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SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART MAY 18-29, 2016



### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Groups are limited to 28 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- ► Enjoy four-night stays each in **Normandy** and **Brittany**, plus two nights in **Paris**.
- ► Marvel at the **Bayeux Tapestry,** which tells
  the story of William the
  Conqueror and the Battle
  of Hastings.
- ► Explore historic **D-Day** landmarks.
- ➤ Visit majestic
  Mont-Saint-Michel.
- ▶ Discover medieval **Dinan** and pretty **St-Malo**.
- ➤ Cruise the **Rance River** as you admire the bucolic Rance Valley.
- Explore lesser-known museums on an SBMAdesigned art excursion in Paris.

### UNESCO

Mont-Saint-Michel and its Bay and Chartres
Cathedral are the UNESCO
World Heritage sites featured on this program.



### Dear Members and Friends,

From the charming medieval towns and spectacular coastlines of Normandy and Brittany to the cosmopolitan capital of Paris, this 10-night value tour is skillfully tailored to offer the best of these famous regions. We invite you to join SBMA in France next May to enjoy incomparable cultural experiences and preferred access to popular attractions with a small group of like-minded travelers and excellent guides.

The program begins with four nights in Cabourg, our gateway to exploring the historic beaches, memorials and landmarks of D-Day, as well as the classic French town of Honfleur. Visit Mont-Saint-Michel on the way to Dinard, our base for four nights as we traverse Brittany's beautiful coast and towns, including St-Malo. Continue to Paris, visiting Chartres Cathedral along the way, regarded as the finest surviving example of High Gothic art in France with its remarkably intact stained glass windows. Two nights will be spent in the City of Light, where we will experience the highlights of France's sophisticated capital, including two outstanding (but less visited) museums on an SBMA-designed art excursion in Paris.

One of our value tours, this program features guest lecturers, ten nights of comfortable accommodation, a balance of excursions and leisure time, and an enriching, well-rounded, educational itinerary at a great value. The plan is for this to be an exclusive tour for SBMA Members and space is limited to 28 travelers. We encourage you to reserve early, while space and the early booking discount are available!

Sincerely,

Lisa Hill

Travel & Special Programs Manager Santa Barbara Museum of Art

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For more information call SBMA at **805-884-6436**, email **travel@sbma.net** or visit **www.sbma.net/travel**.







From your base in the seaside town of Cabourg, discover Bayeux, home of the extraordinary Bayeux Tapestry and delve into the history of D-Day with visits to Omaha Beach and the cemeteries, memorials and landmarks of the Allied victory. Then awaken your senses to the cultural history of France at the incredible island of Mont-Saint-Michel. Continue to Dinard and Brittany, where you will explore Rance Valley and St-Malo. End with two nights in Paris.

### DAY ONE

### IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France.\*
\*Provided for Air Program participants.

### DAY TWO

### CABOURG, FRANCE

Upon arrival in Paris, transfer\* to Cabourg and check in to the Le Grand Hotel Cabourg.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### DAY THREE

Honfleur

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### BAYEUX | CAEN

### **Educational Focus:** *Brief History of*

**Normandy.** From Vikings to the D-Day Landings, learn about the long and often turbulent history of this region of France.

**Excursion:** *Bayeux.* Journey to Bayeux and view the 200-foot-long Bayeux Tapestry, which depicts the events surrounding William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings. See Nôtre Dame Cathedral, a masterpiece of Norman Gothic architecture.

**Local Flavor:** Savor regional specialties during lunch at a local restaurant.

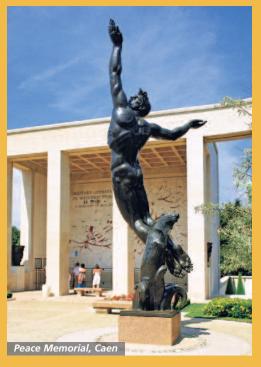
**Excursion:** *Le Mémorial de Caen.* Visit the Peace Memorial in Caen, an award-winning museum dedicated to peace. During your visit, learn about 20th-century history, including World War II, the D-Day landings and the Cold War, through an array of exhibits, photos and video footage.

