

THE DAY HISTORY SHALL NEVER FORGET



World War II is a conflict which hardly anyone can forget or ignore. Its horrors still strike us hard today and many are still fighting to cope with them. One of its bloodiest events which brought about a change of fortune for the Nazi-dominated Europe is D-Day.

Undoubtedly this day is one of the most important events in the history of humankind. On June 6th 1944, the Allied Forces disembarked on the **Normandy Coast** and entered what became the most violent battle against the German invaders. The horrors of D-Day, as this day will always be referred to, are unspeakable and for more than 60 years, many have been trying to cope with them. Thousands of lives were lost on that day, thousands of families broken.

The coast and its famous beaches (**Omaha, Juno, Gold, Utah, and Sword**) are frequented by many tourists who come here to learn about the past. It is no happy sight, however. The dark, terrifying energy still lingers on - over sixty years have passed and it appears the curse is still upon this place.

There are several sites which the tourists seek out. The beaches are undoubtedly the one of the most relevant ones. **The Mulberry Harbour**, a floating harbour used during the landing is still to be seen. **Pointe du Hoc**, a cliff top above the beaches, offers an unforgettable view over the D-Day horizon.

A very popular stop in their exploration of the area for many is the **Pegasus Bridge**. A famous cafe, the first house liberated by the British after the invasion, still welcomes visitors and a small exhibition of photos commemorates the historical landmark.

Bayeux was the first liberated city and local impressive museum offers a unique peak into the past using state-of-the-art technology. Local cemetery is a must see as well. To deal with the overwhelming historical experience head for **Honfleur** and **Trouville**, two charming ports in the surrounding area.

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