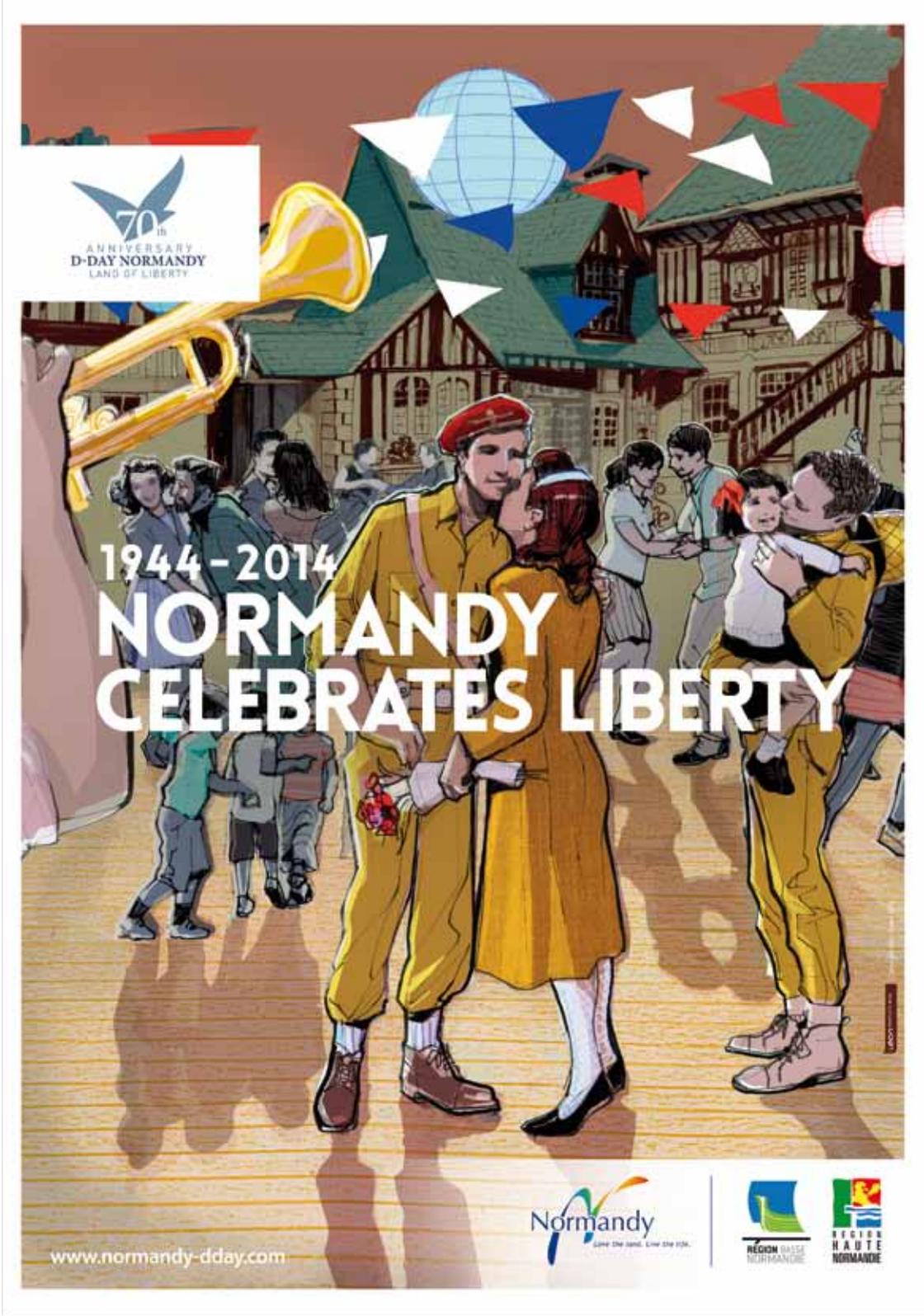




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D-DAY NORMANDY  
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## 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY

Marked by the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy, 2014 will be a year for peace and reconciliation. Through an exceptional programme showcasing this historical event in dedicated sites and museums, you will be able to relive and better understand this crucial phase of the Second World War. On the occasion of this 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the challenges of our cultural and family-oriented programme of events, suitable for all, will be to show, evoke and explain so that people can see, understand and remember. In this brochure you will find a small selection of events which Normandy is planning.

