

POST CONGRESS TOUR

*3 days: Friday 8th June to Sunday 10th June 2018.
Minimum 20, maximum 45 participants.*

Thursday 7th June

6.30 pm: Return to DEAUVILLE from field day, free evening.
Night at the hotel of your choice (not included).

Post-tour programme:

Visits: Mont Saint Michel, its abbey and one of its museums; Sainte Mère l'Eglise; Utah Beach and its museum on paratroops; the German military cemetery in La Cambe; the Pointe du Hoc; Omaha Beach; the Omaha Museum and the US military cemetery at Saint-Laurent; the Cinéma Arromanches 360°; a guided tour at Bayeux and visit of the William the Conqueror-Centre.

Meals: Two dinners (Bayeux), two lunches.

Hotels: 2 overnight stays in 3 star hotels.

Cost of post-tour = 665 €/ personne

Friday 8th June

The post congress tour will allow participants to first visit the MONT SAINT MICHEL, true treasure of world heritage. Since the 8th century, the date of creation of the abbey, this mythical place has first of all been a place of pilgrimage. But it is also a place of rare geographical importance as this granite rock is isolated from the continent by a bay completely enclosing it with water at high tide, and emptied for kilometers at low tide. This will be an impressive and unforgettable view for you, as for the 2.5 million visitors coming here every year!

Visiting this medieval city with its sloping streets will allow you to admire its houses dating back to the 15th and 16th century, and to choose from a visit in four museums:

- *The Archéoscope, a spectacular multimedia show about the construction of the site*
- *The Musée Historique with its ancient collections*
- *The Musée de la Mer, explaining the phenomenon of the tides and the sanding up of the site*
- *The Logis Tiphaine (14th century): home of DUGUESCLIN, marshal of the king of France Charles V.*



Finally, the visit of the Abbey will be the highlight of the visit; it will offer a complete view on the medieval architecture from the 10th to the 16th century. On the way back we will take the rampart or round walk that allows contemplating the splendid view on the bay.

7.30 am: Breakfast at the hotel

8 am: Check-out

8.15 am: Picking up participants in the hall of their hotel

8.30 am: Departure by bus to the MONT SAINT MICHEL

10.30 am: Arrival at in the Mont Saint Michel parking

- *The bus will stop at the official parking 2.5 km from the site, and a minibus will bring us closer, the final 400 meters will be on foot*
- *The Mont Saint Michel is situated on a rock; this implies many stairs or steep streets. The visit is not recommended to people with reduced mobility, although it is possible.*
- *It is not possible to store any luggage on site. You are advised to leave personal belongings in the bus (depending on weather) and to take only the necessary things with you.*
- *The visit will be free in the first part of the day, as well as the lunch (not included).*
- *For those who are interested, a mass is celebrated every day at 11 am in the parish church; the entry to worshippers is free.*

3 pm: Meeting with our guide to visit the Abbey. She will spend the afternoon with us and will join us again on Saturday to visit the landing beaches, and on Sunday to visit Bayeux.

5.30 pm: Way back by minibus

6 pm: Departure by bus to BAYEUX

8 pm: Dinner in town

11.30 pm: Return to the hotel

Night at the hotel.



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Saturday 9th June

The second day will be dedicated to Operation OVERLORD, the landing of the allied troops in Normandy on 6th June 1944. You will be where the operations took place 74 years ago. These Normandy beaches have entered history and are the symbol of the biggest marine military operation ever. We will see the area where the American troops landed, and the museums and a film will allow us to get full knowledge of the D-Day.

7.30 am: Breakfast at the hotel

8.30 am: Departure of buses to the Landing Beaches

10.30 am: The programme will be put together with our guide. It will most likely include

- *Sainte Mère l'Eglise*
- *UTAH BEACH, its museum on paratroops, its church and the effigy of the soldier John STEELE (USA), Milestone 00 (start of Liberty Road)*
- *The German military cemetery in La Cambe*
- *The Pointe du Hoc: the cliff and its bomb crates*
- *OMAHA BEACH: between Vierville-sur-Mer and Colleville-sur-Mer, the Monument of the 5th Engineer Special Brigade and the Landing Monument. At Saint-Laurent the OMAHA Museum and the US Military Cemetery.*

A lunch will be served at midday

4.30 pm: ARROMANCHES. Visit of the Musée du Débarquement, sight from the belvédère of the D514, Cinéma Arromanches 360°.

6.30 pm: To BAYEUX

8 pm: Dinner in town

11.30 pm: Back to hotel

Night at the hotel.



Sunday 10th June

The third day will be dedicated to the Viking tribe that dominated Europe in the 10th and 11th century, with the duchy of Normandy that France yielded in 911, and that reached its peak in 1066 during the Battle of Hastings when William the Conqueror invaded England and became king. Like this, we will have experienced several centuries of history during these three days!

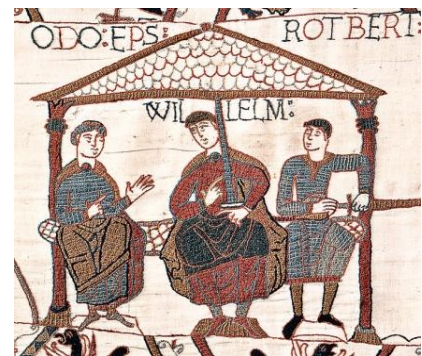


7.30 am: Breakfast at the hotel

8.30 am: Walk in the streets of BAYEUX with our guide to see its timber-framed houses, vast town houses, and the Cathedral Notre-Dame

9.30 am: Visit of the William the Conqueror Centre

We will discover the epic of the Vikings, the breaking of the Vow of Bayeux, the conquest of England by William the Conqueror depicted in the world-known Bayeux Tapestry (Tapestry of Queen Matilda), and the organisation of political and social life in England during William's reign.



11 am: Return to the hotel to pick up the luggage

11.30 am: Departure to GAILLON by bus

1.15 pm: Lunch at Erisay Traiteur (cocktail)

2.45 pm: Departure to PARIS by bus

4.15 pm: Arrival at PARIS. The bus will stop at Porte Maillot to drop off participants who wish to continue for another night in the capital, or those who continue by train. There will be taxis or the Métro for transportation.

5.15 pm: Arrival at Paris ROISSY airport. The bus will stop at Terminal 2. This will be the end point of the post tour. Participants can take the free shuttles to get to the other terminals.

We can assist persons who wish to stay on at Paris for one or several nights to book a hotel in PARIS or ROISSY. Please indicate this during your registration.

End of the post tour

The timing of the visits might need to be adapted for organisational reasons.

In an eventual case of unavailability concerning the hotels listed on this date (or a change in the number of participants), the hotel will be replaced by one of similar quality.