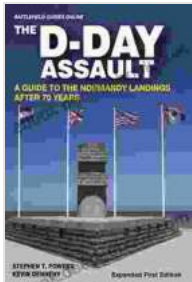


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On June 6, 1944, the Allied forces launched a massive amphibious invasion of Normandy, France, codenamed Operation Overlord. This daring mission, known as D-Day, marked a turning point in World War II and paved the way for the liberation of Europe from Nazi occupation.

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of this historic event, various organizations have compiled comprehensive online resources that provide detailed battlefield guides for visitors. These guides offer an immersive experience, allowing you to explore the key sites and memorials associated with the Normandy landings.

Key Battlefields

- **Omaha Beach:** Known as "Bloody Omaha," this beach witnessed some of the most intense fighting during the landings. The remains of bunkers and pillboxes still stand as a poignant reminder of the fierce battle that took place here.



- **Utah Beach:** The westernmost landing site, Utah Beach was less heavily defended than Omaha Beach, resulting in fewer casualties. Today, it is home to a museum dedicated to the American paratroopers who played a crucial role in securing the area.



Utah Beach, Normandy landings battlefield

- **Pointe du Hoc:** A towering cliff overlooking Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc was fortified by the Germans and fiercely defended. Rangers scaled the cliffs to neutralize the German artillery, a heroic action that is commemorated by a monument at the site.



- **Sainte-Mère-Église:** This village was captured by American paratroopers in the early hours of D-Day. The parachute of John Steele, who got stuck in the steeple of the church, still hangs there today as a reminder of the chaos and bravery of that night.



Sainte-Mère-Église, Normandy landings battlefield

- **Arromanches-les-Bains:** The remains of the "Mulberry" harbor, a prefabricated port built by the Allies, can still be seen here. It played a vital role in supplying the Allied forces during the Normandy campaign.



Museums and Memorials

- **Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial:** Located on a cliff overlooking Omaha Beach, this cemetery is the final resting place for over 9,300 American soldiers who lost their lives during the Normandy campaign. It also features a memorial and visitor center that provides an overview of the landings.



Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, Normandy landings battlefield

- **Mémorial de Caen:** This museum in Caen, France, tells the story of the Normandy landings and the Battle of Normandy from a broader perspective. It features exhibits on civilian life during the war, the role of technology, and the aftermath of the conflict.



- **Musée du Débarquement:** Located in Arromanches-les-Bains, this museum focuses on the planning and execution of the Normandy landings. It displays artifacts, maps, and multimedia presentations that bring the events of D-Day to life.

