The 75th Anniversary of D-Day

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Dear Yale Traveler

In early June 1944, over 150,000 Allied troops were poised to invade Nazi-occupied France. I welcome you to join me on this 10-day journey as we retrace the steps of these Allied soldiers engaged in the largest land, sea, and air operation in history. We will follow the long build-up to D-Day and the battle-staging that took place in the UK, while visiting key sites such as Churchill’s War Rooms, Bletchley Park, and the Portsmouth D-Day Museum.

We continue our journey by crossing the English Channel to Normandy and exploring the many sites still bearing the mark of the battle which took place 75 years ago. As we walk along Omaha and Utah Beaches, take a first-hand look at Normandy’s German artillery batteries, and stand inside the German gun pits on the imposing cliffs of Pointe du Hoc, you will be struck by the immense scale of this coordinated multi-national effort. We will also visit the BBC WWII Headquarters at Château de Creully and meet Normandy residents who will offer insight into their experiences as children in 1944 and share stories of their families who lived through German occupation. On June 6th, we will witness the official D-Day ceremonies at the American Military Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, and there we shall commemorate one of the most significant moments in modern history—the beginning of the end of the war in Europe which destroyed the Nazi regime.

I look forward to welcoming you on this journey.

Sincerely,

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WELCOME PHONE CALL: Thursday, May 16 (Tentative)
Join Professor Winter at 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S. Friday, May 31
Depart the U.S. on individual flights for London.

LONDON Saturday, June 1
Arrive in London and transfer to the Bailey’s Hotel. Gather as a group in the early afternoon for a guided visit to Winston Churchill’s Cabinet War Rooms and adjoining Museum. It is from this underground “safe place” that Churchill directed the British war effort and where today one can still see maps, telephones and bunks preserved since 1945. This evening, enjoy a welcome reception and dinner. (R/D)

LONDON/BLETCHLEY PARK Sunday, June 2
Travel to Bletchley Park and discover the real story behind the Enigma code breakers, credited with shortening the war by successfully deciphering the encryption used by the Wehrmacht to safeguard its messages. After lunch in a local pub, visit the HMS Belfast, part of the Imperial War Museum. This evening is at your leisure. (B/L)

LONDON/PORTSMOUTH/ NORMANDY Monday, June 3
This morning, travel south to Portsmouth. On a guided tour of the D-Day Museum, examine the Overlord Embroidery — a stunning handcrafted depiction of the D-Day events that stretches some 270 feet — and see a replica of the map General Eisenhower used to plot Allied positions. Just outside Portsmouth, visit the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force by special arrangement (subject to confirmation). Otherwise, enjoy a pre-opening visit to The Golden Lion Pub, which was converted into an officer’s mess during WWII. Surrounded by photographs and memorabilia, stand in the very same spot where Eisenhower would drink a pint of beer. This afternoon, cross the English Channel by ferry and arrive in Normandy in the late evening. (B/L/D)

PEGSASUS BRIDGE/ POINTE DU HOC/ ARROMANCHES/BAYEUX Wednesday, June 5
This morning, visit Pegasus Memorial Bridge and Museum — dedicated to the men of the 6th British Airborne Division. Following a private talk by the director of the museum, tour the exhibits recounting the battle for this strategic location in 1944. Travel to Arromanches to visit the Landing Museum. Then witness one of the most dramatic sites along the Normandy coastline, Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers used hooks and ropes to scale cliffs some 100 feet high in order to destroy key German gun positions. Walk along cliff-top pathways still cratered by mortar blasts, and venture into the concrete bunkers from which German forces unleashed a barrage of artillery fire. Then visit the Bayeux Tapestry Museum. (B)
D-DAY ANNIVERSARY
Thursday, June 6
Observe the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing with official ceremonies and commemorations at the American Military Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer. Every five years, on this major anniversary, these poignant ceremonies will likely be attended by heads of state and other dignitaries. Details to be announced. (B/L/D)

