



# D-DAY: THE INVASION OF NORMANDY AND LIBERATION OF FRANCE

SEPTEMBER 7–13, 2023

Normandy Beaches  
Arromanches  
Sainte-Mère-Église  
Bayeux  
Caen  
Pointe du Hoc  
Falaise

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*In collaboration with The National WWII Museum*





Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Nothing can match learning about the Normandy landings as you visit the very places where these events unfolded and hear the stories of those who fought there.

The story of D-Day and the Allied invasion of Normandy have been at the heart of The National WWII Museum's mission since they opened their doors as The National D-Day Museum on June 6, 2000, the 56th Anniversary of D-Day. Since then, the Museum in New Orleans has expanded to cover the entire American experience in World War II. The foundation of this institution started with the telling of the American experience on D-Day, and the Normandy travel program is still held in special regard – and is considered to be the very best battlefield tour on the market.

Drawing on the historical expertise and extensive archival collection, the Museum's D-Day tour takes visitors back to June 6, 1944, through a memorable journey from Pegasus Bridge and Sainte-Mère-Église to Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc. Along the way, you'll learn the timeless stories of those who sacrificed everything to pull-off the largest amphibious attack in history, and ultimately secured the freedom we enjoy today.

Led by local battlefield guides who are experts in the field, this Normandy travel program offers an exclusive experience that incorporates pieces from the Museum's oral history and artifact collections into presentations that truly bring history to life. After planning dozens of trips to Normandy over the years, the Museum added new locations and experiences, forged new friendships and partnerships, and uncovered countless untold stories of those who fought to liberate Europe.

We are pleased to offer D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy and Liberation of France, to honor those who fought for our freedom.

To reserve your space(s), contact The National WWII Museum Travel at 1-877-813-3329 X 257.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christel Aragon".

Christel Aragon  
Director, Alumni Travel,  
UCLA Alumni Travel

## BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE



BACKGROUND PHOTO: AMERICAN SOLDIERS ABOARD AN LCI LANDING CRAFT ON D-DAY.



## STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE



PHOTO: TOUR GUESTS AT POINTE DU HOC.

For more than two and a half years the Allies planned and gathered their military strength to launch the decisive amphibious invasion of northern France and strike a mortal blow against the Third Reich. In anticipation, Adolf Hitler stockpiled reserve units in the Atlantic Wall defenses across the French coastlines, determined to drive the Allied forces back into the sea when the invasion was finally launched. There would be no second chance for the Allies: The fate of the continent hangs upon this decisive day.

In the early minutes of June 6, 1944, Allied paratroopers and gliders descended from the night sky to wrest control of key bridges and roadways from the German Nazis. Behind them in the darkness of early morning, an initial force of over 130,000 servicemen from the Allied nations crossed a choppy English Channel aboard an armada of more than 5,000 ships. Their destination was Normandy, D-day had arrived.

## LEARN THEIR NAMES

PHOTO: LIEUTENANT JOHN MARR.  
COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM.



### LIEUTENANT JOHN MARR 1918 – 2015

Company G, 507th Parachute Infantry  
Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division

Colonel John Marr was born in Missouri in May 1918. He was drafted into the Army and entered service in June 1941. When he became aware of a new, specialized unit called the paratroopers, which would give him twice his monthly pay, Marr decided to join up. Assigned to Company G of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, he was dropped behind enemy lines on June 6, 1944, with the 82nd Airborne Division. Lt. Marr saw action almost immediately near Sainte-Mère-Église, where he was involved in what is considered the costliest small-unit action in United States Army history: the Battle of La Fièvre.

After fighting in Normandy, Marr was put in command of Company B of the 507th during the Battle of the Bulge, and continued to lead the company as it spearheaded Operation Varsity, the crossing of the Rhine River, on March 24, 1945.



Hear John's story in his own words in the Digital Archive of The National WWII Museum. Visit [www2online.org](http://www2online.org) and enter "John Marr" into the search field.

## HEAR THEIR STORIES

PHOTO: PRIVATE HAROLD BAUMGARTEN.  
COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM.