### THE OFFICIAL COMMEMORATIONS

The official commemorations of June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 will bring together many heads of State and Government. Only holders of invitations will be able to gain access to the sites of these official commemorations.

To stay abreast of the latest news about conditions of access to the sites, please consult the following site regularly: [www.the70th-normandy.com](http://www.the70th-normandy.com)

In any case, areas will be open to the general public in immediate proximity to these sites and many other sites and museums will be easily accessible so that you can find out about the history of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy.

## WHAT'S ON IN 2014?

From February to December

Juno Beach Centre  
Courseulles-sur-Mer (14)

### GRANDMA WHAT WAS IT LIKE DURING THE WAR? EXHIBITION

This temporary exhibition re-creates the war-time experiences of Norman and Canadian civilians, mainly of children, from 1940 to 1944.

[www.junobeach.org](http://www.junobeach.org)

### FREEDOM EXCURSIONS

Historic excursions on the D-Day Landing Beaches, or at the main sites of the Battle of Normandy to allow you to discover the history and events of 1944. Check out our varied schedule of historic excursions in 2014: on foot, by bike, mountain bike, rollerblades, in a canoe or on horseback.

[www.randonnees-normandes.com](http://www.randonnees-normandes.com)



From March to October

Calvados

### LEAVING THE WAR BEHIND. FROM THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY THROUGH TO RECONSTRUCTION

This travelling exhibition will be on show in 14 towns throughout the department of Calvados. In each of these 14 towns, the exhibition will bring together local inhabitants both the young and those who lived through the war and will host lectures and various events.

[www.calvados.fr](http://www.calvados.fr)



From April to September

La Cité de la Mer - Cherbourg (50)

### CHERBOURG... AND FREEDOM CAME FROM THE SEA

This exhibition of images shows the work of the American troops in the days following the liberation of the port of Cherbourg, which became the world's biggest port for several months and the essential supply hub of the Liberation.

[www.citedelamer.com/en](http://www.citedelamer.com/en)

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Bayeux Cathedral (14)

### BELL OF PEACE AND FREEDOM

The new bell of Bayeux cathedral, weighing 1,100kg or 1 ton, sponsored by nine young people, was cast to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and it will be exhibited in the cathedral until June. Interdenominational service in the presence of scouts from all the Allied countries and Germany.

[clochebayeux6juin2014.blogspot.com](http://clochebayeux6juin2014.blogspot.com)

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April 26<sup>th</sup>

Omaha Beach (14)

### AMERICA'S BOY SCOUTS NORMANDY JAMBOREE

Since 1994, the Boy Scouts of America "Transatlantic Council" gather on the D-Day Landing sites for a jamboree dedicated to remembrance.

This will be the biggest gathering of families of American military in Europe. Over 4,500 people are

expected for various ceremonies, campfires and a giant picnic.

[www.tac-bsa.org/Program/Normandy](http://www.tac-bsa.org/Program/Normandy)

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May

Caen Memorial (14)

### "100 OBJECTS FROM THE 100 DAYS OF THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY" EXHIBITION

This exhibition recounts the terrible conflict which led to the liberation of Paris and of Western Europe, putting the emphasis on objects and documents which are remarkable, previously unseen or with special relevance to a context or to a particular event.

[www.normandy.memorial-caen.com](http://www.normandy.memorial-caen.com)

May 10<sup>th</sup>

Ouistreham (14)

### JAZZ BAND

The Ouistreham Jazz Big Band made up of 18 musicians in the tradition of American Big Bands, pays tribute to Glenn Miller, the arranger and composer, and icon of 40's swing.

[www.ville-ouistreham.fr](http://www.ville-ouistreham.fr)

May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Château du Taillis - Duclair (76)

## RECONSTRUCTION OF CAMPS



Reconstruction of American, British, French and German camps in the château grounds with over 250 participants.

