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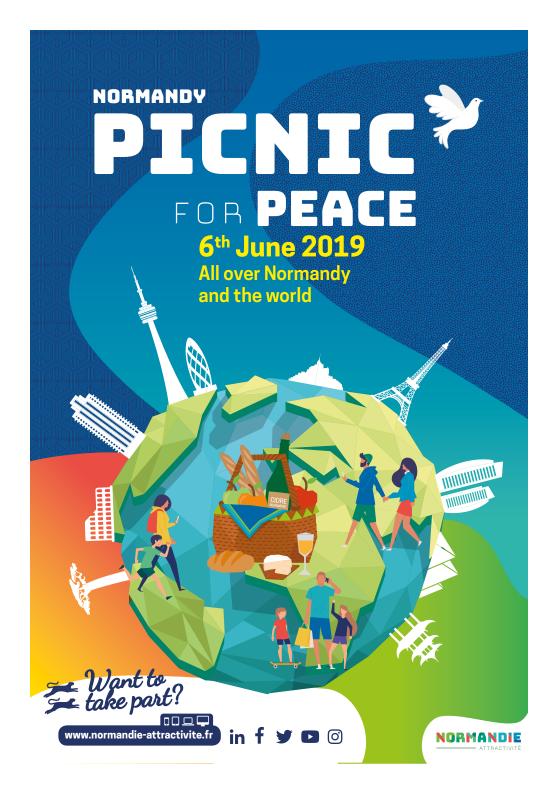
ANNIVERSARY

D-DAY AND BATTLE
OF NORMANDY

2019

# **VISITS AND EVENTS**

of the D-Day Landing Beaches and the Battle Normandy





The veteran shown on the cover page is Lewis Trinder, who took part in the D-Day Landings on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 as a British sailor aboard HMS Magpie, a destroyer escorting the other ships during Operation Overlord. In 2019, he is aged 95, and returns regularly to Normandy.

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# DESTINATION D-DAY

On June 6<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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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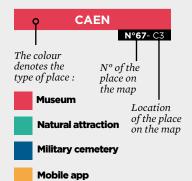


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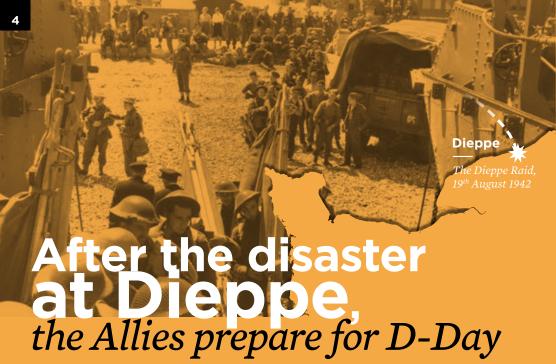
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he Dieppe Raid, on August 19th 1942, brought heavy losses for the troops involved, but at the same time yielded a large amount of information for the Allies' intelligence services. Jubilee – the codename given to the Dieppe Raid – was the first major 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 5<sup>th</sup>, or failing that the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> – 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.





# Nº01-E2 **Le Val Ygot**

In the Eawy forest at Val-Ygot the launch base for V1<sup>s</sup> 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**

Freely accessible. Free guided tours from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of April to September; groups every day by prior appointment at 3€ per person. Duration 1.1/2 hrs.



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# BÉNERVILLE-SUR-MER

N°02 - C3

# 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 Canisv. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May: Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

June: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Mondays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August: Mondays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October: Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

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



# CONTACT

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# DIEPPE

N°03 - E2

# Memorial of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 vou 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 26<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> daily from 2pm to 6.30pm – except Tuesdays

> Free entry on August 19th

> from October 5<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>th</sup> Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 2pm to 6pm

# **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Tour of about 1 1/2 hours 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



### CONTACT

# Mémorial du 19 Août 1942

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# **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





# Cap Fagnet Blockhouse Maison du patrimoine

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N°05 - E2

# ) 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.

the museum is particularly oriented towards older schoolchildren and students.

# **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



Musée de la Résistance et de la Déportation

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N°06 - D3

# 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 eve 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019: 2.30-6.30pm

# **TOURS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Adults: 4€ / Volunteer member to conduct tours from 4€ / Private tours upon request





# Blockhaus de la Gare

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# LE TRÉPORT

N°07 - E1

# **)** 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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# N°08 - D3

# 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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# **PALUEL**

N°09 - D2

# 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 stateof-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.

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# ST-JOUIN-BRUNEVAL

N°10 - D2

# 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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# **CHAMPIGNY-LA-FUTELAYE** N°11 - E4

# 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. 19 809 German soldiers rest here in 17 differently sized squares of lawn. It was inaugurated on September 12th 1964.

# **HAUTOT-SUR-MER**

N°12 - E2

# 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**

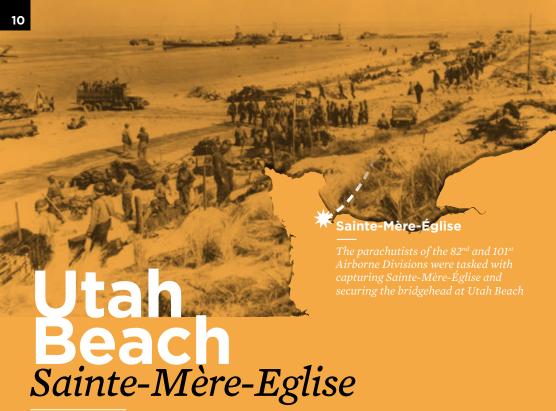
# Historic walk of remembrance

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.vlhistoireetpatrimoine.fr

Communauté de Communes Aumale-Blangy www.cc-aumale-blangy.fr/tourisme.php tourisme-aumale-blangysurbresle@orange.fr Tel. 02 35 17 61 09





hronologically, there were three definable phases to the operation on June 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Divisions were tasked with capturing Sainte-

Mère-Église and securing the beachhead at Utah Beach. At 4 am, 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.



# 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.



- >The film 'Victory Beach' will also be available in 9 languages.
- > Be amongst the first to climb aboard a R26 homber!

# **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: 11/2 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













# Musée du Débarquement Utah Beach

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# Airborne Museum



With its spectacular presentation, The Airborne Museum lets you experience the invasion alongside the American paratroopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> 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 vrs): 6 €

(2 adults and 2 children paying minimum) Adults: 9 €

Children (6 to 16 yrs): 5 €

# Group of adults (15 pers. minimum)

Unquided visit: 7.40 € Guided tour (20 people or more upon reservation.): 8.50 €

# Groups of children (15 pers. minimum)

Unquided visit: 5 € Guided tour (20 people or more upon reservation.): 6 €









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# D-DAY Experience

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 con-verted into a unique flight simulator - now you're about to relive the crossing of the English Channel. Thanks to a modern and immer-sive museography, which will offer a new exhibit of more than 5,300 squarefeet 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 socalled '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 au-dio experience... Two museums, a flight simulator and an IMAX movie theater – D-Day Experience: don't learn History, experience it!

# From June 2019,

IMAX theater, put on your 3D glasses and a new per-spective through the film D-Day technologies, shown on an IMAX screen. this 36-minute documentary offers a total

# **OPENING TIMES**

Open 7 days a week – warm welcome October 1st to March 31: 10:00 am - 06:00 pm April 1st to September 30: 09:30 am - 07:00 pm Annual closing: December 24, 25, 31, 2019, January 1st, 2020 and from January 6 to 12, 2020 Last admission one hour before closing time

# VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES

Individuals – 2 museums and simulator Adults: 13 € Child from 6 to 16:9 € Individuals – 2 museums and simulator + IMAX theater Adults: 19 € Child from 6 to 16: 15 €

Free for tour guides and bus drivers. Duration of visit: 1.5 hours (+1 hour with IMAX)



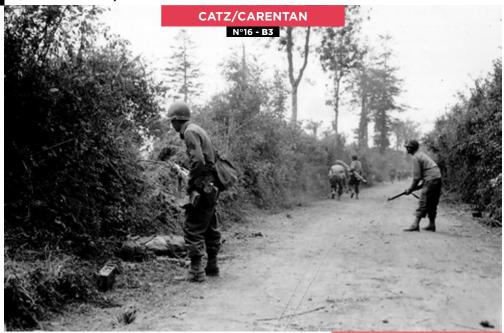






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# Normandy Victory Museum

The Normandy Victory museum is a unic 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.

The +s: Simulators: tanks, strike aircraft, parachute jumps and helicopter. Excursions in armoured vehicles. 40's period bar restaurant open to all. Cinema and conference hall.

