#
Ophorus - Canadian D-Day Beaches & Sights Tour From Bayeux Private

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| **Location:**
Bayeux, France
**Category:**
Tours & Sightseeing
**Currency:**
EUR
**Language:**
English
**TimeZone:**
Europe/Paris
**Duration:**
8.0 hours
**Max Group Size:**
8
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**Highlights:**

- Get An Insight Into the Canadian Battles on D-Day

- Visit Juno Beach Centre Canadian War Museum

- Learn about Abbey d'Ardenne

- Stop at Hill 67 Memorial site

- Tour can be customized to suit your interests

**Description Summary:**

Get onboard this Normandy battlefield tour and join our knowledgeable English speaking driver/guide with for a full day visit to the key beaches, sites and museums linked to Canadian Battles.

**Description:**

In the morning, we will come and pick you up at your hotel, accommodation or train station in Bayeux or surrounding area. Meet your English speaking tour guide who will be with you throughout the day on this full day Canadian sector landing beaches and sights tour.

8.50 am - Meeting point at your accommodation in or near Bayeux

9.00am - Depart from Bayeux

- Stop at Juno Beach

- Visit Juno Beach Centre

- Pay hommage at Canadian War Cemetery in Bény sur Mer

- Stop at Abbey d'Ardenne

- Stop at Hill 67 Memorial

5.00pm -Return to Bayeux

**Meet your English Speaking Driver/Guide who is a local Expert on WWII and the Normandy landings**

Once you have met your guide, he/she will go over the program and itinerary of the day with you. Then, board your premium, air conditioned Mercedes minivan and begin to make your way to visit Juno beach.

All our tour company vehicles are equipped with an on board P/A system which means that everyone will hear the guide's commentary during driving time, even if you are seated in the back of the van! Also, we have bottled water at your disposal and you can use our free wifi as you travel from one destination to another.

**Juno Beach Sector visit, including Museum dedicated to Canadian WWII history**

Did you know Canadian troops had the second highest number of casualties after the Americans during the D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy? The French certainly owe them a lot, and they played a crucial part in the liberation of Caen.

As an introduction to this D-Day landing tour, you will reach Juno Beach, where the Canadian Armed Forces of the 3rd infantry division and 9th brigade landed on the morning of June 6, 1944. Even though German troops were not very present in this sector, the Canadian Army was welcomed with landmines and obstacles which killed close to half of the men.

However, after that, the Allied troops did not lose hope and made the furthest advancement by the end of the day, about 16 km inland. Unfortunately, the next day the Germans were ready to fight to push the Allies back to the sea. From the Normandy battlefield sites, our guide will tell you all the details and how the Allied forces finally managed to keep gaining ground.

Located between St Aubin sur Mer and Courseulles sur mer, Juno Beach has become one of the most popular Normandy tourist sites and boasts a beautiful museum: the Juno Beach centre museum dedicated to Canadian involvement in the D-Day landing and World War II. To honor the Canadian army, it was built in the shape of a modern maple leaf. Stop at Juno Beach and guided tour of the museum with your expert guide and chart the history of the Canadians on this full day tour.

**Visit of the major Canadian War Cemetery in Bény sur Mer**

Our Canadian D-Day Normandy private tour carries on to Bény sur Mer Canadian War Cemetery. Many of those buried in Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery were men of the 3rd Canadian Division who died either on 6 June or during the early days of the advance towards Caen, when the Division engaged a German battle group formed from the 716th Division and the 21st Panzer Division.

The cemetery, designed by P.D. Hepworth, contains 2,048 Second World War burials, the majority Canadian, and 19 of them unidentified. The war memorial is now taken care of by the Commonwealth War Graves Commissions and is kept beautifully landscaped and immaculate.

**Hear about the tragic massacre that took place at Ardenne Abbey**

Hear the story of the Abbey d'Ardenne, where twenty Canadian soldiers, members of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders and 27th Armoured Regiment (part of the Sherbrooke Fusilier Regiment), were captured and executed by Waffen SS forces in a monastery near Caen, France.

