

EXTENSION

ENGLAND

D-Day



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“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

— *Travel + Leisure*

The Story of D-Day from London to Portsmouth

This 4-day/3-night tour extension from England is a fascinating preface to your journey in Normandy and Brittany. You'll get a firsthand look at where and how the invasion was planned. In addition to historic sites, you'll enjoy some of London's finest sites too and make a rapid Channel crossing from Portsmouth to the coast of France.

DAY 1

LONDON

- Meet your guide in London
- Visit Winston Churchill's secret war bunker

We'll meet early afternoon at our hotel in London's stylish and convenient Kensington neighborhood. Our local guide has laid out a fascinating walk that includes a visit to the Churchill War Rooms – the well-preserved secret bunkers where the Prime Minister and his Cabinet led the war effort. Dinner tonight is at one of our favorite restaurants, famous for its culinary updates of British classics.

OVERNIGHT: LONDON
MEALS: D

DAY 2

WINDSOR / HMS BELFAST

- Enjoy a guided visit to Windsor Castle
- Take in the views of London aboard the London Eye

Our day begins with a brief trip into the countryside, where we've arranged a wonderful visit to Windsor Castle. The oldest occupied castle in the world, it's still the Official Residence of Her Majesty the Queen. We'll explore on a guided visit to the grounds. Back in London, we'll walk along the scenic Thames Pathway to the HMS Belfast, a warship that provided artillery cover for Allied troops landing on D-Day. We'll go aboard to wander the ship's nine decks. Our evening holds a truly special experience: You'll toast the view from atop the London Eye with a champagne reception. Located just across the Thames from the Houses of Parliament, it's the perfect opportunity to see the broad expanse of the city laid out before you.

OVERNIGHT: LONDON
MEALS: B

DAY 3

PORTSMOUTH

- Explore Portsmouth and the D-Day Museum with your guide
- Ferry across the English Channel to France

After an early breakfast, we entrain at Waterloo station for the 1.5-hour ride to Portsmouth. One of England's most important ports for centuries, it was the gathering point for the Allied invasion armada. We'll stroll the city and learn about its role in the country's grand naval history. We've also arranged a visit to the D-Day Museum, including its remarkable 272-foot-long tapestry depicting the events of the invasion (and inspired by the Bayeux tapestry that we'll see later in the week). We dine this evening at one of our guide's favorite local restaurants.

As you know, the troops made the crossing to France in hard, crowded vessels. Our trip is considerably more luxurious, but a fine way to get a firsthand sense of what a long, risky and massive endeavor it was to transport so many troops across these open waters.

OVERNIGHT: BRITTANY FERRY CROSSING
MEALS: B, D

DAY 4

ST. MALO

- Transfer to the start of your Normandy and Brittany tour

Upon our landing in St. Malo, we'll transport you to the starting point of your Normandy & Brittany tour.



Tour Hotels



The Ampersand Hotel

Completely reimaged in 2012, this luxury boutique hotel is in London's world-famous South Kensington neighborhood near Hyde Park. This 19th-century property uses bold graphics to put a lively contemporary spin on Victorian concepts.

OVERNIGHT: LONDON | NIGHTS: 2



Brittany Ferries

The Brittany Ferries Portsmouth to St Malo ferry is a popular choice for a relaxing cruise sailing direct into Brittany. We offer overnight sailings on most days aboard our cruise ferries Bretagne and Pont-Aven, where you'll find first-rate accommodation,

OVERNIGHT: DEVON | NIGHTS: 1

Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
May 8-11, 2020	\$3,298	\$3,893
June 12-15, 2020	\$3,398	\$3,893
September 4-7, 2020	\$3,398	\$3,893
October 2-5, 2020	\$3,298	\$3,793
May 7-10, 2021	\$3,398	\$3,993
June 11-14, 2021	\$3,498	\$3,993
September 3-6, 2021	\$3,498	\$3,993
October 1-4, 2021	\$3,398	\$3,893

Want a different date? Or your own date? Visit [CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE](https://www.classicjourneys.com/private) to learn more about private journeys.

Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 4 Days, 3 Nights

START: 1:30 PM Lobby of the Ampersand Hotel, London, United Kingdom

END: 7:00 AM Portsmouth Ferry Landing, Portsmouth, United Kingdom
Departing Portsmouth England for your sea transfer to Normandy

TERRAIN: Easy on paved city streets

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 3 nights
- All breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Wine on Us**
- **Privileged Access Events**

READY TO BOOK?
CLICK TO MAKE A RESERVATION

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AMBASSADOR CLUB

As a Classic Journeys guest, you are invited to join the Ambassador Club after your first Classic Journeys tour. As a member, you'll have access to a [whole suite of Ambassador benefits](#) you can use immediately and as often as you like.

ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

**Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.

“Enthusiasm is Contagious”

AS TRAVEL + LEISURE NAMES CLASSIC JOURNEYS THE WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR FOR 2019, FOUNDER EDWARD PIEGZA REVEALS HOW IT FEELS. ENTHUSIASTICALLY.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Just before publication of this issue, Travel + Leisure magazine announced that its readers have voted Classic Journeys the World's Best Tour Operator for 2019. It's the second time Classic Journeys has won that recognition and the 14th consecutive year the company has been in the Top 10.

Congratulations! How did you get the news?

I received a top-secret email and phone call from the editor of *Travel + Leisure* a few weeks ago with orders not to tell ANYONE. Friends and neighbors must have wondered why my smile has been so extra big lately. Now they know.

And how does it feel to be the World's Best Tour Operator again?

Awesome. Humbling. So, so satisfying. Deeply gratifying to learn that we have achieved what we set out to do which is to handcraft trips of a lifetime for every guest who travels with us. I'm known as long-winded, so I could probably come up with 10 or 15 more ways to describe it if you want me to keep going.

Why do you think *Travel + Leisure* gave you this recognition?

Actually, it isn't the *T+L* editors who make the decision. That's the best part. Their readers cast the votes. So the people who do the traveling, the guests who explore the world with us and our competitors — they are the ones who raised their hands to tell *T+L* that Classic Journeys is the World's Best Tour Operator based on their own experiences. Let me say it right here: "To all of you who voted for us, you are the World's Best Guests!"

What do you think makes your guests the World's Best Guests?

That's easy. They are curious. They care about connecting with people of different cultures and immersing themselves in the world. They treasure experiences more than things. Like the old ad slogan went, they go for the gusto and crave the chance to have one-of-a-kind moments. They are incredibly interesting and interested people, and all of us at Classic Journeys count it as a real privilege to share in their passion for travel. And we feel that way on the

other 364 days of the year when we're not celebrating recognition like this.

I guess this is what you meant when you told me that "Enthusiasm is contagious."

Absolutely. That's not our official motto, but it could be. We love what we do. We enjoy helping guests figure out how to invest their precious time and budget. I can honestly say that all of us feel that way — the Guest Services folks who interact with you while you're planning your trip, the Tour Operations team members who plan all of the logistics, the local guides who lead each one of our trips full time. There's just a huge amount of positive energy in what we do, and I think it truly is hard to resist. We'd climb into every one of our guest's suitcases and go along with them if we could. Because we can't, we call each guest while they're on tour just to be sure they are having a trip of a lifetime.

Has anyone ever called Classic Journeys obsessive?

I hope so, because we are. Everything is in the details. For instance, we've created a special tour for the total eclipse of the sun which is going to pass over parts of South America in 2020. We've already analyzed likely traffic patterns in the most remote areas and figured out how to structure our itinerary so that our guests will be in place in the path of totality while the people who don't plan ahead will be stuck in jams on remote dirt roads. We enjoy obsessing about details like that so that our guests never have to.



How can you top this?

Oh, we never let ourselves think of it that way. We just continue to approach every single guest on each and every departure like the most important guest we've ever had. It seems to be working! Of course, we keep looking for new ways to win more converts. For 2019, we've launched a new series of Classic Journeys that are based from

"I voted for you!"

We've heard that expression so many times lately from guests who registered their votes with *Travel + Leisure*. Given the results, we know it's true ... and you know that your votes really count!

STAFF AND GUIDES

"I always feel like I'm traveling with a best friend. I prefer your local guides to the ones that other companies fly in."

ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS

"If it's on my bucket list, you always seem to go there. Of course, with so many options you always seem to make my list longer and longer!"

ACTIVITIES

"On your trips, I've cooked with Michelin chefs, sung songs with Quechua schoolchildren, and walked on glaciers with the descendants of Vikings. Fun doesn't begin to describe it."

ACCOMMODATIONS

"How you manage so many 5-star properties on these trips shocks me. But please, please, please keep it up!"

FOOD

"I have never eaten so well so often so happily. When you people claim that you are foodies, you aren't kidding."

OVERALL VALUE

"We have never had a better vacation at any price."

river cruise boats. On a different note, seeing how many travelers can't always find as much vacation time as they really want, we have developed a series of 6-day or shorter quick trips that go as far afield as Iceland, the Galápagos and Morocco.

Final thoughts?

It's always an honor to win recognition. But, for all of us at Classic Journeys, the biggest privilege is to share the dreams of our guests and make those dreams come true. That connection is the best feeling of all.