# **OPENING TIMES**

# **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES** Individuals:

Adults: 9€ / Children (7 - 16 yrs): 6€ / (under 7): free Groups: Schoolchildren: 6€ / Adults: 8€ Free guided tour – free entry for drivers, guides

and WWII veterans > Trip in armoured vehicle (10 mins): 39€

- in GMC 30€ > 20 minutes in simulator: 25€
- > Entrance + tank + Simulator: 55€











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# Normandy Victory Museum

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# **AZEVILLE**

N°17 - B3

# ) Azeville **Gun Batterv**

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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N°18 - B3

# ) 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)



# CONTACT

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# 1944 Historic **Tour of** Carentan

On June 6th 1944 more than 13,000 American paratroopers dropped into a sector forming a triangle including Sainte-Mère-Eglise, 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.

# CONTACT

# Office de Tourisme de la Baie du Cotentin Bureau de Carentan

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# 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 € / From 8 to 14 yrs: 2.50 € Groups (over 10 people): 5€ Family 2 + 2 teens: 15€ Family 2 + 1 teen: 13€.



# CONTACT

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**ILE TATIHOU** 

N°21 - B2

# 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-Houque +33(0)2 33 54 33 33 tatihou.manche.fr

# SAINT-MARCOUF-DE-L'ISLE

# 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 210mm guns with a range of over 30km. 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:

Sunday to Thursday 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

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for museums, activities, natural attractions and on regional and craft products around Sainte Mère Eglise. Utah Beach, and Carentan.

On sale from our partners and from the Tourist Offices of Carentan and Sainte Mère Eglise

> More information at www.ot-baieducotentin.fr



# Reconstruction of a café – grocery store from the 1940s

Sylvie & Jean-Marie Caillard invite you to their reconstruction of a 1940s café-grocery store. Their doors are open from 11am to from the 40s.

> Monsieur et Madame CAILLARD 11 rue Jean Truffaut Carentan **50500 CARENTAN LES MARAIS** Tél. 06 34 03 46 45

# SAINT-MARCOUF-DE-L'ISLE

N°23 - B3

# Crisbeca **Gun Batterv** 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 tobrooks 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<sup>A</sup> command post on two floors, 6 rooms with their fittings and its Flack 20<sub>mm</sub> aun
- > 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)

### **OPFNING 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**

Unguided visits only

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 11/2 hrs





# CONTACT

# Musée de la Batterie de Crisbecq

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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-Éalise.

# **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: 11/2 hrs



# CONTACT

# World War II Museum

18, Avenue de la plage, QUINÉVILLE +33 (0)2 33 95 95 95 memorial.guineville@wanadoo.fr



# SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE

N°25 - B3

# 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 (lpad) from the Tourist Office: 8€/device

(1 device per vehicle). 250€ deposit per device and ID required









# CONTACT

Office de Tourisme de la Baie du Cotentin Bureau de Sainte Mère Eglise

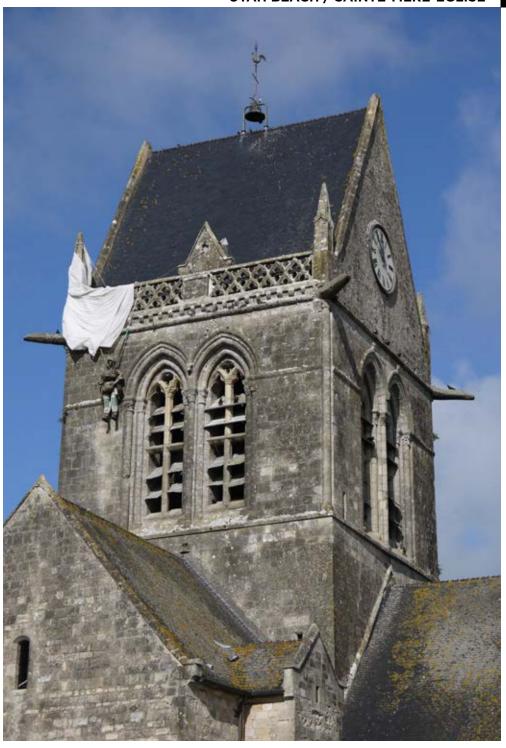
6, rue Eisenhower, 50480 SAINTE-MERE-EGLISE +33 (0)2 33 21 00 33 ot.sme@ccbdc.fr www.ot-baieducotentin.fr



# **German** military Cemetery

Located north of the village of Orglandes 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



n 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 155<sup>mm</sup> 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 760m<sup>2</sup> or 7,600 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.









# Overlord Museum Omaha Beach

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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# **COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER**

N°29 - B3

# )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 6<sup>th</sup> 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





# CONTACT

# Big Red One Assault Museum

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# **GÉFOSSE-FONTENAY**

N°30 - B3

# Tour of Géfosse-Fontenay Blockhouse

Every Sunday morning at 10<sup>am</sup> 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

# VISITES

Visits possible by appointment



# CONTACT

# Pour tous renseignements

+33 (0)6 74 72 25 15 Départ tous les dimanches matin au musée station 70 à Osmanville (à proximité de Géfosse)

# 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:

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# **GRANDCAMP-MAISY**

N°31 - B3

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> 1944 the final assault by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 €







# CONTACT

# Batterie de Maisy

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# **Liberation** House

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**

- >Unquided 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 "







# CONTACT

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# SAINT-LAURENT-SUR-MER

N°33 - B3

# ) Omaha Beach Memorial Museum

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 155 mm gun, a tank and more. Many scenes and a wealth of photographic documentation will plunge vou 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) (hild: 4 € (7-15 vrs) Adult Group: 4.60 € Student Group: 3.80 € School Group: 2.90 €

Duration of unguided visit: 1 hr









# CONTACT

# Musée Mémorial d'Omaha Beach

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# The Omaha **D-Day** Museum

Thousands of original objects are exhibited in an area of over 3,000<sup>m</sup>2 or 30,000 sq ft at the heart of OMAHA BEACH in an authentic American building of the period. Situated between the American cemetery (4km) and Pointe du Hoc (7km), 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.





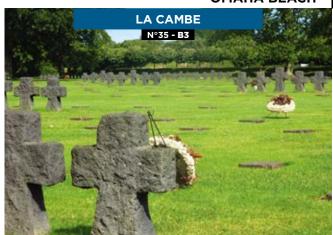




# CONTACT

# Musée D-DAY Omaha

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# The German military Cemetery of La Cambe



Covering 7 ½ 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.

German military cemeteries are maintained and managed by the Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfűrsorge 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).

# **OPENING TIMES**

# Open every day

Winter (October 31st until the end of March): 8.30am to 5pm Summer (April 1st until the end of October) 8am to 7pm

Saturdays and Sundays opens at 9am and closes at 5pm or 7pm depending on the season

### CONTACT

# Cimetière militaire allemand

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# Normandy American Cemetery and Visitor Center

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Located just above Omaha Beach at Collevillesur-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



# **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Free entrance

# CONTACT

**AMBC - Normandy American Cemetery** 14710 Colleville-sur-Mer +33 (0)2 31 51 62 00

normandy@abmc.gov www.abmc.gov





fter landing at Gold Beach, the British 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was soon at the gates of Bayeux, and took control of the town on the morning of June 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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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# The Landings Museum

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.

An alignment of 30 linear metres of models, a diorama and a film of archive footage help to emphasise the huge logistical and strategic achievement of the Allies. The remains of Port Winston, visible from the museum, show the extraordinary scale of this operation.

- Free explanatory brochures available in 18 languages.
- Diorama available in 6 languages
- Archive film in 9 languages
- •3D Animation with commentary

### OPENING TIMES

- > February, November: 10am to 12.30pm -1.30pm to 5pm
- > March, October: 9.30am to 12.30pm -1.30pm to 5.30pm
- > April: 9am to 12.30pm 1.30pm to 6pm
- > May, June, July, August: 9am to 7pm
- > September: 9am to 6pm
- > December 1st to 23rd and 26th to 30th: 10am to 12.30pm - 1.30pm to 5pm Closed in January.

# VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES

# Unquided visit (duration: 11/4 hrs)

Adults: 8.20 €

Students/children (6 – 18 yrs): 6 € Adult in groups (over 20 people): 6.70 € Groups of schoolchildren or students: 4 € Free for: Veterans, children (under 6)...

Guided tour (duration: 11/2 hrs) no supplement [in French]

Guided tours by advance reservation without supplement for groups [Eng/Ger] Book with Mme Isabelle MARIE











# CONTACT

# Musée du Débarquement

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# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

# 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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# **APPLICATION**

# **Arromanches** 1944 in enhanced reality



From the artificial port of Arromanches to Juno Beach

Available free at





# **COMMES - PORT-EN-BESSIN**

N°40 - B3

# ) 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

# **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

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# **VER-SUR-MER**

# N°41 - C3

# 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.

Upen daily from 1st June until 1st September. From 10.30 am to 1pm 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 - BAZENVILLE**

Nº42 - C3

# 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.



The Commonwealth War Graves
Commission (CWGC) is charged with
the commemoration of around 1700
000 members of Commonwealth forces
who gave their lives during two world
wars. The graves and memorials built
for these men and women from all parts
of the Commonwealth, believers or
non-believers, are spread throughout 153
countries in the whole world.

