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NORMANDY SEMINAR



Normandy-Utah Beach

Legacies of World War II

Led by *Colonel (Ret) Kevin Weddle *03*,

Distinguished Fellow and Military Historian, US Army War College

APRIL 17-23, 2027

DEAR PRINCETONIAN,

Join study leader favorite Colonel (Ret) Kevin J. Weddle *03, an acclaimed scholar of military history and strategy, on a classic Princeton Journeys experience: a custom-designed exploration of Normandy and its World War II legacy. Through lectures and immersive guided site visits, Weddle will lead you through the planning, execution, and human experience of Operation Overlord, one of the most consequential military operations in modern history.

Stay with fellow Tigers at an 18th-century château outside the historic town of Bayeux, and from there set out to walk the Utah and Omaha Beaches, explore Sainte-Mère-Église's outstanding Airborne Museum featuring a restored C-47 Dakota, and stand atop Pointe du Hoc. At the moving Normandy American Cemetery, pay homage to those who sacrificed their lives during the D-Day landings and ensuing campaigns.

Throughout the adventure, discover Normandy's enduring charm on guided walks through the historic villages of Bénouville, Bayeux, and Arromanches-les-Bains; explore Rouen and its magnificent cathedral; and savor the region's flavors through curated dining experiences, including a special lunch at the historic Château de Tocqueville. The journey begins and concludes with overnights in Paris, perfect for extending your travels independently.

This Princeton-exclusive program is limited to just 24 participants, so we encourage you to reserve your space today.

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With best wishes for continued curiosity and lifelong learning,

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Kevin Weddle leading Princetonians at Le Cambe German Cemetery in 2022

STUDY LEADER



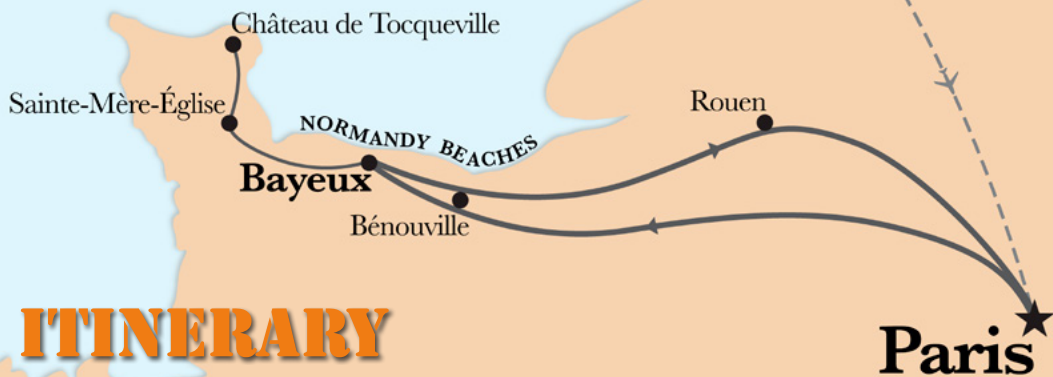
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Kevin Weddle is a graduate of the US Military Academy, is a veteran of Operations Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom, commanded a combat engineer battalion, and served over 28 years on active duty in the US Army. At Princeton he studied with one of the nation's greatest Civil War historians, Professor James McPherson. Dr. Weddle leads military and civilian groups to battlefields around the world including Normandy, the Rhine, Sicily, Anzio, Gallipoli, Gettysburg, Antietam, and many others. He served as the William L. Garwood Visiting Professor at Princeton in 2019. In addition to being an accomplished lecturer and tour leader, he is an award-winning author of books and articles, including *The Compleat Victory: Saratoga and the American Revolution* (Oxford University Press), winner of six national and international literary awards including the Gilder Lehrman Military History Prize and the Society of the Cincinnati Prize.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **Follow the D-Day story** during expert-led visits across **Omaha** and **Utah Beach, Pointe du Hoc, the Normandy American Cemetery**, and key battle sites that shaped the Allied victory.
- ◆ Step into the **Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mère-Église**, featuring a real C-47 Dakota, recreated parachute drops, and first-hand accounts that place you directly in the boots of the U.S. 82nd Airborne Division and U.S. 101st Airborne Division on D-Day.
- ◆ Enjoy guided explorations through **Normandy's historic villages**, including Bényouville, Bayeux, and Arromanches-les-Bains, where charm, culture, and D-Day history come together.
- ◆ **Stay three nights at Château d'Audrieu**, an 18th-century Norman Chateau combining refined hospitality, tranquil gardens, a serene spa, and an authentic sense of place in the Normandy countryside.
- ◆ **Savor Normandy's flavors** through curated experiences including lunch at the historic **Château de Tocqueville**, a tasting of regional cheeses, and dinners at acclaimed restaurants featuring coastal seafood, teurgoule rice pudding, and Calvados.
- ◆ **Trace the Allied Advances to Paris:** Return to Paris via **Rouen**, featuring a visit to its magnificent cathedral and time to explore before a memorable farewell dinner in the French capital.