[www.chateau-du-taillis.com](http://www.chateau-du-taillis.com)

May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Cap Fagnet - Fécamp (76)

## 39-45 TOUR

The blockhouses of Cape Fagnet bear witness to the Atlantic Wall erected from 1942 onwards. A slideshow will show the extent of the defences built on the coast around Fécamp.

The second part of the tour gives an opportunity to visit the «German military hospital» via a woodland path.

[www.ville-fecamp.com](http://www.ville-fecamp.com)

## End of May

Ouistreham (14), Utah Beach (50) and Mont-Ormel (61)

## 70 VOICES AND 3 TREES OF FREEDOM

Three “trees of freedom” will be created by some 500 pupils and apprentices. 70 groups of young people from Lower Normandy are in the process of gathering 70 sets of testimonies from those who lived through the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy which includes veterans, members of the resistance and citizens of all nationalities. Extracts from eye witness accounts will be attached to these symbolic trees, which will be “planted” in May in three places emblematic of the Battle of Normandy.

[70voix.blogspot.fr](http://70voix.blogspot.fr)

## From June to September

Caen Memorial (14)

## A MONUMENTAL FRESCO ON THE FAÇADE OF THE MEMORIAL



The stencil artist Jef Aérosol will cover the façade of the Memorial with two giant paintings on the theme of the liberation of Western Europe. Below these artworks the sculptor Decaroline from Arromanches will create a fresco on the 100 days of the Battle of Normandy.

[www.normandy.memorial-caen.com](http://www.normandy.memorial-caen.com)



From June 1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2014

Arromanches - Bayeux -  
Sainte-Mère-Eglise - Isigny-sur-Mer  
- Omaha Beach - Carentan - Utah  
Beach

**D-DAY FESTIVAL  
NORMANDY 2014**

A selection of celebrations orga-  
nised by six Tourist Offices of the  
D-Day Landing Beaches.

[www.ddayfestival.com](http://www.ddayfestival.com)

From June 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>  
Carentan (50)

**RECONSTRUCTION OF  
AN ALLIED CAMP**

Reconstruction of an Allied camp  
from the Second World War. Exhi-  
bition of military, civilian and agri-  
cultural equipment of the time,  
musical entertainment, proces-  
sion of vehicles, various exhibition  
workshops rediscovering the daily  
life of soldiers and civilians. Open  
air screening of period documents.

[www.amis-suffolk-rgt.com/en](http://www.amis-suffolk-rgt.com/en)



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June 5<sup>th</sup>

24 towns along the D-Day Landing  
Beaches

**COASTAL FIREWORKS**



@ L.A. Pyrotechnie

24 major firework displays syn-  
chronised between all the 24 main  
sites of the D-Day Landings.

[www.normandiememoire.com](http://www.normandiememoire.com)

The night of June 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>  
Pegasus Memorial Museum –  
Ranville (14)

**“JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 1944, THEY WERE THE  
FIRST” DOCUMENTARY**



@ Thierry Hougel

Screening in the museum garden  
on a 100m<sup>2</sup> screen of a 52 mi-  
nute documentary film, made by  
Jean-Michel Vecchiet, recounting  
the story of the soldiers from the  
6<sup>th</sup> British airborne division who  
were amongst the first to set foot  
on the soil of Normandy.

[www.memorial-pegasus.org](http://www.memorial-pegasus.org)

From June 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>

Caen (14), Sainte-Mère-Eglise (50),  
Sées (61), Lisieux (14), Cherbourg (50)

### CONCERT FOR FREEDOM

A musical evening with the regional orchestra of Lower Normandy including 150 young musicians. The work interpreted will be the Mass for Peace, composed by Karl-William Jenkins and illustrated with images from the archives of Caen Memorial.

[www.orchestrenormandie.com](http://www.orchestrenormandie.com)

June 6<sup>th</sup>

Zénith - Caen (14)

### IMAX FILM

« D-DAY NORMANDY 1944 »

This is the first Imax film in 3-D about the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy. In 40 minutes “D-Day Normandy 1944” will plunge you into the military operation which involved the biggest armada of all time. A major show created in partnership with the General Councils of the Manche and Calvados and the Region of Lower Normandy.

