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**“Footsteps of D-Day”**

By Brian Woods available only through Valor Tours, \$20 incl. S&H. 166 pages w/photos. Call Valor Tours to order.



**D-Day – The Longest Day**  
**Invasion of Normandy**  
**81st Anniversary**  
**June 3 to 10, 2025**  
**Escorted by Bob Kozlowski**



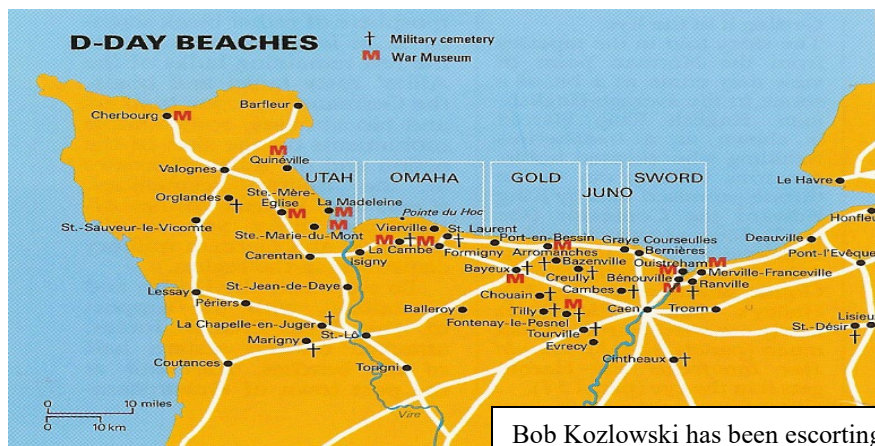
81 years have passed since General Eisenhower said, “OK, we’ll go!” and a mighty Allied invasion force sailed from England to liberate Europe from Nazi tyranny.

To commemorate the 81st Anniversary of D-Day we invite you to join us on our commemorative visit to Normandy featuring “Operation Overlord”, a sentimental journey recalling the largest and most complex combined military operation ever undertaken by man involving the cooperation between Allied, air, land and sea forces on an unprecedented scale.

**America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator**

Shortly after midnight, 6 June 1944, more than 17,000 American and British paratroopers stepped into space over the heavily mined and fortified beaches of Normandy, the first act in Operation Overlord – the long-awaited Allied invasion of Hitler’s Europe. These brave men were the advance guard of the world’s greatest amphibious operation, the logistics of which even now stagger the imagination: nearly a quarter million fighting men to be loaded aboard almost 7,000 ships of every description under an aerial umbrella of 3,000 planes.

Richard Collier, D-Day



Bob Kozlowski at La Gleize Museum, 2015

Bob Kozlowski has been escorting groups for Valor Tours to the Battle of the Bulge, Normandy, Poland and Pearl Harbor for the past eight years. His father fought at Iwo Jima with the 5<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion. He is a Financial Advisor in the Phoenix Arizona area with over 40 years experience. Originally from Chicago, he attended Arizona State University and has a BS and MBA. Bob is a Lifetime Member of the ASU Alumni Association. An avid history buff, he has been a war-strategy gamer since he was 11 years old and has spent the last 30 years traveling throughout Europe. His living motto is "always in search of the truth."

## 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary D-Day – the Longest Day 2025

### REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965 Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504

Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$600 per person, per tour) in the form of a check \_\_\_\_\_, or credit card:

Exp \_\_\_\_\_ Sec Code \_\_\_\_\_

For accommodations based on a \_\_\_ twin share basis or \_\_\_ single occupancy:

\_\_\_ I am traveling alone and wish to share with another tour member,  
 \_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_ Non smoking

or

\_\_\_ I am traveling alone and do not wish to share and will pay the single supplement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (days) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran of WWII, family member, history buff:

\_\_\_ I/we require assistance with air fare/arrangements from \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris to coincide with tour.

I/we require \_\_\_\_\_ additional nights pre-tour in Paris.

I/we require \_\_\_\_\_ additional night post-tour in Paris.

\_\_\_ I/we would like more information on the “Battle of the Bulge/Eagle’s Nest” tour immediately following the D-Day tour, from Paris to Munich, June 10 to 19.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Reservations and Final Payment**

Reservations can only be held with a deposit of \$600 per person per tour, accompanied by the Application form. Valor Tours Ltd. accepts checks and all major credit cards. Once received a confirmation/invoice, reading list and travel insurance information will be sent to you. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure unless otherwise stated on confirmation. Reservations will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend that children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Passport required. Visas are not required. Due to limited capacity, this tour does not qualify for Early Booking/payment discounts.

### **Cancellations and Changes**

If Valor Tours, Ltd. receives cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellations received between 89 to 30 days prior to commencement of tour subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation within 30 days or ‘no shows’ are non refundable. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Cancellation charges also apply to additional travel arrangements such as airfare. Cancellation insurance coverage is made available to all our participants and can include non refundable air fare.

### **Baggage allowance**

We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Porterage is not included so bring luggage on wheels. It is to the benefit of the passenger to travel light. Passengers are responsible for carry-on bags, purses, camera bags, briefcases, etc. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to baggage, or any of the passenger’s belongings. Limited baggage insurance is included in the tour cost.

