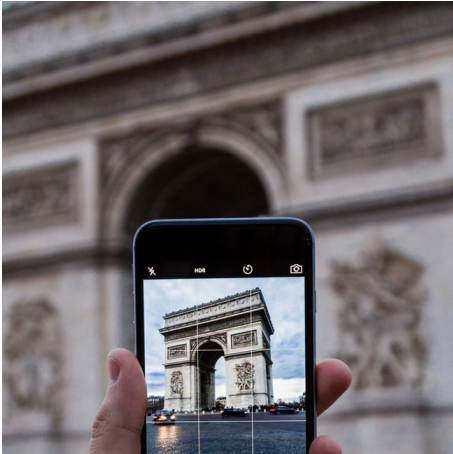




Your Itinerary



In the footsteps of the Western Front soldiers (World War II)

Day 1: Depart

- Fly through the night to Paris.

Day 2: Paris

- Upon arrival in Paris meet your Imagine Tour Manager who will greet you at the airport and remain with you throughout your stay.
- Transfer by private motor coach to your hotel and drop off your bags.
- This afternoon, stroll down the most famous avenue of the capital, the **Champs-Élysées**.
- Climb to the top of the **Arc de Triomphe** to admire the view.
- See the Tomb of the **Unknown Soldier**.
- Have a delicious "French" dinner at a local restaurant.
- Overnight accommodation in Paris.



Day 3: Caen

- After breakfast at the hotel, board your private motor coach to **Caen**.
- Upon arrival in the political capital of Normandy, check into your hotel.
- Later, head on a **guided walking tour** of the city. Caen suffered bombings and German occupation during the war and was partly destroyed. Your tour guide will be glad to show you how charming and interesting the main city of the "Operation Overlord" warfare looks like today.
- Have lunch at a local restaurant.
- After lunch, board your private motor coach and head to one of the first D-Day operations sites. **Pegasus Bridge** is located 20min North of Caen. Early in the morning in June 6th, 1944 airborne troops stormed the position from gliders and held on until the linkup with ground forces from Sword Beach was made.





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- Visit the **Memorial Pegasus Museum**.
- Later, you will go to **Sword Beach** where you will walk around and learn about the battle which took place on the beach.
- Dinner and overnight accommodation in Caen.

Day 4: Sainte Mère Eglise - Utah Beach - Point du Hoc - Omaha Beach

- After breakfast at the hotel, board your private motor coach and head to **Saint-Mère-Eglise**, the first city officially liberated by the American paratroopers. A ruse was set up by the French civilians in the night between the 5th and the 6th of June, 1944. While a part of the city was on fire and keeping the Germans busy, the American paratroopers were parachuted in the city center. Many of them died without even fighting - their parachutes were stuck in trees or buildings.
- Visit the **Airborne Museum**, a museum dedicated to the memory of American paratroopers.
- Later, head to **Utah Beach**. The 4th Infantry Division of the US Army fought on this beach for the D-Day when General Roosevelt said: "we will start the war from right here!"
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
- Make a stop at the **Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial**, commemorating the heroic raid of the American Second Ranger Battalion and the forces involved in the Normandy landings.
- Head to **Omaha Beach** and discover the real story of "Bloody Omaha". One third of the Allies who died for "The Longest Day" died on this beach.
- The **Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial** is located on the site of the temporary American St. Laurent Cemetery, established by the U.S. First Army on June 8, 1944 as the first American cemetery on European soil in World War II. The cemetery site covers 172.5 acres and contains the graves of 9,387 of military dead, most of whom lost their lives in the D-Day landings and ensuing operations.
- Dinner and night accommodation in Caen.





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Day 5: Bayeux - Arromanches les Bains - Dieppe

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Head to **Bayeux** for a guided visit. Bayeux was the first important city to be liberated from the Germans.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Head to **Arromanches-les-Bains**, a strategic location where the Allies build two prefabricated harbours in order to facilitate the rapid offloading of cargo onto the beaches.
- Visit **Arromanches 360**, a circular cinema showing archives images from all around the world and take part on what was the "the Longest Day" about.
- Board your private motor coach to Dieppe.
- Dinner and night accommodation in the hotel in Dieppe.



Day 6: Dieppe - Calais

- After breakfast at the hotel, you will go on a guided visit to **Dieppe**. The first place where the Allies tried to take France back. The "**Memorial du 19 août 1942**" in Dieppe shows how 50 US rangers were supporting No. 4 Commando in operation Jubilee on **Orange beach**. It has been the biggest fail to open a Western front in Europe before D-Day.
- Have lunch at a local seaside restaurant.
- During the afternoon visit the city and the **Castle of Dieppe** founded in 1188.
- Board your private motor coach and drive to Calais.
- Dinner and night accommodation in the hotel in Calais.



Day 7: Calais - Dunkerque

- Have breakfast at the hotel.
- After, head on to take a look at the remains of the **The Atlantic Wall** in Calais.



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- Visit the **Atlantic Wall Museum** near Calais and see how the German troops were prepared for a Northern invasion. Learn about the battle that took place in the city where the British, Belgian and French forces showed resistance before surrendering in 1940.
- Have lunch in Dunkerque. The Allies wanted to save their soldiers in Dunkerque – last free bastion of the zone. Too many soldiers for not enough boat made this safety operation a stampede.
- Afterwards, board your private motor coach and head to **Compiègne** for the last step of your World War II tour.
- Farewell dinner and night accommodation the hotel in Compiègne.

Day 8: Compiègne - Paris - Depart

- After breakfast, visit the **"Glade of the Armistice"** where two humiliations took place: the Armistice that ended World War I in 1918 and the one officialising the French stampede in 1940.
- Visit the **castle and his park**, royal residence built for Louis the 15th in 1788.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- After an incredible adventure through time, say a fond "Au Revoir" to your Imagine Tour Manager and transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Bon voyage et à bientôt!

