups including some international headliners. Food and drink available on site.
Info: 06 62 67 31 75 / easygnyfest@gmail.com

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE
BOOK FAIR ON THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY
TILLY-SUR-SEULLES > 9:30AM TO 6PM
AROUND THE BATTLE MUSEUM

For its 11th year the book fair will be gathering about ten specialist editors, and over forty authors from France and elsewhere, including several veterans. There will also be about ten French and British booksellers who will be here to present, sign and sell their works on the subject of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy.
Info: 06 07 59 46 02 / association@tilly1944.com

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE
GRAND PARACHUTE DROPS AT LA FIÈRE
LA FIÈRE (3KM FROM SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE) > FROM 11AM

Parachute jump by men in period clothing (about 400 men in 6 to 10 aeroplanes) with the participation of Liberty Jump and the Round Canopy Parachuting Team. From 1pm: Military parachute jump with the participation of parachutists from various nations (1000 parachutists expected) and flyby by La Patrouille de France aerobatic team with demonstration of their Breitling.
Info: 02 33 41 31 18

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE
LIBERATION PARADE AT BAYEUX
BAYEUX > 11AM
MAIN STREET

Parade of British historic vehicles and pipe bands in the main street of the first town to be liberated in continental France.
Info: 02 31 51 28 28 / info@bayeux-tourism.com

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE
THE GRAND NAUTICAL PARADE
CARENTAN-LES-MARAIS > 2PM TO 4PM

An extraordinary gathering and demonstrations of about twenty amphibious vehicles in the canal and marina of Carentan-les-maraais. The occasion to examine or re-examine the various Vehicles which took part in the success of D-Day on our beaches.
Info: 02 33 42 74 00

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE
OMAHA BEACH GIANT PICNIC
SAINT-LAURENT-SUR-MER > 7PM TO MIDNIGHT
THE SEAFRONT

Come and join the grand picnic on Omaha Beach and enjoy the many entertainments on offer during an evening with a guaranteed Swing ambiance! Jeep rides for novices, Freedom Games, concert by the D-Day Ladies, surprises and a sparkling finale with a grand firework display in support of the D-Day Landing Beaches’ listing application to UNESCO. Make use of the photobus throughout the evening to immortalise the occasion! The must? Come in vintage dress!
Info: 02 31 21 46 00 / accueil@isigny-omaha-tourisme.fr

FOR THE 75TH > SIMULTANEOUS FIREWORK DISPLAYS ALL ALONG THE COAST!
The 32nd year of ‘Courants de la Liberté’, Normandy Running Festival, will take place from 14th to 16th JUNE 2019 in Caen, Normandy. On the programme for this historic year marking the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, a single trial panel as a tribute to the events of D-Day.

Info and registration: www.lescourantsdelaliberte.com
infos@lescourantsdelaliberte.com / 09 72 44 91 49

**SUNDAY 16TH JUNE**
**CAMPAGN’ART**
FERMANVILLE > 10AM TO 6PM

Ephemeral village with about a hundred artists and an open-air art gallery on a tour route taken by over 5,000 visitors. Art blends into the environment, fuses with Nature and creates a harmony between the gardens and the works of art exhibited (e.g. grand graffiti project by Baby-K on a blockhouse). Music performances, 40s dance atmosphere, strolling performers, “French in the fighting” exhibition theatre, grand graffiti project, comedians.

Info: 02 33 23 12 39 / b.lefevre@ot-cotentin.fr

**EXHIBITIONS**

**APRIL TO NOVEMBER 2019**

**‘IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS’ OUTDOOR CIRCUIT-EXHIB**
COURSEULLES-SUR-MER, BERNIÈRES-SUR-MER, SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER, LANGRUNE-SUR-MER, LUC-SUR-MER, REVIERS-BENY-SUR-MER, DOUVRES-LA-DÉLIVRANDE > PERMANENT OUTSIDE ACCESS 24/7

Canadians, British or French, soldiers or civilians, they were in Juno sector in JUNE 1944. They tell about the Occupation, the D-Day Landings, the arrival of the soldiers and the Liberation. Check out 7 history booths located in 7 communities: eyewitness accounts, biographies, archive images, web application and competition.

Info: 02 31 92 03 30

**FROM 1ST JUNE TO 29TH SEPTEMBER**

**OBJECTS TELL THE STORY OF THE 39-45 WAR**
CHERBOURG-EN-COTENTIN > TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
10AM-12.30PM/2PM-6PM
AND SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1PM-6PM
MUSEUM OF THE LIBERATION

The museum of the Liberation is organising an exhibition-case study gathering together objects exceptionally taken out of store or on loan to illustrate the daily life of civilians and military personnel during the Second World War.

Info: 02 33 20 14 12 / musees@cherbourg.fr

**FROM 10TH JUNE TO 27TH OCTOBER**

**ROCKWELL, ROOSEVELT & THE FOUR LIBERTIES**
CAEN
CAEN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

As part of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy, the Memorial is organising an exceptional exhibition dedicated to the famous American painter Norman Rockwell, present in Europe for the first time. This is a touring exhibition with the only stop outside the USA being at Caen Memorial.

Info: 02 31 06 06 44

As the programme of the DDFNdy is constantly being worked upon, the information here is liable to change before the events commence.
Excursions and guided tours

Excursions en mini-bus

ALBION VOYAGES
Excursions on the D-Day Landing beaches
Rue Jacques Prévert - 14730 GIBERVILLE
Tel. 02 31 78 88 88
info@albion-voyages.com
www.albion-voyages.com

ACSM TOURS
Excursions on the D-Day Landing beaches
CAEN
Tel. 02 31 06 00 15
contact@acsm-tours.com
www.acsm-tours.com

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