



JUNE 6, 1944
WWII D-DAY
MEMORIAL PARADE
 AND MUSICAL SALUTE TO THE VETERANS

2015 OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI BAND TOUR SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015:

- Departure from you area airport for an overnight flight to Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris. Flights need to arrive in Paris no later than 2:00 pm on June 4

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

- Arrival in Paris, Charles De Gaulle Airport. Meet your tour manager at baggage claim. Retrieve your luggage, clear customs and board your private motor coach. Depart for Normandy. It is approximately a 3-hour drive on board your private motor coach to Normandy. A stop will be made en route to get lunch (lunch at your own expense)
- Early afternoon arrival in Normandy. Check into your hotel (groups will be housed in tourist class hotels located in areas of Trouville, Caen, St. Lo, Bayeux, and Cherbourg)
- Afternoon orientation tour
- Dinner provided
- Rehearsal time for the Alumni Band to prepare for the next day's activities
- Overnight in the hotel



FRIDAY, JUNE 5

- Breakfast provided
- Visit to the **American Cemetery at Brittany where the Ohio State University Alumni Band will be the featured band at this tribute ceremony.** The American Cemetery in Brittany contains the remains of 4,409 of our war dead, most of who lost their lives in the Normandy and Brittany Campaigns of 1944.
- Transfer to **Mont St. Michel** for a tour of this one-of-a-kind medieval town and fortress abbey



- Lunch on own at Mont St. Michel
- Transfer to **Pointe du Hoc** During the American assault of Omaha and Utah beaches on June 6, 1944, these U.S. Army Rangers scaled the 100-foot cliffs and seized the German artillery pieces that could have fired on the American landing troops at Omaha and Utah beaches. At a high cost of life, they successfully defended against determined German counterattacks.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel



SATURDAY, JUNE 6 - D-DAY ANNIVERSARY

- Breakfast provided
- Morning visit to **Utah Beach.** The World War II Utah Beach American Memorial commemorates the achievements of U.S. VII Corps forces that landed and fought in the liberation of the Cotentin Peninsula from June 6, 1944 to July 1, 1944.
- Transfer to St. Mere Eglise to tour the town and prepare for the D-Day Memorial Parade. Ohio State University Alumni Band to be featured at Parade Opening Ceremony and **Musical Salute to Liberation** concerts featuring outstanding band's, choirs and orchestras
- Participate in the Parade
- Post parade picnic
- Post Parade feature concert at the church in Ste. Mere Eglise



SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- Breakfast provided
- Morning transfer to the **American Cemetery** at Omaha Beach where the Ohio State University Alumni Band will be the featured band at this tribute ceremony. Tour the Cemetery and Visitors Center. The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in France is located on the site of the temporary American St. Laurent Cemetery, established by the U.S. First Army on June 8, 1944 and the first American cemetery on European soil in World War II. The cemetery site contains the graves of 9,387 of our military dead, most of whom lost their lives in the D-Day landings and ensuing operations.
- **Wreath Laying and Commemoration Ceremony**
- Lunch on own in Arronanches
- Depart for Paris (approximately 3 hour drive)
- Upon arrival in Paris, enjoy dinner in the Latin Quarter
- Check in and overnight at the hotel



MONDAY, JUNE 8

- Breakfast provided
- Morning visit to the **Eiffel Tower** (a ticket will be provided to the second level observatory)
- Lunch on own
- Afternoon guided tour of the city including **Notre Dame, Champs Elysees, Arch de Triomphe, Opera, and Montmartre**
- Early evening performance at **Luxembourg Garden**. *Jardin du Luxembourg* was created beginning in 1612 by Marie de' Medici, the widow of King Henry IV of France. Also, for a new residence she constructed the Luxembourg Palace. The garden today is owned by the French Senate, which meets in the Palace. The park is known for its lawns, tree-lined promenades, flowerbeds, the model sailboats on its circular basin, and for the picturesque Medici Fountain, built in 1620.
- Dinner and evening in Montmartre. Montmartre is primarily known for the white-domed Basilica of the Sacré Cœur on its summit and as a nightclub district. Many artists had studios or worked in or around Montmartre, including Salvador Dalí, Amedeo Modigliani, Claude Monet, Piet Mondrian, Pablo Picasso, Camille Pissarro and Vincent van Gogh.
- Return to the hotel for overnight



TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- Breakfast provided
- Visit to the **Louvre Museum**. The Louvre is one of the world's largest museums and a historic monument. A central landmark of Paris, France, it is located on the Right Bank of the Seine. Nearly 35,000 objects from prehistory to the 21st century are exhibited. The Louvre is the world's most visited museum, and receives more than nine million visitors each year. The Louvre is home to many well known pieces

including the **Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, and Winged Victory**

- Afternoon at leisure to enjoy Paris
- Farewell Dinner in Paris
- Overnight in the hotel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- Breakfast provided
- Morning departure for the airport, Charles de Gaulle
- Depart for home via your scheduled airline
- Arrive home

INCLUSIONS

- 6-nights in France, 3-nights in Normandy/3-nights Paris
- Full time private motor coach in France
- Bi-lingual tour manager/guide
- Featured band at 2 American Cemetery ceremonies (Brittany and Omaha Beach)
- Featured band in Sainte Mere Eglise on June 6
- Parade entry
- Band performance at Luxembourg Garden
- Breakfast and dinner for each night stayed
- Entrances including le Mont St. Michel, Louvre, and the Eiffel Tower
- Guided tours of Paris and Normandy
- Official recognition as a member of the Ohio State University Alumni Band