**Local Flavor:** Dinner will be served at a restaurant.

# Normandy and D-Day

From Viking raiders in the 800s to William the Conqueror in 1066, the beaches of Normandy have been the setting for many historic military campaigns that have altered the course of history. But at no other time did the beaches play a more vital role than on D-Day, when they became the site of the largest military landing in history. On June 6, 1944, a coalition force of some 156,000 soldiers fought their way onto five heavily fortified beaches. More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported them. Catching the German occupiers by surprise, the attack was a success; by day's end the Allies had a foothold in Normandy. But it came at great cost — more than 9,000 soldiers were killed or wounded. As the Allied force began the long march to defeat Hitler, they liberated Norman towns such as Bayeux and Caen. Today, the people here still have an affinity for the United States and Canada, two countries that contributed greatly to the liberation effort.





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### NORMANDY BEACHES AND LANDMARKS

## **Educational Focus and Excursion:** *D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.*

The Normandy coast provided the theater for Operation Overlord, one of history's most complex and important invasions. Your journey to the sites pivotal to the ultimate success of the Allied effort begins with a lecture on the monumental events of June 6, 1944. See Arromanches, site of one of the offshore mulberry harbors; Omaha Beach, where U.S. forces braved poor weather conditions and heavily fortified waters and beaches to overcome German troops; and Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Rangers scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy German artillery emplacements. At St-Laurent-sur-Mer, visit the beautiful and solemn Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial.

**Local Flavors:** Enjoy lunch and dinner at restaurants.

DAY FIVE

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### HONFLEUR

# **Educational Focus:** *Culinary Traditions of Normandy.* Discover the grand gastronomical traditions of Normandy, from world-renowned cheeses, including Camembert, Livarot and Pont-l'Évêque, to apple brandy, Calvados.

**Excursion:** *Honfleur.* Stroll along the narrow streets in Honfleur's classic French town center, nestled against a striking 17th-century harbor. Soak in the scene that has inspired artists, writers and musicians for centuries as you visit the Old Port, the wooden Church of Sainte-Cathérine and other historic landmarks.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon in Honfleur.



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DAY SIX

MONT-SAINT-MICHEL | DINARD

This morning, check out of the hotel in Cabourg.

**Excursion:** Le Mont-Saint-Michel. The tidal island of Mont-St-Michel is home to a church and monastery. An unimpeded and truly breathtaking view of the abbey's spire can be seen from miles away. The first church here was built in 709. In the 14th century, fortifications were built to protect the island from attackers. The island also once served as a prison. One glimpse of this magnificent island will explain why Mont-St-Michel still remains one of the must-see places in France.

**Independent Exploration:** Spend some time making your own discoveries and have lunch on your own.

Continue to Dinard in beautiful Brittany and check in to the Hotel Royal Emeraude Dinard.



**Local Flavor:** Dinner will be served at a restaurant in town.

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DINAN | RANCE VALLEY **Educational Focus:** A Brief History of **Brittany.** Get to know the fascinating history and learn what sets Brittany apart from any other place in France.

**Excursion:** *Historic Dinan and Rance* **Valley Cruise.** Travel to Dinan, a perfectly preserved medieval town situated on a plateau high above the Rance Valley. Enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Rance River through the bucolic Rance Valley followed by a walking tour of Dinan.



**Local Flavor:** Lunch will be served at a restaurant in Dinan.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy a free evening in Dinard to explore the town.

DAY EIGHT

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### ST-MALO | CANCALE

**Excursion:** *St-Malo.* Discover St-Malo, once a privateer stronghold, now known for its charm, beauty and the splendor of its Chateau and Citadel.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy lunch in the neighboring town of Cancale.

DAY NINE

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### DINARD

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy a full day at leisure in Dinard.

**Local Flavor:** Dinner will be served in a local restaurant.

DAY TEN

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### CHARTRES | PARIS

This morning, check out of the hotel in Dinard.

**Excursion:** *Chartres.* En route to Paris, stop in historic Chartres. Visit its cathedral, considered by many as the finest surviving example of High Gothic art in France. Its 12th-and 13th-century stained glass windows, which are in excellent condition, combined with its fine sculptures from the mid-12th century make it a masterpiece.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served in Chartres.

**Excursion:** *Highlights of Paris.* See myriad Paris landmarks, including the Arc de Triomphe, the Cathedral de Nôtre Dame,

the Eiffel Tower and other exciting sites.

Continue to the Hotel Baltimore and check in.

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**Independent Exploration:** The remainder of the day is at leisure.

DAY ELEVEN

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### **PARIS**

Excursion: The L'Orangerie & Rodin

*Museums.* Explore Musée de l'Orangerie, a trove of impressionist and post-impressionist art. Continue to Musée Rodin, home to the renowned The Thinker.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner at a Parisian restaurant.