### **Disabilities**

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.

### **Single travelers**

Single occupancy of hotel rooms is an additional cost over and above the tour cost. If you would like to avoid this expense, you may share with another single traveler. Valor Tours will make every attempt to find you a suitable roommate of the same age and gender, however Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot be held responsible for incompatibility, nor can they guarantee a roommate should one not be available. In that case, the single supplement will apply.

**We do not recommend children under the age of 12 participate on tour.**

## **Itinerary – subject to change**

### **Tuesday June 3 (D)**

Independent arrivals into Paris. Met by Limo and transferred to our hotel in the Opera District of Paris. Welcome dinner tonight at nearby restaurant for introductions and briefing. Overnight L’Echiquier Opera Paris

### **Wednesday June 4 (B)**

After breakfast, depart Paris aboard our private coach through the French countryside to Normandy. First stop Caen Memorial-Peace Museum (lunch in museum café on own), then onto Pegasus Bridge & Café Gondre, and Merville Battery, ending the day with check in at our hotel in Bayeux.

### **Thursday June 5 (B)**

After breakfast head for Ste Mere Eglise. Visit the church with its two stained glass windows, a tribute to the Airborne Division. Visit the Airborne Museum; pass through Ste Marie du Mont village to Brecourt Manor; Point du Hoc; Utah Beach and museum; Crisbeque Battery. Visit Carentan; Dead Man’s Corner and 101 Memorial.

### **Friday June 6 (B)**

81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Ceremony at American Battle Monument and Cemetery. Following ceremony, time to stroll among the graves and visitor center. Masey Battery. Omaha Beach.

### **Saturday June 7 (B)**

After breakfast drive to Canadian Museum at Juno beach by way of the Eisenhower Monument at Bayeux; continue across Gold beach to the high grounds above Arromanches for view of the Mulberry artificial harbor (port Winston); Longues sur Mer battery; Bayeux cathedral to see the SHAEF (Supreme Head Quarters Allied Expeditionary Force) stained glass window; British Cemetery and Battle of Normandy Museum.

### **Sunday June 8 (B)**

Depart Normandy for drive thru the Falaise Gap with stop at Montomel museum on our way to Limoges. Overnight at Mercure Limoges hotel.

### **Monday June 9 (B, D)**

Visit Oradour sur Glane, the village that on 10 June 1944 was destroyed, when 642 of its inhabitants, including women and children, were massacred by the Das Reich Division. This town is a living memorial to WWII. Check out of hotel and head to Paris and the Hotel L’Echiquier Opera Paris. Farewell dinner tonight in the hotel restaurant.

### **Tuesday June 10 (B)**

After breakfast, checkout. Tour ends.

**Or continue on Battle of the Bulge/Eagle’s Nest tour from Paris to Munich.**

**Tour cost land only \$3,295 per person, twin share.**  
**Single supplement \$800 extra.**  
**Single availability limited**

Includes two nights accommodations in Paris and four nights at a hotel in Normandy and one night in Limoges (all rooms ensuite); welcome and farewell dinners in Paris; arrival limo transfers in Paris; breakfast daily; local taxes; private coach transportation from June 4 through 9; services of tour leader/historian; entrance fees in Normandy. Subject to change and currency fluctuations and a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together – maximum 20 passengers.

Valor Tours, Ltd. reserves the right to modify the itinerary should road conditions, traffic, unexpected detours or local conditions beyond our control so dictate, or to meet the needs of our passengers. European coach driving laws will be observed at all times. The coach driver is limited to the amount of time he may spend at the wheel. Unused components non-refundable.



*Additional nights in Paris \$125.00 per night per person twin share, incl. taxes. \$250.00 single occupancy. Individual transfers will be arranged from the airport to our hotel in Paris located in the Opera district.*



*Dwight Eisenhower giving orders to American paratroopers in England on June 6, 1944*

*“Thanks and appreciation to you for putting together a very inspiring and memorable tour of Normandy. I have waited many years for such an opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.” Robert Britigan, 2005*

*“Since I was travelling alone (D-Day 2017), Bob Kozlowski became a comrad, providing both company and information about the tour. It was a great experience for me.” R. Fitzpatrick, 2017*

*“We want to offer our sincere thanks to you for such a great adventure. When seating for a trip to attend 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary D-Day, we had no idea that we would find such a wonderful gem as Valor Tours.” Marty Ehlert, 2004*



The village of Oradour sur Glane that we visit on June 8 and 9 remains exactly as it was left after the Nazi massacre that took place on June 10, 1944. The World at War documentary series has this town depicted in many passages. The village had been far from any centre of conflict and was not an active resistance stronghold. Yet on that Saturday, men from the Der Führer Regiment of the 2nd Waffen SS Panzer Division Das Reich, drove into Oradour and killed everyone that they could find, a total of 642 men, women and children. The village was then looted and set on fire. Today it remains a living memorial to this tragedy.

*“One of the best trips that I have taken. Thanks for everything that you have done over the years.” Fred Guyer, 2015 (travelling with Valor Tours for over 30 years)*

## **Travel insurance**

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