



SKAL INTERNATIONAL

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French Tour 2010

SKAL Tour to Normandy 11th September to the 15nd September
€498 per person sharing / €70 single supplement

Day 1 Saturday 11th September

Assemble at Burlington Hotel, Upper Leeson street at 09.00hrs am to Rosslare via Wexford. You may also join the tour en-route. Lunch with our host skalegue Peter Wilson at Whites Hotel Wexford (small charge). We continue to Rosslare. We will board the Irish Ferries ship Oscar Wilde. Your reserved berth will be allocated. The Oscar Wilde is the most luxurious ship to sail between Rosslare and France and with bright airy cabins, stylish lounges, a wide choice of entertainment and dining options, brings new levels of comfort to our overnight service. From the moment you walk on board you will appreciate the luxury of this vessel.



Day 2 Sunday 12th September

After a good nights sleep and with a relaxing morning before we arrive in French port of Cherbourg, the biggest deep water man made port in the world, we rejoin our coach and we are off into the countryside of Normandy. Its pretty rolling countryside, and pleasant sandy beaches are supplemented by some intriguing cities, centuries of history, and, above all, one of the friendliest welcomes in the whole of France. Stopping en-route at St Mere Eglise. Here prebooked 3 course lunch with wine in the hotel John Steel (small charge). Germans took St Mere Eglise on June 18th 1940. DDAY June 6th. A house in the square caught fire (now the site of the airborne museum). The inhabitants formed a chain with buckets from the pump in the square (now a listed monument). At this point parachutes were seen in the night sky and began landing in and around the town. It was the 82nd airborne division. The Germans opened fire and ordered the locals into their houses. The town was taken by members of the 505th. St Mere Eglise was the first town to be liberated in France. The town was made famous by the paratrooper John Steel and by the film "The Longest Day". John Steel managed to land on the church and his chute caught on the steeple. An effigy of John Steel is seen on the church. Inside the church there are two stained glass windows, one shows the Virgin Mary surrounded by paratroopers. The liberation

monument in the square was covered by a chute during the making of The Longest Day as the town mayor would not allow its removal. We continue to the Historic City of Bayeux. The city of Bayeux, in [Normandy](#), once the cradle of Norman dynasty. Here time allowed to visit this beautiful city famed for its huge ancient tapestry. The seventy metre long work is over 900 years old, and depicts the Norman invasion of Britain in 1066. The Cathedral Notre-Dame is a favourite stop for travelers here. Dating from eleven years after the invasion at Hastings, Despite the hoards of tourists that descend on the place each summer, Bayeux manages to retain its relaxed and appealing atmosphere. Pavement café's in the old center are a great place to sit, enjoy a glass of French wine. We continue to our hotel, the 3star Hotel Mercure at Omaha Beach for check in and over night dinner,bed,breakfast.

Monday 13th September

Breakfast this morning. After a most relaxing night we depart our hotel for a leisurely day in Normandy. Wherever you go in Normandy, it's impossible to avoid the effect the last war had on the region. From the area of the invasion beaches, inland for many miles, and especially at Caen, it has completely changed the face of streets, communities, and whole towns. There are numerous memorials, war cemeteries, and museums that can be visited, but the Musee du Debarquement, in Arromanches, is amongst the best. It overlooks 'Gold' Beach, where at low tide the remains of the floating 'Mulberry Harbours' are still visible. Our tour will visit the coastal routes and inland to the city of Caen here we will have time to visit the city or the local street bars. Before heading back to the Hotel for dinner.

Tuesday 14nd September

After breakfast this morning we must depart to Cherbourg. We will have time for shopping in one of the many Hyper stores before boarding the Irish Ferries for our sailing home to Ireland. Dinner, bed & breakfast on board.

Wednesday 15th September

Arrival into Rosslare and our return journey to Dublin with truly fond memories of a delightful tour amongst friends of Skal.

Your Hotel

Hotel Mercure

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www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-1215-hotel-mercure-omaha-beach/index.shtml

The Mercure Omaha Beach is the perfect place to stay if you're visiting Normandy. The hotel is located at the heart of the Omaha Beach 36-hole golf course and near to Bayeux, the D-Day beaches and the American cemetery. At this 3-star, 70-bedroom hotel, you can combine golf with fine-dining and Norman delicacies in our restaurant overlooking the sea, as well as relaxing in our heated outdoor pool and spa center.



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Price Includes

Coach Return, Overnight on board the Oscar Wilde

Cabins 2 berth 2 star cabins upgrades for small supplement

Dinner & Breakfast on Board the ship return

3 Star Hotel & Golf Club on Omaha Beach

Bed & Breakfast 2 nights

Dinner with wine/water tea/coffee

BOOKING FORM

Cost €498 per person sharing

Single room supplement €70

Cabin Single supplement on ship €36 return

Travel Insurance €18

Club Member Name _____

2nd Person _____

Address _____

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Room type Double Twin Single

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