Bob and Mike’s Excellent European Battlefield Adventure

72nd Anniversary
D-Day Tour
World War II 1939-1945

**Allied Powers**
- United States
- Great Britain
- Soviet Union

**Axis Powers**
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
D-Day Background

- Allied National Strategy: Defeat Germany First
- Allied Military Strategy: Return to the Continent of Europe
- Normandy Campaign
  - Invade Northwest Europe
  - Establish a beachhead and capture a major port
  - Attack and defeat Germany and her armed forces

Tehran Conference
November 1943
Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Force

US Chiefs of Staff

Combined Chiefs of Staff

British Chiefs of Staff

Supreme Commander
Allied Expeditionary Force
General
Dwight Eisenhower

Deputy Commander
Air Chief Marshal
Arthur Tedder

Chief of Staff
General
Walter Bedell Smith

Commander-in-Chief
Allied Naval Forces
Admiral
Bertram Ramsay

US Army Group
Commander
General
Omar Bradley

British Army Group
Commander
Field Marshal
Bernard Law Montgomery

Commander-in-Chief
Allied Expeditionary Air Forces
Air Marshal
Trafford Leigh-Mallory

MG Frederick E. Morgan “COSSAC”

SHAEF Team
Churchill’s War Rooms
D-Day
Signs of D-Day Today

“Signal” Monument

Directional Signs Near La Fiere

Voie de la Liberte

British Petard Tank
Pegasus Bridge

6th (BR) Airborne Division

↑ Café Gondree

MAJ John Howard
Pegasus Bridge Glider Landing Sites

Glider 1

Glider 2

Glider 3

Horsa Glider
Hillman Bunker WN17
Sword Beach

Piper Bil Millin of Lord Lovatt’s 1st Special Services Brigade

3rd (BR) Infantry Division
Arromanches MULBERRY Harbor
Longues Battery

Gun # 1  Gun # 2  Gun # 3  Gun # 4

Command Bunker

Tobruk

Gun # 3
View from Longues Battery
Sainte Honerine des Pertes – WN59

From “The Longest Day”
Omaha Beach at H-Hour
Omaha Beach From WN60

2nd & 5th Ranger Battalions

29th (US) Infantry Division

1st (US) Infantry Division
Omaha Beach: St. Laurent Draw

2nd (US) Infantry Division Memorial (WN64)
Omaha Beach at H-Hour D-Day 2012
Omaha Beach From WN 62

LCVP Higgins Boat
Omaha Beach

“Les Braves” - Anilore Banon

CAPT Jack Lea, USN, Retires on Omaha Beach June 6, 2014
Normandy American Cemetery

Site of the First American Cemetery
Normandy American Cemetery
Normandy American Cemetery

IF EVER PROOF WERE NEEDED THAT WE
FOUGHT FOR A CAUSE AND NOT FOR CONQUEST
IT COULD BE FOUND IN THESE CEMETERIES. HERE WAS
OUR ONLY CONQUEST: ALL WE ASKED... WAS ENOUGH...
SOIL IN WHICH TO BURY OUR GALLANT DEAD.

GENERAL MARK W. CLARK
CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION, 1969-1984
Pointe du Hoc
Ste. Mère Église Church

PVT John Steel

82nd (US) Airborne Division
Ste. Mère Église Town Hall
La Fiere Bridge
Memorials Near Ste. Mère Église

Amfreville

Picauville

Cauquigny
Utah Beach

4th (US) Infantry Division

Utah Beach Museum

Café Roosevelt
Utah Beach Road Signs

Utah Beach Bunkers
Brecort Manor

101st (US) Airborne Division
“Band of Brothers”

MAJ Dick Winters
Bayeux British Cemetery

Tombes de Guerre du Commonwealth
Commonwealth War Graves
“We, once conquered by William, have now set free the Conqueror’s native land.”
La Cambe German Cemetery
Le Mont St. Michele
Liberating Paris
Pre-Tour: Bletchley Park

Enigma Machine

The “Bombe”

The Mansion

Gen Heinz Guderian
France 1940
Pre-Tour: Cambridge & American Cemetery

Mathematics Bridge

Tablets of the Missing

Kings College Chapel
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US Coast Guard Photo