Information about commemorations or the position of particular graves is available from our offices (see below) or through the website of the Commission at www.cwgc.org which includes a database, which you can consult online.

# **OPENING TIMES**

Commission cemeteries are freely accessible to the public throughout the year. For commemorative events and private requests, please contact the CWCG at enquiries@cwqc.org.

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anding by the 3<sup>rd</sup>
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.





## Juno Beach Centre

Located on the beach where Canadians landed in June 1944 at the side of the other Allied forces, the Juno Beach Centre details of the role which Canada played during the Second World War, particularly in Normandy. After a short introductory film, visitors are invited to find out about this history in five permanent exhibition halls with written documents, photos, audio-visual and sound records, multimedia, maps and other objects as well as a twelve minute film entitled "They walk with you", a taste of what the Canadians experienced on D-Day and during the Battle of Normandy.

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 Closed on June 5th 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: 11/2 hours)

Every day with advance booking Picnic room by reservation











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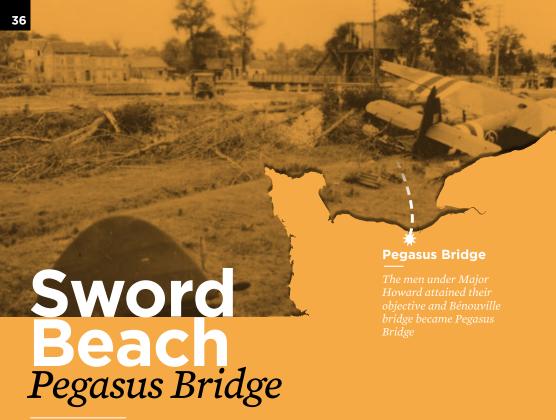
## **BÉNY-SUR-MER - REVIERS** N°44 - C3

The Canadian military cemetery at Bény-sur-Mer is situated close to the village of Reviers, 18km east

#### Bény-sur-mer Canadian War Cemetery **Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery**

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.



n June 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>
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 6<sup>th</sup>, Hitler gave the order to move several armoured divisions towards
Normandy. However, by them it was too late: the die was cast.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division on the night of 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020

#### **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Adult: 8€

Child or student: 5€ Adult groups: 5.50€ School groups: 4.50€













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# Merville Gun Battery Museum



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, vou 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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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**COLLEVILLE-MONTGOMERY** 

N°47 - C3

## Hillman Strongpoint

This German position from the Second World War was the coastal defence command post for the 736<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Grenadiers and 716<sup>th</sup> 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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DOUVRES-LA-DÉLIVRANDE

N°48 - C3

## )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!

#### **OPENING TIMES**

#### From 1st to 12th May 10am-6pm

From 25<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>th</sup> September: 10am-6pm On 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September: 10am-6pm Ticket office closes at 5.15pm Closed on Mondays.

#### **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

#### Unguided tour of about 45 mins.

Full rate: 5.50€ Concessions: 5€ Adult groups: 4.50€ School groups: 3.10€ Children under 10: free



#### CONTACT

#### Musée Radar 1944

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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)



#### CONTACT

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#### **OUISTREHAM**

N°50 - C3

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January

#### **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Adults: 7.50€ Children: 5.50€ (6-12 years)



#### CONTACT

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#### Soldat Léon **Ouistreham 1944**

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







#### DOUVRES-LA-DÉLIVRANDE

N°51 - C3

## 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**

N°52 - C3

#### Hermanville 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**

N°53 - C3

## 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 gravevard 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.



n the afternoon of June 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. There, too, was Maurice Schumann, the spokesman of Free France (one of the voices of the BBC, he landed on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Asnelles). Without needing to fight, the troops captured the coastal battery of Longues-sur-Mer, and took its garrison prisoner.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Bayeux War Cemetery

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.

#### **OPENING TIMES**

The Commission's cemeteries are open to the public all year round. For commemorative events and private requests, please contact the CWCG at enquiries@cwgc.org.

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N°55 - C3

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup> 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: 11/2 hrs + 25-minute film Children under 10, veterans: free









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n 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.



#### **CHERBOURG-EN-COTENTIN**

N°56 - A2

## )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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. The 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.

**OPENING TIMES & ENTRANCE FEES** : citedelamer.com From 27th April 2019 Visit included in paid visits to La Cité de la Mer

#### CONTACT

#### Cité de la Mer

Gare Maritime Transatlantique Cherbourg-Octeville 50100 CHERBOURG-EN-COTENTIN +33 (0)2 33 20 26 69 citedelamer.com At the top of the Montagne du Roule, the museum of the Liberation is housed in a Second Empire fort. Its strategic position overlooking the port made it key to the defence of Cherbourg. Hence the expression: "Whoever holds Roule holds Cherbourg". Once taken by the Germans, subterranean passages were dug into the rock. On June 26<sup>th</sup> 1944 the fort was retaken by the Americans. Cherbourg was the first port to be liberated in mainland France, as well as the biggest in the world, for several months.

Liberation

>Temporary exhibition: Objects narrate the 1939-1945 war

From 1st June to 29st September 2019. >Charles de Gaulle's tank jacket on exceptional loan from the army museum. > Amuse yourself at the museum during the holidays! During the school holidays, the museums service has activities suitable for children over 3 years old. For information: 02 33 20 14 12

#### **OPENING TIMES**

#### Open from 4th May to 31st

Tuesday to Friday 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 6pm; Saturdays and Sundays 1pm to 6pm

#### **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Adults: 4€ / Children free / Adult groups 2.50€ Unaccompanied visit: 2 hrs Guided tour: 11/2 hrs

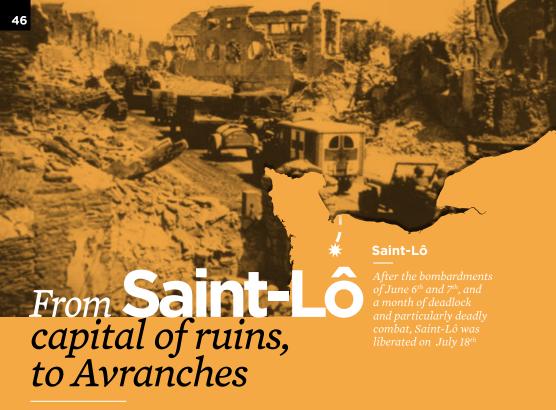
Free on Wednesdays



#### CONTACT

#### Liberation Museum

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he 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, and a month of deadlock and particularly deadly combat, the "capital of ruins" was liberated on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 30<sup>th</sup> American troops took Avranches. General Patton with the American armoured divisions and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**AVRANCHES** 

N°58 - B5

## 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

#### CONTACT

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#### **FOLLIGNY**

N°59 - B4

## >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



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#### **MARIGNY**

N°60 - B3

## 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

#### **ENTRANCE FEES**

#### Free entry

Groups: year-round, with reservation



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**MORTAIN-BOCAGE** 

N°61 - B5

## The Saint **Michel** Chapel

Perched on its rock promontory 323 metres high, it offers a panoramic view as far as Maine and Brittany. You can even see the Mont Saint-Michel on a clear day. A place of tragedy during the battle of August 1944 when many soldiers lost their lives here for our freedom, nowadays it is a place of remembrance with its memorial and one of three French depictions of General Eisenhower's coat of arms.

#### **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Open year round (for groups) upon request at The Tourist Office



#### CONTACT

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#### **PONTAUBAULT**

N°62 - B5

## ) François **Mutschler** Collection

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

Unquided visits at all times Guided tours on request





#### CONTACT

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N°63 - B3

## Chapelle de la Madeleine **US memorial**

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

www.ot-saintloagglo.fr

#### Free entry



#### CONTACT

#### Chapelle de La Madeleine - Mémorial US

Direction Bayeux Square des Victimes du 11 Septembre 2001 50 000 SAINT-LO +33 (0)2 14 29 00 17 tourisme@saint-lo-agglo.fr

#### **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

#### CONTACT

#### Musée des Beaux-Arts

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#### **HUISNES-SUR-MER**

N°65 - B5

#### **German** military cemetery

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.



#### **SAINT-JAMES**

N°67 - B5

#### **German** military cemetery

MARIGNY/LA CHAP. EN JUGER

N°66 - B3

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.

## 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.



t dawn on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> that the last quarters of the town, such as Vaucelles, were liberated.



