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Jersey & Southern England WW2

(6 nights/7 days)
Bespoke travel

Private guided touring of Southern England and Jersey celebrating 80 years since D-Day.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day with your private guide as you revisit the Allied preparations on England's Southern Coast and uncover the Nazi occupation of the Channel Islands in Jersey. See the D-Day Operation Overlord map, stroll along the beautiful beaches used as rehearsals by the troops, visit Tyneham, a village stuck in 1943 and a plethora of German bunkers and war tunnels set amongst the rugged but stunning beaches and breathtaking coastal paths of Jersey.

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Day One – Welcome to England!

A warm greeting from your driver upon your arrival at Heathrow airport before your private transfer to your hotel for check in. In the afternoon, your WWII-themed trip starts with a half day tour in London at the iconic HMS Belfast, moored on the River Thames. Spend the afternoon exploring this historic warship, which played a crucial role in the Battle of the Atlantic and D-Day. Walk through the ship's nine decks, visiting the interactive operations room and experiencing the life of the crew in wartime. Overnight in London.





Day Two – Operation Overlord and Eisenhower's HQ...

Today with your private driver-guide you will start your adventure as you journey south to Portsmouth and the south coast of England. Your first stop is the pretty village of Southwick and the renowned Southwick House, located in Hampshire. This stately home was requisitioned during the war and served as General Eisenhower's forward headquarters. Inside, you'll visit the room where

Eisenhower gave the fateful "Go" order for the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944. Don't miss the massive wooden D-Day map used to plan Operation Overlord. Stop for a spot of lunch in the village, before heading to The D-Day Story in Portsmouth. Here you will be able to board Landing Craft Tank 7074, the last surviving LCT from D-Day. Explore the Preparation galleries to learn about the operation's planning, and then delve into the D-Day and Battle of Normandy exhibits. Overnight in Portsmouth.

Day Three – Beautiful Beaches and D-Day Preparations!

This morning you will get picked up by your private driver-guide to continue your south coast World War II journey by heading west from Portsmouth to Lepe Beach. This picturesque coastal spot played a crucial role in the preparations for D-Day. Troops practiced beach landings here, refining their amphibious assault techniques. Take in the stunning views of the Solent and imagine the hustle and bustle of soldiers getting ready for the historic invasion. Continue your tour to Studland Bay, where troops gathered six weeks before D-Day to rehearse the epic operation. In front of King George VI, they used live ammunition to make the practice runs as realistic as possible. Explore the beautiful beaches and rolling hills that witnessed these critical military exercises. Overnight in Poole.



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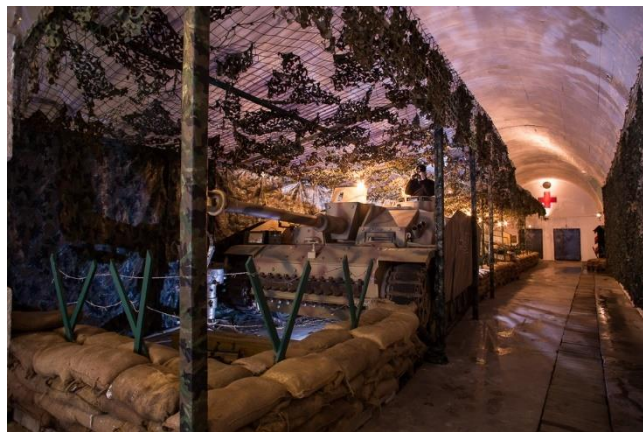
Day Four – The Jurassic Coast and a Village lost in Time...

Today with your private driver-guide you will continue on your wartime adventure with a half day D-Day tour, beginning with a visit to Tyneham, a village frozen in time since its evacuation during World War II. Explore the deserted homes and school, absorbing the poignant history of the residents who never returned. Next, take in the unique beauty of the Jurassic Coast as you cross over to the Isle of Portland to visit the D-Day Centre in Castletown. Discover the stories of the brave men who departed from here, bound for the beaches of Normandy with an educational journey into the past, with fascinating exhibits,

artifacts, and insights of those honouring the sacrifices made during this pivotal moment in history. You're driver guide will drop you at Poole Ferry terminal so you may take the ferry over to Jersey. Upon disembarkation in Jersey, your driver will be waiting to warmly welcome you to the Island, before transferring you to your hotel. Overnight in St. Helier.

Day Five – Hitler's Bunkers and Fortresses!

This morning you will get picked up by your private driver-guide to embark on a captivating day tour of Jersey as you delve into the German Occupation of Jersey and the impact of the numerous fortifications erected during World War II. You will visit many key sites such as the imposing Batterie Lothringen at Noirmont Point, where you can explore well-preserved bunkers and enjoy stunning coastal views. Head to the Channel Islands Military Museum, housed in a former German bunker, to delve into an extensive collection of wartime memorabilia before concluding the day at Corbière Lighthouse, where the remains of additional fortifications stand as silent sentinels, offering a poignant reflection on Jersey's strategic significance during the war and breathtaking vistas over the rugged coastline. Overnight in St. Helier.



Day Six – Occupation Life in Jersey...

Today with your private driver-guide you will begin your penultimate day in Jersey by exploring the Occupation Life in Jersey. Starting with a visit to the Jersey War Tunnels, an immersive experience that delves into the island's WWII history before continuing onto the German Underground Hospital, an extensive network of tunnels and bunkers built by forced labor during the occupation. For a poignant perspective, visit the Occupation Memorial and the Jersey Holocaust Memorial, honoring those who suffered. Conclude your day with a reflective walk along St. Ouen's Bay, contemplating the resilience and fortitude of the islanders

during the dark days of occupation. Overnight in St. Helier.

Day Seven – Homeward Bound!

Take in any last sights of Jersey's capital, St. Helier. Stroll the waterfront, discover local culture at the Central Market, enjoy tranquillity at Howard Davis Park, or wander the bustling harbour, soaking in the coastal charm. Then it's a fond farewell and your private transfer will be ready when you are to take you to Jersey airport for your return flight.

INCLUSIONS

- Private Airport Transfer LHR – Hotel (Mercedes Viano or similar)
- Half Day Private Walking Tour in London
- Entrance to HMS Belfast
- Three days private touring with driver-guide & vehicle (Mercedes Viano or similar) with overnight stays in Portsmouth & Poole Killarney from the morning of Day 2, ending in Poole on Day 4.
- Entrance to Southwick House
- Entrance to The D-Day Story, Portsmouth
- Entrance to D-Day Centre, Castletown
- Private Transfer St. Helier Ferry Terminal – Hotel (Mercedes Viano or similar)
- Two days private touring with driver-guide & vehicle (Mercedes Viano or similar) in Jersey
- Entrance to Jersey War Tunnels
- Private Airport Transfer Hotel – JER (Mercedes Viano or similar)
- 1 night accommodation in a London hotel 4* – Hotel Saint or similar
- 1 night accommodation in a Portsmouth hotel 4* – Holiday Inn Express Portsmouth - Gunwharf Quays or similar
- 1 nights' accommodation in a Poole hotel 4* – Sandbanks Hotel or similar
- 3 night accommodation in a St. Helier, Jersey hotel 4* – Pomme D'or or similar
- Breakfast Daily

Pricing

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a Twin / Double. Subject to availability.

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