

Ports & Excursions

Cherbourg, France

Perched at the crossroads of France and Great Britain, it's no surprise that this piece of real estate was a prize among its many conquerors. Romans, Vikings, Saxons and Normans all fought over this strategic port on the English Channel. Cherbourg's port was once again the center of conflict when German forces captured it during World War II. Liberated by American forces in 1944, Cherbourg serves as your gateway to the historic Normandy landings of D-Day. And there's more to explore-medieval villages, a rugged countryside, charming city sights and castles and churches are all reminders that Cherbourg is a fascinating city worth discovering.

Points of Interest

Mont Saint Michel Abbey, Church & Cloister

A masterpiece of medieval Gothic architecture, this religious complex perched high atop a 247-foot-high rock island in the English Channel is a renowned UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of France's most beloved icons.

Mont Saint Michel

Since the Middle Ages, this tiny village tucked below the abbey on the island's southeast side has welcomed pilgrims with its many restaurants, shops, souvenir stalls and hotels.

Arromanches

Site of the Allies' artificial harbor code-named Mulberry helped unload millions of men and equipment during D-Day. Remnants of the Mulberry are still visible and the Museum of the Landing sits on the original harbor.

Normandy American Cemetery

A poignant reminder of D-Day's deadliest battle, the cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach holds 9,387 white crosses and Stars of Davids. A small chapel, a memorial, and a visitor center pay tribute to the soldiers' heroism.

Pointe du Hoc

It's here that the U.S. Army Ranger Assault Group scaled the 100-foot cliff and captured the German-fortified area. A memorial and museum dedicated to the battle plus bomb craters and original fortifications mark the site.

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This charming village became one of the first towns liberated by Allied forces during the D-Day invasion. In front of Town Hall sits the Milestone Zero monument, which designates the Allies' liberation across France.

Utah Beach

Located on the eastern shore of the Cotentin Peninsula, Allied forces landed here with the intention of capturing the important port of Cherbourg. Among the exhibits at the Utah Museum is an original B26 bomber.

Omaha Beach

Main landing site of U.S. forces during the invasion, Omaha Beach is home to the American Cemetery. Row after row of white headstones shows visitors the sacrifice made by American soldiers in World War II.

5.5 hours

from \$89.95

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Sightseeing & City Tours

You will see: Legendary Mont Saint-Michel 9 from \$119.95 CER-110 | Cherbourg, France | Group Size: 45 hours Image not available Follow in the footsteps of ancient and modern pilgrims to one of France's most recognizable landmarks, Mont Saint-Michel. This UNESCO World Heritage Site, perched high atop a rocky island, is a medieval abbey built in the Norman style. Explore the church and cloister and enjoy free time in the historic town. You will visit: You will see: **D-Day Landing Beaches** 9 hours from \$169.95 CER-115 | Cherbourg, France | Group Size: 45 lmage not available The events of June 6, 1944, will never be forgotten. Join this full-day excursion to the Normandy landing beaches, where we will remember the heroism of the Allied forces as we visit the sites of the historic D-Day landing and the American Cemetery in Collevillesur-Mer/Saint Laurent. You will see: Cotentin D-Day Landing Sites 5.5 hours from \$99.95 CER-210 | Cherbourg, France | Group Size: 45 Image not available Seventy years after the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy, the dramatic events of those crucial days still evoke wonder and reverence. This half-day tour will take you to some of the sites where Allied soldiers put their lives on the line to turn the tide of World War II. **Normandy Traditions** 4.5 hours from \$89.95 CER-310 | Cherbourg, France | Group Size: 45 Image not available Epicurean delights await on this half-day tour of Normandy's picturesque villages, highlighting cultural traditions based on their local products. Visit The?o Capelle Distillery for a tour and tasting of their famous Calvados and ciders. Then, step back in time at "La Maison du Biscuit," a traditional bakery and gourmet shop.

Special Interests

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Bayeux & The Tapestry

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This half-day tour will take you to Bayeux, France, home of the famed Bayeux Tapestry. Peruse the 230-foot-long masterpiece, the museum dedicated to its creation and the history it depicts, as well as take a guided or independent walking tour of this charming town.

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