**Saturday, April 17–
Sunday, April 18**

DEPART HOME / PARIS, FRANCE

Depart on an overnight flight to Paris. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel in historic Saint-Germain-en-Laye. This evening, gather for a welcome orientation and inaugural lecture by Study Leader Kevin Weddle followed by a welcome dinner with fellow travelers. *Hotel Pavillon Henri IV (D)*

Monday, April 19

BAYEUX

This morning visit Bénouville, site of the original Pegasus Bridge, famously captured by British airborne forces in the opening minutes of D-Day. Enjoy lunch near Pegasus Bridge before continuing to Bayeux, your home for the next three nights. Take an orientation tour of the town and enjoy time to appreciate its medieval character before checking in to the hotel. Gather this evening for Dr. Weddle's second lecture followed by dinner at Le Séran, Château d'Audrieu's elegant restaurant. *Château d'Audrieu (B,L,D)*

Tuesday, April 20

BAYEUX

Travel to the town of Sainte-Mère-Église, widely recognized as the first town liberated by US Forces on D-DAY. Visit the Airborne Museum, home to immersive exhibits detailing the experiences of American paratroopers during the Normandy invasion. Continue to Normandy's Cotentin peninsula for a special lunch at Château de Tocqueville, the private family home of the great 19th-century political philosopher, Alexis de Tocqueville, author of *Democracy in America*. Following lunch, travel the Normandy coast to experience two deeply contrasting sites: Utah Beach, celebrated as the most successful American landing zone on D-Day, and Le Cambe German War Cemetery, the somber burial sight of over 21,000 German military personnel. Return to the hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure to stroll the Château's grounds, relax at the spa, or return to Bayeux independently. *Château d'Audrieu (B,L)*



American Cemetery – Normandy



Bayeux, France



German bunker remains at Pointe Du Hoc, Normandy Beach

Wednesday, April 21

BAYEUX

Begin the day with Dr. Weddle's third lecture before continuing the exploration of Normandy's most significant D-Day sites. See the imposing Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Army Rangers scaled towering cliffs under enemy fire. Stand on the sand where the historic "Bloody Omaha" invasion unfolded, and pay your respects at the Normandy American Cemetery. Explore Longues-sur-Mer's intact German artillery and take in the impressive ruins of Arromanches' historic Mulberry Harbor. Return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner featuring regional Normandy specialties in Bayeux. *Château d'Audrieu (B,L,D)*



American Military World War II Cemetery, Normandy

Thursday, April 22

PARIS

Journey back to Paris, stopping enroute in Rouen, the historic capital of Normandy. Enjoy a walking tour including a visit to the magnificent Rouen Cathedral, famously painted by Claude Monet. Take advantage of free time for lunch and independent exploration in the city's historic center before continuing to Paris and checking in to Hotel Napoléon, a legendary 5-star Art Deco gem just steps from the Arc de Triomphe. Celebrate the journey during a special farewell dinner in the heart of the French capital. *Hotel Napoléon (B,D)*



American tank on Utah Beach, Normandy

Friday, April 23

HOME

Transfer to the airport after breakfast for return flights home or extend your stay in Paris independently. (B)



Rouen, Normandy, France

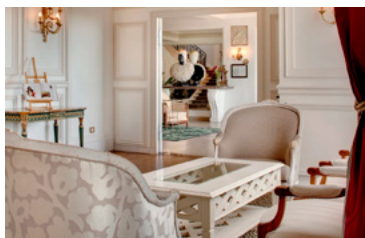


PROGRAM RATES

Per person, sharing accommodations **\$6,290**
Single Supplement **\$1,575**

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Pavillon Henri IV, Paris



Set in the historic town of Saint-Germain-en-Laye, just outside Paris, Hotel Pavillon Henri IV occupies the former royal residence where King Louis XIV was born. The elegant hotel

offers sweeping views of the Seine Valley and provides a tranquil setting for the start of the journey. Hotel amenities include a spa, two restaurants, and scenic outdoor terrace.

