



History 3385 D-Day: Operation OVERLORD & Europe's Liberation A Travel Course for Students, Alumni & Friends of SMU

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Join SMU's Center for Presidential History's Jeffrey A. Engel and Essential History Expeditions' Brian DeToy for an on-site exploration of London, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Normandy, Mont St Michel and Paris, walking the cities and beaches where Churchill schemed, Ike commanded, flyers downed pints and soldiers fought for Europe's liberation. This intergenerational tour offers three credits for students, and for alumni and friends the opportunity to see the places history took place — and to relive a bit of college life.



Spaces will fill quickly! Register now!

3 NIGHTS LONDON/1 NIGHT PORTSMOUTH/3 NIGHTS NORMANDY/
1 NIGHT MONT ST MICHEL/2 NIGHTS PARIS

Join us for a fully guided and immersive tour of the people and places of Operation OVERLORD, the June 1944 invasion of Normandy that began Europe's liberation from Nazi rule. Participants will walk the beaches and cliffs, learn from local experts and guest lecturers, and, if desired, investigate and role-play a renowned (or reviled) figure from history. Enjoy plenty of time to explore these iconic sites on your own and to reconnect with SMU friends and students in some of Europe's most scenic sites. Connect with current SMU students through meaningful discussions and mentorship.

This trip features in-depth guided tours and lectures for all sites, all admission fees and transportation, all lodging and most meals (as detailed on the itinerary). Airfare not included. Pricing for alumni/friends: \$5,975, double occupancy (\$750 single supplement); students contact SMU Study Abroad.

Trip preparation: Pre-departure lectures and study groups led by Dr. Jeffrey Engel, mandatory for students and optional for alumni and friends of SMU.

History 3385 D-Day: Operation OVERLORD & Europe's Liberation Highlights



Highlights: Interactions with current SMU students and successful alumni/friend leaders. London, theater, Churchill Cabinet War Rooms, Imperial War Museum at RAF Duxford, Cambridge, ULTRA at Bletchley Park, Allied HQ at Southwick House, Normandy & D-Day Beaches including Pegasus Bridge, Pointe du Hoc and OMAHA with its beautiful American Cemetery, Bayeux & its Tapestry and Cathedral, magical Mont St Michel, and the City of Light Paris in WWII! Wonderful meals, lodging and comradery!

"We were educated, inspired, and deeply moved by the D-Day program and tour! The tour was life-changing. Thanks to you and your team for doing an outstanding job in conveying the extraordinary bravery, courage, and sacrifice by U.S. and Allied military personnel during WWII. We are forever indebted to them for the freedom to live our lives as we do today. The group on the tour was a terrific mix of students, alumni, and friends of the University. "

—Steve Currall, Former Provost, SMU

"You simply will not find a better "team" than Sheryl and Brian. Sheryl's attention to detail is unsurpassed - her goal is your comfort at all times. Brian's expertise and his ability to share his depth of knowledge and commitment to our country in a way anyone can understand is truly a gift not to be missed. My husband and I spent 11 days with SMU and Essential History Expeditions exploring the history and sites of D-Day. Brian's experiences as a U.S. Army Ranger (Col. ret.) and professor at West Point, along with his intimate knowledge of war, are shared with a passion that is palpable. Our new understanding of the D-Day operations is beyond anything we imagined. Sheryl's compassion for her fellow travelers overflows -she anticipates your every need and is ready to provide whatever it is you need. I simply cannot imagine choosing any other leaders now that I know what an educational trip can provide. If you are considering a trip - don't miss this organization. If you do, you will miss something to treasure for the rest of your life!" —Friend of SMU



For more information, email the Center for Presidential History at cphinfo@smu.edu or call 214.768.3210
Visit www.historyexp.com for comprehensive daily itinerary & lodging
Pricing: Alumni/friends: \$5,975, double occupancy; \$750 single supplement
\$1,500 of alumni/friend pricing is tax-deductible, for student scholarships
Students: Please contact the SMU Study Abroad office for pricing information
Itinerary subject to minor changes
Airfare not included



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Jeffrey A. Engel is founding director of the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University and a Senior Fellow of the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies. Author or editor of ten books on American foreign policy, his latest is *When the World Seemed New: George H.W. Bush and the End of the Cold War*.

Essential History Expeditions' president, expert historian and guide, Lt Col (Ret) Brian DeToy, PhD served as Director of the Defense & Strategic Studies program at the United States Military Academy, West Point from 2007-13. He has appeared in numerous documentaries for programming such as History, Discovery, A&E and Military channels. He is also an accomplished author and presenter at international history conferences.

