



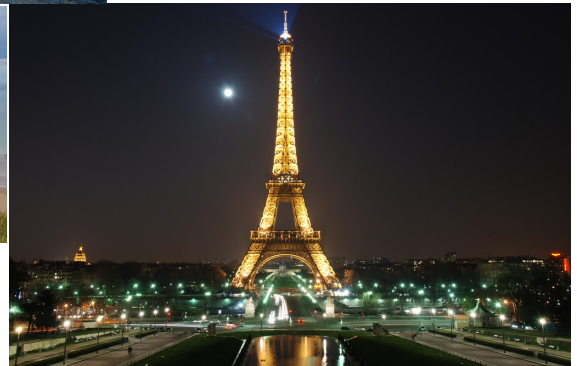
# SMU

# CENTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY

## History 3385 D-Day: Operation OVERLORD & Europe's Liberation A Travel Course for Students, Alumni & Friends of SMU

MAY 21-28, 2018

*Join SMU's Center for Presidential History's Jeffrey A. Engel and Essential History Expeditions' Brian DeToy for an on-site exploration of London, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Normandy and Paris, walking the cities and beaches where Churchill schemed, Ike commanded, flyers downed pints and soldiers fought for Europe's liberation. This intergenerational tour offers three credits for students, and for alumni and friends the opportunity to see the places history took place — and to relive a bit of college life.*



Highlights: London, Churchill Cabinet War Rooms, lectures and punting at Cambridge University, West End show in London, ULTRA at Bletchley Park, MV Normandie Channel Crossing, Normandy & D-Day Beaches including Pointe du Hoc and OMAHA with its beautiful American Cemetery, Bayeux & its Tapestry, Paris, the Hemingway Bar at the Ritz!

### 2 NIGHTS LONDON/MV NORMANDIE CROSSING/2 NIGHTS NORMANDY/2 NIGHTS PARIS

Join us for a fully guided and immersive tour of the people and places of Operation OVERLORD, the June 1944 invasion of Normandy that began Europe's liberation from Nazi rule. Participants will walk the beaches and cliffs, learn from local experts and guest lecturers, and be assigned a renowned (or reviled) figure from history to investigate and role-play. Plus plenty of time to explore these iconic sites on your own and to reconnect with SMU friends and students in some of Europe's most scenic sites.

This trip features in-depth guided tours and lectures for all sites, all admission fees and transportation, all lodging and most meals (as detailed on the itinerary). Airfare not included.

Trip preparation: Pre-departure lectures and study groups led by Dr. Jeffrey Engel, mandatory for students and optional for alumni and friends of SMU.

## Monday, May 21st: Introduction to London in WWII

- ◆ Afternoon Welcome & overview of the expedition
- ◆ Group visit to Churchill Cabinet War Rooms
- ◆ Walking tour of central London from Parliament Square to Whitehall to Trafalgar Square (mandatory for students and optional for alumni/friends)
- ◆ Group dinner and lecture "Churchill and Attlee's View" with John Bew, King's College
- ◆ Hotel: Grosvenor House JW Marriott\* or Holiday Inn London Oxford Circus\*\*

## Tuesday, May 22nd: Cambridge/USAAF Preparation for OVERLORD

- ◆ Cambridge: Lecture "FDR and American War Aims" with Andrew Preston, Clare College and "Hitler and German War Aims" with Brendan Simms, Peterhouse College
- ◆ Walking tour of the quaint inner town and famed university
- ◆ Group lunch at The Eagle, famous American pilot pub, and punting
- ◆ Dinner on your own followed by an evening at a West End play
- ◆ Hotel: Grosvenor House JW Marriott or Holiday Inn London Oxford Circus

## Wednesday, May 23rd: ULTRA at Bletchley Park, Portsmouth & Seaborne Preparations for OVERLORD

- ◆ Bletchley Park: Visit the ULTRA Code Breakers compound – a vital component in Allied victory and real-life inspiration for the recent Oscar-winning film "The Imitation Game"
- ◆ Lunch on your own at Hut 4 Café in Bletchley Park
- ◆ Southwick House: HQ of the Allied High Command in the days before the invasion, and the location where, in the dark hours of night with torrential rains beating against the windows, Ike made the decision – "Let's go!"
- ◆ Group dinner at Red Lion Inn in Southwick Village
- ◆ Discussion of D-Day shipping in Portsmouth harbor along the quays
- ◆ MV Normandie Channel Crossing: enjoy private ensuite stateroom cabins

