

PRINCETON JOURNEYS

PARIS AND NORMANDY

Led by **Kevin Weddle*03**, Professor of Military
Theory and Strategy at the US Army War College
October 1–9, 2022





JUNO BEACH



MUSEE CARNAVALET

DEAR PRINCETONIAN,

One of Princeton's favorite study leaders, Col. (ret.) Kevin Weddle '03, professor of military theory and strategy at the US Army War College, leads this exclusively designed tour to connect with the rich history and culture of northern France. From the magic of Paris to an 18th century chateau in the heart of Normandy, spend seven nights discovering stories of valor and courage, witnessing stunning art and architecture, taking in spectacular landscapes celebrated by artists for centuries, and sampling regional cuisine, including cheese tastings and sipping Calvados, Normandy's renowned cider brandy.

Arrive in Paris and travel to Normandy to explore the region's beaches, military history museums, and cemeteries, including Omaha Beach, the Caen Memorial Museum, and the American Military Cemetery, where we will pay our respects to those who sacrificed their lives there. Take in spectacular scenery and cultural riches with visits to the famed Bayeux Tapestry, the island of Mont Saint-Michel, and Chateau de Toqueville, the ancestral home of Alexis de Tocqueville, where lunch with the current de Tocquevilles is planned. Stop at Monet's home and garden in Giverny before returning to Paris for a unique look at the city's history, including a special visit to the newly renovated Musée Carnavalet, capped off with a farewell event at a special venue.

Accommodations are deluxe and memorable with three nights in Paris at Hotel Napoléon, a historic mansion on the Champs Elysees, and four nights at Chateau D'Audrieu, a magnificent estate in the heart of Normandy.

This Princeton exclusive is limited to just 24 participants, so we encourage you to reserve your space today by calling Criterion Travel at 888-328-2089.

With kind regards,

Bridget St. Clair

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Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys





THIS PAGE: MONT SAINT-MICHEL
COVER: AMERICAN CEMETERY IN NORMANDY
MAIL PANEL: NAPOLEON'S TOMB

ITINERARY

SATURDAY–SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1–2

Home / Paris, France

Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Paris, arriving on October 2. Transfer to the hotel with time to rest and recover before an early evening welcome orientation, introductory lecture, and reception with appetizers.

HOTEL NAPOLEON (R)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Bayeux

Board a coach to Normandy after breakfast with a stop at Benouville, site of the original Pegasus Bridge, famously secured early in the Normandy invasion. Visit nearby Juno Beach, assaulted by the Canadian 3rd Infantry Division on D-Day. Continue to Bayeux and enjoy an orientation tour including the spectacular Bayeux Tapestry, the 230-foot-long 11th-century embroidered cloth that recounts the story of the Norman conquest of England. Check into the historic Château D'Audrieu this evening.

CHÂTEAU D'AUDRIEU (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Bayeux

Drive to the strategically located Sainte-Mère-Église, one of the first towns liberated during the invasion, for a visit to the Airborne Museum. Continue to Château de Tocqueville for lunch, possibly with the current Mr. & Mrs. de Tocqueville. Meander along a scenic stretch of the Normandy coast with visits to Utah Beach, the Westernmost of the D-Day landing areas, and Le Cambe German Cemetery. Return to the hotel for dinner and a tasting of Calvados, the region's renowned cider brandy.

CHÂTEAU D'AUDRIEU (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Bayeux

Travel today to the UNESCO-listed Mont Saint-Michel for a guided tour of the Gothic monastery and village followed by free time and lunch at leisure. Return by way of the cliffs of Saint-Jean-le-Thomas for alternate views of the iconic Mont. Enjoy the remainder of the day free with the option to dine independently in Bayeux or explore the magnificent gardens and grounds of our Normandy hotel.

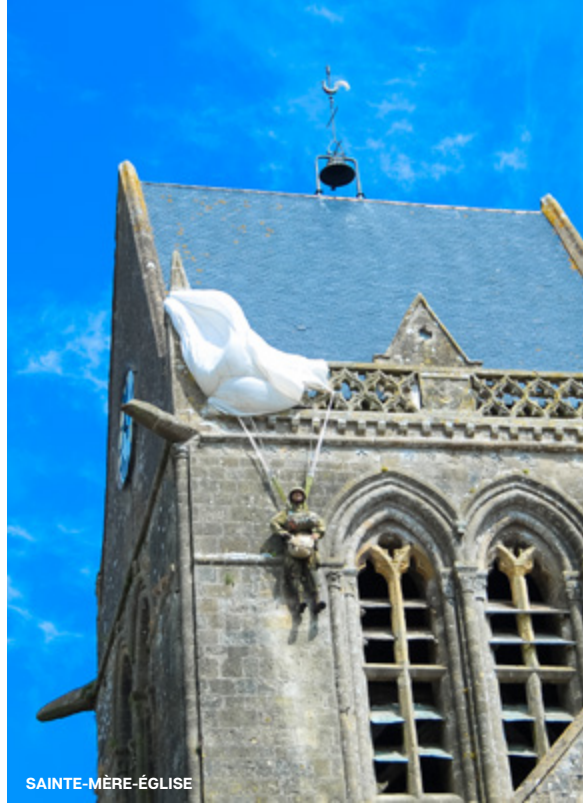
CHÂTEAU D'AUDRIEU (B)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Bayeux

A full day of D-Day visits includes the heavily armed and fortified Pointe du Hoc; Omaha Beach, assaulted by U.S. Army infantry;

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SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE



SCENE FROM THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY



LONGUES-SUR-MER



PEGASUS BRIDGE

the Normandy American Cemetery; Arromanches-Les-Bains, where the Allies assembled a temporary artificial harbor after the D-Day landings; and the the Battery of Longues-sur-Mer, the only site in Normandy to retain all its original guns in situ. Gather for dinner at the hotel for our final night in Normandy.