### DAY TWELVE

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### IN TRANSIT

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. \*

NOTE: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Excursions may require walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or other uneven surfaces. Included meals indicated each day as  $B \mid L \mid D = Breakfast/lunch/dinner$ .

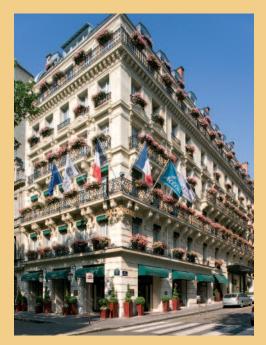
### | ACCOMMODATIONS |





LE GRAND HOTEL CABOURG

Situated along the Normandy coast with direct access to the beach, the luxurious Le Grand Hotel Cabourg is in the heart of Cabourg. This Belle Époque hotel, a favorite of Marcel Proust, offers two restaurants overlooking the sea and a lovely terrace. The spacious, air-conditioned guest rooms feature contemporary décor and are equipped with satellite TVs, minibars, hair dryers, bathrobes and complimentary Wi-Fi.







HOTEL ROYAL EMERAUDE

The Hotel Royal Emeraude is a boutique hotel situated in the heart of Dinard, a legendary seaside resort town. Beautifully decorated, travel-themed guest rooms offer satellite TVs, minibars, hair dryers, direct-dial telephones and complimentary Wi-Fi. The recently renovated hotel also offers a fitness room, a steam room, a breakfast room and a piano bar.

### HOTEL BALTIMORE

**PARIS** 

Located in the heart of the city, this hotel is renowned for its array of amenities and hospitable service. Beautifully decorated guest rooms offer satellite TVs, minibars, hair dryers, and complimentary Wi-Fi. In addition to a fitness center, the hotel has a restaurant that serves contemporary French cuisine.



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### LAND PROGRAM

### May 19-29, 2016

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$5,195	\$250	\$4,945*

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel. VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$1,295 (limited availability).

### **AIR PROGRAM**

### May 18-29, 2016

Our tour operator's personalized air program allows you to select your flights, routing, class of service and dates of travel in consultation with an experienced Passenger Service Representative. Airfares will vary, depending on airline, routing and class of service. In most cases, transfers between the airport and hotel/cruise ship will be included on arrival and departure days. Your Passenger Service Representative will provide you with all of the details you need to guarantee your transfer. Booking your air with our tour operator ensures assistance in the case of schedule changes or delays that may impact your air travel plans. Air Program participants automatically receive flight insurance worth up to \$250,000, subject to policy terms.

### **ITINERARY**

Day 1	Depart	Gateway	<b>City</b> <sup>★</sup>
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Day 2 Paris, France | Cabourg

Day 3 Bayeux | Caen

Day 4 Normandy beaches

Day 5 Honfleur

Day 6 Mont-Saint-Michel | Dinard

Day 7 Dinan | Rance Valley

Day 8 St-Malo

Day 9 Dinard

Day 10 Chartres | Paris

Day 11 Paris

Day 12 Return to Gateway City\*

**Note:** Itinerary subject to change.

★Provided for Air Program participants.



### I INCLUDED FEATURES I

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

- Four nights in Cabourg, France, at the deluxe Le Grand Hotel Cabourg.
- Four nights in Dinard at the deluxe **Hotel Royal Emeraude.**
- Two nights in Paris at the deluxe Hotel Baltimore

### **MEALS**

- Enjoy an extensive meal program, featuring 10 breakfasts, five lunches and six dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend Welcome and Farewell **Receptions** and **Dinners**.

### TRANSPORTATION

• All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

### YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM (For details, please see the day-by-day itinerary.)

- Informative educational programs, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- Personal VOX listening devices allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.

### All excursions:

- -Explore Bayeux and see its renowned tapestry.
- -Visit the Peace Memorial in Caen.
- -Witness Omaha Beach and honor the fallen at the Normany American Cemetary and Memorial.
- -Stroll the narrow streets of Honfleur.
- Discover the white sands and storied sights of Mont-Saint-Michel.
- -Marvel at Dinan and cruise the Rance River
- Experience the charm of St-Malo.
- -Go inside the historic cathedral in Chartres
- Enjoy the highlights of Paris, including its most popular landmarks and two lesser-known art museums.

### MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Services of an experienced Travel **Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information. to assist in your planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



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