Château d'Audrieu, Normandy



A listed historic monument and member of Relais & Châteaux, the 18th-century Château d'Audrieu features 25 hectares of wooded parkland and tranquil French gardens. Period

fireplaces, beds draped in silky fabrics, and 18th-century-inspired furniture adorn the 29 rooms and suites of the property. Amenities include an outdoor pool, spa, and collection of gourmet restaurants with produce harvested from the estate's gardens.

Hotel Napoléon, Paris



Conclude the journey with a night in the heart of Paris, steps away from the Arc de Triomphe and Champs-Élysées in the famous 8th arrondissement. Located on

the site of the former Tolstoy family mansion, the Hotel Napoléon has hosted distinguished guests throughout its history, including Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, Salvador Dalí, Orson Welles, Miles Davis, Ella Fitzgerald, and Josephine Baker. Hotel amenities include a fitness center, wellness treatments, restaurant, and outdoor terrace.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

Five nights 5-star accommodations • Meals and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including five breakfasts, three lunches, and four dinners • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Shared airport transfers on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Entrance fees • Welcome cocktails • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Filtered water on motorcoaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Expert in-country guide throughout the program

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • 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, internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

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WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program, with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. Participants must be in good health, be able to walk independently, and keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

GROUP SIZE

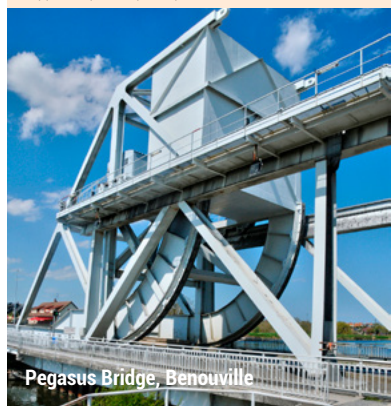
This program can accommodate 26 participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates 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 rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

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Pegasus Bridge, Benouville

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ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

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I prefer to have single accommodations (limited availability)

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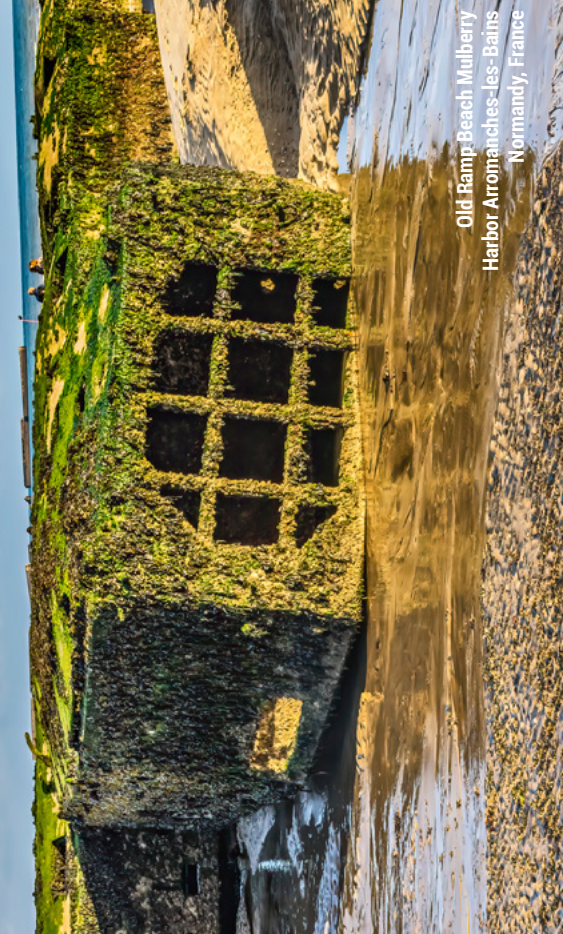
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Arc de Triomphe, Paris

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