

## D-Day Normandy. Land of Liberty. Visitor's Guide 2016

*Een eigenzinnige bloemlezing*

Exploring history like an open book. History lives and breathes every day in Normandy. (*bladzijde* 4) Sharing common emotions. Contemplation, hope, awe, fraternity, gratitude, reconciliation,... (7) They were Canadian, American, British, Polish, French... For the most part they weren't yet twenty years old, but they chose to cross oceans and continents to come to Normandy to defend the universal values of peace and freedom. Discover the courage, the heroism and the sacrifice of these young people without whom nothing would have been possible. (9) The ingenuity of men for the cause of Peace. (10)

At the end of your visit you may also buy a cartoon about the raid at the Memorial shop. (15) On an in depth chronological tour you can get really involved in the history of the Landings and discover a rich collection of objects, vehicles, and equipment. Star of the Museum is an authentic American Marauder B26 bomber which is displayed... The biggest amphibious operation in military history. (19) The Airborne Museum lets you experience the invasion alongside the American paratroopers of 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions with spectacular and realistic displays. You'll find an amazing collection of historical objects,... In the new "Operation Neptune" building get ready to experience the parachute drops of June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944! Board a night flight in a real C-47 aircraft and drop into the square of Sainte-Mère-Eglise in the midst of the fighting and take part in the operations which followed. NEW FOR 2016 \* Airborne Reality App: A personalized version of your visit just as if you were really there! (20) .. a flight simulation unique in the world. ... We can promise you a historic and unusual experience flying aboard the 'Story Hora', a genuine C-47 aircraft. A seven minute flight with non-stop excitement including take-off from England, a flight over the Channel during which you can see the naval armada heading towards the beaches of Normandy from the plane window, feel the throb of the engines, the vibrations and smell the hot oil and smoke. Very realistic special effects. (21) An entertaining trip out for the whole family. (22) The chance to fly over the D-Day Landing beaches in a period aircraft offers visitors a unique experience. (23) Visit with friends or family to plunge into the heart of History for a better understanding of the life of soldiers during the Second World War. (24) ..., a visit with a touch tablet in your hand allows you to find out... An entertaining excursion for the whole family. (25) 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. (27) Come in the evening, absorb the 1940s ambiance and discover this place by candlelight with ... (30) ... enjoy it ... rare objects ... original state ... technological advances in wartime. (31) Unique in France, it plunges spectators into the heart of the Battle of Normandy: projected on nine screens previously unreleased archive pictures retrace 100 days of terrible fighting. ... a moving film taking you on a journey to the heart of D-day. (35) The gun battery ... is the only one today to still be equipped with its guns from the period. Its excellent state of conservation and is well-maintained surrounding make it ... (37) ... a special exhibition for younger visitors and activities for school groups. (41) ... professional guides bring the dawn of June 6<sup>th</sup> back to life. (43)

... one of the most iconic sites of the invasion... you can experience something unique, just as if you were there that night. Sound effects, smoke, lights and smells will briefly plunge you into the hell of the bombardment and neutralization of ... (44) The only place on the D-Day landing beaches where you can find out about this little-known aspect of the Second World War – the “war of the wizards” -, and it’s also the only one in France that exhibits one of the five surviving examples of the German Würzburg radar. (45) All the objects on show are authentic,... All the internal rooms of the Great Bunker have been restored down to the smallest details:... The construction of the Atlantic Wall, the greatest building project of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, which mobilized two million labourers over a period of three years. (46) Immerse yourself in the world of Soldat Léon: using your tablet or smartphone you can be at the heart of the events... Soldat Léon will be alongside you in the capture of ... (47) You will be provided with a caving helmet and lamp, and given a fully guide tour. (51) 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. (55) New film: 19 minutes of History and pure emotion. The Battle of Normandy as you’ve never seen it before! (57) Take your smartphone and go to each point in the tour. Signs with QR codes or NFC tags will enable you to find out exactly how the inhabitants survived. ... a 45-minute guided visit (in French or 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. (58) The Mont-Ormel Memorial offers outstanding views over the Dives Valley. (61) The museum tour takes in eleven reconstructed scenes complete with waxwork figures, and authentic voice recordings of key figures in the events,... (62) During the visit, you can see a V1 bomb, a German Goliath (a radio-controlled destruction with caterpillar tracks), French guns, ... (66)

Guided tours in period wartime vehicles. Guided excursions in horse-drawn carriages “in the footsteps of our Liberators”. Bike tour of the the D-Day landing beaches. Hélievements: helicopter flights over the Landing Beaches... Microlight flights over... D-DAY FESTIVAL Military fair. Historical parachute drops. Exhibition and parade of military vehicles. 12<sup>th</sup> giant picnic at Omaha Beach. Tandem parachute jumps. Jump in tandem to get really involved in the history of the Landings in Normandy. You can leave with a video and photos of the jump (135 €) or just the video (105 €). The march of the heroes – 8 km. The Battle of Normandy Book Fair. Vintage singing competition. An evening of celebration a Utah Beach. “The night they arrived” firework display. From its clifftop position overlooking the D-Day landing beaches, the emblematic site of the German gun battery at Longues-sur-Mer (a historic monument) is the setting for a vividly coloured display of fireworks for an evening. Running for freedom, a running festival for all. Reconstruction of a military camp. Several workshops and activities in the camp. (68-73)

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