

Two Days / 1 Night

Sainte-Mère-Eglise, a Village that Made History

Day 1:

Lunch in the Bay of Cotentin

Afternoon - Self-guided visit of the World War II Museum in Quinéville: *Get a life-size experience of the Second World War for the first time thanks to a fully reconstructed, typical 1940s street, complete with shops and houses, and discover a large collection of 1:6 scale models and figurines. An original museum depicting what everyday life was like in Occupied France.*

Free time in Sainte-Mère-Eglise: *Explore the first town to have been liberated on the night of 5 June 1944 and see its famous church tower from which the legendary dummy paratrooper "Rupert" is suspended. Food lovers can also sample local biscuits and chocolates at the Biscuit de Sainte Mère Eglise shop.*

Dinner and accommodation in Sainte-Mère-Eglise

Day 2:

Morning - Guided coach tour of Utah Beach (round-trip departing from Sainte-Mère-Eglise): *Groups will be met at the church for a tour of the town, the German fortifications and the beach, which is today a place of remembrance with its '00' milestone marking the start of 'Liberty Road'. A few miles from La Madeleine beach, in Saint Martin de Varreville, discover the monument to General Leclerc and the landing of his famous Deuxième Division Blindée, commonly known as "the 2e DB".*

Lunch in Sainte-Mère-Eglise:

Afternoon - Two options:

Self-guided visit of the Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mère-Eglise: *This museum immerses you in the extraordinary epic of American paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. You will find an exceptional collection of historical items, a genuine glider and a C-47 aircraft used in the D-Day operations. In the 'Opération Neptune' building, prepare yourself to experience the parachute drops of 6 June 1944 first hand! You'll climb aboard a C-47 at night in England and land in the square of Sainte-Mère-Eglise in the midst of the battle!*

Alternatively, take a guided tour of the Ferme-Musée du Cotentin in Sainte-Mère-Eglise: *Discover a Normandy Farm during the Occupation.*

In this farm turned museum, you will find out how rural life and farming carried on, despite the restrictions and requisitions under the Occupation.