OMAHA BEACH
Friday, June 7
Visit the Overlord Museum, then wander along Omaha Beach, site of the bloodiest fighting of the invasion day. At the Omaha Beach Memorial, lay flowers in honor of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This evening, visit the BBC WWII Headquarters at Chateau de Creully for a private reception. (B/L/R)

GIVERNY/PARIS
Saturday, June 8
En route to Paris, visit Monet’s former home and elaborate gardens at Giverny. Upon arrival in Paris, check in to your hotel and later gather for a farewell reception and dinner. (B/R/D)

PARIS
Sunday, June 9
This morning, transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris for individual flights home or onward. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner

A NOTE ABOUT THE ITINERARY
While every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, the nature of travel is unpredictable and we must be prepared for changes. The itinerary as described is subject to modification by ATA. Rest assured that, should any changes be needed, we commit to deliver an experience as outstanding as the one originally planned.

This program includes participation in the 75th D-Day Anniversary ceremonies at Colleville-sur-Mer on June 6, organized by the French government. The U.S. Embassy in Paris controls access to the ceremony for U.S. citizens. In ATA’s 30 years of organizing D-Day Anniversary trips, we have always gained access to the ceremony for our numerous groups. However, access is granted entirely at the U.S. Embassy’s discretion and each U.S. administration approaches the event differently. We will keep travelers abreast of the information as it becomes available closer to your departure.

What is Included:
• All accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary
• Receptions as listed
• All ground transportation within designated itinerary unless otherwise indicated
• All sightseeing as specified in the itinerary
• Comprehensive education program led by Professor Winter and professional on-site guides.
• Entrance fees, airport and hotel taxes
• Gratuities to porters, escorts, drivers, and guides for all group services
• Transfers to and from airports for those arriving or departing according to the designated itinerary
• Pre-departure materials, including travel information
• A Professional Tour Manager to handle all logistics throughout your journey

What is Not Included:
• Airfare to London and from Paris
• Passport expenses
• Medical expenses and immunizations
• Travel and trip cancellation insurance
• Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meals
• Personal items such as telephone and wifi charges, laundry, room service, alcoholic or other beverages not specified as included

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Program Cost
The base cost for this program is: $8,745  
(based on double occupancy)
Single Supplement: $1,800  
(limited availability)
Deposit Amount: $1,000
Final payment deadline: February 28, 2019

Accommodations

THE BAILEY’S HOTEL—LONDON  
(2 nights)
This sophisticated 4-star hotel is centrally-located in Kensington, London. Beautifully restored in 2016, the 19th-century town house combines modern amenities with classic Victorian features like a winding staircase and stained-glass windows. Bedrooms are elegantly-decorated and include complimentary luxury toiletries, hair dryers, bottled water, coffee, and tea. Wireless internet access is available throughout the hotel.

LE GRAND HÔTEL CABOURG—CABOURG, NORMANDY  
(5 nights)
The stately Le Grand Hotel Cabourg, immortalized by writer Marcel Proust, is located on the seafront in Cabourg. The spacious rooms offer modern romantic décor with clean lines and rich colors. The hotel is one of the only luxury hotels on the Normandy coast with direct beachfront access.

L’HOTEL DU COLLECTIONNEUR—PARIS  
(1 night)
Located near the idyllic Parc Monceau and a short walk to the Arc de Triomphe, L’Hôtel du Collectionneur is a haven in the heart of Paris. Furnished in the glamorous Art Deco style of the 1930s, rooms and suites at L’Hôtel du Collectionneur are sophisticated Parisian retreats and offer all modern amenities found in a luxury hotel.

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Walk along Utah and Omaha beaches with Professor Winter and an expert local guide to get an in-depth perspective on the historic coastal landings and air invasion by American and Allied forces.

Learn of the build-up to D-Day and the battle-staging that took place in the UK while visiting key sites in London and Portsmouth.