[www.cr-basse-normandie.fr](http://www.cr-basse-normandie.fr)

June 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (in the evening)

Site of the Merville Gun Battery (14)

«THEY DIDN'T KNOW  
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE...» SHOW

Large historical fresco in four parts following the construction of the gun battery, the way it works, the eventful arrival of Rommel just a

few days before the D-Day Landings and the training of British parachutists before the victorious but tragic assault.

[www.batterie-merville.com](http://www.batterie-merville.com)

June 7<sup>th</sup> (in the afternoon)

Grandcamp-Maisy & Isigny-sur-Mer (14)

### PROCESSION OF MILITARY VEHICLES



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Jeeps, Dodges, GMC, as well as heavy equipment such as tanks, Diamonds or Wreckers will be part of a procession through the streets of Grandcamp-Maisy and Isigny-sur-Mer. An event that will delight lovers of military hardware and history!

[www.isigny-grandcamp-intercom.com](http://www.isigny-grandcamp-intercom.com)

June 7<sup>th</sup>

Omaha Beach -  
Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer (14)

### GIANT PICNIC

The picnic on this iconic beach is a tribute to the men who fought for our freedom. It brings together more than 1,500 people of every generation and nationality each year.

[en.oti-omaha.fr](http://en.oti-omaha.fr)

June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

Regional model aircraft club,  
Creully (14)

### MAJOR MODEL AIRCRAFT

Major air show with many flying model aircraft on the theme of "Aircraft of June 6<sup>th</sup>". On show there will be 12 Typhoons on a 1/5<sup>th</sup> scale, 7 DC3s with a 5 metre wingspan, and a C47 with an 8.2 metre wingspan as well as gliders on the same scale.

[amcb.jimdo.com](http://amcb.jimdo.com)

June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

Ver-sur-Mer, Courseulles-sur-Mer,  
Langrune-sur-Mer, Luc-sur-Mer (14)

### FREEDOM TOURNAMENT

Major football tournament on the Côte de Nacre. In total: 64 teams and 700 children.

German, English and Canadian teams are expected, paying tribute to the first international football match in liberated France which took place at Courseulles-sur-Mer on July 14<sup>th</sup> 1944.

[fccn.free.fr](http://fccn.free.fr)

June 8<sup>th</sup>

Site de La Fièvre -  
Sainte-Mère-Eglise (50)

### INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING

Major military and civilian parachute drops. Several nationalities will be present at the historic site of La Fièvre (drop zone in 1944) –

American, French, German, Dutch, British...

[www.sainte-mere-eglise.info/en](http://www.sainte-mere-eglise.info/en)

June 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>

Zénith - Caen (14)

### LIBERATION TATTOO



First Military Music Festival bringing together 650 French, Belgian, Canadian, Dutch, Norwegian, Polish, British, American and German musicians.

[www.memorial-pegasus.org](http://www.memorial-pegasus.org)

From June 14<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
(Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays)

Bayeux Cathedral (14)

### RENDEZ-VOUS À LA CATHÉDRALE «THE LIGHTS OF FREEDOM»

A spectacular walk around the cathedral on the theme of freedom. A dramatic account with light, colour, music, special effects and giant projected images...

[www.bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com/en](http://www.bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com/en)

From July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>

One evening per week

Various sites around Trévières (14)

### OPEN AIR SCREENINGS

One evening a week to see archive footage or films linked to the Second World War.

[en.oti-omaha.fr](http://en.oti-omaha.fr)

From August 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>

Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer (14)

### THE ACADIAN WEEK

Created to pay tribute to the Acadian soldiers, this major event will be based on the theme of Acadia: the Major Landing. Commemoration ceremonies, conferences, hikes, an exhibition and Acadian ball with freedom as its theme...

[www.semaineacadienne.net](http://www.semaineacadienne.net)

From August 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

Montormel Memorial (61)

### EXHIBITION OF A PANTHER TANK AND GERMAN MOTORCYCLES

Exhibition of the first tank of modern design: the Panther.

About thirty motorcycles, authentic period pieces which survived the conflict will be here for the week-end of August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

[www.memorial-montormel.org](http://www.memorial-montormel.org)

August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Quai des Arts - Argentan (61)

### GRAND MUSICAL SHOW

A grand musical show with choirs and orchestra against a backdrop of images from films has been specially created for the event.

