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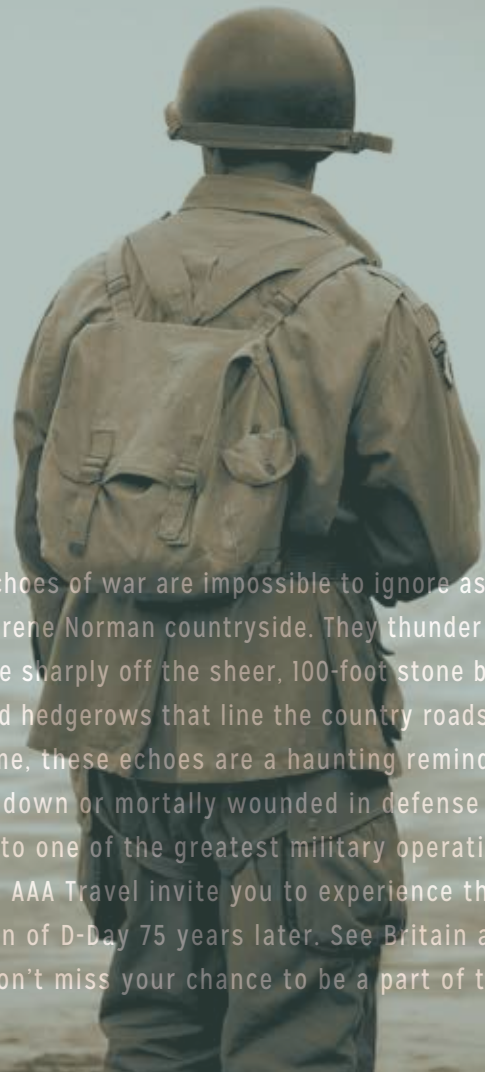




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Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and, later, join your Travel Director for Welcome

Drinks. Learn about the Ceremony of the Keys before witnessing the ancient gate-closing ritual, then continue to dinner and wine at a local restaurant. The next day, visit the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon and, later, explore Winston Churchill's underground cabinet rooms. Dine in the iconic Harmsworth Room as you discover the secrets hidden beneath the streets of Westminster.

Learn about the Ceremony of the Keys tradition for "locking up" the Tower of London, carried out every night by the Beefeaters, without fail, for the past 700 years. The Yeoman Warder provides a history of the tradition and explains the etiquette of handling the keys before you observe this ancient gate-closing ritual.



## LONDON



Visit the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon to wonder at their unparalleled aircraft display and, later, explore Winston Churchill's cabinet rooms and secret underground War Rooms. Walk the labyrinth of rooms and corridors that stretch below Westminster that sheltered Winston Churchill and his war cabinet from the German bombing raids, plus dine in the iconic Harmsworth Room.

Two nights at the **Amba Hotel Marble Arch**, a spacious and modern, 4-star, luxury hotel located in the heart of London's glittering center.



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Travel to Portsmouth to visit the Southwick House and view its famous Map Wall. Continue to the D-Day Museum for stunning audio-visual presentations that bring the entire D-Day experience to life.

Once a magnificent family home, Southwick House became the headquarters of the main Allied commanders – Admiral Ramsay, General Eisenhower and General Montgomery – and is where, on June 5, 1944, the decision was made to launch the D-Day invasion. Today, the exterior of the home is little changed and the library and drawing rooms, with their massive plywood maps set to 0630 hours, are precisely as they were that fateful day.

Learn how the army crossed the English Channel into France at the D-Day Story in Portsmouth, told through the personal



## PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND



possessions and words of the people who took part, and brought to life through stunning imagery, audio-visual presentations and hands-on interactives, alongside iconic objects from the museum's collection. The story is told in three sections: Preparation, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy; Legacy; and the Overlord Embroidery, a tapestry measuring 272 feet in length and comprised of 34 hand-stitched panels that tell the extraordinary story of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.



One night at **The Queens Hotel Portsmouth**, offering over 70 unique bedrooms, many featuring spectacular panoramic sea views along with Edwardian high ceilings and balconies.





Travel in the footsteps of the soldiers as you cross from Portsmouth, England into Caen, France by ferry. The one-way trip takes approximately 6-7 hours, covering a total distance of 126 miles. Continue to your hotel, perched on the historic coast where the D-Day landings took place.

## CROSSING THE CHANNEL



Varying in width from 150 miles to just 21 miles, the English Channel separates southern England from northern France and links the North Sea to the Atlantic Ocean. Today, it is one of the busiest shipping areas in the world, but in the early morning hours of June 6, 1944, it was the site of one of the largest seaborne invasions in the history of the world.

That day, 5,000 landing and assault craft ferried 135,000 Allied troops who stormed ashore onto heavily-mined beaches code-named Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.



As you make your way across the Channel in leisurely fashion, imagine the feelings that ran through the minds of the Allied soldiers as they crossed the Channel and approached the harrowing scene just ahead.

Two nights at the **Churchill Hotel Bayeux** (June departure) with warm decor, an air-conditioned lounge, a fully-furnished terrace and a spacious veranda.

Two nights at the **Mercure Hotel Omaha Beach** (September departure) featuring rooms that overlook the Omaha Beach 36-hole golf course, pool, or lush gardens.



