

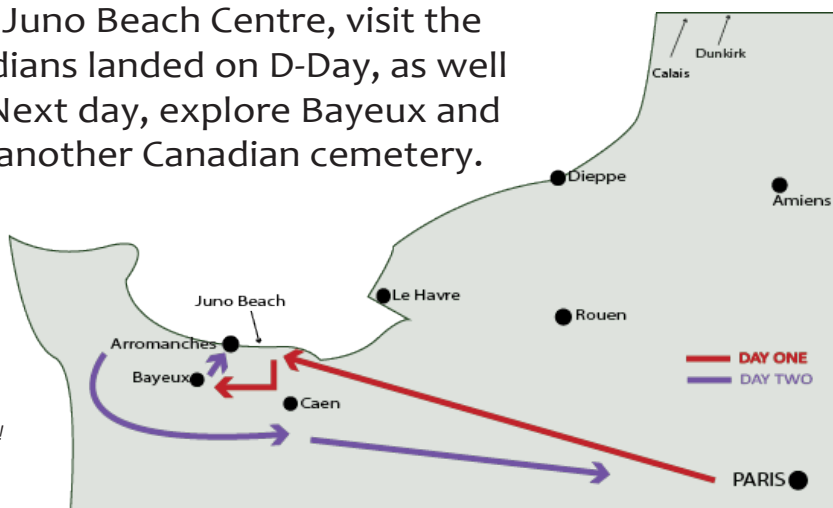


CANADA REMEMBERS GUIDE

WW2 in Two Days: Paris to Juno and Bayeux

From Paris, travel to the Juno Beach Centre, visit the beach towns where Canadians landed on D-Day, as well as a Canadian cemetery. Next day, explore Bayeux and Arromanches, then visit another Canadian cemetery.

Bring small decorative Canadian flags to place at headstones in cemeteries and a pen to sign the Visitors Book in the Registry. Pack water and snacks in the car. The maps in this guide are for illustration only and are not to scale. Safe travels!



DAY ONE SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY:

9.00am **#1** Set GPS (275km) to **JUNO BEACH CENTRE** in Courseulles-sur-Mer, Normandy, on the west side of the Seulles River, at the landing beach code-named “Juno”, where Canadian troops disembarked on June 6, 1944. There is an informative Visitor Centre with a tour of the remains of an observation bunker. *(Spend 1-2 hours here.)* On the east side of the Seulles River is a wonderful Tourism Office as well as a tank with plaques from various divisions.

2.30pm **#2** Set GPS (4km) to **CANADA HOUSE, BERNIÈRES-SUR-MER** This house can be seen in photos from June 6, 1944. It used to be called Maison de Queen’s Own Rifles after the regiment that liberated the house. The house is privately owned but online it says you can request a visit (maisondescanadiens.fr). There are Memorials on the house as well as on the remains of bunkers along the beach to the east. Look for Fort Garry Horse, Reg. de la Chaudière and NNS Highlanders Memorials. *(Approx. 30 min walking)*

3.00pm **#3** Set GPS (4km) to **ST. AUBIN-SUR-MER** There is parking at the beach (where Rue Canet meets the D514 which joins the landing beach towns). There are Memorials here (Fort Garry, North Shores, Marines) and an old bunker with a cannon. *(Spend 15 min here.)*

3.30pm **#4** Set GPS (6km) to **BÉNY-SUR-MER CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY**
Note: Cemetery is closer to the town of Revières than to Béný-sur-Mer. All but three of the 2,048 burials are Canadian. (Spend 30 min here.)

4.00pm **#5** Set GPS (25km) to **BAYEUX WAR CEMETERY** There are 180 Canadian burials at this cemetery. *(Spend 30 min here.)*



Stay overnight in Bayeux.



