



## Band of Brothers - COL Larry Saul

10 days / September 13 2024 - September 22, 2024

Along the coast of Normandy, the influence of WWII can still be felt. As you visit memorials, trenches, and museums, you'll learn about the important role American forces played in the outcome of D-Day. Explore the locations that were the backdrops for pivotal battles and take time to honor the sacrifices made by the Allied soldiers.



### Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- Breakfast daily
- 4 lunches
- 2 dinners with beer or wine
- 8 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

### Included highlights

- Utah Beach
- Dead Man's Corner Museum
- Omaha Beach
- American Cemetery in Colleville
- Overlord Museum
- Mont-Saint Michel
- Monet's home in Giverny

### Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads.

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## Overnight flight → 1 night

9/13 : Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Paris today.

## Saint-Lô → 7 nights

### 9/14: Arrival in Paris & transfer to Saint-Lô

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to France! Transfer to Saint-Lô and gather with your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

### 9/15: Sightseeing tour of the Normandy

#### Region

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Spend the day visiting memorials and museums that honor the soldiers who fought during the D-Day invasion in June 1944.

- Head to Sainte-Mère-Église, site of early landings of paratroopers, to visit the Paratroopers Memorial
- Learn about the Battle of la Fiére during a visit to Cauquigny Chapel
- Visit Château de Bernaville, which is part of the Normandy Institute campus
- Stop at the 101st Airborne Division in Picauville and the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Memorial Garden in Chef-du-Pont
- Enjoy an included lunch
- Travel back to Sainte-Mère-Église and step inside the Airborne Museum
- Make your way to Beuzeville-au-Plain to see the C-47 crash site monument
- See the site of the Brécourt Manor Assault and the accompanying memorial

### 9/16: Utah Beach & Dead Man's Corner Museum

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Get to know the landscapes that both the Allied and Axis forces fought on during today's guided tours.

- Learn more about the German fortifications as you explore the Azeville Battery and accompanying museum

- Stop to pay your respects at the U.S. 8th Infantry Division Memorial, dedicated to those who landed on Utah Beach on July 4, 1944
- Walk along Utah Beach and enjoy an included lunch
- Enter the historic chapel that's located in the Angoville-au-Plain city center
- Make your way to Hiesville to visit local WWII memorials
- Step inside the Dead Man's Corner Museum and take time to explore the exhibits at your leisure
- Travel along Purple Heart Lane and learn about the interesting history of the road

### 9/17: Omaha Beach & American Cemetery in Colleville

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Join your Tour Director and a local guide to learn more about the D-Day landings.

- Walk along Omaha Beach, landing site for the American troops on D-Day
  - Pass Widerstandsneest 62 and Widerstandsneest 65, two German bunkers
  - Enjoy an included lunch
  - Travel to the American Cemetery in Colleville, the burial place for more than 9,000 American soldiers who lost their lives during the Battle of Normandy
  - Honor the sacrifices made by the soldiers during a wreath-laying ceremony and take a tour of the cemetery
- Please note: The wreath-laying ceremony is being organized by your Group Coordinator, not Go Ahead Tours.

### 9/18: Sightseeing tour of Bayeux & Château Balleroy

*Included meals: breakfast*

Today, pay a visit to the beautiful city of Bayeux, which boasts incredible history followed by a visit to the lovingly restored Château Balleroy.

- Spend free time exploring Bayeux historic centre's medieval buildings, many of which survived the 1944 bombings during the Allied Invasion of Normandy
- Step inside the Musée de la Tapisserie de Bayeux which houses the famous 70 metre long Bayeux Tapestry

- Step inside the 17th-century Château Balleroy which has been artfully restored to its full glory

- Join a local guide for a tour of the castle where you'll explore the dozens of rooms, view beautiful artworks, and walk the impressive English-style country gardens

### 9/19: Overlord Museum, Pointe du Hoc, La Cambe & Graignes

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Spend the day learning about how the American troops retaliated against the strategies used by the German forces during the Normandy invasion.

- Enter the Overlord Museum and enjoy more time to explore Omaha Beach
- Enjoy an included lunch
- Head to Pointe du Hoc, where the American 2nd Ranger Battalion seized German cannons before they could be used to fire at American troops
- Visit the La Cambe German war cemetery, where 21,000 members of the German military who fought in WWII are buried
- Travel to the town of Graignes to learn about how the residents worked to aid the American troops

### 9/20: Mont-Saint-Michel & Brittany American Cemetery

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Explore the striking 8th-century island of Mont-Saint-Michel on a guided tour before heading to sites that are significant to both American and German troops.

- Pass by medieval houses and then enter the Benedictine Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel with your local guide
- Stop in the village of Saint-James to visit the Brittany American Cemetery
- Travel back to Saint-Lô to enter the Church of Notre-Dame and see the nearby WWII monument before celebrating your trip at a farewell dinner.

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Paris → 1 night

**9/21: Paris via Giverny**

*Included meals: breakfast*

This morning, travel to the village of Giverny, home to famous Impressionist artist Claude Monet from 1883 until his death in 1926. Visit Monet's home and gardens and discover the subtle palette of colors that inspired his Water Lilies series and gave rise to a new way of seeing.

Continue to Paris where you'll raise a toast to your trip with a farewell drink this evening.

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**Flight Home****9/22: Departure**

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.