### PRIVATE HAROLD "HAL" BAUMGARTEN 1925 – 2016

116th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division

Harold "Hal" Baumgarten was born in New York City in March 1925. When he was just 18 years old, he was drafted into the US Army, was shipped overseas to England, and assigned to the 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division.

On the morning of June 6, 1944, Baumgarten landed in front of the Vierville-sur-Mer draw at the Dog Green Sector of Omaha Beach, known to history as "Bloody Omaha." Of the 30 men on his landing craft, he was one of only two survivors. After the war, the multi-decorated veteran earned his MD and practiced medicine for over 40 years.

He became a renowned speaker and internationally recognized historian who wrote two books on D-Day, including *Eyewitness on Omaha Beach: A Story about D-Day*, June 6, 1944.



Hear Hal's story in his own words in the Digital Archive of The National WWII Museum. Visit [www2online.org](http://www2online.org) and enter "Baumgarten" into the search field.

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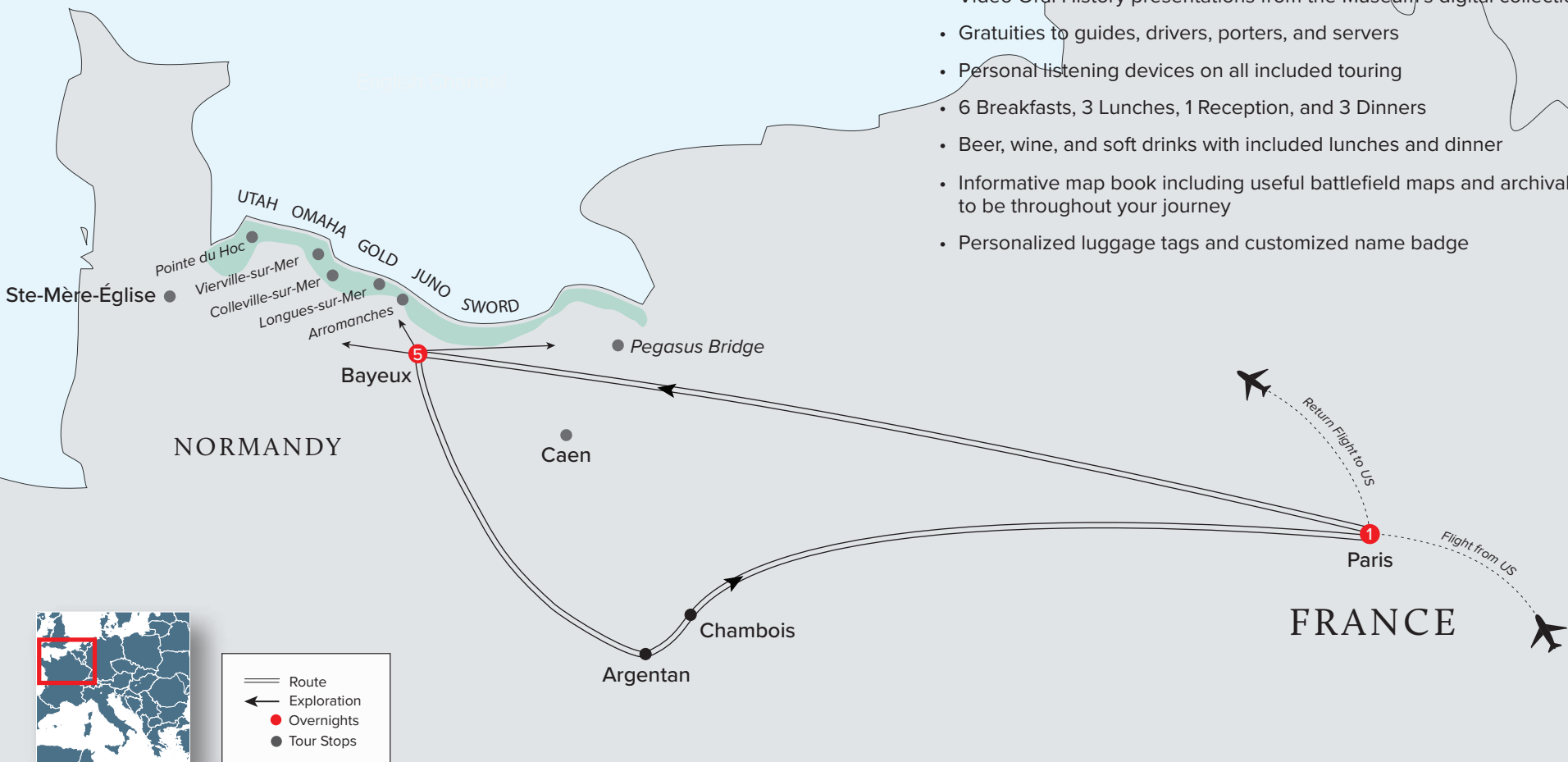
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TOUR INCLUSIONS