## Thursday, May 24th: The British Airborne and Beaches

- ◆ After breakfast aboard ship, we will arrive at dawn just as the Allied soldiers and sailors did on June 6th, on the same SWORD beach!
- ◆ British 6th Airborne Division at Pegasus Bridge
- ◆ Coffee at Café Gondree. the first house liberated in France and Mme Arlette Gondree may well join us for conversation
- ◆ Ranville British Cemetery
- ◆ Visit Caen Memorial Museum
- ◆ Lunch on your own at museum café
- ◆ Canadians and Free French at JUNO Beach
- ◆ British at GOLD Beach and Mulberry Harbor at Arromanches; option to visit museum on own
- ◆ June 6 capture of Crepon and the only VC awarded on D-Day!
- ◆ Group dinner at La Ferme de la Ranconniere and lecture "De Gaulle, the Resistance, and French War Aims"
- ◆ Hotel: La Ferme de la Ranconniere in Crepon

## Sunday, May 20th: Exploring Historical London

- \* Visit The Tower of London (William the Conqueror's Castle) \* Guided walk through the olde City of London to St Paul's Cathedral (2d largest in Christendom) with lunch enroute; visit St Paul's with its incredible monuments and crypt where so many British heroes are buried \* Travel from St Paul's to Westminster Abbey
- \* Visit Westminster Abbey, home to a millennia of English history and culture \* Guided\* Guided tour of the highlights of the National Gallery \* Dinner on your own

## Friday, May 25th: American Airborne, UTAH Beach & Bayeux

- ◆ UTAH Beach landings and 4th Infantry Division
- ◆ 101st Airborne Division at Ste Marie du Mont/Band of Brothers (Easy Company) at Brecourt Manor
- ◆ 82nd Airborne Division at La Fiere Bridge outside Ste Mere Eglise
- ◆ Walking tour of Ste Mere Eglise including famed church; lunch on your own in first town liberated by Americans
- ◆ La Cambe German Cemetery
- ◆ Bayeux Tapestry Museum, the millennium old story of William the Conqueror
- ◆ Walking tour of old town Bayeux, including the Cathedral and a ciderie
- ◆ Dinner on your own in one of many great restaurants in old Bayeux
- ◆ Hotel: La Ferme de la Ranconniere in Crepon

## Saturday, May 26th: Pointe du Hoc and OMAHA Beach

- ◆ Pointe du Hoc and the cliff assault with the 2n Ranger Battalion
- ◆ OMAHA Beach western end and 29th Division, 5th Ranger Battalion and American Mulberry Harbor
- ◆ OMAHA Beach eastern end and 1st Infantry Division
- ◆ Climb the cliffs from the beach to the museum and cemetery (bus option available)
- ◆ Visit the profoundly beautiful and moving American Cemetery
- ◆ Arrive in Paris, dinner on your own
- ◆ Hotel: Paris Marriott Opera Ambassador\* or Holiday Inn Paris Grand Boulevard\*\*

## Sunday, May 27th: Paris in WWII and the City of Lights

- ◆ Walking tour of WWII Paris, including Ritz Hotel and Hemingway Bar, Gestapo HQ near Louvre, and Holocaust Memorial near Notre Dame
- ◆ Lunch on your own and time to explore Paris (students will visit other museums)
- ◆ Private tour of Versailles Palace and Gardens
- ◆ Farewell dinner and lecture "France and the Future of Europe" with Frederick Bozo, Sorbonne
- ◆ Hotel: Paris Marriott Opera Ambassador or Holiday Inn Paris Grand Boulevard

## Monday, May 28th: Departure and Onward Journeys

- ◆ Departures from Paris

**For more information, contact the Center for Presidential History at [cphinfo@smu.edu](mailto:cphinfo@smu.edu); call 214.768.3210; see [historyexp.com/events/partnershipssmu](http://historyexp.com/events/partnershipssmu)**

Alumni & friends of the university: \$4,920 double occupancy (\$750 single supplement); \$1,500 is tax-deductible and used for student scholarships  
Students: Contact the Study Abroad office for pricing  
Includes in-depth guided tours and lectures for all sites, all admission fees and transportation, all lodging (as stated or similar; \*alumni/friends, \*\*students) and meals as indicated  
Itinerary subject to minor changes  
Airfare not included but EHE can arrange if desired  
Optional add-on days in London & Reims: \$350 each, lodging not included

## Optional Add-On Days

### Monday, May 28th: Reims and the End of World War II

- \* Visit V-E Day May 8, 1945, World War Two surrender site in Map Room of Eisenhower's SHAEF HQ \* Great cathedral where nearly all French monarchs were crowned \* Lunch & cellar tour of famed vineyard in the capital of the Champagne region \* Return to Paris and dinner on your own

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