## The Caen Mémorial museum



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)



Guided minivan tours of the D-Day Landing beaches all year round. Information and Bookings: www.memorial-caen.fr +33 (0)2 31 06 06 45 Payment by card at time of booking

#### **OPENING TIMES**

#### Closed on January 1st

>January 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 2019: 9.30am to 6pm >Annual closure from January 6<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 2019

>January 29<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>: 9am to 6pm >April 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>: 9am to 7pm

>October 1st to December 31st 2019: 9.30am

Closed on Mondays in November and December (except November 11th and December  $23^{rd}$  and  $30^{th}$ )

#### **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Adults: 19.80€

Children (10 to 18 years): 17.50€

Family pass (2 adults + children aged 10 - 25): 51€ Adult groups (from 20 people): 14.50€ School groups (from 15 people): Secondary

7.50€ / Primary 5€ Students: 17.50€ on production of student card

Children under 10, veterans: free





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CAEN

N°69 - C3

## 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.

"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

#### CONTACT

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#### ST-MARTIN-DES-BESACES

N°70 - B4

## 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. Open year round by advance booking for groups and school parties

#### **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Adult: 6€ / Child: 2€ Adult group rate: 4€ (20 people minimum) School group rate: 2€ (20 people minimum) Languages spoken: French - English Free for children under 6 years old and veterans











#### CONTACT

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#### **TILLY-SUR-SEULLES**

## 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 >9th 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

#### **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€



#### Musée de la Bataille de Tilly-sur-Seulles

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#### **BANNEVILLE-LA-CAMPAGNE**

N°72 - C3

## 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**

N°73 - C3 Brouay War Cemeterv

**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**

N°76 - C3 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

N°79 - D4 St. Desir War Cemeterv 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.

#### **SAINT-MANVIEU - CHEUX**

N°80 - C3 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.

#### **CHOUAIN-JÉRUSALEM**

N°75 - C3 Jerusalem War Cemeterv

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.

#### **SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN**

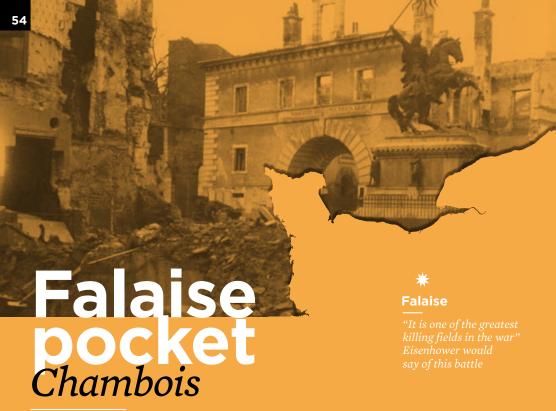
N°78 - C3 Secqueville-en-Bessin War Cemetery Commonwealth War Graves **Commission Cemetery** 

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**

N°81 - C3 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.



ust 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> German armies in "Falaise Pocket".

When the Canadians took Falaise on August 17<sup>th</sup> 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...



# **Mont-Ormel Memorial**

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".



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) FFR/GB/D/PL1

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: 11/2hours) [FR] Year round by reservation only











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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 (11/2 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

#### CONTACT

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#### **BERJOU**

## The Liberation of Beriou 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 May to 30th from 2pm to 5.30pm Visits possible outside normal opening period

#### **VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

Free





#### CONTACT

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#### L'AIGLE

N°85 - D4

## )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-squarefoot 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-auided 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



#### CONTACT

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#### BRETTEVILLE-SUR-LAIZE

N°86 - C4

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

N°87 - C5

## 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.



## N°88 - C4

#### **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.

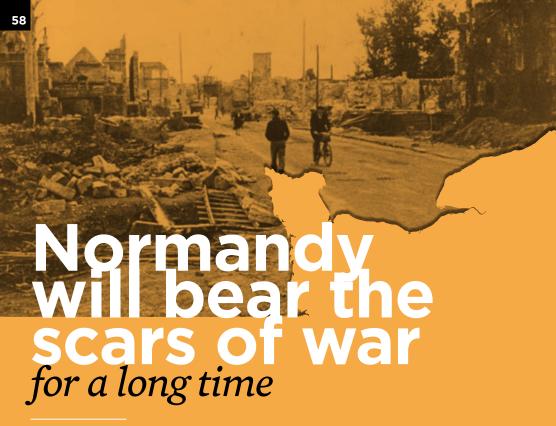


#### **VIMOUTIERS**

### 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!



uring 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 15<sup>th</sup>. On August 21<sup>st</sup> department of Orne was also liberated. In Calvados, the last place to be freed was Honfleur on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The towns of Vernon and Rouen were liberated at the end of August, Dieppe on September 1<sup>st</sup> 1944 and Le Havre on the 12<sup>th</sup>.



# 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

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 tovs"

#### **OPENING TIMES**

- > 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

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€







#### Mémorial de Falaise

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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 1<sup>st</sup> June until 15<sup>th</sup> 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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# 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 Gonfreville l'Orcher. It had a capacity of 35.000 men.

#### **OPENING TIMES**

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

#### CONTACT

#### Le Camp cigarette Philip Morris

Rue du Camp Philip Morris 76700 Gonfreville-l'Orcher +33(0)6 06 56 18 79

#### **TOSNY**

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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 to16 yrs) : 1.50 €

Group: 5 € (by appointment)



#### CONTACT

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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 D290A, 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'Eventé towards Vire. Just over 800 dead from the Commonwealth are interred here.



#### 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.





## 4 & 5 JUNE 2019

CONFERENCES, DEBATES AND VILLAGE FOR PEACE

CAEN - ABBAYE-AUX-DAMES









## **MAY 2020**

## 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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





# **Events Diary** for the 75<sup>Th</sup> 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/75<sup>th</sup>" 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-debarguement-847-1.html

#### **JANUARY TO MAY**

#### THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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ÉVREUX

#### ) 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 the German military cemetery of Champigny la Futelaye, the 2nd largest in Normandy. 2.30pm: Tour of Evreux 105 Airbase, which is still operational. See an iconic aeroplane: the Transall C160.

Évreux Portes de Normandie www.grandevreuxtourisme.fr

>10.45am - Ceremony

#### **SUNDAY 17TH MARCH**

SAINT DENIS LE THIBOULT 76

## 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

#### > 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

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 Merville-Franceville and Saint Martin de Varreville www.dday-comitedudebarquement.fr

#### **MONDAY 8TH APRIL**

#### SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER

#### > Until 12/11/2019 - Exhibition

#### In their footsteps

7 history booths spread through 7 communities. Accounts and biographies of soldiers and civilians who lived through the Occupation, the invasion and Liberation.

Courseulles-sur-mer, Bernières-sur-mer, Saint-Aubin-sur-mer, Langrune-sur-mer, Luc-sur-mer, Douvres-la-Délivrande, Reviers/Bény-sur-mer www.terresdenacre.com

#### **SUNDAY 28TH APRIL**

#### SAINT-LÔ

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> 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

## > 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 Hérode - 14710 Vierville sur Mer Facebook : ils débarquent

#### **SATURDAY 4TH MAY**

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#### > 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

#### **MONDAY 6TH MAY**

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE

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### > 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 Église Media Centre 30 Rue J-F Oury / saintemereeglise.fr

#### **WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY**

**FALAISE** 

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#### > 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

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#### **SAINT LO**

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#### > 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 8<sup>th</sup> May a symbolic day in Vierville Sur Mer, on 9<sup>th</sup> May at Vierville Sur Mer, on 9<sup>th</sup> May at Avranches, 10<sup>th</sup> May at Sainte Mere Eglise, 11<sup>th</sup> May at Saint Lo.

Vierville Sur Mer, Avranches, Sainte Mère-Église et Saint-Lô

#### THURSDAY 9TH MAY

SAINT-LO

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#### >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**

#### SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE

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#### >8.30pm - Concert

#### Prelude to the ceremonies to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> 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 Leligny: about thirty photographs of the people of Normandy from the book '1944, 30 Normans attest'. La Halle, 72 rue Pasteur, 14750 Saint-Aubin-sur-mer saintaubinsurmer.fr

#### **SUNDAY 12TH MAY**

#### BAGNOLES DE L'ORNE NORMANDY

>5pm - Show

## Concert: Girly Swing Big

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** 

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#### > 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-Lô was laid. Many more would follow until the 1960s. It's this face of Saint-Lô, 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-Lô town centre (departure from The Fine Arts Museum) www.saint-lo.fr

#### **SATURDAY 25TH MAY**

#### CARENTAN LES MARAIS

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#### 'History and Memories' Book fair

www.ccbdc.fr

#### CAUDEBEC-LES-ELBEUF

#### > Until 26/05/2019 - Entertainment America is Landing!

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.caudebecleselbeuf.fr

#### **TUESDAY 28TH MAY**

**SAINT-LO** 

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#### > 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** 

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## > 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 Tessy Bocage www.ot-saintloagglo.fr

#### FRIDAY 31ST MAY

SAINTE MARIE DU MONT

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#### >8.30pm - Film

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## Public Premiere of the documentary "The Girl who wore freedom"

Public premiere of the documentary 'The Girl Who Wore Freedom',

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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

#### **SATURDAY 1ST JUNE**

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 D514 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 inspried 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.