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- Full-time logistical Tour Manager
- Expert local battlefield guides
- Roundtrip Airport Transfers (when arriving & departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- Historic, hand-picked, fully-renovated accommodations in Normandy
- Four-star Charles de Gaulle Airport accommodations
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Video Oral History presentations from the Museum's digital collection
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- 6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 1 Reception, and 3 Dinners
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinner
- Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge



Flights not included.



## DAY 1: ARRIVE PARIS / TRANSFER TO NORMANDY

Upon arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) in Paris, guests are warmly welcomed and transported by private motor coach to Normandy. After enjoying some free time to relax or explore Bayeux, the group gathers this evening for a welcome dinner at a local French restaurant. *Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (R, D)*



PHOTO: STREET VIEW IN BAYEUX NORMANDY.



## DAY 2: BRITISH SECTORS - PEGASUS BRIDGE / GOLD, JUNO & SWORD BEACHES / ARROMANCHES

Today's tour of Normandy begins where the first shots of the invasion were fired by British glider troops at the crucial Pegasus Bridge. Guests learn about Major John Howard and his men of the "Ox and Bucks" and how they were able to secure and hold the bridge. The drives along the British and Canadian sectors become the backdrop for the stories of landings that took place to the east of the American assaults. A stop at Juno Beach will highlight the Canadians who overcame strong winds, heavily-mined landing sectors, and rough seas to make impressive gains inland on D-Day. Arrive at Arromanches, and discover the remains of a Mulberry Harbor. Your guide offers insight into this great feat of engineering and ingenuity.

Following free time for lunch and exploration in the village, a trip up the commanding bluff culminates with a viewing of Cinema Circulaire 360 and a visit to the German gun battery at Longues-sur-Mer. Enjoy free time this evening to explore Bayeux and enjoy dinner at one of the many cafés and restaurants serving traditional fare.

*Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (B)*

PHOTO: VIEW OF ARROMANCHES, FRANCE

CROSS OF LORRAINE, JUNO BEACH, NORMANDY

GOLD BEACH, NORMANDY





### DAY 3: US AIRBORNE & UTAH BEACH

Travel along rural lanes, past hedgerows, and over causeways to La Fièvre, where the 82nd Airborne fought off four days of attacks from German troops trying to retake this strategic bridge. During today's drive, both the battlefield guide and the Museum's exclusive oral history collection offer personal stories from the men who fought on the frontlines. On arrival in Sainte-Mère-Église, the famous crossroads town where American paratroopers landed during the predawn hours of D-Day, tour the Musée Airborne and visit the church made famous in the film *The Longest Day*. After an included lunch, continue this afternoon to Brécourt Manor, where Dick Winters and some of his men from "Easy Company" launched the assault on German guns portrayed in the book and miniseries *Band of Brothers*. The day's touring concludes with a visit to the Utah Beach Museum, which includes the story of the exemplary leadership of General Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., during the landings. Enjoy another free evening at leisure in Bayeux.

*Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (B, L)*

LA FIÈRE, COURTESY OF JOHN SNOWDON



SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE

UTAH BEACH MUSEUM,  
COURTESY OF JOHN SNOWDON



## DAY 4: BAYEUX / CAEN

This morning's tour is devoted to the picturesque town of Bayeux, beginning with a viewing of the Bayeux Tapestry—a 230-foot-long embroidered chronicle of William the Conqueror's cross-channel invasion of England in 1066. Continue to the iconic skyline feature of Bayeux and the medieval center of the town, the Bayeux Cathedral, where a guided tour will bring to life the construction of the cathedral from the crypt to the spires. Following free time for an independent lunch, journey to Caen to tour Mémorial de Caen, a museum that places the battles of Normandy within the international context of World War II.

*Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (B, D)*

BAYEUX CATHEDRAL

BAYEUX TAPESTRY



## DAY 5: OMAHA BEACH / POINTE DU HOC / NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY

After breakfast, touring is devoted to the ground troops who came ashore in the Omaha Beach area. Head out for a morning visit to Pointe du Hoc, where the Army Rangers faced tough odds coming ashore before scaling the imposing 100-foot cliff. After visiting Omaha Beach, enjoy an included group lunch. The afternoon is devoted to the Normandy American Cemetery, where more than 9,000 Americans are laid to rest in the ground they helped liberate. Guests will be given time to walk the grounds, visit the small museum, and remember the sacrifices made here. Reflect on the day's touring during dinner with the group this evening.

*Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (B, L, D)*



POINTE DU HOC,  
NORMANDY

GERMAN STRONGPOINT, OMAHA BEACH



AMERICAN CEMETERY, NORMANDY



## DAY 6: FALAISE GAP

This morning, bid farewell to Normandy and return to Paris. Focusing on the concluding battles of the Normandy Campaign, the first stop is in Falaise, which lends its name to the Falaise Pocket, where the Allies began a move to encircle the Germans. Traveling south from the city, traverse the infamous Corridor of Death, where the awful scenes of the routed Germany army were on display for several months as dead bodies and wreckage covered the landscape. Memorial de Montormel on Hill 262, where the Poles held off a desperate German counterattack, commemorates the closing of the pocket and offers an incredible view across the landscape, and the perfect vantage point for recounting these final battles. Upon arrival at the Sheraton Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

*Accommodations: Sheraton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (B, L)*

DAY 7: PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT  
TO THE UNITED STATES

After breakfast, make your way to your departure terminal at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) on your own for individual journeys home. (B)



FALAISE TOWN





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Bayeux, France

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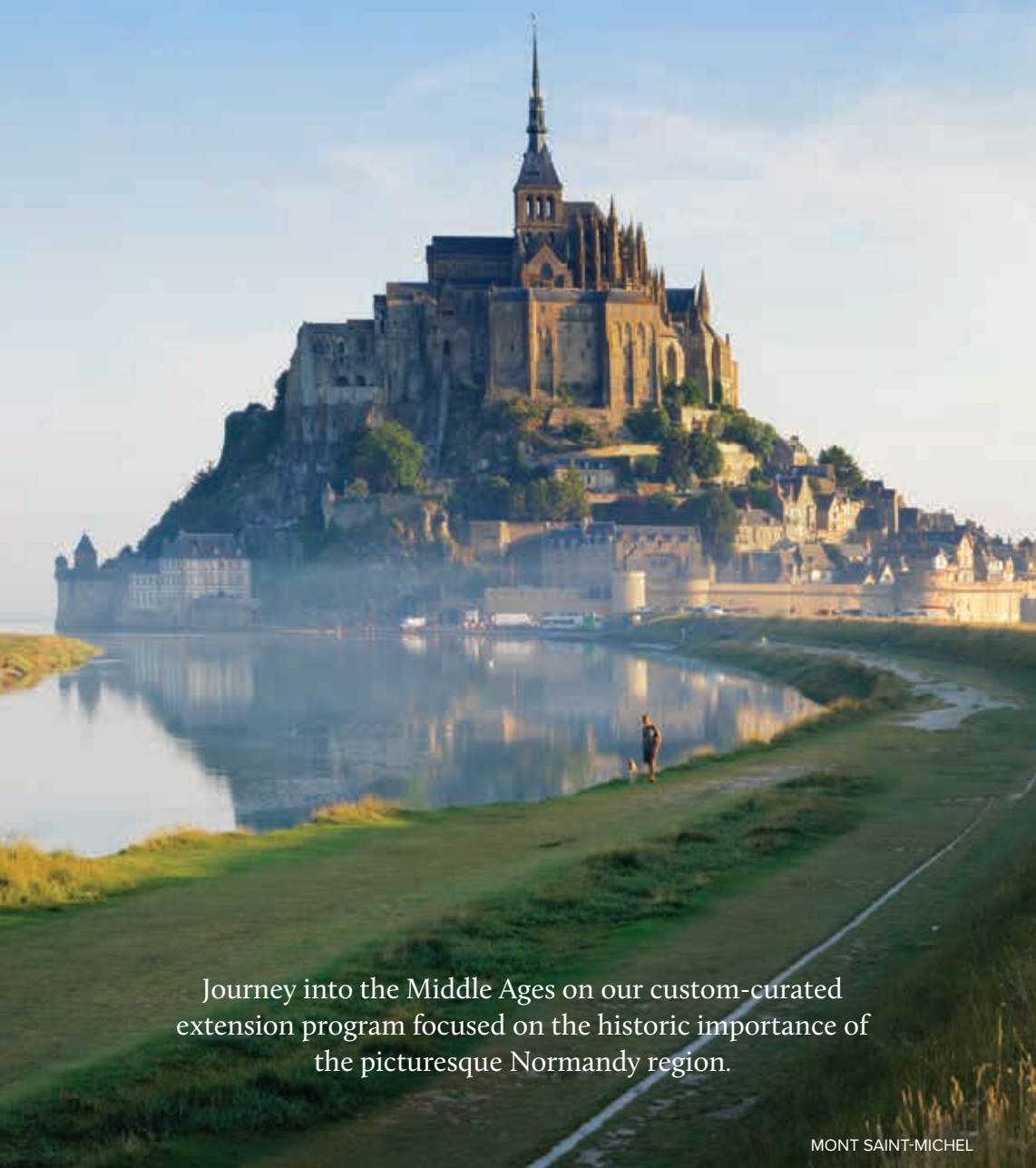


