

# NORMANDY D-DAY LANDING BEACHES

STRATEGICALLY CHOSEN FOR THE ALLIED LANDINGS IN 1944, THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY REMAIN FOREVER ENGRAVED AS A PIVOTAL MOMENT IN THE 20TH CENTURY. THE MILITARY LANDING ON JUNE 6TH 1944 WAS THE LARGEST AIRBORNE-AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT IN HISTORY, UNDERTAKEN TO DELIVER WESTERN EUROPE FROM THE YOKE OF NAZI OCCUPATION. THOUSANDS OF LIVES WOULD BE LOST IN THE LANDINGS AND IN THE BLOODY WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED IN NORMANDY BEFORE PARIS WAS LIBERATED, NOTABLY AMERICAN, BRITISH AND CANADIAN AS WELL AS POLISH, GERMAN AND MANY OTHER NATIONALITIES INCLUDING THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT CIVILIAN VICTIMS.

ODYSSEE PRESTIGE ALSO COLLABORATES ON A PERMANENT BASIS WITH COMPETENT, DYNAMIC GUIDES SPECIALIZING EXCLUSIVELY IN WWII. THIS EXPERT GUIDE CAN JOIN THE TOUR, IN ADDITION TO THE DRIVER.



WE CAN ORGANIZE YOUR VISIT IN A WAY THAT SUITS YOUR OWN INTERESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIME YOU HAVE AVAILABLE, FROM A ONE DAY EXCURSION - LEAVING PARIS IN THE MORNING AND RETURNING IN THE EVENING, TO A VISIT COVERING SEVERAL DAYS.

**ARROMANCHES** : LOCATED IN THE U.K SECTOR CODE-NAMED « GOLD »...WAS THE SITE CHOSEN FOR ONE OF TWO ALLIED PRE-FABRICATED (IN THE U.K.) HARBORS.

**GERMAN COASTAL GUN BATTERY AT LONGUES SUR MER** : 5 MILES WEST OF ARROMANCHES, WITHIN THE « GOLD » AREA OF D-DAY OPERATIONS, IS LOCATED ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES ALONG THE D-DAY COAST OF GERMAN DEFENCES KNOWN AS 'ATLANTIC WALL'.

**AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY/ COLLEVILLE SUR MER** : OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN 1956 ON LAND DEEDED BY FRANCE TO THE UNITED STATES, THIS MILITARY CEMETERY IS THE RESTING PLACE FOR 9,387 SERVICEMEN , OF WHICH 149 HEADSTONES ARE NOT CROSSES BUT STARS OF DAVID FOR JEWISH. THERE ARE ALSO ENGRAVED ON A WALL 1,557 NAMES OF SERVICEMEN 'MISSING IN ACTION'...SEA, EXPLOSIONS.....

**OMAHA BEACH** : FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL AIR AND NAVAL BOMBARDMENT PRIOR TO BEACH ASSAULT, THE SOLDIERS WOULD START TO LAND ONTO WHAT BECAME NOTORIOUSLY KNOWN AS 'BLOODY OMAHA'. BY DAYS END, DESPITE THE AGONY, AMERICAN TROOPS, INCREASING TO 34,000 DISEMBARKING ONTO THE BEACH BY DAY'S END, WOULD OVERCOME EXHAUSTED GERMAN POSITIONS THAT HAD NOT BEEN REINFORCED. AMERICAN LOSS AT OMAHA IS ESTIMATED AT OVER 4,000 CASUALTIES OF WHICH ABOUT 1,000 KILLED.

**POINTE DU HOC** : IT WAS THE THEATRE OF THE TENACIOUS, COURAGEOUS CLIFF ASSAULT OF A SMALL GROUP OF ELITE AMERICAN ARMY RANGERS THAT HAD TRAINED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS MISSION IN ENGLAND. ALTHOUGH SOME 180 RANGERS WOULD SUCCEED IN MAKING THE CLIFF TOP, TWO DAYS LATER, REINFORCEMENTS FROM OMAHA ARRIVING, ONLY 90 RANGERS WERE STILL ABLE TO BEAR ARMS. GETTING UP THE CLIFF HAD BEEN BUT THE START OF A TWO DAY BATTLE.

.... SPOTS LIST NON EXHAUSTIVE ....