Council Room, Bénouville Mairie www.mairie-benouville.fr

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#### > 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

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#### >> 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

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#### 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 museum).

19 hameau presbytere 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 battle-fields, the battle of Ecausseville, from the sides of the Americans, the Germans and also the French. By E. Guillemeau. Suitable for all ages. Entrance fee.

Ecausseville

#### **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 Eté 44 Normandje' (Summer 44 Normandje') 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

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## > Until 15/09/2019 - Exhibition Exhibition (All actors of

## 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.

The villages of La Haye, Lessay and Périers. www.tourisme-cocm.fr

#### **LONGUES SUR MER**

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#### > Until 9/06/2019 - 11am > 6pm - Event Reconstruction of the 28<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### VIRE NORMANDIE

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#### >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

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#### > 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 eve witnesses to the arrival of General de Gaulle. Debate on the theme of Peace 75 years later www.vfm.fr

#### **CARENTAN LES MARAIS**

#### > Activity

#### **RUN** with period Harley **Davidsons**

at 9.30am in front of the museum. Lunch stop in the village of Sainte-

Marie-du-Mont (bring a picnic or

4.30pm. Fee: 4€ (including an unac-

companied visit to the museum on

the day of the walk, for those that

Utah Beach - Sainte-Marie-du-Mont

Places limited, by reservation:

musee@utah-beach.com

SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE

www.utah-beach.com

ou 02 33 71 53 35

food and drink available on site).

Return to the museum around

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

#### > 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

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#### > 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

#### **SUNDAY 2ND JUNE**

#### > 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.wwiifoundation.org

#### **OUISTREHAM**

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#### > 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

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#### > 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

#### **MONDAY 3RD JUNE**

#### **ANNOVILLE**

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#### > 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

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#### Ceremony

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## International Ceremony for

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

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#### >10am>middav - 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**

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#### > Until 10/06/2019 - Show

#### **D-Day Memorial Airborne** Operation

Watch commemorative parachute drops in the style of June 1944 with 6 C47 aircraft from The Second World War in (D-Day) period configuration in the historic sectors of Normandy.

Round Canopy Parachuting Team (Facebook page)

#### **MONTEBOURG**

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#### > Until 10/06/2019 - Activity

#### Showcasing the battlefield involved in the fighting on 9th JUNE 44 + Creation of a memorial monument for US soldiers

Organisation of a symposium with veterans (German and American) and the public to raise awareness about peace and intercultural exchanges through dialogue. Also guided tours along the route of the battle of 9th June 1944 to explain the suffering on both the German and American sides. Dance for peace on 9th June 2019.

Ecausseville (50) aerobase.fr

#### VILLEDIEU-LES-POÊLES

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#### > Until 28/06/2019 - 9.30am/1pm 2pm/6pm

#### **Exhibition-sale**

Exhibition of a model and of objects showing what life was like during the period of the Invasion in the Manche department.

The Tourist Office Showcase of arts and crafts www.ot-villedieu.fr

#### **TUESDAY 4TH JUNE**

**BERNIÈRES SUR MER** 

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#### > Until 09/06/2019 - Midday

#### La Berniéraise

6 days of nautical meetings and of Landings at Juno Beach to celebrate the Return of Freedom in 1944. Tuesday 4th June: Tribute on the water to the Canadians. Wednesday 5th June: The Bernieres School Sports Day organised by UNSS Calvados. Thursday 6th June: The Bernieres Schools Day, sailing scale model boats. Friday 7th June: The Bernieres Colleges Nautical and Arts Day. Saturday 8th June: The Great Convoy Sailings and Landing in front of La Maison des Canadiens, Sunday 9th June: Trials, Demonstrations, Activities and Landing by Volunteers. www.labernieraise.fr

#### **MOON SUR ELLE**

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#### > 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

#### **OUISTREHAM**

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#### > Until 07/06/2019 - 8.30am > 2pm

#### March of the Commandos

Students and soldiers from the school of marine fusiliers of Lorient will walk from Colleville-Montgomery to Bénouville, passing through Ouistreham, for the march of the commandos, so paying tribute to the 177 men of Commander Kieffer.

Various coastal communities including Ouistreham to retrace the route taken at the time by the 177 men of Commando of the green berets under Commander Philippe Kieffer ouistreham-rivabella.fr

#### RANVILLE

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#### > Until 15/12/2019 - 9.30am>6.30pm -Exhibition

#### **Operation Goodwood**

The story of the biggest tank battle involving tanks from the English army recounted through information panels and a film.

Pegasus Memorial Museum musee.memorial-pegasus.com

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#### > Until 09/06/2019 - 9.30am>7pm, Times may vary on 6th and 7th June -Exhibition

#### **Utah Memory Field**

A major historic gathering marking a link between the armed forces of vesterday 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

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#### > 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

### > 6pm - Ceremony

#### Ceremony

Military parade with US troops, about 40 men from the 4th DI and

#### **JUNE**

 $90^{th}$  DI and re-enactors followed by a ceremony .

Sainte Marie du Mont

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#### >8.30pm - Performance

#### We remember

Musical reading created by storyteller Marie Lemoine. Over several months she collected the eyewitness accounts of people from Verson from the Second World War, and particularly of the period of the Invasion.

Verson 14790 / www.ville-verson.fr

#### **WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE**

#### **ASNELLES**

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#### > Until 11/06/2019 - 10am>6pm - Exhibition The men from London and the BBC

The role played by the shadowy men in London from the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1940 until the 6th June 1944.

Maurice Schumann Hall www.laca-asnelles.com

#### **BÉNOUVILLE**

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#### >3pm>4pm - Show

#### Concert by Fiona HARRI-SON and Paul MARSDEN

Fiona Harrison and Paul Marsden sing songs from the 1940s.

Esplanade John Howard www.mairie-benouville.fr

#### > 6.15pm - Performance

#### Concert by the 'Massed Police Band of the Pegasus Memorial'

Concert

South Esplanade of the salle polyvalente www.mairie-benouville.fr

#### >10pm>11pm - Performance

## Concert by the BAND OF LIBERATION

Concert of military music Esplanade John Howard. www.mairie-benouville.fr

#### > Until 06/06/2019 - 11.30pm - Ceremony Midnight Ceremony

Bénouville / www.mairie-benouville.fr

#### **CARPIQUET**

#### > Until 8/06/2019 - 10am>5pm - Show Daks over Normandy

Daks over Normandy (Dakotas over Normandy) is a way of paying tribute to those who paid so much to liberate Europe. For the very first time a number of these magnificent aeroplanes will gather at the very place where they had their moment of glory. From the 2nd to the 9th June 2019, over 30 DC-3/ C-47s will be assembled. The event of June 7th and 8th at the airport of Caen-Carpiquet in Normandy. On the 5th June 2019, we invite you to come and walk in the footsteps of the "Great Generation". Around 300 men and women will depart from the United Kingdom and cross the Channel and jump by parachute in the historic area of Ranville – all in period uniforms and parachutes.

More information and entrance tickets for the 7th & 8th at Caen-Carpiquet are available on the website www.daksovernormandy.com and at entrances. Ranville and Caen-Carpiquet Airport www. daksovernormandy.com

#### CARENTAN LES MARAIS

#### > 4.30pm - Ceremony

#### Ceremony of the 'Carré de Choux' (Square of Cabbages)

Official ceremony at the 'Carré de Choux', in honour of the paratroopers of the 101st Airborne. Military parade to the Town Hall. 5.30pm: Ceremony at the Signal Monument (in front of the Town Hall).

Route de Saint-Come, 50500 Carentan www.carentan.fr

#### > 9pm > midnight - Performance

#### Concert by Nick Aaron with Freedom firework display

Concert by Nick Aaron, actor from the series 'Band of Brothers' in the company of the groups Nashville Exil and Deadbeat Delta, followed by a firework display for freedom at the marina.

Carentan les Marais (Marina) www.carentan.fr

#### **COLLEVILLE-MONTGOMERY**

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#### > 11am - Ceremony

## **British Commemoration Ceremony**

Statue of Marshall Montgomery www.collevillemontgomery.fr

#### > 4pm - Concert

## Concert by 'Dday Pipes and Drums'

Sword Beach. Landing site for British troops and Kieffer commandos. In the presence pf John Millin and veterans

Place du Débarquement: statue de Bill Millin. www.collevillemontgomery.fr

#### > 6pm - Ceremony

#### Ceremony to pay tribute to the soldiers who fell during the Battle of Normandy

Ceremony to pay tribute to the soldiers who fell during the D-Day Landings and in particular to the three soldiers of Kieffer commando who fell on June 6th. Laying of wreathes.