CHÂTEAU D'AUDRIEU (B,L)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Paris

En route to Paris, stop in Caen to tour Caen Memorial Museum, dedicated to conflict throughout the 20th century with a focus on WWII. Continue to Giverny to visit the lovely house and gardens of Impressionist painter Claude Monet, where many of his most famous works were made. Arrive in Paris and check in to the Hôtel Napoléon before an evening at leisure to enjoy one of Paris' many fine restaurants for dinner independently.

HÔTEL NAPOLÉON (B,L)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Paris

Begin the morning with a guided tour of the Army Museum, adjacent to Napoléon's Tomb at les Invalides, then visit the Musée Carnavalet, dedicated to the history of Paris, reopened in May 2021 after five years of extensive renovation. Enjoy lunch and the afternoon at leisure in the city, then gather at a nearby restaurant for a festive farewell dinner.

HÔTEL NAPOLÉON (B,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Paris / Home

Transfer to Paris airports for flights home.

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BAYEUX



GIVERNY



OUR STUDY LEADER



Col. (ret.) Kevin Weddle *03, *Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the US Army War College*

A veteran of Operations Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom, Col. Weddle is professor of military theory and strategy and the Elihu Root Chair of Military Studies at the US Army War College. He has led groups of students – including previous Princeton Journeymen – to the battlefields and beaches near Normandy and has also led groups to Civil War and World War I battlefield sites, as well as the battlefields of Waterloo,

Agincourt, Sicily, Gallipoli, and Dunkirk. He is a West Point graduate, received his Ph.D. from Princeton in history in 2003, and served as the Garwood Visiting Professor at Princeton in 2019. He is the author of the award-winning books *Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: The Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont* and *The Compleat Victory: Saratoga and the American Revolution*. On this journey, Col. Weddle will discuss World War II history in northern France.

HIGHLIGHTS

- » View the 200-foot-long embroidered **Bayeux Tapestry**, a remarkable work of art and important source of 11-century history depicting the Norman Conquest of England in 1066.
- » Dine at the **Chateau de Tocqueville**, the ancestral home of Alexis de Tocqueville, iconic figure in the history/ideals of democracy and justice, and famed author of *Democracy in America* (1835).
- » Marvel at the stunning beauty of the 12th-century Benedictine monastery of **Mont Saint-Michel**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that seemingly rises out of the sea, one of the most iconic examples of Gothic architecture in all of France.
- » Savor **specialties of regional cuisine**, ranging from fine dining and delicious country-style feasts to a cheese tasting and sipping of Calvados, Normandy's renowned cider brandy.
- » Visit the award-winning **Caen Memorial Museum**, the largest museum in France dedicated to 20th-century history, with a particular focus on D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.
- » Admire the beauty of **Claude Monet's Garden at Giverny**, a setting that inspired many of his beloved paintings.
- » Delve into the fascinating history of Paris with a specially guided visit through the **Carnavalet Museum**, opened to the public in 1880 in the 16th-century Carnavalet mansion.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Château D'Audrieu

Ideally located between Caen and Bayeux, this elegant 18th century chateau is set in a 60-acre wooded park with magnificent gardens. The rooms and suites combine throwback opulence with modern comforts, and the Sothys spa is accompanied by a lovely outdoor heated pool. The on-site Le Seran restaurant serves high-end cuisine featuring produce picked fresh from the garden. There's also a plush bar, period-style lounges, and a charming breakfast room.



Hôtel Napoléon

Just a stone's throw from the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe, this luxurious 5-Star hotel offers guests a very Parisian mansion house-style experience. With its range of cozy rooms, beautiful suites, or large interconnecting rooms, the Hôtel Napoléon is perfect for an escape in Paris. Located in the famous 8th arrondissement, one of Paris's elegant upmarket neighborhoods, it's ideally placed close to the capital's iconic monuments.



PARIS

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES

Per person, double occupancy.....	\$6,690
Single supplement.....	\$2,600

To reserve a place, please contact Criterion Travel by phone at **888-328-2089** or email **res@critteriontravel.com**.

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **seven deluxe hotel nights, seven breakfasts, four lunches, three dinners, and one wine reception** · House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group dinners · Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations · Group airport transfers on group arrival and departure dates · **Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for all group activities** · Entrance fees · Complete packet of pre-departure information · Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

GROUP SIZE

This exclusive program is limited to 24 participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/ she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that

would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. Up-to-date information about COVID-related protocols and restrictions is being monitored and will be sent to confirmed participants in pre-departure mailings. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols, including immunization.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS

Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare · Passport/visa expenses · Medical expenses and immunizations · Travel and trip cancellation insurance · Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days · Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour · Airline baggage charges · Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted · Laundry or dry cleaning · Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges · Room service · Other items of a personal nature

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