[www.orne.fr/en](http://www.orne.fr/en)

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Throughout the site of Mont-Ormel (61)

### A DAY OF DISCOVERY AND ENTERTAINMENT

Conferences, exhibitions of old equipment and cultural activities will take place in the villages of the battlefield of Mont-Ormel. So many places to stop and explore, and chances to meet local people, some of whom witnessed this last battle of Normandy.

[www.orne.fr/en](http://www.orne.fr/en)

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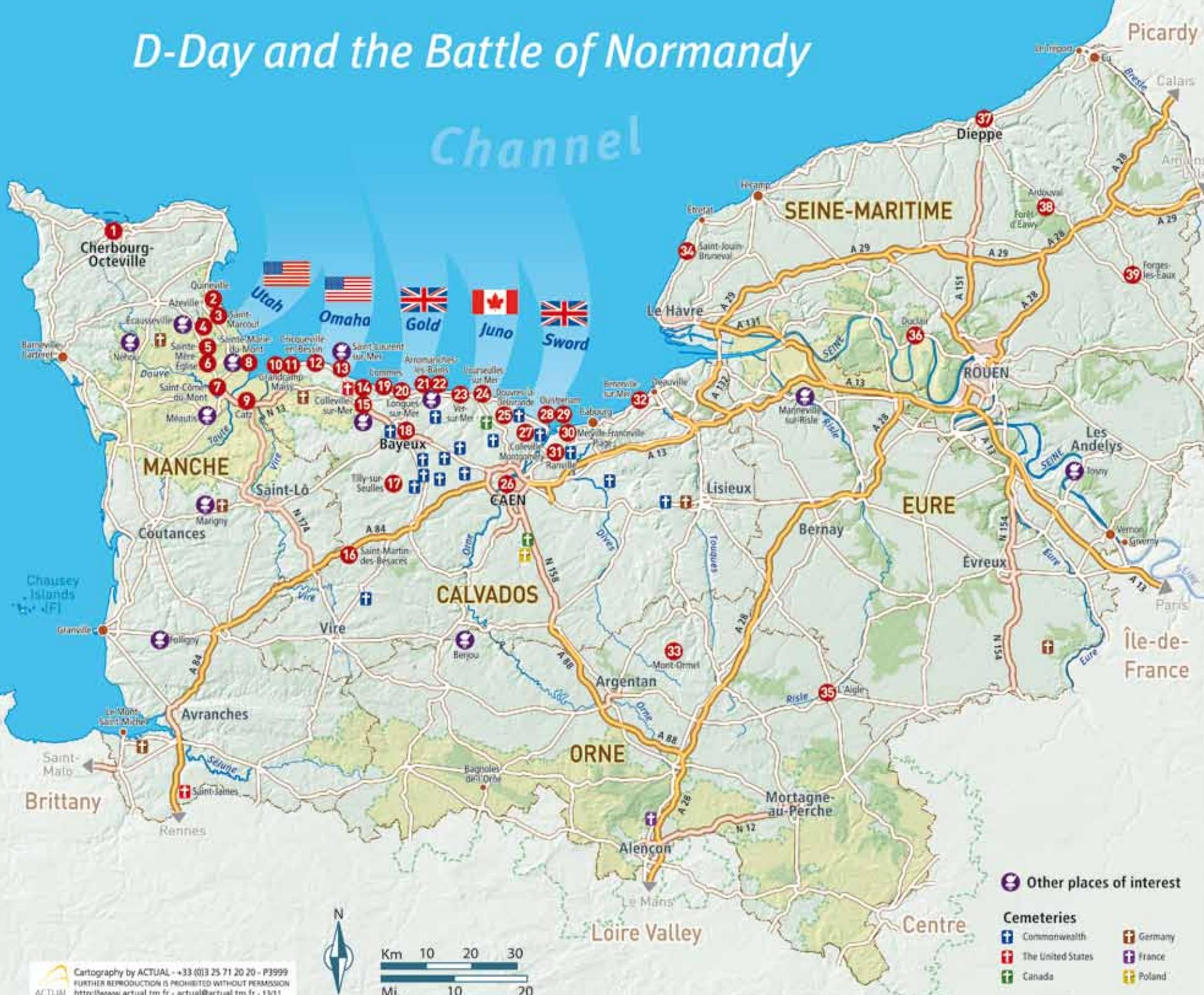
*The information given here has been gathered in November 2013 and is therefore given for guidance only.*