Hermanville-sur-Mer British Cemetery www.collevillemontgomery.fr

#### > Until 10/06/2019 - Exhibition

## Reconstruction of an Allied military camp

Reconstruction of a camp of Allied military vehicles and presentation of a camp by re-enactors in period costume.

#### **COLLEVILLE SUR MER**

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#### >8.30pm - Event

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#### Open air film screening (on the very site of the D-Day Landings below the WN 62) followed by a firework display

Screening of 'Saving Private Ryan' on the 5th June at 8.30pm on a giant screen at the WN 62 close to the American military cemetery. The evening will end with a firework display after the film.

Plage verte at Colleville sur mer. Colleville sur mer town hall

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### > From 9pm - Ceremony

### Tribute to the soldiers at the WN62

Release of balloons with messages. Laving of flowers and candles. Release of lanterns.

### **COURSEULLES SUR MER**

### > 4pm(in 2D) - on 8/6/2019 at 8.30pm (in 3D) - Film

### Cinema screening of the documentary 'D-Day: Normandv 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

Cinéma de la gare - 16 place du six juin -Courseulles sur mer www.cinemadelagare.fr

### **CREULLY**

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### $\rightarrow$ Until 9/6/2019 – Open to the public

### 2pm>7pm - Event **Creully Camp**

Historic reconstruction of a camp with many British vehicles present.

In the grounds of the chateau of CREULLY / www.stm.com

### **OUISTREHAM**

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### > 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.

Ouistreham - Charcot Quay ouistreham-rivabella.fr

### **SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER**

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### >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

### > 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 saintemereeglise.fr

### THUE ET MUE

### > 10am - Ceremony

### Ceremony at the Amerindian 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

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### **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

### > Ceremony

### **British Commemoration** Ceremony

As every year, British Veterans will celebrate the Landings of 6th June at Arromanches.

Place du 6 JUNE - 14117 Arromanches

### BÉNOUVILLE

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### > 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

### **CARENTAN LES MARAIS**

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### > 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 (Bernières-sur-Mer beach, in front of the maison 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**

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### > Ceremony

### **Commemoration Ceremony**

Commemoration ceremony at the initiative of the local community and of BMVCG Indianhead.

www.cerisy-la-foret.fr

### **COLLEVILLE-MONTGOMERY**

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### >8am - Ceremony

### Ceremonies at the French and British memorials

Remembrance ceremony and laving of wreaths at the memorials and then in the sea with the SNSM.

Avenue du 4e commando (statue of Field Marshall Montgomery) and Bvd 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**

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### > 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-seulles.fr

### > Until 30/9/2019 - Exhibition

### Panels describing the liberation of the community of Villiers le Sec

Villiers le Sec www.creully-sur-seulles.fr

### > Until 30/09/2019 - Exhibition

### Panels describing the birth and development of radio until 1944

The birth and development of radio at the end of the 19th century, its advances in the 1st World War up until the liberation of the country by Allied troops on 6th June 1944.

Creully sur Seulles www.creully-sur-seulles.fr

#### **HEUDREVILLE SUR EURE**

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### > 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 aircaft, 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

### LESSAY

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### > 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 1/2 acres. 150 paratroopers in period uniforms will board a C47 Dakota. First flights in period aircraft, visit vintage aeroplanes, L-Birds present, concerts...

Lessav Aerodrome atlanticwall.fr

### **MERVILLE-FRANCEVILLE PLAGE 14**

### > Until 9/6/2019 - At nightfall - 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**

### > 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 chorale 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 lesenchantheures.weebly.com

### SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER > 2.30pm - Performance

### Message of Peace, 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings

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

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'Eglise de Sainte Mère Église mairie@saintemereeglise.fr

### > Ceremony La Fière Memorial

### A ceremony at which several

international delegations will be represented.

La Fière Sainte Mère Église saintemereeglise.fr

#### **BERNIÈRES SUR MER**

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### > Until 14/7/2019 - Opening and inauguration in the morning - Exhibition

### In the footsteps of the Regiment 'de la chaudière'

"In the footsteps of the Regiment de la chaudière" is a travelling exhibition retracing the odyssey of this Canadian unit during the campaign in Northwestern Europe in 1944 -1945. The exhibition follows the regiment through France, Belgium, Germany and to Holland from the D-Day landings up until the Liberation. With its ressemblance to a military camp. the exhibition plunges the visitor into the life of the men and women who fought for freedom.

www.groupegid.com

### FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

### ANISY

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### Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the **D-Day Landings - JUNO** sector

> Until 8/06/2019 - 7.15pm - Event

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.anisv

### BÉNOUVILLE

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### > 6.15pm>8pm - Performance Concert by Fiona HARRI-

SON 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**

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### > 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

### **COLLEVILLE-MONTGOMERY**

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### >8am - Ceremony

### 'March of the commandos' Tribute to the Kieffer commandos

March from Colleville-Montgomerv 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**

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### > 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 of Creully www.stm.com

### COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER

### > 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**

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### ) 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\( \epsilon \). Information and reservations (essential) on 02 33 45 14 34. Warning – the number of places is limited.

Le Rialto Cinema - La Haye www.tourisme-cocm.fr

### SAINT-AUBIN-SUR-MER

### >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 rythms.

Parc Pillier, 14750 Saint-Aubin-sur-mer saintaubinsurmer.fr

### SAINTE-MARIE-DU-MONT

### >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

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### Firework display

'Utah Memory Field' museum and military camp open until 10pm (last entrance lhr 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

### >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 Vadrouille' 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

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### Ceremony at the E/506 101st Airborne Monument

Place Bienaime Agnes in Beuzeville au plain delegated to Sainte Mère Église saintemereeglise.fr

### THURY-HARCOURT / LE HOM

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### > 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**

### > 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**

> Show

### Air Show

The day of 8th June will be devoted to a major air display which will

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include (subject to confirmation)
<i>La Patrouille de France</i> aerobatics
team. and a demonstration of va-
rious parachuting techniques.

Place du 6 juin - 14117 Arromanches

BADEN 56

### > Until 9/6/2019 - 9am>11pm - Show

# Musical performance with bagpipes, bombards, strolling players, and entertainments.

Sonerien 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**

#### > 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 your best vintage attire for a total immersion in the 40s! Costume desirable but not essential. No reservations. Food available. Entrance 10 €.

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**

### > 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, pinup 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**

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### >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

### > 3.30pm - Event

### Parade of bagpipe players

Gathering of about sixty pipers who will parade playing their bagpipes

Bernières-sur-mer www.terresdenacre.com

### SAINTE MÈRE ÉGLISE

### > 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

### > 9pm-10.30pm - Entertainment Musical entertainment

### Musical entertainment with the

Musical entertainment with the group 'Les Refrains d'Abord '. An interactive concert, which is both funny and warm.

Church square at Sainte Mère Église saintemereeglise.fr

### SAINT-LO

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### > 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-Lô as capital of the Reconstruction. A different way to explore Saint-Lo.

Rue Torteron, beneath the ramparts www.saint-lo.fr

#### SAINT-PIERRE-ÉGLISE

### >5pm - Event

### Onternational Football Match France - USA

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

Saint-Pierre-église / www.as-pointe-cotentin.fr

#### TILLY SUR SEULLES

### >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  $\epsilon$ /person and 4  $\epsilon$  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

#### LE MOLAY-LITTRY

### > 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 seafront 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

#### **TESSY SUR VIRE**

### > 6pm>11pm - Exhibition -Show

## Celebrations of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The D-Day Landings

Free concert. From 6pm, the garden will host a display of military vehicles and a duet of two women will sing songs from 1940/50.

16 Rue de la Fontaine Saint Pierre, 50420 Tessy Sur Vire

### **SUNDAY 9TH JUNE**

# ARROMANCHES PORT-EN-BESSIN-HUPPAIN LONGUES-SUR-MER OUISTREHAM

### > 11.30pm - Show

### Simultaneous Firework Displays

As a way of ending the Normandy D-Day Festival 2019 and the festivities for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, several firework displays will take place simultaneously along the coast where the landings took place.

www.bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com

### BAYEUX

### ) 11am - Event Liberation Parade

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### Parade of British historic vehicles and of pipe bands in the main street of the first town to be libe-

rated in continental France.

Bayeux

www.bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com

### CARENTAN LES MARAIS

### > 10am - Ceremony

### Ceremony dedicated to Lieutenants Robert Judels and Joseph Beyrle (101st Airborne)

Church square, Saint-Côme-du-Mont www.carentanlesmarais.fr

#### > Midday > 5pm - Event

### Grand nautical parade of amphibious vehicles

Grand day of festivities. Giant picnic, musical performances and dancing, grand nautical parade of amphibious vehicles.

