

October 10-22, 2018

D-Day, Chateau de Canisy & The Great War



a customized tour of Normandy, the D-Day Landing
Beaches, scenes and memories from the First World War,
plus life in a 1000-year-old French chateau

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- Departure to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

- Meet at Paris CDG international arrivals for transfer to Chateau de Canisy in Normandy
- En route stop at the Caen Memorial for Peace
- Lunch on your own at the museum
- Arrive Canisy mid-afternoon. *Because each room is different, room assignments are first-come, first-served.
- Remainder of the day free to rest or acquaint yourself with the chateau and grounds
- Dinner at the chateau (all dinners at the chateau include wine for those who desire)
- Overnight - Chateau de Canisy



Chateau de Canisy

The 1,000-year-old castle, the private residence of Count Denis de Kergorlay, has been in the same family since the days of William the Conqueror. Each room is appointed in a style of a different era of French history.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

- Breakfast at the chateau
- Pegasus Bridge, site of the British glider invasion that began the D-Day invasion
- Travel to Bayeux
- Lunch in Bayeux on your own
- Free time for shopping or viewing the famed Bayeux Tapestry and/or the cathedral.
- Return to Canisy -- remainder of the day free
- Dinner at the chateau
- Overnight - Chateau de Canisy .

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Breakfast at the chateau
- Morning excursion Mont St Michel
- Lunch on your own on return
- Time permitting stop at Balleroy, the Forbes chateau with its hot air balloon museum
- Remainder of the day at Canisy free
- Dinner at the chateau
- Overnight - Chateau de Canisy .



Mont St. Michel

is the most visited attraction in France. The recently reconstructed causeway now allows the abbey to become an island twice each day. Adventurous members of the group can tour the grounds, while less energetic folks can shop or sit in a cafe and watch the pageant of people.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

- Breakfast at the chateau
- Tour with guide to St Mere Eglise, Utah Beach, Pointe du Hoc and the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach
- Return to Chateau de Canisy
- Dinner at the chateau
- Overnight - Chateau de Canisy

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Breakfast at the chateau
- Travel to the picturesque seaport of Honfleur
- Lunch on your own around the harbor
- Return to Canisy mid-afternoon
- Presentation on First World War in preparation for visit to Poperinge/Ypres
- Dinner at the chateau
- Overnight - Chateau de Canisy



Honfleur

The heyday of this charming seaport was the 17th and 18th centuries. Samuel de Champlain sailed from Honfleur to found Quebec City, and Cavalier de la Salle followed 80 years later to reach the mouth of the Mississippi and what is now Louisiana. Impressionist artists were inspired by Honfleur's frequently changing patterns of light.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- Breakfast at the chateau
- Motorcoach to Poperinge, Belgium.
Check in Skindles Guesthouse
- Lunch on your own
- Afternoon visits to Talbot House,
Hops Museum, Town Hall death cells
- Dinner on your own
- Overnight - Skindles Guesthouse,
Poperinge



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Breakfast at Skindles
- 8:10 am Train to Ypres, followed by walking
tour of Town Square
- 10:00 am Tour of In Flanders Fields
Museum
- Lunch on your own
- 12:30 pm walk to Menin Gate and Ramparts
Cemetery
- 1:00 pm bike ride to Hill 62 & Sanctuary
Wood (options for non-bikers: local
bookshop, St. Martin's Cathedral, waffles,
chocolate shops, great pubs)
- 6:30 pm Dinner on your own in Ypres or
Poperinge (Note: trains from Ypres to
Poperinge leave on the :42 of each hour)
- Overnight - Skindles Guesthouse, Poperinge

Cloth Hall (Lakenhalle)

begun in 1200 and completed in 1304, dominates the Town Square of Ypres. In the Middle Ages it was the area's main market for the lucrative cloth trade. Destroyed in the WWI, it was rebuilt from 1928 to 1967. The ornate Town Hall, in Italo-Flemish style, was added in 1619. In the background: St. Martin's Cathedral