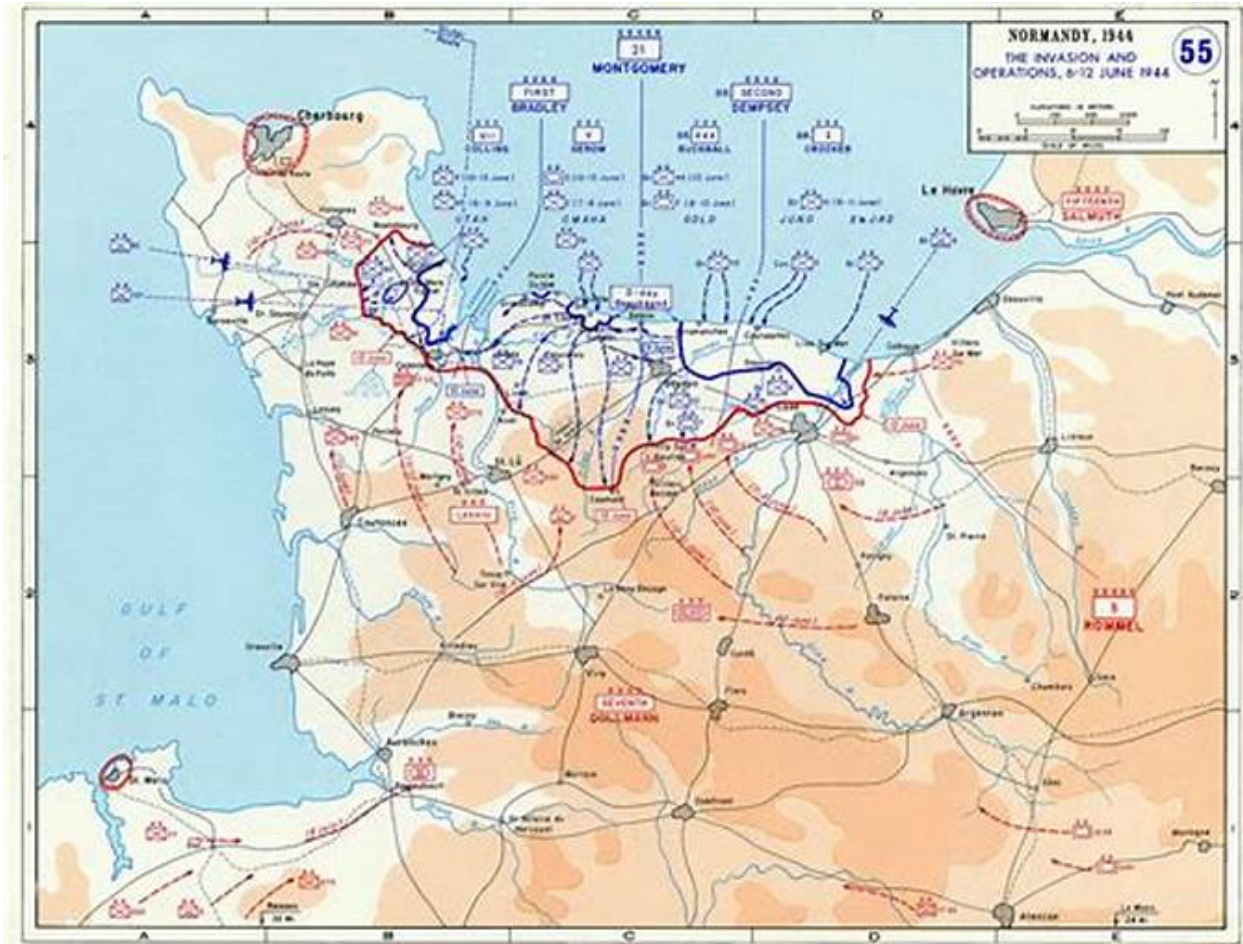


Musée du Débarquement, Normandy landings battlefield

- **Juno Beach Centre:** Dedicated to the Canadian role in the Normandy landings, this center in Courseulles-sur-Mer showcases artifacts, documents, and personal stories that provide an insight into the experiences of the Canadian troops.



- **Musée Airborne:** Located in Sainte-Mère-Église, this museum traces the operations of the American paratroopers who played a critical role in the early stages of the Normandy campaign. It features mannequins, equipment, and interactive exhibits that bring the story of these elite soldiers to life.

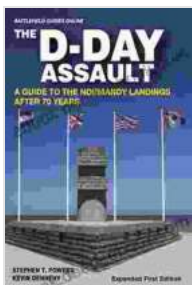


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Online Resources

- **Normandy Battlefield Tours:** <https://www.normandybattlefieldtours.co.uk/>
- **Battlefields World War II:** <https://www.battlefieldsw2.com/normandy-battlefield-tour/>
- **Overlord Tour:** <https://www.overlordtour.com/>
- **The Normandy Experience:** <https://www.normandyexperience.fr/>
- **D-Day Historical Tours:** <https://www.dday-historical-tours.com/>

The Normandy landings were a pivotal event in World War II, and the battlefields and memorials that commemorate this historic event offer a unique opportunity to learn about the sacrifices and heroism of those who fought here. By exploring the online resources and battlefield guides, you can plan a meaningful and immersive journey that will provide a deeper understanding of this unforgettable chapter in history.

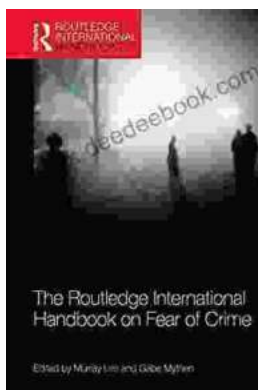


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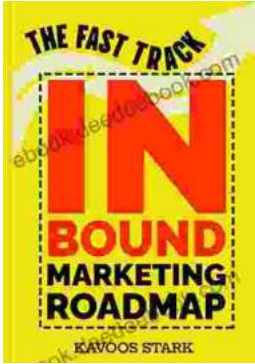
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