

# Normandy – D Day Beaches, Bayeux to Honfleur

*'Two of Normandy's most famous towns...D-Day landing sites...and beautiful countryside renowned for its cheese and cider.'*



Arranches landing beach



American cemetery Omaha Beach



Camembert

- **Historic Bayeux and scenic Honfleur**
- **Visit Omaha and Juno D Day beaches and Pegasus Bridge**
- **Picturesque Normandy countryside of pretty villages, cottages, and orchards**
- **Wonderful food, cider and calvados tasting**
- **7 nights' bed & breakfast with 5 evening meals included**

Recent anniversaries have focused attention on the courageous efforts of Allied troops in 1944 when the huge D Day landings took place in lower Normandy. Our tour allows you to see some of the historic sites associated with the campaign – Omaha and Juno beaches, and Pegasus Bridge, the landing target of British paratroops at the start of 'the longest day'.

After two nights in Bayeux – and a visit to see the Tapestry is a 'must' - you move east along the coast, and then inland through the typical Norman countryside of the Pays d'Auge. Here you can admire the wooden-framed chateau of Crèvecœur, stop at beautiful villages for lunch, and taste the cider and calvados for which this region is famous.

The final two nights are spent in Honfleur, one of France's most attractive ports, and the subject of countless paintings. You can eat out on the final night at one of the many fine restaurants. Seafood is undoubtedly a speciality.

This is a tour with varied interest. Superb coastline and countryside are the backdrop for the poignant reminders of the D Day campaign. Beautiful towns and architecture are evidence of a rich and more distant past.

## ITINERARY

**7 nights:** Bayeux – Honfleur

### Day 1 Arrive in Bayeux

The tapestry, the Cathedral and the old town are highly recommended. Dinner included.

### Day 2 Bayeux to Bayeux ■ Cycling 30m; 48 km

From Bayeux, we head to the famous artificial harbour of Arromanches. Nearby is the main German battery of Longues-sur-Mer. We then follow the Aure valley up to Omaha Beach and the large American war cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer, before returning to Bayeux. Dinner not included

### Day 3 Bayeux to Bénouville ■ Cycling 28m; 45 km

After following the Seulles River, we stop at the impressive Canadian museum of Juno Beach. After Courseulles and its oyster parks, we can visit the Château de Fontaine-Henry. Then we head to the River Orne and Pegasus Bridge – the landing target of the British paratroopers at the start of 'the longest day'. Dinner included.

### Day 4 Bénouville to Cambremer ■ Cycling 24m; 38km

We leave the Caen plain, cross the Dives Marsh before reaching the Pays d'Auge at Beuvron en Auge: time for cider and Calvados tasting! We then continue through rolling hills up to the village of Cambremer. Dinner included.

### Day 5 Cambremer to Cambremer ■ Cycling 22m or 36m; 36km or 58km

We do a loop through a typical Normandy landscape...horses, cows, orchards and beautiful villages. We have the chance to visit the wooden framed chateau of Crèvecœur, to stop at the village of Saint-Julien-le-Faucon for lunch, and see the Château of Coupesarte before returning to Cambremer. For the longer loop we add the Château of Saint-Germain-de-Livet. Dinner included.

### Day 6 Cambremer to Honfleur ■ Cycling 30m; 48km

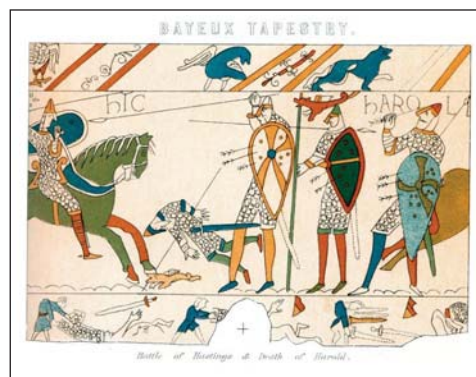
We ride eastward, cross the Touques River at Le Breuil en Auge and another opportunity for cider and Calvados sampling. After a little break at the village of Blangy-le-Château, we head north to Honfleur on the Seine estuary. Dinner included.

### Day 7 Honfleur to Honfleur ■ Cycling 22 or 30m; 35 or 48km

Follow the coast to Trouville and Deauville-sur-Mer, two stylish holiday resorts. Then we come back to Honfleur via the Château of William the Conqueror and the Saint-Gatien forest. On the bigger loop, we go up to the village of Beaumont-en-Auge and we can visit the Manoir des Evêques in Canapville. Dinner not included.

### Day 8 Departure

After breakfast, depart Honfleur at the time of your choice.



Bayeux Tapestry



Port, Honfleur



Honfleur architecture

## TOUR & TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Terrain

The terrain is not demanding. Mostly on flat ground with a few short hills.

### Daily Mileage

22-36 miles (36-58 kms)



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### Climate

Summer temperatures and rainfall are comparable with the UK.

### Travel & Transfer Information

By air/rail

Fly to Paris and transfer by rail from Paris St Lazare station to Bayeux (2 to 3 hours, €35).

Return Trouville-Deauville (12 miles from Honfleur) to Paris St Lazare (2.5 hours €30).

By ferry/rail

Ferry from Portsmouth to Caen. Rail from Caen to Bayeux (15 mins, €6).

Rail from Trouville-Deauville to Caen (1hr €12). Ferry from Caen to Portsmouth.

Please ask us for further details of ferry crossings from Portsmouth to Caen.

## PRICES

Prices are per person and exclude flights. Board basis is bed & breakfast for 7 nights with 5 evening meals. Prices are based on two adults sharing a room in 2 star hotels.

	ALL DATES
SELF-GUIDED	
<b>7 nights</b>	<b>£ 839</b>
Single room supplement £28 per night.	

## DEPARTURE DATES 2010

Any day between 1 April and 31 October 2010



Honfleur harbour