

**Normandy (Caen) October 2014****Event Overview**

| Date            | Times*                                                    | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                       |
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| Friday<br>3rd   | Arrival hotel<br>ALLIANCE<br>Registration:<br>16:00-19:00 | <b>Mercure Port de Plaisance</b><br><a href="http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-0869-mercure-caen-centre-port-de-plaisance/index.shtml">http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-0869-mercure-caen-centre-port-de-plaisance/index.shtml</a><br>[hotels are inter-connected, with common facilities] |    |
|                 |                                                           | <b>Ibis Port de Plaisance</b><br><a href="http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1183-ibis-caen-centre/index.shtml">http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1183-ibis-caen-centre/index.shtml</a><br>[hotels are inter-connected, with common facilities]                                              |    |
|                 | 19:30                                                     | Dinner at Mercure/Ibis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                       |
| Saturday<br>4th | 09:00-11:00                                               | Leave hotel 09:00.<br>Visit: town of Caen (bus), L'Abbaye aux Hommes (2 rooms of the convent buildings, cloisters and the abbey) and the Ducal Castle                                                                                                                                           |   |
|                 | 11:45 -13:00                                              | Visit Schlumberger museum at Crèvecœur-en-Auge<br><a href="http://www.chateau-de-crevecoeur.com/en/index.php?page=accueil">http://www.chateau-de-crevecoeur.com/en/index.php?page=accueil</a>                                                                                                   |  |
|                 | 13:00 - 14:30                                             | Lunch, then return to hotel by 15:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                       |
|                 | 16:00 - 18:30                                             | ALLIANCE General Meeting at hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                       |
|                 | 20:00                                                     | Cocktail and Gala Dinner at Café Mancel, located inside the Ducal Castle. 8-min. walk from hotels, taxis are available.<br>Music by jazz trio "Jazz Club de Normandie"<br><a href="http://www.cafemancel.com/index.php/fr">http://www.cafemancel.com/index.php/fr</a>                           |  |
| Sunday<br>5th   | 10:00 - 11:30                                             | Leave hotel 09:00.<br>Visit: Bayeux Tapestry and town of Bayeux                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|                 | 12:00 - 13:30                                             | Lunch at « Le Trou Normand » near Bayeux<br><a href="http://www.restaurantsnormandie.com/restaurant-normandie/au-trou-normand-bayeux">http://www.restaurantsnormandie.com/restaurant-normandie/au-trou-normand-bayeux</a>                                                                       |  |
|                 | 14:00 - 17:00                                             | Visit: Arromanches artificial port (Mulberry harbour), the German battery at Longues sur Mer, Omaha Beach, American cemetery at Colleville Saint-Laurent and Pointe du Hoc.<br>Return to hotel by 17:30.                                                                                        |  |
|                 | Departure hotel                                           | [Unless booked for additional night(s)]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                       |

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| Monday<br>6th | Tee-off starting<br>at 09:00 | <p>A friendly golf competition will be organized on Monday morning at the scenic sea-side Omaha Beach course.</p> <p><a href="http://www.golf-omaha-beach.com">www.golf-omaha-beach.com</a></p> |  |
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*\*Times to be confirmed*

## Guided tours



Caen Tourist Office invites you to discover the city and its heritage all year round, accompanied by its tour guides. Just tell us the tour you'd like to go on and the desired date and times, and we'll take care of the rest...

In the 11th century Caen was given a real boost under William the Conqueror as he decided to turn it into a strategic site and chose it as his main home. Three key sites in the city hark back to this period, giving it an emblematic identity : the Castle, the Men's Abbey and The Ladies' Abbey.

### Guided tour of the city (with your own coach) :

Accompanied by our guide, we invite you to visit the city's most famous sites (the Castle, the Men's Abbey and the Ladies' Abbey). Depending on how much time you have free, you can discover 2 sites in 2 hours, or 3 sites in 3 hours.

#### Panoramic tour of the city (1:30 to 2hrs)

This coach drive will unveil the city and its architectural, historical and cultural heritage to you: the two abbeys, the ducal castle, the marina, the Prairie and its hippodrome... Depending on your programme, you can also go on this visit by night.

#### Walking guided tour (2hrs)

Steeped in 1000 years of history, from William the Conqueror to the Battle of Normandy, Caen boasts a rich architectural and historical heritage. From the Place Saint Pierre to the Men's Abbey, discover the secret Caen. Beautiful courtyards of private mansions, forgotten churches, our guide will help you to learn more about the history of the old city centre. The guided tour ends at the Men's Abbey church where William the Conqueror is buried.

### The D-Day beaches (4 or 8hrs)

Caen is located a few hundred yards from the first D-Day beaches. Join us to discover the main sites of the Battle of Normandy for half a day (4 hours) or a whole day (8 hours).

#### Half a day :

- **The artificial harbour at Arromanches:** admire the remains of the artificial harbour and wonder at the unbelievable technical challenge that led to the successful D-Day Landing.
- **German battery at Longues-sur-Mer:** four casemates and a range-finding post, these rare remains of the Atlantic Wall with the weapons still in place shed light on the German defense strategy.
- **Omaha Beach :** Bloody Omaha, one of the deadliest beaches.
- **American cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer:** overlooking Omaha Beach, 70 hectares with 9,387 white crosses in perfect lines.

#### Entire day (we add to the previous sites):

- **la Pointe du Hoc :** symbolising the courage of the young American soldiers, this is an area that testifies to the intensity of the fighting.
- **German cemetery at La Cambe:** over 7 hectares, the bodies of 21,300 soldiers who died in battle.

**Interesting link** (courtesy of Dave Kitson):

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2014/06/scenes-from-d-day-then-and-now/100752/>

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