**Trip to The Normandy Beaches & Bayeux - Friday 17th to Sunday 19th June 2022.**

Following hot on the heels of our last successful trip to The Somme we have decided to move away from WWI and on to WW2 for our trip next year, 2022.

Once again the trip is being guided by our very own military expert Clive and anyone who has been on either of our last two trips can attest that he is extremely knowledgeable, interesting and makes the trip come alive with his tales and anecdotes.

This time we have decided to make this a three day, two night trip to enable us sufficient time to visit various sites of interest. We will be leaving early Friday morning, returning mid evening on the Sunday.

We are basing ourselves in Bayeux, that of the famous tapestry, as it has a wide selection of hotels and B & B’s to suit all budgets as well as numerous restaurants and watering holes.

As before it is up to you to book (and pay for !) your own accommodation for the two nights that we will be in Bayeux. It is of course entirely up to the individual but on most websites you can book accommodation with free cancellation up to the day before arrival which may be prudent in case of emergencies.

As the coach will drop off and pick up from an as yet unidentified location in the town centre it is probably best to stay somewhere centrally, also handy for bars and restaurants. Clive, myself and more importantly the coach will be staying at the Campanile Bayeux.

As before, we have tried to keep the cost down as much as possible whilst at the same time being mindful of the fact that we want to make donations to both The Upbeats and the Charlton Museum in lieu of Clive providing his valuable time and knowledge free of charge.

As a result, the cost of this trip will be £105 per person which includes the hire of the coach and driver for three days, the drivers accommodation and meals, the Eurotunnel fees and donations to charity.

We will require a deposit of £50 per person which is held securely in a bank account and will be returned in full if we do not get sufficient numbers to make the trip viable. The remaining balance of £55 per person will be due by 31st March 2022. Once we have committed to paying both the Eurotunnel fees and the hire of the coach refunds will only be possible if another person can be found to take your place.

There are just 43 spaces available for this trip and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Once you have decided you would like to book a place(s) then please message me and I will provide you with the bank account details for your deposit(s). (Please note that this is NOT the same account as for previous trips). When your deposit(s) are received I will message you confirmation of receipt and then your places(s) will be secured. Please quote your Charlton Life user name when making your payment. If you want to make full payment of £105 pp up-front then please feel free to do so.

Please find below the initial itinerary but please note that at the moment all times are approximate until we can book the Eurotunnel crossings but we don’t expect them to change significantly.

That’s all for now folks except to say that both Clive and I hope to see you on the trip. Any questions of either of us please ask on this thread or private message us. If there is a particular site, cemetery or place you would like to visit please ask and we will do our best to work it into the itinerary. It is such personal visits that make our trips all that more interesting and poignant.

Many thanks

Neal and Clive

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**Itinerary**

**Friday 17th June 2022 - Day One**

0530  Depart Charlton

0600  Depart Ebbsfleet International

0820  Folkestone Eurotunnel Terminal Departure

0955  Arrive Calais

1430  Arrive Pegasus Bridge/Ranville CWGC for the Coup de Main glider operations 5 June 1944

1900  Arrive Bayeux for Hotels

**Saturday 18th June 2022 - Day Two - D-Day**

Morning - The British landings, Gold, Sword, Juno Beach, Arromanches (Mulberry Harbour for lunch)
Afternoon - The US Landings at Omaha Beach/Pont du Hoc Evening – 6pm visit to view The Bayeux Tapestry (optional) - €7.50pp payable on entrance

**Sunday 19th June 2022  - Day Three - The Inland Battles**

Morning - Operation Goodwood/Bluecoat, the loss of Charlton player Geoff Reynolds, Bayeux Museum/Memorial

Afternoon return to Calais for a 1920 crossing

1855  Arrive Folkestone Eurotunnel Terminal

2000  Arrive Ebbsfleet International

2030  Arrive Charlton