Carentan les Marais (Marina) www.carentan.fr

### LA HAYE

#### > 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 hours.

Rate:  $5 \in$  adult, free for under 16 years old. For information or compulsory reservations call 02 33 45 14 34. Be warned places are limited. www.tourisme-cocm.fr

#### **LE MOLAY-LITTRY**

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### >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

### **OUISTREHAM**

### > 9am>7pm - Event

### Kite flying

To celebrate Peace and Freedom, there's nothing like the spectacle of kites flying in the breeze to symbolise the return of Liberty. A show organised by the Kiting association 'Folie'. So come and admire many different kite flying techniques.

Free – Open to all, Ouistreham beach ouistreham-rivabella.fr

### > 11.30am>midday - Event

### Parade of old military vehicles

A parade of vintage military cars will set off from the Hillman Strongpoint at Colleville-Montgomery to arrive at esplanade Lofi in Ouistreham at around 11.30am/midday.

Free – Open to all Ouistreham - esplanade Lo\_ ouistreham-rivabella.fr

### > 2pm>9pm- Concert

### Strolling Concert by the originals of Bagad Lann Bihoué

Come and enjoy a strolling concert in the town with a Breton sound!

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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 Ouistreĥam - Market square - Karine Saporta - Dance hall ouistreham-rivabella.fr

#### **PLUMETOT**

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### >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

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#### > 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 Mere Eglise 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 Mere Eglise saintemereeglise.fr

### > 1pm - Event

### **Military Parachute drops**

A military air show with 1000 parachutists taking part from 7 different nations

At la Fière in Sainte Mere Eglise saintemereeglise.fr

### >3pm - Ceremony

### Ceremony at the Iron Mike-Monument

At la Fière in Sainte Mere Eglise saintemereeglise.fr

### > 3.15pm > 5.45pm

### **Musical entertainment**

Performing on stage will be 'Ladies for Liberty', an American female trio who will perform songs from the 1940s.

### >5.45pm - Event

### Arrival of Troops from la Fière

A parade of period vehicles (10 tanks, 100 vehicles).

In the streets of Sainte Mère Église And the church square / saintemereeglise.fr

### > 8.45pm > 11.30pm

### Musical entertainment

The 'Four-Nation Country-Blues Orchestra', an international quartet composed of musicians each originating from a nation which played an active part in the Allied landings of June 1944.

In the church square at Sainte Mère Église saintemereeglise.fr

### > 11.30pm - Show

### **Pyrotechnic Show**

Magnificent firework display in the church square. An unforgettable spectacle rich in colours.

In the church sauare at Sainte Mère Église saintemereeglise.fr

#### **TILLY SUR SEULLES**

### > 9.30am > 6pm - Event

### The 11th Battle of Normandy **Book Fair**

PFor its 11th year the book fair will be gathering about ten specialist editors, 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.

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

### **MONDAY 10TH JUNE**

### CAEN

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### > Until 27/10/2019 - 9am>7pm - Exhi-

### '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.memorialcaen.fr Entrance exhibition only: 10€ - Exhibition + visit to the Memorial: 24.80€.

Caen / www.memorial-caen.fr

### COURSEULLES-SUR-MER

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### > 3pm (GB) -6pm (FR) - Play

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### 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

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

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### > 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 Saint 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**

### >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 Čentre 02 31 41 65 45 mediatheque@paysdefalaise.fr Médiathèque de Falaise www.paysdefalaise.fr

### **SAINT MARTIN DE VARREVILLE** 50

### > Until 22/6/2019 - Event

### On the road of the Liberation, bicycle rally from Utah-Beach to Strasburg

The 2nd armoured brigade is organising a rally between Saint-Martin de varreville and Strasburg, from the 11th to the 22nd June. The team of cyclists will pass through many towns liberated by Leclerc's 2nd division in 1944.

From Saint martin de varreville to Strasburg facebook: 2ebrigadeblindee

### **WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE**

### **COURSEULLES-SUR-MER**

### >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, Iuno Beach Centre Salle polyvalente / www.junobeach.org

### **COUTANCES**

### > 11am - Tour

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### 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/decouvrircoutances/histoire-patrimoine/villeetpays-dart-et-dhistoire/

### **FRIDAY 14TH JUNE**

#### VIMOUTIERS

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#### > 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**

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### > 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) / v1histoireetpatrimoine.fr

### SAINT-LO

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#### > 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.

The Fine Arts Museum www.saint-lo.fr

### **WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE**

### COUTANCES

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### > Until 2/8/2019 - 11am - Tour

Themed tour on the subject of the bombing raids and the Liberation

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### **JUNE**

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/ histoire-patrimoine/ville-et-pays-dartetdhistoire

### **SATURDAY 22ND JUNE**

### **ALENCON**

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### > 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 Ouarters 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 HO): - 'Summer 44' exhibition focussing on the area of Lyautev 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

### SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

#### SAINTE MARIE DU MONT

#### > 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

### **WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE**

### COUTANCES

#### > 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-dartetdhistoire

### **FRIDAY 28TH JUNE**

### SAINT-LÔ

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### > Until 30/6/2019 - 10pm>2am - Show Life between the wars

### 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

### THUE ET MUE

>8pm - Other

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# 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

### SATURDAY 29TH JUNE

SAINT-LO

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### > Until 30/6/2019 - 2pm>6pm -Event

### Festival of the Vire and its twins

The Festival of the Vire is Saint-Lo's big moment for fun and frolics! The whole family is invited to come and enjoy the free entertainments on offer on the afternoons of the 29th and 30th June 2019. Official delegations from the 4 towns twinned with Saint-Lô will be present.

Plage verte / www.saint-lo.fr

### VILLERS-BOCAGE

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### > 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 Willers-Bocage with music and distribution of sweets. From 7pm: 1940s ambiance with the TRIO SWING 40'S, food and drink available. Games and make-up for children, raffle. From 11pm: Torchlight procession and big fireworks display at 1'Ecanet.

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

### JUNE > JULY

### **SUNDAY 30TH JUNE**

### THURY-HARCOURT / LE HOM

### > 10.15am Ceremony. 3.30pm>5.30pm Open day Tribute to the

### Staffordshire 59<sup>th</sup> 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 59<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division memorial area.

Thury-Harcourt/ Le Hom www.suisse-normande-tourisme.com

#### SATURDAY 6TH JULY

### CONDÉ-EN-NORMANDIE

> 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'ATELIER, Media centre, Charles Léandre Museum www.musee-charles-leandre.fr

### LONGUES SUR MER

### >5pm>7pm - Public Conference

### Archaeology of the Second World War

Extraordinary conference by Cyril Marcigny, archaeologist from The '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/lassociationdesamisdelabbaye

### SAINTE SUZANNE SUR VIRE

### > Until 7/7/2019 - 10am>7pm -Event Allied Camp

Reconstruction of an Allied camp, patriotic ceremony, discussions with inhabitants who lived through the liberation.

Schools Ground www.sainte-suzanne-sur-vire.net

### **THURSDAY 11TH JULY**

#### **MONTORMEL**

### > 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 2 ½ hrs.

Montormel Memorial The cost including entrance to the museum and the bus trip is  $10.50 \, \epsilon$  per person.  $8.50 \, \epsilon$  for students over 12 years old;  $7.50 \, \epsilon$  for children under 12. Bus with 50 seats, reservation required / www.memorial-montormel.org

### FRIDAY 12TH JULY

### PORTBAIL

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### > 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**

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### > 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

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### >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**

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### > 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 2 ½ hours will invite spectators and dancers to enjoy the swing beat of the 1950s to relive the atmosphere of recover and reconstruction of the city. So

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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** 

### >7.30pm - Activity

### Walk 'In the footsteps of the Liberators around La Have'

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 / 3hours. 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 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**

### >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

### **THURSDAY 25TH JULY**

### LA HAYE

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### >8pm - Tour

### Themed tour of Lessav Abbev 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

### **FRIDAY 26TH JULY**

### **HOULGATE**

### >6pm - Spectacle

### We only like Liberty!

Normandy 6th June 1944! An appointment With history for one of those epic tales which has left an indelible mark on the memory of men. Writers, journalists, and war correspondents will recount the enormous landing of troops who came from all over the world.

British Cemetery of Hermanville-sur-Mer www.rencontresdete.fr

### **SATURDAY 27TH JULY**

### **FALAISE**

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#### > 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**

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### > 9.30 > 6.30pm - Event

### Commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> 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 Civilians, 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) -

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Saint Lambert sur Dive (61) Chambois (61) / Fee 5€ per person Over 15 years old - Bring a picnic.