*We advise you to consult the two following websites:*

*[www.normandy-tourism.org](http://www.normandy-tourism.org) and [www.the70th-normandy.com](http://www.the70th-normandy.com)*

# D-Day and the Battle of Normandy

Channel



## Sites and museums

- 1 Musée de la Libération Cherbourg-Octeville
- 2 Mémorial de la Liberté retrouvée Quinéville
- 3 Musée de la Batterie de Crisbecq Saint-Marcouf
- 4 Batterie d'Azeville Azeville
- 5 Musée à Ciel Ouvert Sainte-Mère-Eglise
- 6 Musée Airborne Sainte-Mère-Eglise
- 7 Centre Historique des Parachutistes du Jour J Saint-Côme-du-Mont
- 8 Musée du Débarquement Sainte-Marie-du-Mont
- 9 Normandy Tank Museum Catz
- 10 Batterie de Maisy Grandcamp-Maisy
- 11 Musée des Rangers Grandcamp-Maisy
- 12 Site de la Pointe du Hoc Cricqueville-en-Bessin
- 13 Musée Mémorial d'Omaha Beach Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer
- 14 Normandy American Cemetery Visitor Center Colleville-sur-Mer
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- 16 Musée de la Percée du Bocage Saint-Martin-des-Besacs
- 17 Musée de la Bataille de Tilly-sur-Seuilles 1944 Tilly-sur-Seuilles
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- 19 Musée des Épaves Sous-Marines Commes
- 20 Site de la Batterie Allemande Longuey-sur-Mer
- 21 Arromanches 360 Arromanches-les-Bains
- 22 Musée du Débarquement Arromanches-les-Bains
- 23 Musée America Gold Beach Ver-sur-Mer
- 24 Centre Juno Beach Courseulles-sur-Mer
- 25 Musée Radar Douvres-la-Délivrande
- 26 Le Mémorial de Caen - Cité de l'histoire pour la Paix Caen
- 27 Site Fortifié Hillman Colleville-Montgomery
- 28 Musée du Mur de l'Atlantique Le Bunker Outreham
- 29 Musée du N°4 Commando Outreham
- 30 Musée de la Batterie de Merville Merville-Franceville-Plage
- 31 Musée Mémorial Pegasus Ranville
- 32 Batteries du Mont Canisy Benerville-sur-Mer
- 33 Mémorial de Montormel Mont-Ormel
- 34 Mémorial de Bruneval Saint-Jouin-Bruneval
- 35 Musée Juin 44 L'Aigle
- 36 Musée "Août 44 : l'Éter sur la Seine" Duclair
- 37 Mémorial du 19 août 1942 Dieppe
- 38 Le Val Ygot Ardoval (Forêt d'Éawy)
- 39 Musée départemental de la résistance et de la déportation Forges-les-Eaux

**Other places of interest**

**Cemeteries**

	Commonwealth		Germany
	The United States		France
	Canada		Poland

*To plan your stay and explore Normandy:*

**[www.normandy-tourism.org](http://www.normandy-tourism.org)**

*Find out all you need to know about the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the website created by the State and the Region of Lower Normandy, in partnership with the General Councils of Calvados, the Manche and the Orne, the City of Caen and the D-Day Landing Committee:*

**[www.the70th-normandy.com](http://www.the70th-normandy.com)**

*For a better understanding of the historical importance of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy:*

**[www.normandiememoire.com](http://www.normandiememoire.com)**



Support the candidature of Normandy's  
D-Day Landing Beaches to become  
part of UNESCO's World Heritage:  
**[www.liberte-normandie.com](http://www.liberte-normandie.com)**

The D-Day Landing Beaches are an incarnation of the memory of a key episode in the Second World War and they still bear the scars left by the violence of the fighting. Today these landscapes are peaceful, but they will soon be the only witnesses of a day etched into our memory.