The Abbaye d'Ardenne was liberated by the Regina Rifles shortly before midnight on July 8. Their members discovered the body of Lt. Williams (who is buried in the Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery), however no trace of LCpl. Pollard was ever found. The Bayeux Memorial (near the Bayeux War Cemetery) lists him as missing. Your comprehensive tour continues towards the Verrières Ridge.

**Final stop at Hill 67 of the Verrières Ridge**

Your final stop of the day will be at Verrières Ridge where Point or Hill 67 is located. The area was of great importance to the Allies after the fall of Caen. The Germans defended the western part of the Ridge and were supported by other troops that were holding the west side of the River Orne. The first assault of the Ridge took place on July 19th and for the first - and last - time, the pipers were allowed to play the troops forward.

For more than 5 days Canadian and British forces made numerous attempts to take the Ridge from the Germans who fiercly defended the area and counter attacked causing a great number of casualties. One of the most contreversial attack in Canadian Military History made by the Royal Highland regiment - known as The Black Watch - took place here on July 25th. Out of 325 soldiers, 315 were either killed, wounded or captured making it the costliest battle for Canadians since Dieppe.

After the stop at the Hill 67 memorial, it will be time to return to Bayeux.

**Inclusions:**

Pick up at your accommodation in Bayeux or the surrounding area

Professional English speaking driver/guide

Itinerary & Program can be fully customized

Travel in fully equipped, air conditioned Mercedes minivan.

Free WiFi access on board

**Exclusions:**

Entrance fees to monuments, museums and attractions

Personal insurance & expenses

Meals and drinks

Gratuities for the guide

**Know Before You Book:**

- Price is per group, not per person

- This product is on request.

- Tour requires minimum 2 passengers (adults) to operate.

- English speaking tour, other languages on request

- Not wheelchair accessible.

**Know Before You Go:**

- Please be ready 10 minutes before departure time

- Tour involves some walking, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

- Currency is in Euros.

**Minimum:**
2 guests per booking

**Maximum:**
8 guests per booking

**Booking Cut-off:**
14
days
before start time

### Locations:

**API provider:**
Rezdy

**Pickup:**
flexible

**Starts Notes:**
Tour begins at hotel or dedicated pick-up point TBC.

**Type:**
Business Address location

**Address:**
Ophorus Day Trips & Wine Tours in France, Boulevard Pierre 1er, Bordeaux, France

**Type:**
Meeting Point location

**Address:**
Bayeux, France

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

**Is this experience private:**
Yes

**Trip difficulty:**
Easy

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
custom

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
48
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
Operator strictly adheres to its cancellation policy and will make no exceptions to the policy. If Guest chooses to cancel his or her reservation, Operator must receive written notice of said cancellation in writing via certified mail, fax or e-mail sent to info@ophorus.com (with confirmation of receipt from Operator), and Guest shall be subject to the following cancellation fee schedule:
Ophorus requires full payment by credit card, internet payment (through our website) or wire transfer (Wire transfer fees at the charge of the Guest) to make a reservation. We accept payment by AMEX, Visa and Master Card. There is no charge or service fee for processing credit card payments except with American Express +3%.

For any cancellation, the following fees will be deducted from the refund:
Up to 48 hours prior to departure: no cancellation fees except the booking fees.
48 hours prior to departure and less > no refund
No show - no refund.

**Options:**

### Pricing

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| **PRIVATE TOUR - 795€ per group (2 to 8 persons)** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult | 0-99 years | €795.00 | 596.25 |
25.0%
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**Additional Charges:**
ProcessingFee

### Other Information

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**Voucher Info**

If any hotel or predetermined meeting place changes, notify Orphorus immediately.  Otherwise be at location 10 minutes prior to pick up time.

**Redemption**
Your voucher will be collected or scanned on redemption