### **COLOMBIÈRES**

### >3nm>6nm - Show

### Miss Paramount Sings summer 44

Miss paramount sings summer 44 at The Chateau of Colombieres first HO of the Ritchie Boys during the D-Day Landings.

Chateau of Colombieres Fee: 10€ - free for those aged under 12 years. Parking and bar

### **WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY**

#### **GRANVILLE**

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### > 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. piperoperationcobra.com

### **AVRANCHES**

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### > 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**

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### >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 1/2 / 3hours.

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/lassociationdesamisdelabbave

### **THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST**

### **SAINT AUBIN SUR MER**

### > 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, Claud Michaud. Isabelle Pelletier will number amongst the Canadian artistes who

will perform: Diane Tell, le groupe Suroît, Carolyne Jomphe, Claude Cormier, Claud Michaud, Isabelle Pelletier

Courseulles, Bernières, Luc sur mer, Douvres la Délivrande, Authie, Carpiquet, Bény sur mer www.semaineacadienne.net

### **FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST**

**BÉNY SUR MER** 

### > 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 Benv sur mer / Reviers www.semaineacadienne.net

### BERNIÈRES-SUR-MER

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### > 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

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### > 4pm - Ceremony

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### 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

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### **AUGUST**

### **SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST**

AUTHIE 14

### >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

#### COURSEULLES-SUR-MER

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### > 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 Normandv.

Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-sur-mer www.semaineacadienne.net

### **TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST**

### THURY-HARCOURT / LE HOM 14

### >7pm>11pm - 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

### **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

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### **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

### **SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST**

### **CHAMBOIS**

### >5pm - Event

75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closure of the Pocket of Falaise-Chambois and Tribute to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### >7pm - Show

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### Sound and light show on The Battle of Normandy

From 7pm: Fast food available in the place du Donjon, organised by the communities of the end of the Battle of Normandy. Reconstruction of an American camp. From 9pm: Show (conditions permitting). From 10.30pm: 1944 Dance.

Chambois - Place du Donjon

### COUDEHARD

> 9am>6pm - Event

### The cavalry of the Battle Of Normandy

Far from the idea that we generally have, the German army still made massive use of horses during their Normandy campaign. The Montormel Memorial, in partnership with the Pin Stud Farm, will display a convoy of about ten horse-drawn wagons, a mobile mess and a gun which travelled around the Dives valley. Departure from Coudehard town hall at about 9am towards Saint Lambert sur Dive arriving at the ford at Moissy around midday. From 1pm to 2.30pm a demonstration of crossing the ford. 2.30pm departure for Fel via the memorial stone to the pilots, 3,30pm arrival at Chambois. Then departure for the Montormel Memorial arriving at about 5.30pm.

The Dives Valley www.memorial-montormel.org

### **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

### **AUGUST > SEPT.**

### **SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST**

#### **CHAMBOIS**

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### >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

### 75<sup>th</sup> 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

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### > 9.30am>7.15pm - Events

### 75<sup>th</sup> 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 Odyssev of the Phoenix).

Book signing by the author Jacques Wiacek. Church and village of Chambois / Montormel Memorial / www.orne.fr

### SAINT-MARTIN DES ENTRÉES

### > 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**

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### > 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 Chateau du Taillis. Duclair Theatre www.duclair.fr

### **SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**

### BEAUMONT LE ROGER

>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**

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### > 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**

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### > Until 15/9/2019 - Midday>7pm(5pm on the 15th) - Animation

### 75<sup>th</sup> 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. Free tour for the public. Saturday afternoon: Parade of collectable vehicles. Official ceremony & commemoration. US Concert; Exhibition & Entertainment in the camps. Sunday: Astonia March in costume 5 km; Exhibition & activities in the camps.

facebook: astonia.souvenezvous

### **SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER**

### **LONGUES SUR MER**

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### >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



### 24<sup>th</sup> May > 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 D-DAY FESTIVAL NORMANDY 2019

The section on the celebrations planned for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Landings

### FROM 6TH TO 9TH JUNE "THEY DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE"

MERVILLE-FRANCEVILLE > FROM 10PM MFRVII I F-FRANCEVII I F GUN BATTFRY

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 deoths 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

BAYFUX > 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

ARROMANCHES

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-MFR > 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-clearer, 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



### 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 -marais. 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

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE > 11.30PM
FOR THE 75TH > SIMULTANEOUS FIREWORK
DISPLAYS ALL ALONG THE COAST!



### FROM 14TH TO 16TH JUNE THE RUNNERS OF LIBERTY

CAFN

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

FFRMANVILLE > 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-SURMER, LANGRUNE-SUR-MER, LUC-SUR-MER, REVIERS-BENY-SUR-MER, DOUVRES-I A-DÉI IVRANDE > 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

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CAFN MFMORIAL MUSFUM

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

### **LABEL WEST**

**Excursions on the D-Day Landing beaches** 

ZA Les Bréholles - 14540 SOLIERS Tel. 02 31 34 63 53 / Tél. 06 21 51 41 09 contact@label-west.com www.label-west.com

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j-m-bacon@wanadoo.fr www.normandy-landing-tours.com Half-day tours only

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Tel. 06 63 01 12 71 / 09 83 33 11 05 infos@normandycircuits.com www.normandycircuits.com

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Minibus excursions for 1 to 8 persons Guided tours of the D-Day landing beaches in French and in English

Tel. 06 45 31 73 85  $\bar{I}$  02 31 73 31 80 contact@normandy44-tours.com www.normandy44-tours.com Half-day or whole day tours



### AROUND EUROPE BATTLEFIELDS TOURS

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www.normandy-travel.net
Whole day tours

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Minibus excursions for 1 to 8 persons

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### NORMANDY PANORAMA

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### DAY DISCOVERY TOUR OF THE CAEN MEMORIAL AND D-DAY LANDING BEACHES

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resa@memorial-caen.fr
www.memorial-caen.fr
Whole day tours

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Guided tours of the D-Day landing beaches in French and in English

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Tel. 02 31 39 73 56 / 06 63 29 45 98 christophe.gosselin0437@orange.fr www.normandy-heritage-tours.com Half-day or whole day tours

### NORMANDY PRIVATE TOURS

Hotel and private excursions on the D-Day Landing beaches with your host and an audio-guide.

Tel 06 25 01 82 27

normandyprivatetours@gmail.com www.hotelfontaine-caen.com

### GUIDED TOURS IN PERIOD WARTIME VEHICLES

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Guided tour in the paths of the 101st Airborne Division

Tel. 02 33 44 81 20 , 06 37 99 08 68 / 06 89 66 25 74 batterieduholdy@laposte.net www.batterie-du-holdy.com

### **GOLD BEACH EVASION**

Guided tours of the D-Day landing beaches

Tel. 02 31 22 75 80 evasion@goldbeach-fi.com www.goldbeachevasion.com www.normandy-dday-tours.com

### NORMANDY DISCOVERY

Guided tours of the D-Day landing beaches

Tel. 06 08 71 18 82

info@normandy-discovery.com www.normandy-discovery.com

### CHEROKEE EQUITATION LOISIRS

Guided tours of the D-Day landing beaches

Tel. 06 12 06 03 96 cherokee.equitation@free.fr www.cherokee.equitation.free.fr

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Guided tours by bike

Tel. 06 46 34 37 21

locvelo@hotmail.fr

www.locvelo.fr Whole day tour, every Monday from May to October

### **FLIGHTS**

### HÉLIEVÈNEMENTS

Helicopter flights over the Landing Beaches from Englesqueville la Percée (between Pointe du Hoc and the American cemetery)

Tel. 02 35 80 94 16/ 06 22 69 08 79

axelle@helievenements.com

www helievenements com

In June and August (weather permitting)

### NORMAN'AIR

Microlight flights over the Landing Beaches Caen-Carpiquet Airport (weather permitting)

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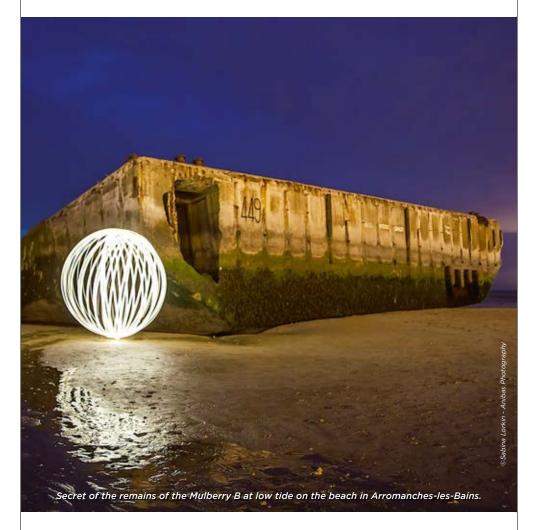
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