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extension program focused on the historic importance of  
the picturesque Normandy region.



CHÂTEAU DE FALAISE

### Program Itinerary

#### Day One – Arrive Paris, transfer to Normandy

Enjoy a scenic transfer from Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to Bayeux and settle into the historic Hotel d'Argouges. Spend the afternoon and evening exploring the medieval town center and enjoying dinner at one of the many quaint restaurants serving traditional fare.

*Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges*

#### Day Two - Falaise

On your first day of touring, journey to the picturesque town of Falaise, the birthplace of William the Conqueror. Visit Chateau de Falaise, the seat of the Dukes of Normandy from the 13th century to the 17th century, when it was abandoned. During World War II, the chateau suffered from heavy bombardment during the Battle of the Falaise Pocket, but was restored after the war. Next, visit the Memorial des Civils, dedicated to the Norman civilians who were affected by the D-Day invasion and during the ensuing 3 months of the Battle of Normandy. Return to Bayeux for an evening at leisure.

*Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (B)*

#### Day Three - Mont Saint-Michel

Today's touring includes a trip to a breathtaking tidal island just off the Normandy coast. The island's signature abbey projects a dominating presence that has attracted pilgrims, armies, and tourists for more than a millennium. The visit includes lunch. Return to Bayeux this afternoon and attend a welcome dinner with main tour guests arriving today.

*Accommodations: Hotel d'Argouges (B, L)*

### Program Inclusions

- Two-night accommodations at the historic 4-star Hôtel d'Argouges
- Transfer from Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to Bayeux
- Two days of touring, including all admissions
- 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches
- Expert local guide / tour manager
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# THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

## EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

### 5 Museum Quick Facts



**8 million+**  
visitors since the Museum  
opened on June 6, 2000



**\$2 billion+**  
in economic impact



**160,000+**  
active Museum members



**8,000+** travelers,  
representing every US state



**625,000+**  
social media followers

### TRAVEL WITH EXPERTS



**26** top historians  
with

**174** published  
books and

**47** documentary  
credits

TRAVEL TO  
**27**  
COUNTRIES



covering  
all theaters  
of World War II



**Tour Programs** operated  
on average per year, at  
times **accompanied by**  
**WWII veterans**

VISIT  
**16**  
& **189**  
museums on our itineraries

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WWII Veteran Tom Lacey on tour in Europe, where he served. Photo by Frank Aynami.

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