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

- Breakfast at Skindles
- 10:00 am Guided tour to Tyne Cot Cemetery, German trenches, Essex Farm and others.
- Lunch on your own
- Afternoon: tour continues with visits Grieving Parents Memorial, Trench of Death and a brewery at St. Sixtus Abbey or St. Bernardus Abbey.
- Return to Poperinge by motor coach
- Dinner on your own
- Overnight - Skindles Guesthouse, Poperinge

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Breakfast at Skindles
- 9:00 am Slideshow on Ghent Altarpiece
- Lunch on your own
- Free time until 5:30 (some may want an early dinner in Poperinge)
- 6:10 pm Train to Ypres
- 8:00 pm Last Post ceremony
- ~8:30 pm Dinner on your own in Ypres or return to Poperinge. (Note: trains from Ypres to Poperinge leave on the :42 of each hour)
- Overnight - Skindles Guesthouse, Poperinge



Tyne Cot Cemetery

on a fittingly gloomy day. This is the largest cemetery for British Commonwealth forces in the world, with almost 12,000 graves, nearly 75% of which are unnamed. It was nearby, at the 1917 Battle of Passchendaele, that British Commonwealth forces suffered 300,000 casualties.



Ghent

a Medieval marvel. In the 13th and 14th centuries it was the 2nd largest city in Europe and one of the richest due to the lucrative cloth and grain trades. In Ghent try a regional specialty “waterzooi,” a creamy stew of fish or chicken with vegetables.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

- Breakfast at Skindles
- 9:10 am Train to Ghent. See St. Bavo Cathedral & Ghent Altarpiece, Cloth Hall, guildhouses, Patershol Quarter, other sites & activities as time allows.
- Lunch on your own, followed by continuation of walking tour
- Dinner on your own in Ghent (recommended) or return to Poperinge. (Note: trains from Ghent to Poperinge leave on the :36 of each hour)
- Overnight – Skindles Guesthouse, Poperinge

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

- Breakfast at Skindles, prepare for departure
- Option 1: Depart Poperinge via train to Paris CGD or Amsterdam AMS. Overnight stay. Return to US 10/22.
- Option 2: Take 7:10AM train from Poperinge to Brussels BRU (arrive 9:47). Depending on flight departure times, return to US same day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Those choosing Option 1: Return to the U.S.

PRICING INFORMATION

\$3,795 per
person/double
occupancy based
upon 16
participants

Included

- Normandy
 - 5 nights lodging at Chateau de Canisy
 - All breakfasts and 4-course dinners at Canisy (including wine, after-Dinner drinks and coffee in the salon)
 - Ground transportation for outings
 - Motorcoach to Belgium.
- Belgium
 - 5 nights lodging at Skindles Guesthouse
 - Breakfasts at Skindles
 - Entrance fees
 - Guides
 - Train tickets.

NOT Included

- Airfare and passport
 - Lunches in Normandy
 - Lunches & dinners in Belgium
 - Personal expenses
 - Train to departure airport 10/21
 - Any extras not included in the tour package
 - Tips
 - Travel insurance (recommended).
- Deposit: \$500 due Friday, March 23, 2018
 - Final Payment: \$3,295 due Friday, August 17, 2018
 - Make Checks Payable To: Magellan Travel Club
 - Mail To: Magellan Travel Club, 3949 Melchor Ave., Charlotte, NC 28211

Every effort will be made to follow the itinerary as shown above. Should unforeseen circumstances require changes, a reasonable alternative will be provided or the schedule will be adjusted so that the full tour package is completed. Should you have special dietary needs, please inform us before departure.

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For more than three decades, this ex-professional baseball player, sportscaster and U.S. Marine, has been quenching his wanderlust thirst by traveling in search of interesting people, places and life-altering experiences. Founder of the Magellan Travel Club, Bob has led numerous tour groups to Normandy.

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Retired Clemson University political science professor and Director of the Honors College, Steve has led 14 study abroad programs to Belgium where he and his students learn about the European Union, visit numerous historical sites, and eat way too many fries. (Don't call them French fries!) He is an amateur expert on the First World War (emphasis on amateur).