

Educational Tours



LESSONS COME TO LIFE

On June 6, 1944, American, Canadian, and British forces made history as 156,000 soldiers landed on the heavily-fortified coast of France's Normandy region. This was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history, and marks the beginning of the Allied invasion of Western Europe.

In honor of D-Day's 75th anniversary in 2019, join students and educators from across the country who will explore the historic sites of World War II. EF's exclusive educational partnerships and deep local access ensure that you're truly part of the action during once-in-a-lifetime events. You'll gain a new perspective on history and your place in it as you connect with community members, participate in ceremonies, and rediscover a significant moment that helped shape history.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR D-DAY TOUR

1

Active participation -

From once-in-a-lifetime commemoration ceremonies to exclusive EF-led programming, our tours are designed to prompt participants to think critically about the past and develop an informed understanding of its impact on the present and future.

2

Connections

Whether it's interacting with locals or connecting with other students on your tour, there are endless opportunities to engage with communities abroad.

3

Building perspective

Develop a richer understanding of historic events on a global scale as you participate in activities and explore significant sites that will highlight a variety of historical, social, and cultural perspectives.

4

Reflection

Your Tour Director will help facilitate meaningful individual and group reflection through activities designed to engage travelers. Every itinerary is customizable to create a personalized and profound experience for your group.









D-DAY: FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS JUNE 2-11, 2019

Explore the history of World War II in Europe as you travel from Paris to Amsterdam, by way of Normandy. Commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day with ceremonies and special programming in Normandy, and learn about the lasting impact of World War II on France and the Netherlands.

"I know D-Day 75 is going to be a total oncein-a-lifetime opportunity for me. I'm hoping to gain a direct connection to history with my feet on the sand and soil soldiers fought on 75 years ago. I can't imagine any better way to experience what I am passionate about."

Elizabeth B., traveler



ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Paris

Fly overnight to Paris and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Learn about the city's rich history on a walking tour of the Latin Quarter. Continue on to visit the Notre-Dame Cathedral and admire the sculptured façade, stainedglass rose windows, and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

Days 3-5: Normandy region

Travel to Normandy. Join thousands for the D-Day 75 ceremonies, a once-in-a-lifetime event, that commemorate the Normandy landings. Learn more about the operation that is known as the beginning of the end of World War II. You'll explore the area's historic sites, including the Utah Beach D-Day Museum, the American Cemetery, and Pointe du Hoc.

Day 6: Paris

Return to Paris and head to the Louvre, home to treasures like Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. Take a walking tour of Montmartre, a popular hilltop neighborhood home to the Basilique du Sacré-Cœur.

Day 7: Paris

In France's capital, experience special World War II-themed activities and programming exclusive to EF travelers. Then enjoy a guided tour of Paris with a ride down the Champs-Élysées, where you'll pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe, and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. Take an optional cruise along the Seine.

Day 8: Amsterdam

Travel by train to the capital of the Netherlands. Take a walking tour of Amsterdam, a city where 1,200 bridges crisscross 160 canals.

Day 9: Amsterdam

Take an expert-led guided tour of Amsterdam. You'll see the Westerkerk (West Church), where Rembrandt is buried. You'll also visit Dam Square, which is home to Koninklijk Paleis (the Royal Palace). In the city's Jewish Quarter, visit the exhibits of the Jewish Historical Museum, which spotlights the plight of Jews during World War II. The Dutch Resistance Museum transports visitors back in time to Nazi-occupied Netherlands.

Day 10: Depart for home

Travel to the airport and depart for home, returning with a new perspective on world history.

Itinerary subject to change.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

For over 50 years, EF has been working toward one global mission: Opening the World Through Education. Your teacher has partnered with EF because of our unmatched worldwide presence, our focus on affordability, and our commitment to providing experiences that teach critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and global competence.

AFFORDABLE

We always offer the guaranteed lowest prices so more students have the opportunity to travel and experience the world.

INSIGHT

We believe in experiential learning at the most important sites. Your Tour Director is with you at every step, providing their own perspective and local tips.

SAFETY

We're committed to your safety. With 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, local EF staff can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.



THE D-DAY TOUR EXPERIENCE

Program price includes



Full-time Tour Director
Trained in facilitating experiential learning



Sightseeing

2 sightseeing tours led by a licensed local guide; 3 walking tours



Entrances

Notre-Dame Cathedral; Louvre; Basilique du Sacré-Cœur; Jewish Historical Museum; Dutch Resistance Museum



 $Experiential\ learning$

Official D-Day 75 ceremony; Normandy sites; exclusive World War II-themed activities; Louvre; Jewish Historical Museum; Dutch Resistance Museum



All of the details are covered

Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motor coach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; European breakfast and dinner daily



Pre-tour programming

Access to educational materials catered to complement your specific tour; weShare, our personalized learning experience that engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project