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DAY TWO SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY:

9.00am **#5** Visit **MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY** in **BAYEUX**

This is a great museum that really delves into the operations around the D-Day landing, invasion and liberation. Newspapers from different countries illustrate use of propaganda. *(Spend 1 hr here.)*

10.00am **#6** Set GPS (12km) to **ARROMANCHES-LES-BAINS**

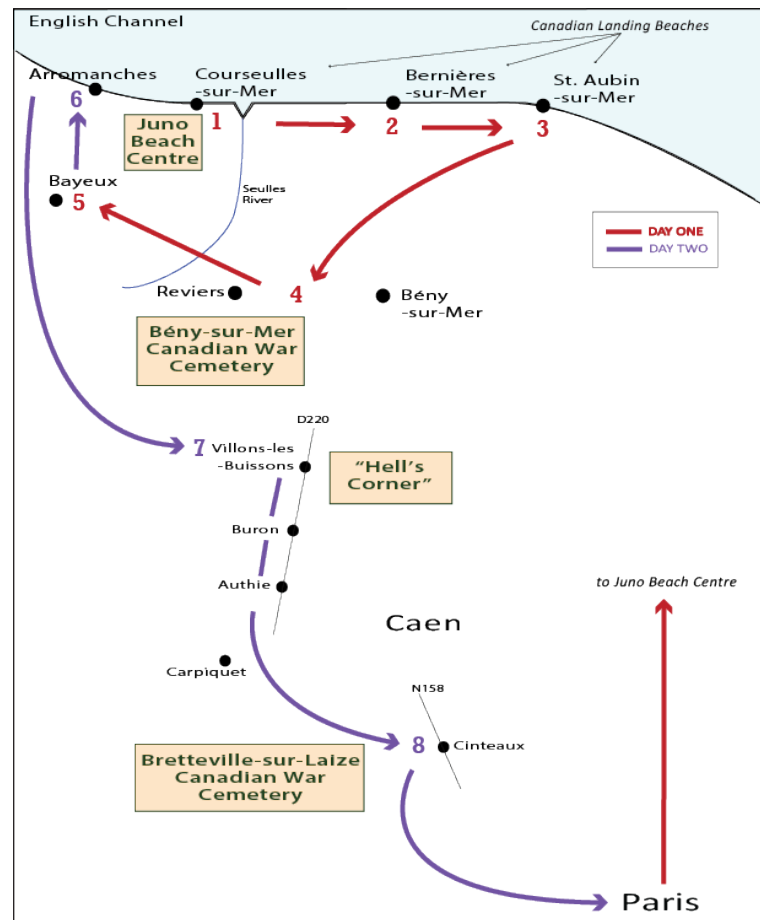
In addition to seeing the remnants of the artificial harbour constructed for the landings, there are three D-Day museums in Arromanches (see below).



D-DAY MUSEUM (MUSÉE DU DÉBARQUEMENT) is in Arromanches at the boardwalk. Recently renovated. Model of artificial harbour, good displays & films.

ARROMANCHES 360 CIRCULAR is located on a hill with a beautiful view over the town and the beach. Some of the visuals compiled into the film are from Canada's archives.

LIBERATORS MUSEUM - NORMANDY 1944 is small museum in town with a collection of personal objects and photographs donated by veterans who fought in Normandy.





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DAY TWO SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY (CONTINUED):



4.00pm **#7** Set GPS (25km) to **VILLONS-LES-BUISSONS** The D220 road has three Canadian Memorials at Villons-les-Buissons ("Hell's Corner"), **BURON** and **AUTHIE** to commemorate the the bravery shown by in liberating these towns. There is a Memorial at **CARPIQUET** (liberation of the town and airstrip) near the "Mairie" (Mayor's office).



5.00pm **#8** Set GPS (26km) to **BRETTEVILLE-SUR-LAIZE CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY** Note: Cemetery is well-marked from N158 and is close to the town of Cinteaux. There are 2,870 Canadian burials here. It is definitely worth the visit. Gustave Doré, believed to be the youngest (16 years old) Canadian to die in WW2 is buried here. (Spend 30 min here.)



Return to Paris (260km)