Allied forces made their way through the beautiful, yet treacherous, Normandy countryside.





Travel past Juno and Gold beaches to visit the D-Day Museum and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay of Arromanches. Then, with a Local Expert, spend a few reflective moments and observe a wreath laying at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent near Omaha Beach, before following the route of the Rangers and visiting the bunkers and the Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Later, in the heart of countryside, arrive at **L'Auberge des Monte** and enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table Dinner of traditional, regional cuisine with locally-sourced ingredients and local wines served in an authentic setting and warm atmosphere, before returning to your hotel.



## THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY



**D-Day, June 6, 1944**..as the soldiers approached the five beaches, the concussive sound of explosions and gunfire ricocheted off the massive stone cliffs, intense flames illuminated the early morning sky and the smell of war permeated the air. Fierce fighting ensued as barrages of mortar and gun fire rained down from German positions located high above in machine gun nests and concrete fortifications. That first day, Allied casualties numbered well over 10,000 and approximately 4,500 were killed. Finally, after six days of heavy fighting, all five beaches were linked. Experience all the sights, sounds and poignant reminders of a day that will be forever remembered for the ultimate sacrifices made by brave men and women.





Visit the Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, one of the first towns liberated

after D-Day. See the town church spire that American paratrooper John Steele got caught on before the Germans took him prisoner. Then, explore Dead Man's Corner Museum and experience the thrill of the Stoy Hora C-47 hi-tech flight simulator (airborne troop carrier). Continue to your hotel and, after a restful night's sleep, bid "adieu" to Paris the next morning and depart for home.

Headquarters of the German paratroopers before being taken over by the American paratroopers, Dead Man's Corner is currently a museum dedicated to the former. Through authentic artifacts that belonged to German paratroopers, discover the strategic challenge with the city of Carentan and why Dead Man's



## ON TO PARIS



Corner was so crucial to the seizure of this city. The events that took place there have been carefully recreated and their story is told through the eyes of the German Commander, Major von der Heydte. Later, head toward Normandy to relive the crossing of the Channel by over 13,000 paratroopers onboard an authentic C-47 converted into a high-tech flight-simulator.



One night at the **Crowne Plaza Charles de Gaulle**, an upscale Paris airport hotel with refined guest rooms (all have balconies or terraces), free WiFi and complimentary entry to Spa Nuxe.



*"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." — WINSTON CHURCHILL*





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Depiction of U.S. paratrooper John Steele who parachuted into Sainte-Mere-Eglise on D-Day and became entangled on a church steeple. He hung there for two hours pretending to be dead before German soldiers captured him. The stained glass window in the chapel depicts the Virgin Mary & three paratroopers, one of whom is Steele.



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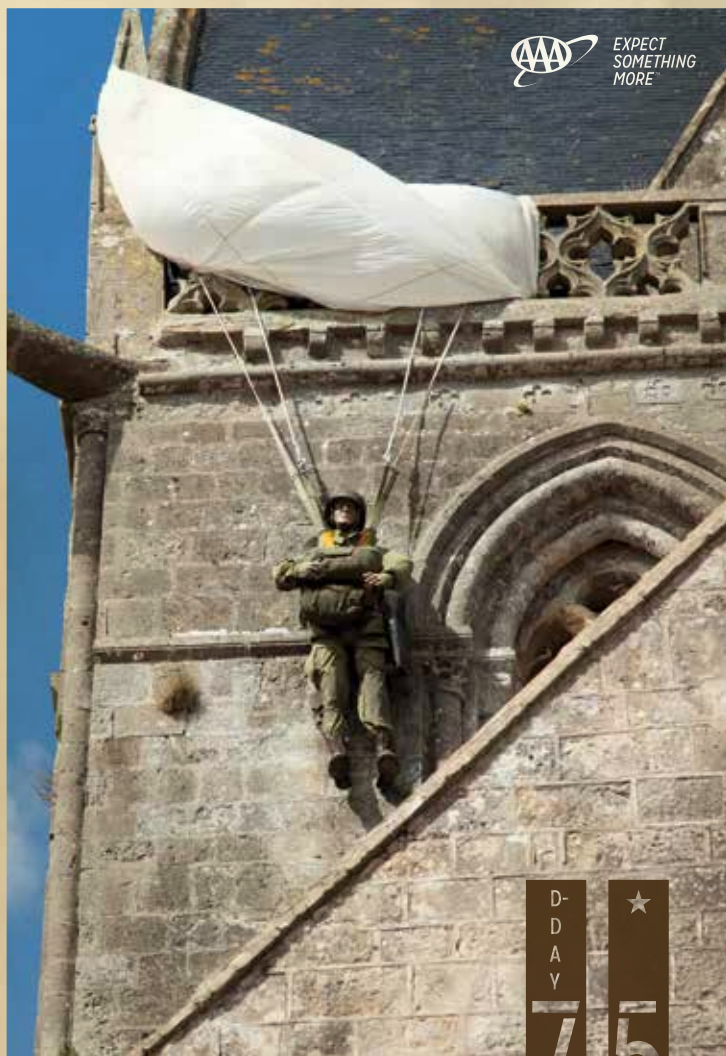
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